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This young Chinook salmon was photo-op ready before it was introduced to the Coppei River on June 10. More photos of the day at the river are on page 5.





Gene Crothers Golf Tournament (see page 2)

## Standing room only at June council meeting

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton City Council met on June 14, 2022, for a regular meeting. All council members were present in the meeting room. Many residents filled all available seats, and as many as 25 logged in on Zoom.

Multiple public comments were heard, with the majority focused on the wastewater treatment project. All but one speaker, Kathy Berg, were residents of Dayton. Berg, a former Dayton City Councilmember now living in Walla Walla, encouraged current members to attend training and get involved with organizations and committees within the city.

## Port of Columbia meeting at Lyons Ferry Marina

Comprehensive plan, potential litigation discussed in public and executive sessions.

### By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

LYONS FERRY MARINA- The Columbia Port Commissioners held their regular meeting at 5 p.m., June 8, 2022, at the Lyons Ferry Marina after having a tour of that facility. The operators lease the marina and camping area from the Port of Columbia. All Commissioners were present in person, Genie Crowe, Seth Bryan, and Johnny Watts. The Executive Director, Jennie Dickinson, was also present. Some members of the public attended using Zoom. The Commissioners first quickly handled their administrative matters, approving the last meeting minutes, budget report, and vouchers. Dickinson then gave a talk on the comprehensive plan process, explaining how a long-term plan is developed, including public hearings. The plan guides the Port staff, and operating outside the comp plan could expose the Port to legal pitfalls. Kim Boggs, the Port's attorney, contributed to the discussion by giving some background to the process, saying the comprehensive plan process was developed to force communities to plan for sound land use. The comprehensive plan is a municipality's strategic plan for growth. Both Dickinson and Boggs recommended hiring a professional to help guide the development of a comprehensive plan. At this point, 5:18 p.m., the meeting went into executive session for fifteen minutes to discuss real estate and potential litigation. Upon resuming the public session, Bryan moved to declare the property discussed during executive session surplus. Watts seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously. Dickinson explained the property discussed was a small piece of railroad property that is no longer needed by the railroad. Another business seeking to expand is interested in the property. The Port will hold a public hearing before the sale.



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Berg reminded councilmembers that politics have no place on the city council, "As an elected official, you represent the entire town, not just those who share similar views."

Local speakers urged the council members to rethink their vote against purchasing land to move forward with the planned wetlands wastewater treatment plant.

Several speakers reminded the council that it does not have time to go through the steps to reformulate another plan, nor does the city have the funds to handle the financial repercussions caused by the delay.

Two speakers questioned the premise of an executive session, which, according to the agenda, was to discuss a response to the Department of Ecology as the city closes in on its required 30-day period. Mayor Zac Weatherford explained that there were names of individuals who wished to remain anonymous until the city was ready to act.

Sheriff Joe Helm stated in his report that the department has two deputies starting this summer. He also said the office wants to create a Special Response Team for crisis situations, including active shooters. Deputies will volunteer to attend special training. He said the department was considering forming a Sheriff's Posse and compared it to a neighborhood watch program.

The council approved granting the use of the city park for National Night Out, which will take place in August. The sheriff's office, which hosts the event, will be responsible for all cleanup.

Councilmember Laura Aukerman moved to table the decision on awarding the contract for publishing the city's legal notices. She questioned how the city chose the paper of record, wondering why the city sought out a neighboring paper for the contract. The call for bids stated the award would be based on the lowest bidder.

Aukerman and Councilmember Tyler (Tiger) Dieu voted to table awarding the paper of record award to the lowest bidder, *The Times* but were unsuccessful with a 2-4 vote. Councilmember Kyle Anderson noted that *The Times* has approximately 300 more weekly circulations than the other bidder, the *Dayton Chronicle* before Councilmember Shannon McMillen moved to award the bid as it read. The motion was passed, with only Dieu and Aukerman against.

The City of Dayton will be getting a Facebook page after the council approved an administrative policy allowing Public Works Director Ryan Paulson to start and monitor the page.

Other approvals on Tuesday included recognizing Juneteenth, commemorating the end of slavery in the U.S., as a city holiday. The council voted to award Nelson Construction the contract to repair the wastewater treatment plant. The resolution to execute an agreement with Anderson Perry & Associates for GIS services to provide a high accuracy water system inventory was approved. There was nothing to report on Blue Mountain Station other than some continuing landscape maintenance.

Dickinson said the required inspections for the Lyons Ferry Marina by the Army Corps of Engineers and KOA were complete for the year. The campground was packed during the Memorial Day Weekend, and reservations do not seem to have been negatively impacted by increased gas prices. The two Conestoga Wagons should arrive later this month if the manufacturer's supply chain issues can be resolved.

Dickinson announced that the Fraternal Order of Eagles' offer for the Weinhard Cafe on Main Street has been accepted. The fate of the old Eagles building, which was destroyed by fire a year ago, was unknown to her.

Columbia Pulp, according to Dickinson, expects a buyer will be found to acquire their assets before the end of the year. Columbia Pulp's business office on Main Street is already listed for sale.

Dickinson said she is exploring ways the port district can help relieve the housing shortage in Columbia County.

The broadband project is on track, Dickinson announced. The project designer has been on-site to work on completing the plan so the project can be put out for bid.

Crowe adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

# **NEWS BRIEFS**

### **AT THE LIBERTY:**

Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness

### THE TIMES

Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness, unlocks the Multiverse and pushes its boundaries further than ever before. Journey into the unknown with Doctor Strange, who, with the help of mystical allies both old and new, traverses the mind-bending and dangerous alternate realities of the Multiverse to confront a mysterious new adversary.

Rotten Tomatoes critics rate this movie at 74% favorable, and 86% of the audience agrees. The audience summary is Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness delivers all the action and visual excitement you want in a Marvel movie while taking the franchise in a much darker direction", which some have defined as a more horror-based adventure. This movie is rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, frightening images and some language. Commonsense media says "to expect jump scares, a resurrected dead body, violent deaths, graphic depictions of a decomposing body, and fatal fight scenes that decimate entire villages and have a high body count. People burn to death and are shown turning into ash, and characters explode, are crushed, seem to fall to their deaths, are impaled, have their necks snapped, and much more." It has a runtime of 2 hours 6 minutes.

Please see our nearby advertisement, or our website, for movie dates and times. We have reduced the seating distancing buffers to 1 seat in each direction between groups. We appreciate your cooperation.

The Liberty Theater's summer film series of 6 free movies starts with Peter Rabbit at 1 p.m on Tuesday and Thursday (June 21 and 24). We also will have a small popcorn and a small drink (soda or water) combo available for only \$2.00.

The Liberty will run a special showing at 3 pm Saturday, June 18, of the 1973 movie American Graffiti, as part of the All Wheels weekend celebration in Dayton



### **NEWS BRIEFS**

### **GENE CROTHERS GOLF TOURNAMENT RETURNS FOR FOURTH YEAR**

### THE TIMES

DAYTON-The 4th Annual Gene Crothers Memorial Golf Tournament will be teeing off in Dayton on June 25. Since 2019, the tournament has helped raise money to install an underground irrigation system at the Touchet Valley Golf Course.

The Touchet Valley Golf and Recreation (TVGR) has raised more than \$250,000 from tournament proceeds, donations, and grant awards, said TVGR Treasurer Sean Thurston. The irrigation project was split into three phases, fundraising and planning, irrigation reservoir construction, and underground sprinkler system installation.

The project is now in phase three, and organizers have broken it into two parts.

First is installing underground sprinklers, pipes, wires, connections, and controls on property owned by TVGR, most of the golf course.

Next will be the installation of the underground irrigation system on property owned by Columbia County. The county had promised TVGR up to \$10,000 for the project, but that money was redirected by the county during the pandemic. Sean Thurston, TVGR treasurer, said that the organization is in discussions with county commissioners to recommit the funds, but an agreement has not been reached.

Inland Cellular presents this year's tournament, but there is still time to sponsor one or more holes, with four sponsorship tiers ranging between \$125 and \$1,000. Prize donations are welcome, as well. For donation information, contact Thurston at (509) 844-1193.

The field is limited to 27 teams, with Men's, Ladies', and 'Jack and Jill' flights. Registration for the event closes on Wednesday, June 22, and forms are available at Chicken Bill's Café & BBQ, located at the

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golf course on 209 N. Pine Street in Dayton.

The \$100 entry fee per two-person team includes entry fees, Friday evening's social hour at 5 p.m., hors d'oeuvres, and lunch on Saturday.

Chicken Bill's will be open on Saturday at 7 a.m., offering a breakfast buffet for purchase. Registration begins at 8 a.m., and a shotgun start will kick off the tournament at 9 a.m.

### **LIVE MUSIC AT AMERICAN 35** THE TIMES

WATISBURG— Jimmy Smith, of famed Austin, Texas alt-country band, The Gourds, is playing at American 35 this Thursday, June 16th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. with his bandmate Pat McKay, as "Smith/ McKAy All Day."

"Smith/McKay All Day is a genre-defying twoman band from Missoula, MT. They may look and sometimes act the part, but they're not your eccentric cousin and his buddy plunking away on instruments next to the shed while frying pork chops on the hot plate nestled between them. No, sir. These guys are bonafide," as the band is described on their website.

www.smithmckayallday.com Amercan 35, 128 Main Street, Waitsburg



**Courtesy photo** 



Courtesy photos (above) Waitsburg Advisor Liv Leid welcomed five new members to the National Honor Society on June 1st. L-R) NHS secretary Natalie Teal, Alyssa Segraves, Elsie Mann, Makenna Barron, SaraBeth McGowen, Jasper Morrow

(left) Waitsburg FFA Advisor Nicole Abel along with Dr. Lentz traveled with five students to Pullman to compete in the FFA State Vet Science event on June 1st. (L-R) Nicole Abel, Amy Bly, Abbi Paolino, William Daves, Marion Duncan, Jessika Lambert, Dr. Lentz



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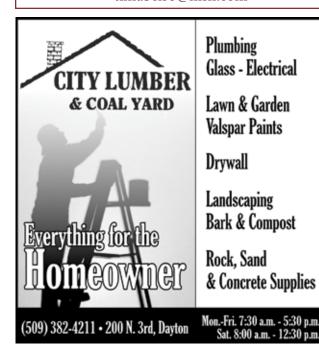
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# **NEWS**

## **Around the Valley: With Karen Huwe**

### School is Out —Time to Go Camping

School's out for summer, and it's time to take the family outdoors and go camping. The decision is where to go that is close by, considering the high gas prices. You can travel to the Little Goose Dam area or the Tucannon Lakes in about an hour. Both are good choices with a few things in common and different features to consider.

On the drive to your destination, you must be on the lookout for slow-moving animals crossing the road; cows near the dam and bighorn sheep in the Tucannon area. In both areas you will see deer, ducks, and birds. Elk, frogs, and turkeys are in the Tucannon, and pelicans are close to the dam. Barges and touring ships can also be seen



Grandson Elijah tries fishing the old fashion way, using a stick with a hook on the end.

near the dam. Camping above Little Goose Dam is free but there are limited spots. At the Tucannon area you need a Discover Pass or Vehicle Access Pass and there are lots of camping options with at least seven campgrounds.

If fishing is on your agenda, the Snake River has a variety of fish. Catfish and bass are favorites for a fish fry. Rainbow trout, pan-size, and jumbos are stocked in the five Tucannon Lakes. When not fishing the Snake, you can take a little walk and see and hear birds, collect rocks, or look for unique pieces of driftwood. Boating, water skiing, swimming, or taking out the kayak or paddle board are fun water activities. At the Tucannon, you can walk around a couple of the lakes and likely see an eagle or an osprey dive for fish to carry back to their nest. Also, at the upper end of the Tucannon, you can ride ATVs up Meadow Creek trail or take a hike to Sheep Creek Falls.





Karen Huwe (top) Camping with a Snake River backdrop

(left) Mom and baby bighorn sheep jump the fence to cross the road.

No matter your choice, camping with the Snake River as your backdrop or the hills and trees of the Tucannon, you can't go wrong creating memories and enjoying the outdoors with family and friends. Don't forget to make Smores!

## Wine of the Week

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

### Mercer 2021 Spice Cabinet Vinevard Rosé

By the time you read this note actual summer weather may be back. There's no better way to celebrate that happy occasion than with a nicely-chilled bottle of rosé. The Mercer family goes back a long way in eastern Washington, and pioneered the planting of grapes in the Horse Heaven Hills AVA. This all-Grenache rosé is sourced from one of their finest sites. It has a palate-pleasing cherry candy character, though any initial perception of sweetness is a function of well-ripened fruit rather than an indication of residual sugar. In the mouth it quickly turns dry with interesting accents of orange liqueur. Grenache-based rosés are always a good choice, and this is a great one.

300 cases; 12.5%; \$18

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## Combat at the Park

### THE TIMES

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The Barony of Wastekeep set up camp at Preston Park over the weekend. Blackwork embroidery classes, duels, and archery shoots were just a couple of the events enjoyed by those who reside under the watch of Baron Thorkell



Beka Compton

Palsson and Baronness Guðrun Sæbjarnarsdottir.

Barony of Wastekeep is its own world within the Kingdom of An Tir. This gathering was small, with 45 members braving the chilly wind and rain. The group will return, once again, in August, and they anticipate a much larger turnout.

The Kingdon of An Tir is part of an international organization, the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA). Focusing on research and recreation of pre-seventeenth century skills, such as the blackwork embroidery, which is displayed on many Eliabethan garments. Arts, combat, and culture are encouraged, and members are welcomed to bring their

own heritage, period-fascinations, and knowledge to the group. SCA boasts more than 30,000 members in 20 kingdoms around the world.

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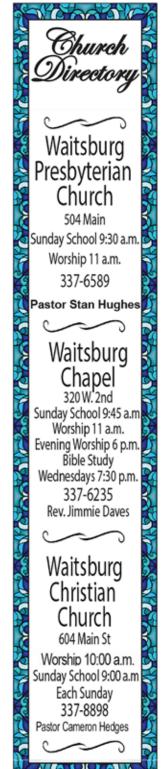
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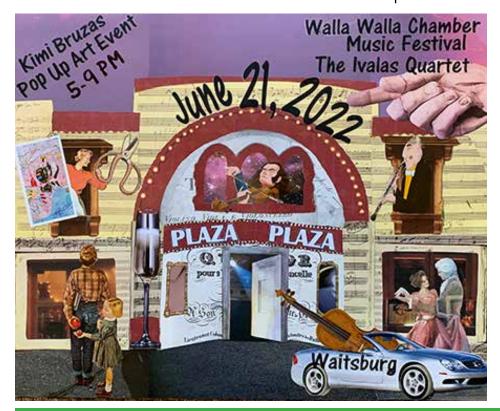
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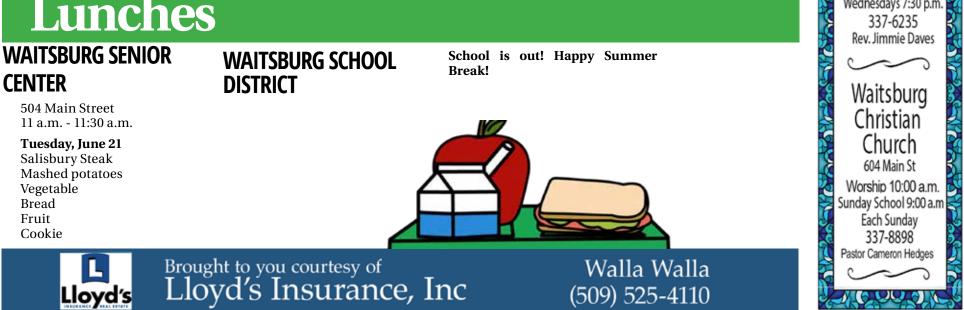
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## Lunches



## **NEWS**

### LEGAL NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY

NO. 22 4 00775 06 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of DONALD W. GREENWALT, 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 attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of the first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. GLEN G. GREENWALT P O Box 404 Ephrata, WA 98823 Attorney for Personal Representative: David R. Duncan P O Box 5734 Vancouver, Washington 98668 The Times June 16, 23, 30, 2022 6-16-a

Notice of Public Meeting The Walla Walla Symphony will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 5pm. The public is invited to attend and may join us via Zoom. To obtain the Zoom link, please contact Leah Wilson-Velasco at leah@ wwsymphony.org. The Times June 16, 2022 6-16-b IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY

OF WALLA WALLA NO. 22 4 00110 36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS In re the Estate of LAURA B. MAIER, Deceased.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO. 22 4 00116 36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS In re the Estates of JOHN L. ORDWAY, Deceased, and NORALEA K. ORDWAY, Deceased. The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of these estates. Any

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The Walla Walla County Conservation District (WWCCD) is soliciting estimates to treat false indigo (Amorpha fruiticosa) along an approximate 2.5 mile reach of the Touchet River. This project is based on anticipated funding through the department of Ecology and is contingent upon WWCCD being

awarded the grant in July. The project will require a current commercial applicator license with an aquatic endorsement, which will be verified. Proposals shall present a fixed price, including all materials, labor, equipment and appurtenant items required to successfully treat false indigo. Applicants will be scored based on estimated cost (15 pts), experience working with false indigo (20 pts), and prior experience with WWCCD (25 pts). The full solicitation can be obtained from Joanna Cowles Cleveland at (509)956-3760 or by emailing joanna.cowles@ wwccd.net.

WWCCD retains the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive minor irregularities in the selection process. Documents must be received at the WWCCD office (via email or in-person delivery) before 3 p.m. Thursday, June23, 2022. Walla Walla County Conservation District 325 North 13th Ave. Walla Walla, WA. 99362 The Times June 9, 16, 2022 6-9-d

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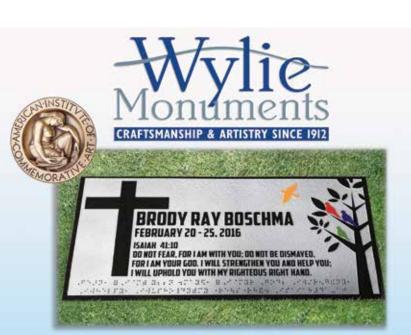
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## The Times

## **Business Spotlight: A-Ron's Rustic** Designs

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG-Crafting has been a passion of hers for years, but it wasn't until this year that Erin Elsey combined her love for creating with a drive to be a business owner.

Elsey, who lives in Waitsburg with her husband, Jeremy, and their three children, bought a sewing machine last year and taught herself how to sew rice bags to give to her family members. Rice-filled bags hold heat or cold and can be put in the microwave or freezer to be used on sore muscles. After posting images online, she was swamped with requests from friends and realized this could be the start of her business, A-Ron's Rustic Designs.

One can only imagine her excitement unwrapping the shiny new Cricut waiting under her Christmas tree last year. Elsey immediately put the digital  $die-cutting \, machine \, to \, work, \, decorating \, potholders,$ toddler and baby t-shirts and onesies, adult apparel, tea towels, and kitchen aprons with catchy phrases. If you can put a design on it, Elsey has.

Joining the Waitsburg Commercial Club and being voted in as secretary helped encourage Elsey to



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get a business license, making her business official.

Being her own boss has given her the ability to have her business while being a full-time mom. She works during naptimes while the older kids are in school or whenever she's got a free moment.

A-Ron's Rustic Designs is open for business online. Elsey said that though she has an Etsy shop, Facebook has been the most significant source of sales. She takes custom orders and offers pre-made items perfect for last-minute gifts.

Her business also takes her to local vendor events. She recently set up her booth in Prescott and during Waitsburg Celebration Days. The next event is the Waitsburg Small Town BIG Heart Vendor Showcase on July 9, opening at 9 a.m. The showcase, organized by the Waitsburg Commercial Club, will be located at the Gary Thomas lot on the corner of Coppei and Preston Avenues.

"I'm just starting out, and I'm still new to this, but I am excited to see where it goes!" Elsey said.



SECTION

Lane Gwinn

(Above) Erin Elsey, owner of A-Ron's Rustic Designs, participated as one of this year's vendors during Waitsburg's Celebration Day celebrations. The event was held on the lawn of the historic Bruce Mansion on Main Street.

(Left) A selection of tea towels at the event. Be sure to check out Elsey's new products at the upcoming vendor showcase Saturday, July 9 at the corner of Coppei and Preton Avenues. Kitty-corner from Preston Park in Waitsburg.

## **Meltdown Mania May**

### By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

Good riddance meltdown May 2022. For some reason, this year May has been a month filled with meltdowns, including one of my own, (a rarity for me). Although they minimized in severity as the month proceeded, it was slightly disheartening.

It started with a friend, who shall remain nameless unless she chooses to reveal herself. As she described her day, it started with receiving threatening hate mail while trying to meet a writing deadline with a computer that went rogue. To add to the madness, she had to find the right spigot among a wall full of spigots to turn the outside hose on for her sister, who was helping make sense of her



garden. As my friend tells it, after a few primal screams (meltdown), and some deep breaths, the computer limped along, and she made the deadline, and a fleeting peace prevailed.

A few days later, Daniel was in the kitchen making his morning tea when the hot water heated to the perfect temperature for that selection of tea spilled all over the counter, floor, and into the cabinets. His body shook, he made fists, cursed in Italian, and had his meltdown. Calm under duress, I shooed him away, cleaned up the mess, and left the area so I didn't say something I'd regret later. Like, "it's tea, no one was burned, and there isn't any damage, so get a grip!" But

## Waitsburg School Salmon Release

silence is golden, so I kept quiet.

Then it was my turn. I was notified that my newly prescribed blood pressure medication was delayed because I forgot to update my expired credit card. I immediately called to provide the updated information. The automated system sent me in circles, spewing the line about being closed on weekends and national holidays. I screamed into the phone, "it's Monday, not the weekend, so pick up the d\*\*\* phone!" Then it hit me; oops, it's Memorial Day. Disaster averted, meltdown over, I called on Tuesday, and all was resolved.

The last of the May meltdowns was in front of my house. I had just parked my car when I saw Kennedy, one of the cutest four-year-olds in town, having a meltdown in front of my house. She looked at me with teary eyes and asked me something in a language only a parent can interpret. Her father clued me in; she wanted a popsicle. Sadly, I explained, "no popsicles here." She unabashedly asked if I had any ice cream, to which I replied, "no, but I have an apple or a banana." Of course, that didn't fly, so I did admit to having some gummy bears. A winner, or at least an acceptable substitute. She grabbed a handful, was reminded by Dad to thank me, and again, there was peace in Waitsburg.

Our first-of-the-month Sunday brunch was threatened by thunderstorms, rain, and hail. But then Mother Nature smiled on us five minutes before start time, and the sun came out, and the party went on. The jury is still out on June.

However, I cut my finger after the party when a large glass vase broke while I was cleaning up. But luckily, I was able to run to my extraordinary friends and neighbors who are nurses. They helped stabilize the bleeding so I could get to the ER. Four stitches and a splint later, I'm hoping for a joyful June, but I'll settle for calm! Starting with a happy garden, a sold restaurant, an easy trip to Los Angeles for Daniel's surgery, (tennis and sushi for me), sans meltdowns, nine fingers crossed.





Laughter is often the best way to learn, for adults as well as kids. It remains unknown what Scarlett Scott said to make Mrs. Hinchliffe laugh, but it must have been a good one.

Another successful year of Waitsburg Elementary School students and faculty working with Tri Cities Steelheaders to learn about fish.

### THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—On June 10, Waitsburg first graders released more than 130 spring chinook salmon into the Coppei River. This was the fifth year the Mrs. Hinchliffe's class partnered with the TRi Cities Steelheaders for the Salmon in Schools Program. Students worked with instructor Alex Lau, learning about the lifecycle of the fish and raising their own school from egg to fry.



Elise Pearson gave celeb-quality looks while carefully walking to the riverbank to release her fish.



Fifth grader Charlie Reger kept a close eye on two young fish as he walked to the river behind Howard and Marilou Smith's home in Waitsburg.



Elementary school students gently introduced Chinook salmon to the Coppei River behind Howard and Marilou Smith's home in Waitsburg.

# **FUN & GAMES**

by Gary Kopervas

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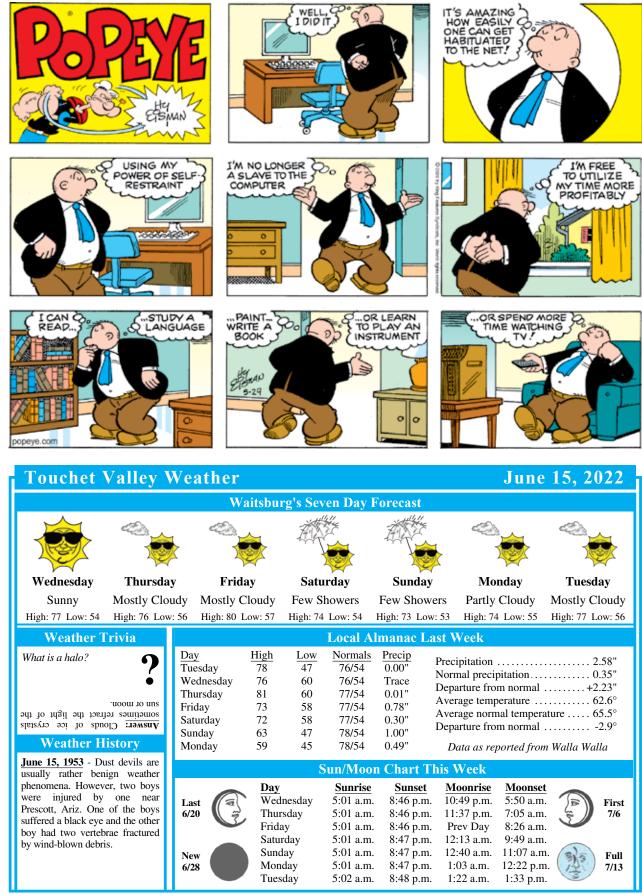
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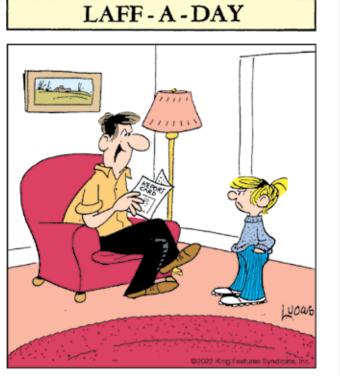




"You told me you were going to bust out for Mother's Day!'



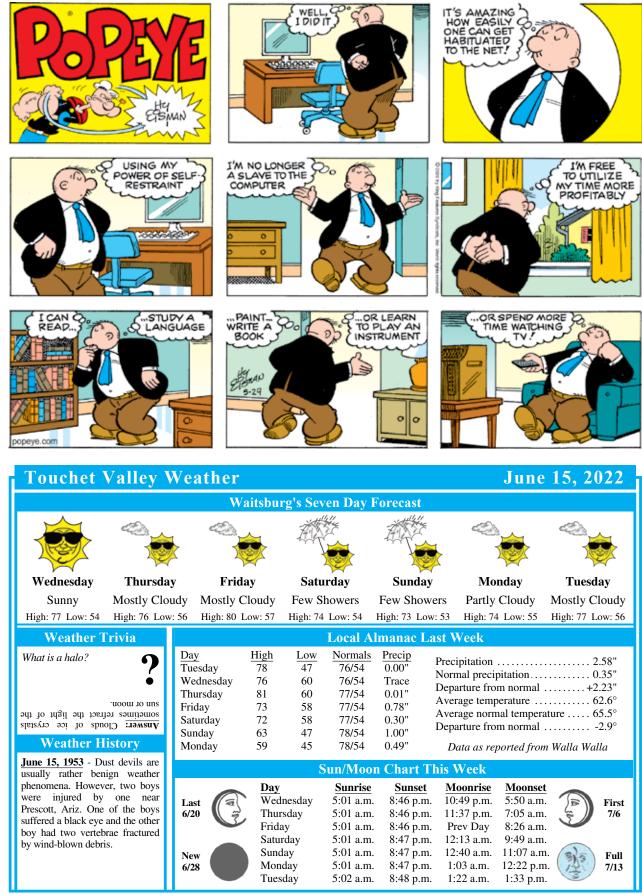




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"I'm proud of you, son - it took a lot of guts to show anyone this."



### **PIONEER PORTRAITS**

### **Ten Years Ago**

### June 14, 2012

Most 21-year-old men can't be described using words like selfless, kind and determined but then, Kristofer Wilbur isn't like most 21-year-old men. Wilbur is a special-needs adult living in Dayton. He has seen his share of hurdles, but he doesn't let his special needs set him back. In 2007 Wilbur joined the Blue Mountain Stampeders, a Special Olympics team based in Walla Walla. On the team, he runs, walks, throws shot put and brings home medals. "Track is fun and rewarding," Wilbur said. "I like to see all of my friends and make new ones."

**Twenty-Five Years Ago** 

June 19, 1997



[Photo Caption] These Waitsburg FFA members were honored for their participation in the local organization at the FFA Annual Banquet June 11. Jane Conover, left, was awarded with the Star Chapter Farmer. Jacob Smith, center, received two awards, the Outstanding Senior Award and Outstanding Member Award. Emily Seney was recognized as the chapter's Star Greenhand.

### **Fifty Years Ago**

### June 15, 1972

Two of our favorite "Golden Agers" are Mr. and Mrs. Orlie Katsel, who celebrated their 60th anniversary last Sunday. The Times cameraman was not able to get to the festivities, but chose rather to show them as they look at home. "Schucks, Orlie, people might not recognize you without your striped overalls." Everyone should be fortunate enough to have in their memory bank a set of grandparents like the Katsels. Both of them love music, and are willing to perform. They have been active in the "Blue Mountain Hillbillies," where Orlie plays a "fiddle" and Lida chords on the piano. Orlie plays the harmonica, mandolin, banjo, and a Jew's harp. His good Jew's harp is broken, and the ones they make nowadays "can't hold the tune." The Katsels have scads of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, with a house full of pictures that they show proudly. It's a pleasure to visit them and "jest set a spell."

> **Seventy-Five Years Ago** June 20, 1947

Kenneth B. Hays received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Oregon for work in Physical Education.

Jack Miller, Waitsburg jockey, died of injuries received in a Pomeroy horse race.

Lassie Smith and Janey Collins are attending Camp Fire Camp at Sweyolakan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Switzer (Doris Johnson) and daughter have moved to Dayton where they are farming.

### **One Hundred Years Ago**

### June 16, 1922

Lloyd and Barnes, Geo. McClure and other owners of racehorses in this locality, shipped a car of eleven head of running horses, by express, to Winnipeg, Canada, to participate in the racing there, which is to continue over a seven-week period.

A crowd of girls left Sunday for a camping trip in the mountains above Dayton. Those who expected to go were Nellie Harrington, Bessie Barnes, Serita Patton, Aletha Harsh, Nadine Golson, Lena Fox, Margaret Zuger, Marjory Spafford, and Miss Frank Harris Davis.

Alpha Fox and wife, and Lewis Atkinson and wife left the first of the week for a few days camping up the South Fork of the Touchet.

### **One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago**

### June 18, 1897

We acknowledge the invitation to be present at the First Annual Commencement exercises of Washington Agricultural College and School of Science which begins June 18th. Edward Kimmel, a Waitsburg boy is in the graduating class.

Miss Ada Wright finished her first term of school in Smith Hollow, last Friday. She gave entire satisfaction as is simply proven by the fact that she has been asked to teach a second term in that district.

Mr. Chas. Taylor and daughter Stella, of Wilson Hollow, were in Spring Valley the first of the week. They report that grasshoppers are becoming troublesome in that vicinity.

# **PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES**

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### **MY RECIPES**

Luke Chavez

# Strawberry Shortcake

One of the things I most look forward to in late spring is the first bite of a plump sun ripened strawberry. This year, because of the unseasonable cool and rainy Spring, the harvest in our backyard patch was a little later than usual. All week, we have been plucking bright red berries by the bowlful, just in time for the approaching Summer Solstice. When fruit, such as strawberries, are perfectly



ripe and in-season, the general rule is the simpler the preparation the better. Which perhaps is why the combination of ripe strawberries with shortcake biscuits and whipped cream is such a cherished classic. For a twist, I infused the cream with fresh mint for a delightfully cool pairing to the lovely berries of the moment.

**Ingredients:** 

For the whipped cream:

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup sugar

1 cup packed mint leaves and stems, coarsely chopped

1 cup heavy cream

For the shortcake biscuits:

2 cups all-purpose flour

3 tablespoons cornstarch

1 tablespoon baking powder, aluminum-free preferred

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> teaspoon baking soda

2 tablespoons granulated sugar

1 teaspoon salt

10 tablespoons cold unsalted butter

3/4 cup buttermilk 2 tablespoons turbinado (raw) sugar

For the berries:

2 pounds strawberries, hulled and halved

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup granulated sugar

Mint for garnish

**Directions:** 

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Start by making a simple syrup for the whipped cream. In a small saucepan, combine ¼ cup sugar and 2 tablespoons of water, set over medium-high heat. Add the mint and stir to combine as the sugar melts. Bring to a simmer, cover, and take off the heat, then steep for 15 minutes. Strain through a mesh strainer, pressing syrup out of leaves. Set aside in refrigerator.

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Prepare a 13 x 18-inch baking sheet by lining with parchment paper.

In a large mixing bowl, whisk to combine flour, cornstarch, baking powder, baking soda, granulated sugar, and salt. Cut cold butter into 1/2-inch pieces and add to the dry ingredients. Use your fingertips, or a pastry cutter, to quickly rub the butter into the flour until a coarse crumb mixture is made with pea-sized clumps of butter throughout. With a rubber spatula, stir in the buttermilk until a sticky, shaggy mass just comes together. Do NOT overmix.

With lightly floured hands, divide dough and form into 8 balls of dough. They will be bigger than a golf ball and should be rough around the edges. Arrange balls of dough on the prepared baking sheet. Gently press tops down slightly, and sprinkle with turbinado sugar. Place in hot oven on middle rack, and back for 13 to 15 minutes, until golden. Cool on wire rack.

While the biscuits are in the oven prepare the strawberries. Combine

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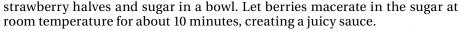
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### by Linda Thistle

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Just before serving prepare whipped cream. In a chilled metal mixing bowl, whip the heavy cream with a wire whisk or electric mixer. Whip until soft peaks begin to form, then add ¼ cup of the mint syrup. Continue to whisk until the soft peaks return. Do not overbeat. Taste for sweetness, adding more mint syrup if needed.

Assemble just before serving. Use a serrated knife to split the biscuits in half, horizontally. Place bottom halves in serving dishes, cut side up. Spoon berries on top and around the sides, making sure to get lots of the syrupy sauce. Top strawberries with a large dollop of the whipped cream and then cover with the biscuit top. More whipped cream and berries can be dolloped on top. Garnish with fresh mint and serve immediately.

### Notes:

This is a classic American crowd pleaser, that makes a sweet ending to a summer dinner party. You can set this up as a build-your-own buffet, with big bowls of strawberries and whipped cream arranged around a platter of the biscuits. Look for the freshest local and organic berries for this dessert. Later in the summer try using fresh raspberries or blackberries. A colorful mix of berries is always festive. To liven things up, add a little lemon zest to the berries while they macerate with the sugar. Enjoy!

### Super Crossword — Weekly SUDOKU —

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## **Community Calendar**

### Waitsburg Monthly Meetings



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 <u>https://www.</u>

waitsburgsd.org/o/waitsburg-school-district/page/school-board--272

### Waitsburg Commercial Club

Last Thursday of each month June 30, noon American 35, Main Street, Waitsburg Zoom info availble 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, June 21, 2022 Waitsburg City Hall and on Zoom

### Walla Walla County Commissioners

Every Monday and Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. Call-in information is available at <u>https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/</u> government/commissioners/2020\_agendas.php



### **Friends of the Weller Public Library** 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Weller Public Library

Weller Public Library, 212 Main Street, Waitsburg

**Weller Library Book Club** Third Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at Weller Public Library

### 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 <u>https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners</u>

### **Dayton City Council**

Second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. Call-in information available at <u>https://www.daytonwa.com/54-inside-city-hall/city-council</u>

### **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 <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787</u>

### Dayton Memorial Library

Discovery Kids Every Wednesday, 10 a.m.

### 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

**Weller Library Board of Trustees Meeting** 2nd Tuesday of each month

## **Events, Film, Performace, Live Music**

### WAITSBURG

Mythical / Movable Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam Upcoming Jams (All Jams - 7:00PM) This Friday, June 17 Jam at Ten Ton Coffee 216 Main St, Waitsburg For more information email Kate Hockersmith at TVAMP1@charter.net

### **Weller Library Story Times** Every Thursday at Weller Library

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Weller Library Crafts** Every Thursday at Weller Library 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m

### Kimi Bruzas Pop Up Art Event

At The Plaza Theater 5 to 9 p.m. on June 21, 2022 WW Chamber Music Festival – The Ivalas Quartet Performance at 7 p.m. www.wwcmf.org

### Waitsburg Friday Market

### Waitsburg Art Garden (WAG)

Every Saturday, 10am to 3 pm Featuring curated shows, hosted by the artists. WAG is located in the little green Quonset hut across from Ten Ton Coffee and The Royal Block in Waitsburg.

### Small Town BIG Heart Vendor Showcase

### Gary Thomas Lot, Waitsburg

### July 9, 9 a.m

### DAYTON

**Skyline Juniors Father's Day Brunch** Columbia County Fairgrounds June 19, 7:30 a.m.

### **Tour the "Abraham Lincoln" train car** Dayton Historic Depot

June 17-18 4 p.m

### **Friends of the Dayton Dog Park** Yard Sale

June 17, 2 pm to 6 pm June 18, 9 am to 3 pm St joseph Parish Hall

### WALLA WALLA

**Downtown Walla Walla** Farmers Market Saturdays, 9 a.m- 1 p.m 4th and Main, Walla Walla

### Wine Country Amphitheater located at Veterans Memorial Golf Course

Tickets and information at w3concerts.com. General Admission, bring a low back lawn chair or blanket and make yourself comfortable for a great show.





Fridays, 9 am to 1pm at Nancy's Dream Garden

### Three Day Vacation Bible School Spark Studios

June 22 - June 24, 9:00 a.m - 11:30 a.m. meet at Waits urg Christian Church Barbecue at Preston Park on June 25 at noon. Ages 4 - 12 **VBS** is sponsored by the Waits-

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Registration and contact info at 509-386-2209. Pre-registration is available at www.waitsburgchristionchurch.com.

### Jace Grende Silent Auction Fundraiser

Waitsburg Fairgrounds

June 25, 4 p.m.

Tickets available at Waitsburg Grocery, Table Rock Meat Co., and Blush Salon

### BIRTHDAYS

**June 16**: Catherine and her Grandpa John Melvin Reese, Jon Hays and Courtney Streeter.

**June 17:** Pat Davison and Gabriel Kiefel. June 18: Bernice Patrick, Linda Bode, Gertrude Brock and Ryan Leid.

June 19: Barbara Johnson, Rollin Carpenter.

**June 20:** Beau Marshall, Frank Loveall, Louis Donnelly, Katreena Mabe, Seth Pierson, Cameron Danforth, Amber Hilton.

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

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

**June 23:** James Lehr, Teresa McConnell, Debbie Shaeffer, Delbert Porter, Michelle Bergevin, Lynn Savage, Jon Gibson and Heather Havens.

**Free Pump Car rides!** Dayton Historic Depot June 18

11 a.m

All Wheels Weekend Demo Derby

Columbia County Fairgrounds June 18 5 p.m

**Quilts in the Garden** Boldman House Museum June 25 1 p.m.

**Ol' Fashioned Family 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party** FREE COMMUNITY EVENT Dayton City Park July 4<sup>,</sup> 12 p.m - 4 p.m

### All Wheels Weekend

Father's Day Weekend Elvis &n Pasy Cline Tribute show and so much more!

### DAYTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2022 WHEELS WEEKEND June 17, 18 & 19 2022 FRIDAY NIGHT CRUISE. FRIDAY NIGHT MUSIC. Cackel SATURDAY CLASSIC SHOW 'N' SHINE. OUTLAW DRAGSTER RACES. POKER WALK **ELUIS AND PATSY CLINE** MEN'S "DRAG" RACES. FOOD COURT. BEER GARDEN. **HID ZONE.** DEMO DERBY. SUNDAY FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST GOLF TOURNAMENT www.allwheelweekend.com www.historicdayton.com

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### STARBUCK

**Community Yard Sale** Over ten families offering treasures and more. Saturday June 25 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Maps will be available.



### PRESCOTT

**Thursday Night Shootout (billiards)** Tuxedo Bar & Grill June 16 6:30 p.m

### Friends of the Dayton Dog Park

Invites You To a Fundraising Yard Sale During All Wheels Weekend

Friday, June 17, 2 pm to 6 pm Saturday, June 18, 9 am to 3 pm

St. Joseph Parish Hall 112 South First Street Dayton, WA

For more information call (509) 386-5909



