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Bill Rodgers

This was taken at 6:45 a.m. August 24. Rodgers liked the four trees and the rails glinting in the sun. The circle around the sun was not evident until he saw it on his computer screen. The location is on Garden Street, looking southeast from the county yard. The sky is a mixture of thin high clouds and smoke.

## Columbia and WW County commissioners, health officials worry emergency response exodus

Officials are anticipating up to a twenty-percent reduction in staff

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

COLUMBIA, WALLA WALLA COUNTY—A letter shared online by Walla Walla County Commissioner Jenny Mayberry on Monday, August 30, expressed that local health officials are concerned about a potential employee and volunteer exodus over vaccine mandates.

On August 9, Governor Jay Inslee announced a mandate that required all healthcare providers to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by October 18, 2021 or be terminated from their position. The mandate includes all professional firefighters, volunteer firefighters, emergency medical responders, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics.

According to the Washington State Department of Health, the August 9 mandate requires proof of vaccination with a verified document, not a verbal confirmation. Authorities, including law enforcement, Labor and Industries, Social and Health services, and health departments, may request proof of vaccination. All included employees and volunteers must receive their single-dose shot, or the second dose of two-part vaccinations, by October 4. If healthcare workers are not fully vaccinated by October 18, it will be illegal to allow them to continue working.

The letter, which was shared on the Commissioner Mayberry's Facebook page, was sent to both Walla Walla and Columbia County Commissioners on August 31. Sent by Lewis Neace, Medical Program Director for both counties, the letter said that health officials had reached out to impacted agencies with an informal survey, including fire and ambulance services. Some agencies reported they could experience as much as a fifty percent reduction in staffing levels.

"With an anticipated loss of this nature, it will be difficult to avoid an impact on county residents," the letter reads. "Residents could experience delays in response times, pre-hospital treatment, and transport to definitive care. Time is extremely important in emergency situations, and the consequences of delayed response and care could be significant, possibly resulting in negative outcomes."

According to the letter, officials are conservatively estimating a twenty percent reduction in staffing per county, as the mandate does allow limited exemptions.

"While twenty percent may not sound like a substantial percentage when you consider both counties have limited EMS transport agencies and a large volunteer base, we have serious concerns for our ability to maintain the current EMS systems," the letter said.

The letter encouraged all addressed officials to share their concerns with the legislative body and ask that they 'consider the ramifications that EMS systems are facing.'

## Dayton middle, high schools switch to remote learning amidst COVID-19 surge

School officials will re-evaluate over the weekend, hoping to return to the classroom on September 7

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton School Board called an emergency meeting on Monday, August 30, to discuss switching to remote learning for middle and high school students.

Columbia County Public Health officials agreed with the decision to go remote for secondary students, Superintendent Guy Strot told meeting attendees.

"This is a good opportunity to try and get cases back under control, instead of letting it grow to a much larger issue," Strot said.

Over the weekend, Superintendent Strot said that one volleyball athlete had tested positive, and, as a result, the entire volleyball team was in quarantine. In addition to athletes testing positive, Strot said, multiple staff members tested positive or were directly exposed and are now in quarantine.

"We are down five staff, with very few subs," Strot said during the Zoom meeting. "It was getting harder and harder to try and maintain all of the services."

Strot said that more than 14 middle and high school students had tested positive, while there were two cases in the elementary. Twelve students in the middle and high schools are in quarantine, while three elementary students are quarantined.

Strot said that there were a small number of students that started the year in quarantine.

In the elementary school, students have been compliant about mask requirements, Strot shared, and extra preventative measures, including temporarily moving dining facilities outdoors, have been implemented.

Strot said that, at the time of the meeting, it was difficult to tell how many students may have contracted the virus. He noted that, in his personal observations, the Delta variant takes slightly longer for infected individuals to show symptoms. Based on that timeline, it could be a few more days before exposed students became symptomatic.

Dayton secondary students will attend remote learning through Friday, September 3. The COVID-19 outbreak will be re-evaluated on Labor Day, Strot said, after which a letter will be sent out to parents and caregivers on Monday with a learning update.

"If we have fewer active cases, and we have not had a rise in sickness at the middle/high school, that would be great news, and we can come back on Tuesday, September 7," Strot said. "If we have an increase in cases, and an increase in the number of students who are contracting COVID-19, then we might extend it (remote learning)."

Strot said the district would move secondary staff to the elementary to help bridge staffing gaps.

The district asks parents and caregivers to let their school know if students become symptomatic, with Strot adding that Public Health will report student cases to the district.

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## AT THE LIBERTY:

### Stillwater

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A dramatic thriller directed by Academy Award winner Tom McCarthy and starring Matt Damon, Stillwater follows an American oil-rig roughneck from Oklahoma who travels to Marseille to visit his estranged daughter, in prison for a murder she claims she did not commit. Confronted with language barriers, cultural differences, and a complicated legal system, Bill builds a new life for himself in France as he makes it his personal mission to exonerate his daughter.

Rotten Tomatoes critics rate this as a 75% favorable, and the audience reviews are similar at 72%. This movie is rated R for language, and its runtime is 2 hr. 19 minutes. Showtimes are Sept 3-5 and 7 at Fri. & Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 3:00 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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## GRANGE #1039 AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Patit Valley Grange #1039 announced that they have awarded Alex Jenkins, a 2020 Dayton High School graduate, a \$500.00 scholarship. Alex is attending the University of Idaho. His parents are Jeff and Dena Jenkins, of Dayton. His grandparents, also of Dayton, are Chuck and Sandy Dare.

## FACE MASKS ENCOURAGED AT FRONTIER DAYS

*County commissioners and fair officials are asking that guests wear a face mask when they are unable to socially distance*

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Fair food, fair fun, and fair entertainment are just around the corner.

The Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days is still happening, kicking off with livestock and still life exhibits and the annual demolition derby on September 1. This year's fair theme is "Stars and Stripes and Country Nights."

The Walla Walla County Commissioners Office, the Walla Walla Department of Community Health, and Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days are committed to the health and safety of the community. In areas not regulated by state indoor mask mandate, event officials and Walla Walla County Commissioners strongly recommend that event attendees wear a face mask when unable to socially distance while at the Fair.

Signage will be posted throughout the fairgrounds during the event, and masks will be available for guests upon request. Extra cleaning and sanitation routines will be observed during the event, and hand-washing stations will be widely available throughout the fairgrounds.

For more information regarding Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days' response to Covid-19 mandates, a frequently asked questions page has been added to the Walla Walla Fair's website: <https://www.wallawalla-fairgrounds.com/p/getinvolved/info-faqs>.

For further information not listed, please email [info@wallawallafairgrounds.com](mailto:info@wallawallafairgrounds.com), or call the main office at (509) 527-3247.

## BRUSH DISPOSAL TEMPORARILY CLOSED

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Due to limited capacity the brush disposal area, located at the WasteWater Treatment Plant in Waitsburg, will be closed until public works crews are able to create more room. At this time, the plant is at capacity. It is unclear when the brush disposal area will be available.

## FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR 2022 TOURISM-RELATED EVENTS

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA COUNTY—The Walla Walla County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) has announced the availability of grant funds, associated with an application process, for the purpose of supporting tourism promotion-related events or projects held in 2022 that will result in increases in the number of people traveling to the area for business or pleasure and utilizing lodging facilities for overnight stays. Proceeds of the county lodging tax collections fund this opportunity. Approximately \$50,000 will be available for grants for 2022 events.

Applicants must be Individual 501(c)3 & (c)6 non-profit organizations, and proof of status must be provided. There are strict and detailed reporting requirements for required County reports to the state legislature associated with receiving grant funds.

Applications for 2022 event/project funding will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on October 1, 2021 and forms can be obtained from the county's website ([www.co.walla-walla.wa.us](http://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us)) or by contacting the Walla Walla County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, c/o Walla Walla County Commissioners' office, (509) 524-2505 or e-mailing [ww-commissioners@co.walla-walla.wa.us](mailto:ww-commissioners@co.walla-walla.wa.us). Questions about the Tourism Fund Grant Program process or concept proposals may be directed to the commissioners' office.

## WALLA WALLA FAIR & FRONTIER DAYS SEPT. 1-5

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Fair days are right around the corner! September 1st through September 5th, the Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days will be packed full of exciting events and family fun. The fair's hours are:

11a.m.-11p.m. – Wednesday and Thursday

11a.m.-12a.m. – Friday through Sunday

September 1st – 5th - Watch the amazing canine competition featuring Dock Dogs, scheduled daily.

September 1- The fair kicks off with Pepsi's Free-Until-3pm admission. On opening night, the beloved rock band Chicago will be on stage at 8:00 p.m.

September 2- Check out the ever-popular Demolition Derby at 6:00 p.m., and then attend the free Lainey Wilson concert at 9:00 p.m.

September 3 – 5 - Don't miss the PRCA Rodeo, beginning September 3rd at 6:30 p.m. and running nightly until the fair ends.

For more information, e-mail [info@wallawallafairgrounds.com](mailto:info@wallawallafairgrounds.com), or call the main office at (509) 527-3247. The Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days theme is "Stars and Stripes and Country Nights."

## DAYTON SCHOOLS- FROM PAGE 1

High school and middle school football practices have been halted for four days.

"Having the Dayton kids intermingle with the Waitsburg kids is difficult right now," Strot said. "We did have at least one football player test positive. It was taking too big of a risk to infect several football players and cause a longer remote extension."








Strot said there were no plans to resume student screening, including temperature checks, upon returning to school, but that may change. He said that staff would continue to screen students for symptoms, explaining that if a student presents two or more symptoms, they will be sent home for up to ten days or until they provide a negative test.

As of Tuesday, there were 35 active cases of COVID-19 in Columbia County.

## Touchet Valley Weather

Sept. 1, 2021

### Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

						
<b>Wednesday</b> Sunny High: 74 Low: 49	<b>Thursday</b> Sunny High: 79 Low: 51	<b>Friday</b> Sunny High: 83 Low: 55	<b>Saturday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 87 Low: 60	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 85 Low: 58	<b>Monday</b> Sunny High: 82 Low: 56	<b>Tuesday</b> Sunny High: 87 Low: 59

### Weather Trivia

Are all hailstones round? **?**  
ANSWER: No. They can also be oblong, spiky, or star-shaped.

### Weather History

**Sept. 1, 1988** - Thunderstorms produced heavy rain in the Upper Mississippi Valley. Ely, Minn. was drenched with three inches of rain in two hours and pelted with hail. The heavy rain flooded streets and basements, and the pressure that resulted blew the covers off manholes.

### Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	83	48	86/60	0.00"	0.00"
Wednesday	81	54	86/60	0.00"	0.13"
Thursday	78	65	85/58	0.00"	-0.13"
Friday	76	61	85/58	0.00"	69.4°
Saturday	85	55	85/58	0.00"	71.7°
Sunday	88	58	84/58	0.00"	-2.3°
Monday	82	58	84/57	0.00"	

*Data as reported from Walla Walla*

### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Moon Phase
<b>New 9/6</b>	6:14 a.m.	7:30 p.m.	12:16 a.m.	4:49 p.m.	Full 9/20
Wednesday	6:15 a.m.	7:28 p.m.	1:06 a.m.	5:37 p.m.	
Thursday	6:16 a.m.	7:27 p.m.	2:05 a.m.	6:18 p.m.	
Friday	6:18 a.m.	7:25 p.m.	3:12 a.m.	6:52 p.m.	
Saturday	6:19 a.m.	7:23 p.m.	4:24 a.m.	7:20 p.m.	
Sunday	6:20 a.m.	7:21 p.m.	5:38 a.m.	7:44 p.m.	
Monday	6:21 a.m.	7:19 p.m.	6:53 a.m.	8:07 p.m.	<b>Last 9/28</b>

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## TIMES TRAVELER



Walla Walla resident and longtime Times reader, Ted Cox at the airport in Santa Barbara.

## COVID-19 vaccination rate up for employees of the Columbia County Health System

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—On Aug. 12, *The Times* reported on the vaccination rate for the Columbia County Health System employees, which stood at about 52 percent.

Columbia County Health System (CCHS) CEO Shane McGuire said some of the 218 employees had reacted strongly to Governor Jay Inslee's Aug. 9 proclamation that health care workers be fully vaccinated by Oct. 18. A few have resigned in response to the mandate.

However, he said ongoing support is being provided to help CCHS healthcare workers with their decision to be vaccinated as a means to retain employment.

"We recognize the need for our staff to have a little time to process this. Many were not opposed to the vaccination but had a strong desire to wait until the available options had a little more time in use."

He said one of the deciding factors for staff who were initially against the vaccine is because up until Aug. 23, the FDA had only authorized the Pfizer vaccine for emergency use.

Now, with the FDA approval of the Pfizer vaccine, and additional clarity and guidance from the Washington State Hospital Association and the state Department of Health, he said employees should feel more comfortable getting the vaccine.

At last week's hospital board meeting, McGuire said that twelve more employees had been vaccinated, eighteen are scheduled for the Aug. 31 clinic, and three more are scheduled for the end of September, since the Aug. 9 proclamation.

To comply with the Oct. 18 deadline, healthcare workers must receive the first doses of the Pfizer vaccine by Sept. 13 and the second dose by Oct. 4. First doses of the Moderna vaccine must be given by Sept. 6 and the second dose no later than Oct. 4, and the Johnson and Johnson single-dose vaccine will need to be administered by Oct. 4, he said.

"The pandemic response, along with high patient volumes, have really stressed our staff, and many were struggling with burn-out prior to this latest requirement.

I sympathize immensely with those having to make this decision after having given so much over the last eighteen months, but I am confident that this dedicated team will pull together to take care of our community," McGuire said.

Here are some statistics from last week's board meeting:

Washington State hospital beds remain 83.7-percent occupied. 16.8 percent of the Acute Care beds are occupied by COVID-19 patients. 85 percent of the ICU beds throughout the state are occupied, and 30.3-percent are occupied by COVID-19 patients.

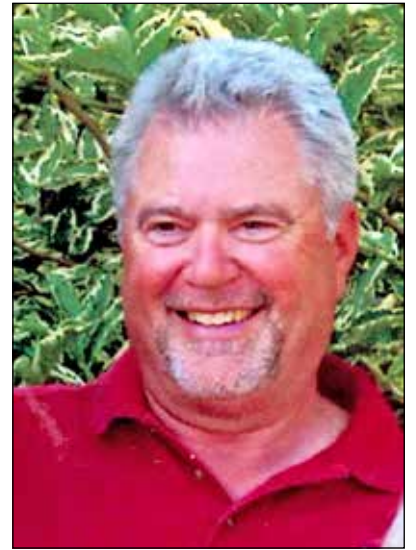
In Eastern Washington, 91.3 percent of adult staffed beds are occupied, and COVID-19 patients occupy 13.5 percent. 83.8-percent of ICUs beds are occupied, and COVID-19 patients occupy 19.4 percent.

In Columbia County, since Aug. 1, 292 COVID-19 tests have been performed, and 75 were positive, a 25 percent positive rate, higher than the state average of 17.8 percent.

McGuire said since Aug. 1, one COVID-19 patient has been admitted to Dayton General Hospital, and five patients have received IV monoclonal antibody infusions.

COVID-19 patients who are stable are being treated at DGH, but sicker patients are being transferred to outside facilities, which is sometimes challenging because of the shortage of hospital beds.

## Sherman George Thomas



Sherman George Thomas graveside services will be held at the Dayton City Cemetery on Saturday, September 18th at 10:30 a.m. A potluck finger food and drink gathering will be held at the golf course immediately following. All are welcome. Current Covid19 restrictions will be followed.

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Garfield County Fairgrounds  
**SIGN UP** Tuesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, 5-9pm  
Call (509) 843-1723  
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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 <https://www.waitsburgsd.org/o/wardsburg-school-district/page/school-board--272>

#### Stonecroft Christian Women's Group Luncheon

Wednesday, September 15, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Waitsburg Town Hall, 142 Main Street. \$15  
Reservations and Cancellations by September 10th. 509-399-2005

#### Waitsburg Gun Club

Monday May 24 – General Membership / Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

#### Walla Walla County Commissioners

Every Monday and Tuesday of the month at

10 a.m.  
Call-in information is available at [https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020\\_agendas.php](https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020_agendas.php)

**Friends of the Weller Public Library**  
Sept. 8, 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main St., Waitsburg

#### Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

**Board of Columbia County Commissioners**  
First and second Monday of each month at 9 a.m.

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

#### Dayton City Council

Second Wednesday 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

Every month on the Third Monday at 7:00 PM  
Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

#### Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting - Online

Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon  
Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5598153650>

#### Starbuck City Council

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

### DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH

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

#### Thursday, September 2

TBA

#### Tuesday, September 7

TBA

### WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

504 Main Street  
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

#### Tuesday, September 7

Lasagna  
Vegetable  
Coleslaw  
Garlic bread  
Fruit

### WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### Waitsburg School District

Free Summer Meals begin June 21. Available to all children 18 and under. Served 11 a.m.- noon, Monday-Friday at the Waitsburg Elementary Cafeteria



*Church Directory*

**St. Mark Catholic Church**  
405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg  
Mass Sunday 5 p.m.  
382-2311  
Fr. Steve Werner

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

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**Waitsburg Chapel**  
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
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Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.  
337-6235  
Rev. Jimmie Daves

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# NEWS & COMMENTARY

## LETTER

### RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OR PUBLIC SAFETY

Letter to the Editor,

At the last Waitsburg School Board meeting, someone was quoted saying that the mask mandate is "harmful against rights and freedoms". It is harmful to my rights and freedoms that it is mandatory that I stop for red traffic lights, even though it may be for the safety of myself and others.

And when you tell your children to wipe their feet at the door before coming in, please consider their rights and freedoms. Even they should get to choose if they want to be inconsiderate of others.

Becky Huwe  
Waitsburg

### TOUCHET VALLEY TRAIL MAILER

Letter to the Editor

Recently the residents of Columbia County received a one-page mailer about the Touchet Valley Trail. That mailer was written, printed, and mailed by the Friends of the Trail, a group of local citizens that supports the trail. The group became active in late spring, 2021; its activities have included producing and distributing YES for the Trail yard signs, holding monthly walks on Main Street, working on the recent mailer, and donating funds to cover the costs of all these activities.

The mailer contained important information about the Touchet Valley Trail in a concise and clear format. We hope it was helpful to your understanding of the issues.

Cathy Lee-Haight,  
Dayton

## BIRTHDAYS

### September 2:

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

### September 3:

Delbert Mock, Glenn Bickelhaupt, Alice Mercer, Michael Adams.

### September 4:

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

### September 5:

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

### September 6:

Summer Wood, Caris Cole, Jeanette Hansen, Robert Henze, Nancy Wittman, Orrin Anderson.

### September 7:

Nancy Crowe, Maxine Mercer, Kristi Kiefel, Bob Danforth, Chris Pearson, Jeff Pierson, Justin Reedy, Joy Lindsey.

### September 8:

Gus Senter, Erma Lee Smith, Jo Gouge, Amy Branson, Patty Mantz, George Lloyd III, Esther Cox, Carol White, Patsy Gouge, Ronda Eastwood, Claire Lyman.



## Have Fun with Blue Mountain Land Trust

### THE TIMES

Get out and explore with the Blue Mountain Land Trust this fall, with one of the many upcoming, outdoor-oriented classes.

#### Explore: Stand-Up Paddleboard, September 11

Spend the afternoon paddling up the lower Palouse River on a stand-up paddleboard or kayak with Adventure-Fit, a local outfitter. Before entering the water, Greg Jacob from Adventure-Fit will provide instruction on how to stand-up paddleboard and kayak, followed by a leisurely paddle as a group.

The paddle will begin at Lyons Ferry State Park located at the confluence of the Snake and Palouse Rivers. There will be plenty of time to explore the river and enjoy a swim.

Equipment will be provided.

Cost: \$45 per person. Explore: Stand-Up Paddleboard begins at 12 p.m.

Registration will close when full or three days in advance. Contact Katy Rizzuti at (509) 525-3136 or [katy@bmlt.org](mailto:katy@bmlt.org) for more information. Registration is currently full, but join our waitlist below.



#### Botany in the Blues, September 12

Discover the plant diversity of the Blue Mountains with botanist Emil Doyle.

Get introduced to some simple botanical terminology and provide various resources to aid in recognition. In addition, we will look at the larger pictures of ecoregions and plant communities, discuss the ecology and plant identification tips, and even provide a primer on easy-to-recognize lichen species.

The event will start along FS320 (gated) and connect to the Umatilla Rim Trail, exploring both the forest-clad and open riparian habitats of Johnson Creek and a small tributary. We will find a lush representation of most plant types that make up our northernmost Blues, including mosses, liverworts, lycopods, orchids, wildflowers, shrubs, and trees. Plus, we will

## WWCSO

### August 24

Missing person reported. Sun Harbor Drive, Burbank  
Residential burglary. Byrnes Road, Touchet

Bicycle found and entered into LERMS. Bryant Ave, Walla Walla County

### August 27

Domestic disturbance report for informational purposes only. Stonecipher Road, Waitsburg

## CCSO

### August 23

Animal call. Eckler Mountain  
Suspicious activity. 4th Street

Theft. Richmond Street

### August 24

9-1-1 call. Main Street

Assault. Main Street

Harassment. Guernsey Street

see favorite plants as they appear in their fruiting "swan song" — the completion of their annual cycles.

The trip leader has self-published a 55+ page color guide on Northernmost Blues ecology, botany, and lichens. Students may purchase this resource for \$15. Botany in the Blues begins at 9 a.m.

Cost: \$55 for BMLT members, \$65 for non-members. For more information about this event, please contact Katy Rizzuti at [katy@bmlt.org](mailto:katy@bmlt.org). Registration is currently full, but join our waitlist below.

### Nature Painting with Joyce Anderson, September 18

Join BMLT for an introduction to watercolor nature painting under the tutelage of Joyce Anderson. This class requires no artistic talent or background, and all materials will be provided. Anderson will lead a fun-filled morning to help students discover how watercolors can create a vision of the natural wonders all around us.

Anderson is a renowned watercolorist and teacher, having taught drawing and painting throughout the Walla Walla Valley since 1982. A prolific painter, her subject matter encompasses landscapes, people, flowers, animals, still life, and all things found in nature. Anderson's award-winning works have been displayed locally and throughout the Northwest. Photos of her painting can be found on her Facebook page. Joyce has taught watercolors to beginners, intermediate and advanced students at Carnegie Center, the Center at the Park, and Walla Walla Community College. Ever-popular as an instructor, she strives to show students the joys of watercolor. This class starts at 10:00 a.m.

Cost: \$45 for BMLT members, \$55 for non-members. Registration closes Friday, September 17 at 12:00 p.m.

For more information about this event, please contact Katy Rizzuti at [katy@bmlt.org](mailto:katy@bmlt.org)

Check out all the classes at <https://bmlt.org/events>



### August 25

Domestic problem. Washington Street

Warrant Confirmation. Main Street

9-1-1 call. Main Street

### August 26

Theft reported. Main Street

Malicious mischief reported. Commercial Street

Theft of a motor vehicle. 5th Street

### August 27

Malicious mischief reported. Bundy Hollow

Lost property reported. 3rd Street

Civil problem. Washington Street

### August 28

Domestic problem. Fifth Street (Waitsburg)

Shots fired at Lewis & Clark State Park

Burglary at Best Western Hotel. Main Street

### August 29

Welfare check. 4th Street

Animal call. 3rd Street

Assist at Running T Ranch. Touchet Road

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## Timely access to care compromised by deluge of COVID-19 cases among the unvaccinated

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The rapid increase in COVID-19 cases primarily among unvaccinated individuals hinders timely access to a broad spectrum of health-care in Walla Walla. This is coming in the form of long wait times, delays of some non-emergency surgeries, and a higher likelihood of patients being transported to other hospitals searching for an available staffed bed.

As COVID-19 rises, Providence St. Mary Medical Center and clinics also face staffing challenges from caregivers becoming ill, struggling to secure childcare, having sick family members, or resigning from the exhaustion created by a pandemic that has continued far too long.

Healthcare officials are concerned that cases will continue to escalate with the Walla Walla County Fair and Frontier Days, and the start of school. Historically throughout the pandemic, COVID-19 cases have increased after large community events.

“If you are planning to go to the fair, please wear a mask, wash your hands frequently and take precautions,” said Dr. Christopher Hall, Chief Medical Officer at Providence St. Mary. “The Delta variant is more contagious than the flu, smallpox, and even Ebola.”

Research shows that one person infected with the delta variant infects eight to nine other people. If you are not vaccinated, now is definitely the time to get it done.”

## Health officials warn against using Ivermectin to treat, prevent COVID-19

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) warns against using Ivermectin, an antiparasitic drug commonly used for humans and animals, to treat or prevent COVID-19.

Ivermectin, first discovered in 1975 and commercialized in 1980, began making COVID-19 headlines last year, after Australian researchers reported that the drug could inhibit in vitro coronavirus replication in large doses. The drug has been permitted as treatment in some of the worst-hits areas of the world, including Slovakia, the Czech Republic, and various areas in Latin America.

The antiparasitic is approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to treat people with intestinal strongyloidiasis and onchocerciasis, two conditions caused by parasitic worms, according to the FDA’s website. Some topical applications for treating external parasites, including head lice, and skin conditions, including rosacea, are also approved for human use.

Some forms of Ivermectin are used to prevent heartworm disease in animals, as well as certain internal and external parasites.

The drug is not approved or recommended for treatment or prevention of COVID-19 in the United States.

Pharma-giant Merck (MSD), the drug’s manufacturer, warned that the company’s analysis of Ivermectin shows “no scientific basis for a potential therapeutic effect against COVID-19 from pre-clinical studies”, “no meaningful evidence for clinical activity or clinical efficacy in patients with Covid-19 disease” and “a concerning lack of safety data in the majority of studies.”

A trial in Egypt led by Dr. Ahmed Elgazzar from Benha University claimed a 90% reduction in COVID-19 deaths when ivermectin was administered. The trial was later proven not to be a randomized control trial. Randomized control trials are a crucial type of study for medicine because they provide reliable evidence on the effectiveness of interventions. The study was originally posted on Research

## Red Cross offers back to school tips

THE TIMES

WASHINGTON — As the coronavirus pandemic eases its hold in some areas of the country, most schools will be calling students back to the classroom soon after months of virtual learning. The American Red Cross wants to make sure your student is safe as they head back to school for the upcoming year.

“Parents and kids are both eager to get back to normal and return to the classroom as a new school year starts,” said Alex Dieffenbach, Red Cross Northwest Region CEO. “But let’s not forget to make safety a top priority.”

The American Red Cross offers these steps to help make the trip back to the classroom safe.

- If your student rides a bus to school, they should plan to get to their bus stop early and stand away from the curb while waiting for the bus to arrive.
- Students should board the bus only after it has come to a complete stop and the driver or attendant has instructed them to get on. They should only board their bus, never an alternate one.
- All students should stay in clear view of the bus driver and never walk behind the bus.
- Cross the street at the corner, obey traffic signals, and stay in the crosswalk.
- Never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- If children go to school in a car, they should always wear a seat belt. Younger children should use car seats or booster seats until the lap-shoulder belt fits properly (typically for children ages 8-12 and over 4’9”) and ride in the back seat until they are at least 13 years old.
- If a teenager is going to drive to school, parents should mandate that they use seat belts. Drivers should not use their cell phones to text or make calls and avoid eating or drinking while driving.
- Some students ride their bikes to school. They should always wear a helmet and ride on the right, in the same direction as the traffic is going.
- When children walk to school, they should only cross the street at an intersection and use a route along which the school has placed crossing guards.
- Parents should walk young children to school, along with children taking new routes or attending new schools, at least for the first week, to ensure they know how to get there safely. Arrange for students to walk to school with a friend or classmate.

COVID-19 vaccine is widely available, accessible, and free. The Walla Walla County Department of Community Health has done extensive outreach, offers numerous vaccination clinics, and even travels to homebound individuals to provide vaccines. Learn more at <https://www.covidwvc.com/>

At Providence St. Mary Medical Center, 30 to 40 percent of all hospitalized patients have COVID-19, with the vast majority being unvaccinated. Find current local hospitalization numbers and the breakdown between vaccinated and unvaccinated and the numbers on ventilators at <https://www.covidwvc.com/walla-walla-county>.

Last week, the hospital designated an entire wing for the treatment of COVID-19. It activated its critical staffing plan, which allows the hospital to pull staff from other services in the hospital and redeploy them to inpatient care as needed.

“The spread of COVID doesn’t just affect the person who contracts it,” said Dr. Daniel Kaminsky, Walla Walla County Health Officer. “We have reached the point where it is affecting health care for everyone in this community as more and more resources are drawn into treating COVID. If you have an accident, you need a joint replacement, you are expecting a baby, your child cuts their knee and needs stitches, a family member has a heart attack or something else happens, you are likely to experience in some way the impact of COVID on hospitals and clinics.”

The severity of patients’ conditions is unusually high. The Providence St. Mary Emergency Department averaged 78 patients a day before the pandemic, now it averages more than 100. Providence Urgent Care also is at capacity. Wait times are significant in both locations, particularly in the Emergency Department. It is not unusual for a wait to exceed six hours.

Most surgeries are taking place as scheduled, but some have had to be delayed. Providence St. Mary is asking surgeons when scheduling patients to inform them that non-emergency surgeries may have to be delayed or rescheduled to free up surgery staff to assist with COVID-19 patients. Other services may also be paused if necessary.

“We want the community to know that we are here for them and will continue to do everything possible to provide the care they need,” said Louise Dyjur, Providence St. Mary Chief Nursing Officer. “Patients may see changes, particularly in wait times. We appreciate all of the patience and grace that they can give us. This is what it takes to adapt to a pandemic, and we are all in it together.”



Square, which is a prepress site and not peer reviewed. The paper was pulled due to “ethical concerns.” and later rejected when it was discovered that one group of participants received Ivermectin while the “control” group was given hydroxychloroquine instead of a placebo. The study was never published in a peer-reviewed journal. At this time, there is not sufficient evidence that indicates that Ivermectin is effective against COVID-19.

As feedstore sales of ivermectin soar, the FDA warns that Ivermectin products used for treating animals are much different than products approved for human use. Animal-use FDA approved products are only safe when used for animals.

Products containing Ivermectin that are intended for animal use contain highly concentrated doses, especially those intended for livestock including horses and cows.

Ten milliliters of Ivermectin is the recommended dose for a 500kg (roughly 1,100 pounds) horse: The recommended adult and teenager dose for treating strongyloidiasis is 200 micrograms per kilogram of weight (91 micrograms per pound).

Aside from dosing concerns, the formulas used for human consumption and animal use vary, with the FDA adding that many inactive ingredients found in animal products are not evaluated for human use, and it is unclear how those ingredients will affect how Ivermectin is absorbed in the body.

Taking large doses of Ivermectin can have serious complications, the FDA warns. Like many approved medications, human-approved doses of Ivermectin can interact with medications, particularly blood thinners. Humans can overdose on Ivermectin. Symptoms include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, hypotension (low blood pressure), allergic reactions, dizziness, ataxia, seizure, coma, and even death.

The FDA, DOH and Centers for Disease Control (CDC), encourage people to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

“Getting vaccinated is the most safe and effective way to protect yourself and prevent severe sickness and death from COVID-19,” the DOH shared in a release. “Everyone 12 and older is eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.”

In addition, parents of younger kids and those headed to school for the first time should also take a few special steps. Make sure the child knows their phone number, address, how to get in touch with their parents at work, how to get in touch with another trusted adult, and how to dial 911. Teach children not to talk to strangers or accept rides from someone they don’t know.

### FACE COVERINGS

Have multiple cloth face coverings for each child so you can wash them and have back-ups ready.

Label your child’s cloth face-covering clearly with a permanent marker, so they aren’t confused with someone else’s.

Have your student practice putting the cloth face covering on and taking it off without touching the cloth.

Consider providing your child with a container (e.g., labeled resealable bag) to bring to school to store their cloth face coverings when not wearing it (e.g., when eating).

### DRIVERS, SLOW DOWN!

Motorists should know what the yellow and red bus signals mean. Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is getting ready to stop, and motorists should slow down and be prepared to stop. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign indicate the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off. Drivers should be aware that children are out walking or biking to school and slow down, especially in residential areas and school zones.

Motorists must stop when they are behind a bus, meeting the bus, or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped. Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety. This includes two and four-lane highways. If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails, or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping. Do not proceed until all the children have reached a place of safety.

### PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES

Know what the emergency plan is at your child’s school in case a disaster or an unforeseen event occurs. Develop a family emergency plan so everyone will know who to contact and where to go if something happens while children are at school and parents are at work. Details are available at [redcross.org/prepare](https://www.redcross.org/prepare).

### TAKE A FIRST AID CLASS

The Red Cross First Aid App provides instant access to information on handling the most common first aid emergencies, whether it be before, during, or after school. Download the app for free by searching for ‘American Red Cross’ in your app store or at [redcross.org/apps](https://www.redcross.org/apps). Learn and practice first aid and CPR skills by taking a course [redcross.org/takeaclass](https://www.redcross.org/takeaclass) so you can help save a life.

## Walla Walla County Board of Health: Community Health Advisory Board member positions open.

### THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla County Board of Health (WWBOH) seeks member applications for the Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB). The CHAB's primary responsibility is to assist the WWBOH and the Department of Community Health (DCH), including the following:

- Provide input to the local board of health in the recruitment of local administrator/director and local health officer
- Use a health equity framework to conduct local health needs assessment and health improvement planning efforts.
- Promote public participation in these efforts
- Evaluate proposed public health policies and programs and assure local needs and concerns are being met
- Provide community forums and hearings as assigned by the local board of health
- Review and make recommendations on local health jurisdiction annual budgets and fees
- Review and advise on local health jurisdiction progress, performance measures, and outcomes

Washington State legislation, HB1152, passed in 2021 and changed the composition of the current CHAB. WWBOH and DCH are recruiting members to assure diversity and representation from marginalized communities while meeting the new composition guidelines.

## Columbia County COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Schedule

Schedule online at [cvaccines.as.me](http://cvaccines.as.me) or call Public Health at 509-382-2181. Vaccine varies by vaccination clinic.

Dates:	Times:	Location:
September 2, 2021	4:00pm-6:00pm	CCPH
September 7, 2021	4:00pm-6:00pm	CCPH

CCPH: Columbia County Public Health @ 112 N. 2nd St., Dayton, WA  
DSD: Dayton School District, Multipurpose Room @ 614 S. 3rd St., Dayton, WA

Local advisory board members include 9 – 21 members that are appointed by the local board of health. The local health officer and a local board of health member will hold ex officio positions. The composition of the other members of the local advisory board will include:

- A. Members with expertise and experience with:
  - Health care access and quality; Physical environment, including built and natural environments; Social and economic sectors, including housing, basic needs, education, and employment; Business and philanthropy; Communities that experience health inequities; Government; and Tribal communities and tribal government.
- B. Consumers of public health services
- C. Community members with lived experience in any of the areas listed in (A) and
- D. Community stakeholders, including nonprofit organizations, the business community, and those regulated by public health.

Advisory board members serve staggered three-year terms, select chair, and vice-chair members. Staffing for the advisory board shall be provided by the local health jurisdiction, the Department of Community Health. The advisory board meets monthly, and these meetings are subject to the open public meetings act.

Time commitments to this board include a one-afternoon board meeting monthly (usually the second Thursday of the month). Board members must show a connection to Walla Walla County (examples include county residents, users of services, service providers to residents, employers, business owners) and be willing to attend monthly afternoon board meetings.

Application forms may be obtained from the County website ([www.co.walla-walla.wa.us](http://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us)) or the Walla Walla County Commissioners' Office, County Public Health and Legislative Building, 314 W. Main/P.O. Box 1506, Walla Walla, or by calling the Commissioners' Office at (509) 524-2505. Application packets may also be obtained from the Department of Community Health (DCH), 314 W. Main, Rose Street Entrance/P.O. Box 1753, Walla Walla, or by calling the DCH office at (509) 524-2650. Interested persons are encouraged to call or email ([wwocommissioners@co.walla-walla.wa.us](mailto:wwocommissioners@co.walla-walla.wa.us)) questions regarding these openings.

Completed applications must be returned to the county commissioners' office by September 10, 2021. Applications may be dropped off, mailed, or emailed. As a part of the selection process, applicants should expect to be interviewed.

## School starts Sept. 7 for Waitsburg students

### THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Summer is coming to a close, and teachers at the Waitsburg School District have returned to their classrooms ahead of their students.

Superintendent Mark Pickel shared that teachers have been working diligently to prepare their classrooms, making them as safe as possible as students come back to school for in-person instruction. The goal is to keep the school as familiar as possible, capturing essential parts of the school's community as it was prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are working very hard to do what we can to remain in-person," said Pickel. Masks for students and all staff will be required while inside campus buildings, as required by recent mandates. Families are encouraged to be cautious as the school start date approaches.

COVID-19 cases in Walla Walla and Columbia counties have continued to climb, with 35 active cases in Columbia County, and 561 active cases in Walla Walla County. Nineteen cases in Walla Walla County were hospitalized as of August 31.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

No. 21 2 00348 36  
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT, a nonprofit corporation  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
PENTACOSTAL CALVARY TABERNACLE OF WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, a dissolved nonprofit corporation, and its SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS unknown persons  
Defendants.

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO PENTACOSTAL CALVARY TABERNACLE OF WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, and the SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF PENTACOSTAL CALVARY TABERNACLE OF WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON:

You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this Summons, to wit, within sixty (60) days after the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court and answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for the Plaintiff, at their office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demands of the Complaint in this action, which has been filed with the Clerk of said court. The object of this action is to quiet title for real property.

DATED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021  
Minnick - Hayner, P.S.  
By: /s/ Kathryn Unbehaun,  
WSBA #53579 of Attorneys for Plaintiffs  
P.O. Box 1757 Walla Walla, WA 99362  
(509) 527-3500  
The Times  
August 5, 12, 19, 26,  
September 2, 9, 2021  
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### SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

No. 21 4 00171 36  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
RCW 11.40.030  
In the Matter of the Estate

of  
JAY EDWARD THOMAS,  
Deceased.  
The personal

representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the 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 nonprobate assets.

Date of Filing Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court:

August 10, 2021  
Date of First Publication:  
August 19, 2021  
Personal Representative:  
Joseph Matthew Thomas  
Attorney for the Personal Representative:  
/s/ Michael V. Hubbard,  
WSBA #8823  
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PO Box 67  
Waitsburg, WA 99361  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

No.: 21-4-00175-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
(RCW 11.40.030)  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:  
THELMA M. SACKLIN,  
Deceased.  
The Co-Personal

Representatives named below have been appointed as co-personal representatives of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the co-personal representatives or the co-personal representatives' attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the co-personal representatives served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020 (1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this timeframe, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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proceedings and cause number:  
Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No. 21-4-00175-36  
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### Notice of Funding Available

The Washington State Department of Commerce is releasing a competitive application for the leasing of hotel and motel rooms (whole buildings or individual rooms), repair of damages beyond regular wear and tear to hotel and motel rooms, rent assistance for people experiencing homelessness (rapid re-housing), outreach associated with bringing people into housing, and associated operating, services and administrative costs.  
For a funding overview and application with eligible applicants, minimum qualifications, and award amounts available, please visit Current Funding Opportunities at <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/homelessness/consolidated-homeless-grant/> or email [sarah.harrison@commerce.wa.gov](mailto:sarah.harrison@commerce.wa.gov) to learn more. Applications are due to Commerce no later than October 15, 2021, 5 p.m. PST.

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A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain Lifeline telephone or broadband service can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1-800-201-4099 or visit [centurylink.com/lifeline](http://centurylink.com/lifeline) with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.



# Palouse Outdoors: Bugs Shots to Enhance Photography

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

Outdoor photography goes far beyond birds and mammals, even for this hunter who loves nothing more than trying to capture that perfect pairing of upland birds and pointing dogs on the grasslands. We all have our muse, but the natural world in its entirety offers countless opportunities to capture Mother Nature's splendor at home and in town.

Bugs and blooms are among my favorite practice photography opportunities because of their brilliant colors, intricate details, and the fact that they surround us every day. Flowerbeds and vegetable gardens attract critters like ladybugs with bright red wing cases, black freckles, and stark-white false eye spots. Tiger swallowtail butterflies with their golden wings striped in black, and the blue band around the lower lobes where the "tail" extends from the wing have intrigued me for 35 years. And then there are the myriad bee species, like our native green leaf-cutting bee with its blue-green, almost holographic opalescence.

Bugs and blooms are the perfect subjects to begin photography and otherwise hone setting, lighting, and detail skills. While flowerbed photography seems ordinary, practice is paramount to good photography. Even when shooting bugs, you will have a subconscious scene and details you are trying to achieve, and a few tips and tricks can help transform the ordinary into extraordinary.

**Camera Settings:** First, become acquainted with the macro and other settings on your camera. If you have a more advanced camera, a macro lens is an absolute game-changer. These settings and lenses allow you to get up close and personal with your subject and really grab those minute details, like the hairs or antennae on a bee's face, and learn new features that can help personalize and enhance your photos.

**Obstructions:** Check the foreground of your shot for lighter-colored features like a leaf or twig that can distract from the image subject. Even something small can reflect light and show up as a blotch, distracting from the focus of the image. Photo editing software can correct this, but that's a topic for another time, and it's best to avoid this type of image-altering as much as possible to maintain photo quality. Case in point, it is virtually impossible to shoot hunting dogs without grass in their face, and I am continually disappointed in the results of even minorly noticeable blurry patches from editing to remove the grasses.

**Exposure:** Many insects have reflective exoskeletons and wings that can "blow out" or overexpose details, showing up white in photos. An example can be seen as a white "eye" spot on the image of the flying honeybee. Bug shots are best taken in the shade with lighting later adjusted with editing software later, if necessary. You can easily use your body to shade the subject, but beware of high exposure in the background affecting image contrast.

**Angles:** Use creative angles to show something you think is interesting about the flower, critter, or the interaction of flower and critter or multiple critters. Are they doing something that seems unique? Does a moth or butterfly feeding on a bloom have a really long proboscis? Look for the angle to best capture the image that tells that story.

**Clarity:** Using fast shutter speeds for moving or flying subjects is critical. Settings of 1/250th of a second or higher are important to achieve clarity and sharpness. Sport modes on point-and-shoot cameras are made for this but may be dif-



All photos by Brad Trumbo

A honeybee comes in prepared to hook its hind legs for a landing on a purple chive flower.

ficult to focus when shooting up close in a critter's personal space. A flash can aid in capturing more fine detail in either mode. Shooting from a tripod and remote shutter control can work wonders to preserve the fine details, but it can be difficult to maintain the desired angle on moving critters.

Intimidated? There are so many photography details, cameras, options, and adjustments out there that it seems impossible to figure it out, much less pay off the loan required to purchase much of the gear. Fortunately, camera technology has come so far that even smartphone cameras can play with these simple concepts and settings.

Outdoor photography is challenging and highly rewarding, and becoming a better photographer simply takes time and practice. Regardless of the gear you have available, developing an eye for imagery can be done with any camera, allowing you to hone photography skills with bug shots right outside your front door.

Photos taken with a Nikon D3300 and Sigma macro lens programmed manual with ISO 400, 1/1600 second shutter, f-stops 6-8.



Nevada bumblebees share a purple chive flower. Ideally, the fencing material would not be prominent in the background.



A honeybee prepares for liftoff from a sunflower head while offering a capture of its shadow cast upon the flower petals.



A Nevada bumblebee clings to an opening purple chive flower in search of pollen. The tarsal claws on the hind leg can be seen as they cast a shadow on the flower.



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## Sports seasons kick off for DW athletes

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON/WAITSBURG—Hut, hut, hike! Fall sports are officially underway from Dayton-Waitsburg Wolfpack athletes. Full rosters for both volleyball and football teams have given athletic officials high-hopes for the upcoming season.

Wolfpack Football had more than 30 players turnout at the first practice of the season on August 18, with numbers continuing to climb as late registrations rolled in. Athletic Director Sam Korslund said that those numbers provided strong potential for a junior varsity team. Paired with the revival of the middle school football team, Korslund said that the JV team will be a huge asset to the future of the program. Aside from a couple of Seniors, the 2021 Wolfpack Football team is composed of mainly freshman and sophomore players.

Football will be played at the Waitsburg Football Field.

Korslund said that high school football schedules have been set, however, league officials are working on finalizing the middle school season schedule. Efforts to reduce weekday travel for the younger athletes are playing a large part in schedule construction and game consideration.

Despite rumors that there would not be enough players for a high school volleyball team, Wolfpack ladies showed up for practice on August 23, ready to take on the league. Middle school volleyball practice will begin September 7, pending COVID-19 status.

The first home volleyball game is scheduled to be played in Dayton on September 16 against Walla Walla Valley Academy. Home games will be played in Waitsburg starting on October 11.

Sports practices have been temporarily cancelled, as student athletes have begun testing positive for COVID-19. At an emergency Dayton School Board meeting, Superintendent Guy Strot shared that some athletes from Dayton had tested positive for COVID-19, and it made it extremely difficult and risky to continue on with sports practices. The outbreak will be reassessed over the weekend, and an announcement with new information will be sent out to parents and caregivers.

Athletic information is easier than ever to access, with a dedicated website going live last month. For game and practice schedules, rosters, photos, and updates on all things DW Wolfpack, visit [www.dwsports.org](http://www.dwsports.org). The online registration form is still available for any last-minute athletes.



(Courtesy of DW Athletics)

TOP: Wolfpack Football began practice in August. Practices have been temporarily cancelled, while athletes recover from COVID-19.

BOTTOM: The DW Athletics website, [www.dwsports.org](http://www.dwsports.org) is live with sports schedules, logos, photos and general athletics information.

## Rollen Stewart “The Rainbow Man”

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

Rollen Stewart was born in 1944 and grew up in Spokane, Washington. He had a difficult childhood, losing both parents before he was fifteen. As a young adult, he was interested in drag racing and owned an auto repair shop. Eventually, he sold the auto shop and became a marijuana farmer. At this time, he set himself the unrealized goal of growing the world's largest mustache.

In 1977, Stewart got on camera for the first time at the NBA finals in Portland, Oregon. Hooked on being in the spotlight, he sold his pot farm and moved to California to become a star. In the years that followed, he showed up on camera at several major sporting events. He carried a battery-powered television with him to the events to keep track of cameras so he would know where to sit or stand to get himself on television.

“I had watched television, seen all the angles, and saw a person could stand in the background in all of these shots and become instantly known. I had a dream in technology. I needed a magnet. To stand there as a person would be fine, but I could do twice as good if I had a color scheme or something.”

In 1980, Stewart became a born-again Christian after watching a televangelist the evening after he attended the Super Bowl. Before this, he would show up to events shirtless, wearing a rainbow-colored wig and a loincloth. After becoming born-again, he began wearing t-shirts with religious messages like John 3:16 or Jesus Saves. He had no job and was living out of his car, surviving on contributions of money and tickets from other Christians.

He traveled the world to display his signs and be noticed on-air. Stewart made it to Moscow for the 1980 Olympics, where he was briefly detained by Soviet security for questioning and released. He was also seen at the World Cup, the Indy 500, and the Royal wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Diana. Broadcasters eventually grew tired of Stewart's antics in the eighties and his screen time diminished over the years.

His life took a dark turn in September 1992 when he locked himself in a hotel room near the Los Angeles International Airport. He pulled a gun on a maid who then locked herself in the bathroom. During the standoff with police, he threatened to shoot at planes and asked for a live three-hour press conference on all three major networks.

“This is my last hurrah. No one gets hurt. The media gets the message. They present it, and then it's over.”

His request was denied, and eventually, the police were able to subdue him with a concussion grenade. While no one was hurt in the standoff, police found a loaded .45 caliber handgun with one round chambered, two ammunition clips fully loaded, and about forty-seven live rounds of ammunition. Stewart was charged with eight felonies. He rejected a twelve-year plea deal. Now seventy-seven, Stewart is currently serving three life sentences in Mule Creek State prison.



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## The Perfect Sunday

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

I'm almost scared to write about my perfect Sunday (yesterday) for fear I will jinx any future Sundays, but I'm not superstitious, so here goes.

Our plans for this weekend were to take off a few days and drive to Portland, sort of a Daniel apology and belated birthday trip for me. However, with the uptick in COVID-19 cases and increased mask mandates, we decided to reschedule for a safer time. But all was not lost!

As a result of a catering job we did in Dayton, I recently met a lovely lady who is a Waitsburg resident. She read my column and took note of my love of tennis. She told me that she is also a tennis player and asked if I would like to get together and hit sometime?

She is much younger than me, played tennis probably since she was a young girl, and played on her college tennis team. Since our Portland trip was put on hold, I agree to the invite with trepidation, but I'm used to being humiliated on the tennis court. We played Sunday, and although she is a much better player than I am, I was not humiliated so we set a date for the next Sunday. I had fun and maybe even made a new friend.

It was an excellent start to the day. I also had high hopes for dinner. We had lobster and ribs on the menu last week, and although we sold most of them, we had some left. Ribs and lobster are two of my favorites, so I was ready for dinner!



On my walk back to the house, anticipating a great dinner and feeling pretty good about my tennis, I bumped into our friend Eric. He just returned from visiting his family in North Dakota and was bearing good news for Daniel and me. He brought us the North Dakotan candy we love! Daniel got his "chippers," dark chocolate-covered potato chips, with emphasis on the chocolate. The licorice was a new addition, and he brought my favorite, "butterfingers."

Eric joined us out on the deck, and we snacked on some prosciutto, cheese, homemade bread, along with our cute, tiny tomatoes. Friends, beautiful weather and topped with great candy, Perfection!

The following day, Daniel got started on his usual Sunday mowing, edging, and weed whacking routine. Not to be outdone, I decided to clean up the area in the back of the yard, where I had been picking, dumping, and building a huge pile of dead plants, weeds, and tomato branches. I cleaned, dumped, bagged, weeded more beds, and dug through plants to pick more of the pea-sized tomatoes. Yes, Eric, they are truly a practical joke of a plant.

After all the dirty yard work, I took a long hot shower, changed into comfortable clothes, poured a glass of wine, and realized that Daniel was deep into "computer whatever" in his office/studio/man cave and I had the couch, the remote and the TV all to myself. I watched the Vienna Philharmonic give a concert, as thanks to their health care workers, filmed live from a spectacular outdoor venue. Perfection!

While enjoying the concert, I pulled out my knitting bag to continue to work on the baby blanket I'm making for Kate's grandson. If he's lucky, he may have it for his college dorm room at my current pace.

My perfect day ended with our dinner of leftover ribs and lobster on our deck, with very few bugs harassing us. Later we managed to watch a movie together, one without guns, monsters, aliens, or disasters and destruction. The perfect ending to my perfect day!

## Adventures in Apple Grafting

By Alexandra Fitzgerald | THE TIMES

Well, I hate to say it, but I've almost set aside the garden for the year. My unwillingness to weed the sunflower starts from the raised beds, and my naivety of thinking they wouldn't get *that* big has ended in an eight-foot-tall jungle. Luckily for me, the birds love it, I'll consider it not to be a total waste.

I've been able to get some small tomato harvests which is better than last year by a long shot. I don't know if it's the cold nights out here or that I get herbicide drift multiple times during the growing season, but I've always struggled with tomatoes. This year, the wheat fields around us were planted in peas, which may have helped reduce the potential for drift. Either way, we're enjoying quite a few Sungolds, a hybrid cherry tomato that, hands down is the best I've ever tasted. In fact, I have tomato focaccia in the oven as I write. But back to the garden...

Back in the spring, I signed up for a virtual apple grafting clinic through Seed Savers Exchange. For around \$100, I received a kit of 5 apple rootstocks, all the tools needed for grafting, and five types of apple scionwood. The clinic was hosted on Zoom, where hundreds of us apple-lovers logged in to learn the art of grafting. It seemed fairly straightforward, and we were told to give the new grafts about a month to see if they successfully took. My hopes were high, but a month came and went, and the grafts gave every

indication of being dead. I wasn't totally sure where we went wrong as the process seemed easy, and our instructor had a lot of confidence in the success rate of grafting, even for us beginners. My best guess was that we didn't get the graft notch lined up flush, and there was maybe a small gap between the rootstock and scionwood that dried out. Regardless, I enjoyed the class and had the resources to try again down the road. The rootstock survived, so I figured I'd just let that grow and try my hand grafting with some locally collected scionwood next spring.

Imagine my surprise when Brad came in from weed whacking the garden yesterday (yes, the weeds are THAT bad) to say that the grafts from our presumed failed apple grafting experiment were in fact, ALIVE! Unfortunately, this discovery was after he significantly damaged two of the sapling tree trunks with the weed whacker. It remains to be seen whether they'll survive the encounter, but fingers crossed. I went out and wrapped some spare grafting tape

over the wounds. Of five grafted trees, one was weed whacked months ago (rootstock still alive albeit very short now), one graft did not take at all, and three successful grafts (two with recent weedwhacker damage). So that leaves one successful, currently unman-gled apple tree. "A" for effort?



Examples of grafting with apple rootstock and apple scionwood. Courtesy photos

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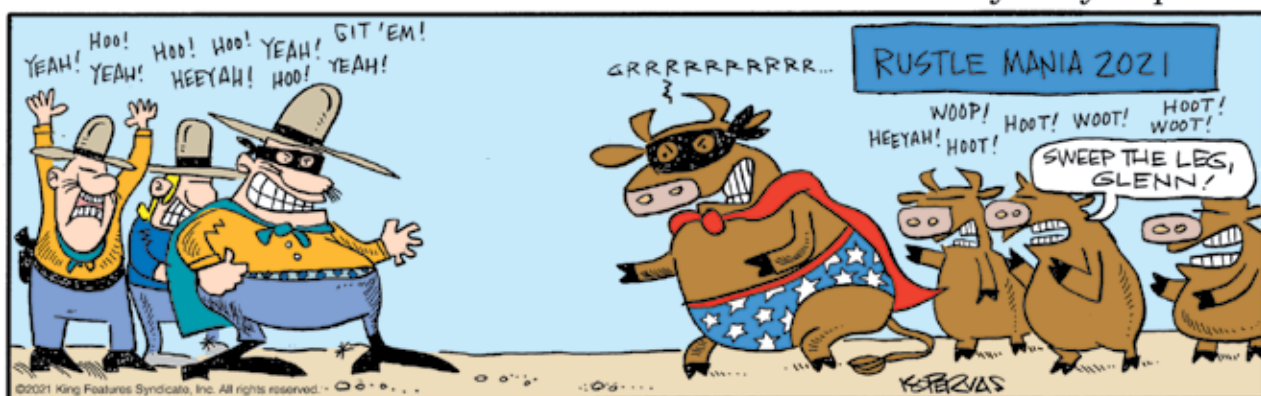


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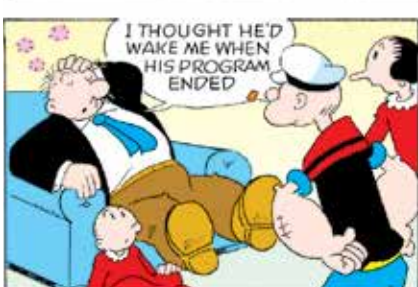
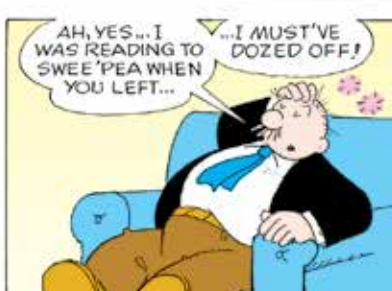
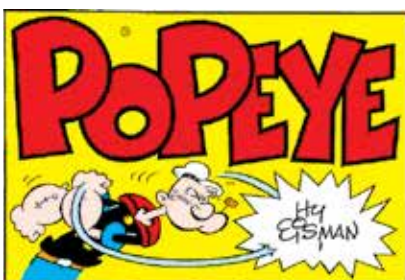
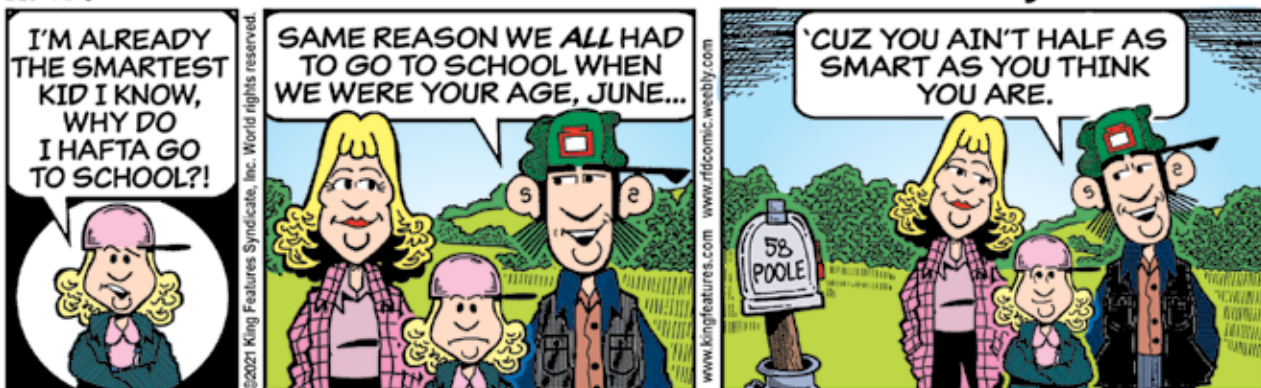
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## PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

September 1, 2011

The Waitsburg-Prescott cheer squad will soar to new heights this football season because of a larger squad and lots of returning veterans. "We have a lot of athletic girls and a lot of experience," Coach Vickie Hamann said. "The girls were very enthusiastic." The football cheer squad totals 13 girls this year, nine on varsity and four on junior varsity. Hamann is taking on her fifth year as coach and says she is thrilled by the larger turnout.

[Photo Caption] Sam McGowen (far left) plays the fiddle with Emma and Chris Philbrook in celebration of Ivan Keve's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Monday at the Waitsburg Hardware & Mercantile Store. Keve is in the light-blue shirt in the middle of the picture. The three youngsters are members of the bluegrass band the Rezonators.



Twenty-Five Years Ago

September 5, 1996

The Columbia County Fair, this year tabbed "The Days of Swine and Roses," begins today, Thursday, Sept. 5. Opening event for Dayton's annual celebration will be the Mud Racing and Tough Trucks Obstacle Course, which starts at 7 p.m. Hostesses for this year's edition are Tara Cunningham, 18, daughter of Claudia and David Cunningham, and Jennifer Richter, 17, daughter of Carl and Sue Richter. Both young women attend Dayton High School and are active in school and extracurricular activities.

Fifty Years Ago

September 2, 1971

The drive for membership in the Waitsburg Historical Society, which started the first week of June, has produced some interesting side-lights as the returns from the letters of invitation continues to arrive. The letters, which explained the purpose of the organization, i.e., to restore the Bruce House and transform it into the Bruce Memorial Museum, and to preserve the heritage of the Touchet Valley, has created a nostalgia for the "old hometown," and the memory of growing up here or visiting. To the towns-people who see the house every day, it has been for so many years, "that eye-sore on the corner that somebody should do something about." Now with the formation of the Historical Society, something is being done about it thru the monetary contributions and membership fees, and the labor that has been donated for its restoration. The property itself was received from the estate of the late Miss Fanny E. Weller.

Head Wait-Hi football coach Dick Kinart told *The Times* that his squad is beginning to shape up after a week of practice with nearly 40 suited up for practice. Assisting Kinart with coaching responsibilities are Wayne Henderson and Dave Harshman, while Jr. High Coaches Orval Hagerman and Ken Haralson have been helping out with an objective of passing fundamentals on to their charges and thus ensure a continuity in the Waitsburg football program.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

September 6, 1946

B. Loyal Smith, newly-appointed Walla Walla County engineer, took up his duties in the County highway office Tuesday morning and is starting at once to assume direction of the department, which has been leaderless since the resignation of Nelson M. Collier several weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Denny Neace have moved to the Neace ranch formerly occupied by the Bill Vollmers.

Lyle Huwe is having a week's vacation from the Mill Stream Dairy, the result of a spill from his motorcycle which injured one arm and leg.

One Hundred Years Ago

September 2, 1921

Miss Julia Ramseur, bookkeeper at Hayes and Shuford hardware, spent her vacation at Wallawa Lake. She returned home Sunday.

Ira L. Chew, roof painter, who seems to have an exceptionally efficient roof-paint, just completed the repainting of the tin roof of The Times building this week.

R. H. McKenzie and Frank Zuger left by auto early Thursday morning for Portland where they will participate in the shooting tournament being held there the latter part of the week.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

September 4, 1896

Levi Ankeny and sons passed through town on Tuesday morning. The party were out on a chicken hunt.

Miss Ella Hungate of Walla Walla was the guest of W. J. Duncan and family several days this week.

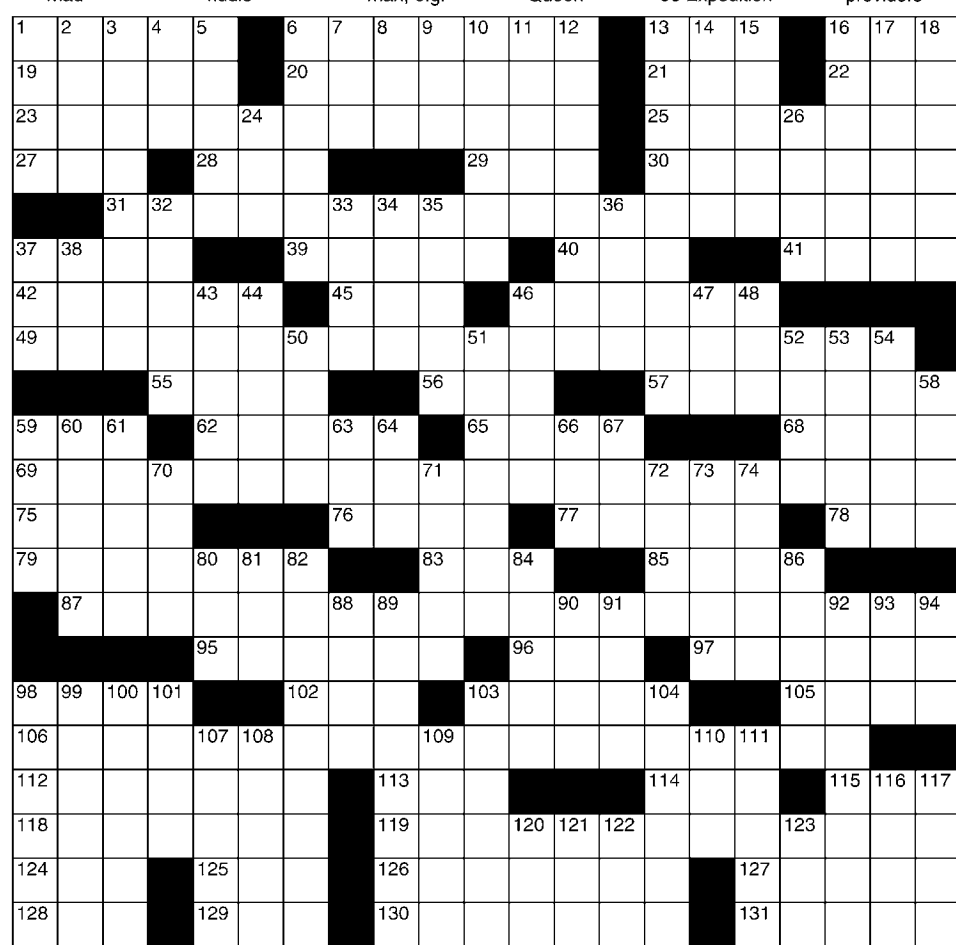
Married in Walla Walla May 31, 1896, Fred J. Aldrich and Miss Angeline Lloyd, a daughter of Hon. A. G. Lloyd. This seems a rather late date to announce the marriage of this worthy young couple, but the reason is no one knew of it until last Saturday when it was decided to make it public.

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## Super Crossword

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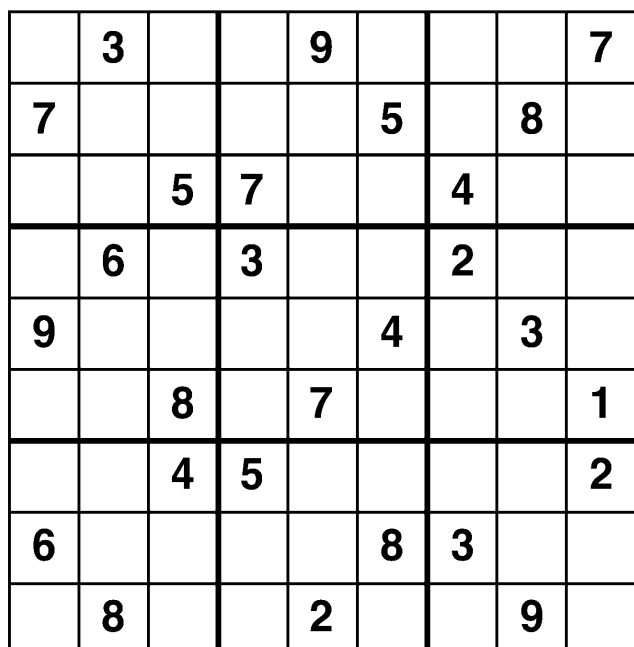
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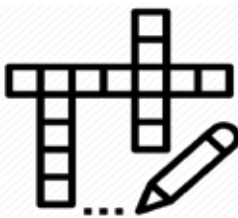


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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

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## MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

# Fresh Peach Tart

Last week, we were gifted a bountiful bowl of fresh local peaches. Few summer treats are as special as the first juicy bite of a perfectly ripe peach at peak season. With a family birthday coming up, I wanted to create a special dessert to highlight the beautiful plump stone fruit. This tart combines French sugar crust (pâte sablée) and a pastry cream (crème pâtissière) with a hint of cardamom to create a delicate backdrop for the vibrant fresh fruit.



### Ingredients:

#### For the crust:

- 1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon baking powder
- 7 tablespoons chilled butter, cubed
- 1 egg, beaten with 1 teaspoon water
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

#### For the crème pâtissière:

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 5 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup flour
- 2 cups milk
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 1/2 tablespoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom

#### Assemble:

- 4-5 fresh peaches
- 1 cup apricot or peach preserves
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

#### Directions:

**Make crust:** Combine flour, sugar, and baking powder in a mixing bowl. Add butter, using fingers to rub flour and butter together rapidly, until combined into small pea-sized pieces. (Alternatively, you could use a pastry cutter or food processor.) Use a fork to blend in the egg mixture and vanilla. Gently combine and form dough into a ball on clean work surface. Use the heel of your hand to smear the dough away from you, one golf ball sized clump at a time, until all dough has been smeared. Collect the dough and gently press back together. Form into a disk, wrap with plastic, and chill in the refrigerator for at least two hours.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Unwrap chilled dough and place on floured work surface. Working quickly, roll out dough, keeping surface and rolling pin well-floured. Be patient, dough will be very sticky and crumbly. Repair breaks and tears by pressing pieces back together. Roll out a 1/8-inch thick round. Line a 10-inch tart pan (metal with removable bottom) molding dough around sides evenly. Line crust with foil and fill with pie weights (old dry beans work). Bake for 6 minutes to set crust. Remove foil and weights, prick bottom of crust with fork several times, then bake for additional 8 to 10 minutes until fully baked. Keep a close eye, as crust can burn quickly. Crust will be light golden brown all over, and slightly shrunken on sides when done. Remove and set on rack to cool completely.

**Make pastry cream:** In a mixing bowl, gradually beat the sugar into egg yolks with a wire whisk. Continue to beat for about 2 minutes, until the mixture is pale, creamy, and forms ribbons when the whisk is lifted. Beat in the flour. In medium saucepan bring milk to a boil. Beat mixture with whisk, while pouring in hot milk, a few drops at a time at first. Continue to pour milk in a steady stream, whisking constantly, until all of milk is incorporated with egg mixture.

Pour mixture into saucepan and set over medium-high heat. Continue to whisk as you bring to a boil, making sure to scrape up bottom and sides of pan. Mixture will start to look lumpy, but don't panic, it will smooth out as you whisk. When boil is reached turn heat down to medium-low and continue whisking for 2 to 3 minutes. Make certain not to scorch the bottom. When done, it should be thickened and silky smooth. Take pan off heat then beat in the butter, vanilla, and cardamom. With a rubber spatula, transfer pastry cream to a shallow dish, dot top with butter and allow to cool.

**Assemble:** In small saucepan combine fruit preserves, sugar, and lemon juice. Bring to a boil and stir until slightly thickened, then take off heat. Brush thin layer of fruit glaze over bottom of tart crust. With rubber spatula, spread pastry cream in a single even layer, leaving about 1/4-inch of room for peaches. Depending on tart pan size, you might not use all the pastry cream.

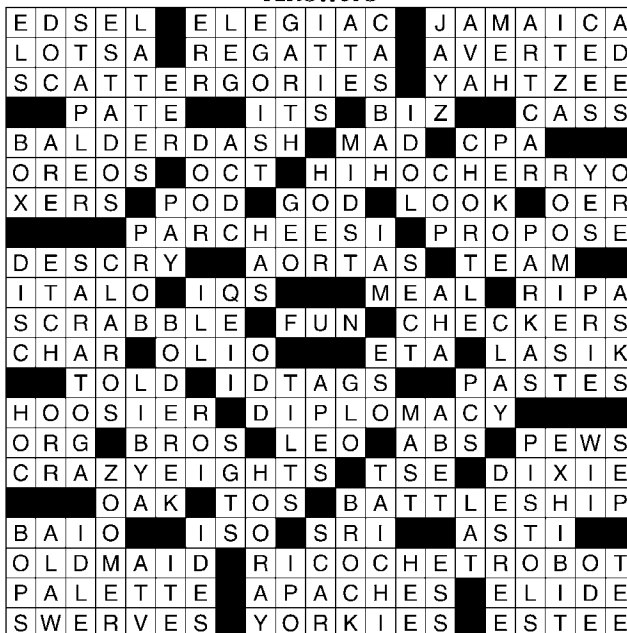
Slice peaches into 1/2-inch thick slices. Arrange peaches decoratively over top of pastry cream, in concentric circles starting from outer edge to center. Brush the top of fruit with glaze. Serve immediately, or chill for an hour before serving.

#### Notes:

This tart can be adjusted to highlight any fresh soft fruit such as cherries and plums. Fresh strawberries are also lovely. For a tropical delight try a mix of pineapple, kiwi, and mango. The flavorings in the pastry cream can be adjusted to pair with your fruit. Instead of cardamom try fresh citrus zest or a pinch of all-spice. Instead of vanilla extract try cognac, rum, or orange liqueur. Bon appétit! Enjoy.

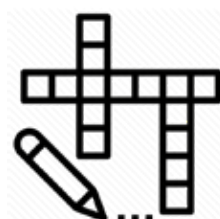
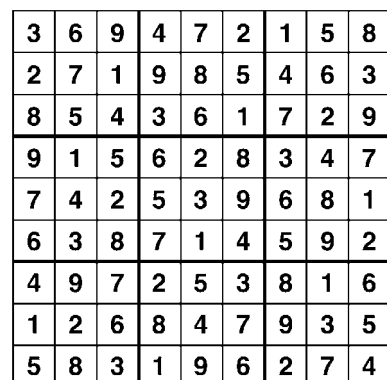
## Super Crossword

### Answers



## Weekly SUDOKU

### Answer



## The Legend has retired.

*Karen Huwe taught numerous classes, coached more than 100 athletic teams in her 38 years at Waitsburg School District*

THE TIMES

From mathematics to athletics, there wasn't much that Karen Huwe couldn't teach to students at the Waitsburg School District. Friends, coworkers and family gathered over the weekend as Huwe celebrated a well-earned retirement.

Huwe began working for the district in 1983, teaching physical education and math, and has since held many different titles; high and middle school volleyball, track and softball coach for more than 100 teams over the years. Math teacher, special education teacher, paraprofessional. She worked in food services as the clerk for a period of time, checking in on kids as they waited in the breakfast and lunch lines.

"There is a great staff in the Waitsburg School District, there is no doubt about that," Huwe said. "Great kids, and great memories."

One of her favorite memories, Huwe said, was taking the volleyball team to State in 1988, making history as one of the only volleyball teams to make the finals.



Amy Paolino

Teachers and staff, past and present, gathered over the weekend to celebrate Karen Huwe's retirement from the Waitsburg School District.

"Karen is pretty incredible," said Waitsburg School District Superintendent Mark Pickel. "To stay with a district for 38 years, and to love what she does as much as she did, says a lot about her character, and who she is as a person. She will be missed, but I wish her the best in this next chapter."

For now, Huwe said she is simply going to enjoy her retirement, focusing on home projects and ongoing community volunteerism, staying active with the Friends of the Weller Public Library, American Legion Auxiliary, Relay for Life, and other community organizations. When the time comes, she says she looks forward to being able to travel once the COVID-19 pandemic has quieted.



Amy Paolino

Liv Leid, Sandy McCaw, Karen Huwe, Eleanora Montgomery, and Gabe Kiefel, all past and current teachers at Waitsburg School District



Brianna Wray

From *The Times* files, Karen Huwe with Grace Coulson after the Historic Sunset Cruise, Celebration Days 2019

## Green Ridge surpasses 40,000 acres

*The fire was just shy of 40% containment on Tuesday*

THE TIMES

UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST—The Green Ridge Fire, burning in the Umatilla National Forest thirty miles east of Walla Walla, had consumed more than 40,000 acres as of Tuesday, August 31, and was 39% contained.

Gusty winds on Monday challenged the strength of containment lines, however, the lines held throughout the day. Fire officials said that the winds aided fire crews by directing the fire to burn pockets of fuel within the containment area.

Crews continue to make progress on direct containment efforts in the southeast corner of the fire area, near Diamond Creek Road below Mount Misery, with plans to establish containment lines going south, then west, before tying into the Diamond Peak trailhead. Equipment that is no longer needed is returning to the fire camp to re-supply other firefighting operations. Resource advisors are onsite to provide knowledge of cultural and natural resource areas that need to be protected.

The Lick Creek Fire remains at 80,421 acres and is now 100% contained. Smoke will continue to be visible as unburned pockets of vegetation inside the fire perimeter are consumed. Crews will continue to mop-up any interior pockets of heat and patrol lines as they can safely.

The Umatilla National Forest (UNF) announced reduced area closures on August 13, granting public access on most UNF lands in Oregon. Lands in close proximity to active fires, including the Lick Creek, Green Ridge, and Elbow Creek fires, remain closed to the public.

Fire danger on the Umatilla National Forest is still EXTREME. For areas that will re-open to the public, Phase C Public Use Restrictions will be in effect. Under these restrictions:

- Campfires are prohibited in the Forest. Use liquid and bottle (propane) gas stoves only.
- No internal combustion engine operation (including chainsaws), except for motorized vehicles.
- Electrical generators operated under the following conditions are allowed:

- in the center of an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material, or;
- when fully contained within a pickup truck bed that is empty of all flammable material, or;
- when factory installed in a recreational vehicle and the generator exhaust discharge is located in the center of an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
- No off-road/off-trail vehicle travel or travel on roads not cleared of standing grass or other flammable material. Vehicle travel is never permitted on currently closed forest service roads where access has been impeded or blocked by earthen berms, logs, boulders, barriers, barricades or gates, or as otherwise identified in a closure order.

Smoking is allowed only in enclosed vehicles and buildings, developed recreation sites, or in cleared areas.

Violating closures and fire restrictions is a violation that carries a mandatory appearance in federal court, punishable as a Class B misdemeanor with a fine of up to \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or up to six months in prison, or both.

Green Ridge Fire officials would like to remind drivers to stay clear of firefighting operations and drive safely. The public should watch out for fire crews and equipment while traveling on forest roads. Barriers are in place in some areas of the forest, and are there to protect firefighters and the public.

Both Garfield and Columbia County evacuations have been reduced from Level 2 to Level 1. Visit <https://go.usa.gov/xFQJ2> for further information regarding evacuations.

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 Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7615/>  
 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LickCreekFire>



## SPORTS (Cont.)

### MLB AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

Wins			Batting Average		
G. Cole	NYN	13	M. Brantley	HOU	.317
C. Bassitt	OAK	12	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	.313
H. Ryu	TOR	12	Y. Guriel	HOU	.311
Z. Greinke	HOU	11	C. Mullins	BAL	.306
D. Cease	CHW	11	T. Anderson	CHW	.302

ERA			Home Runs		
L. Lynn	CHW	2.59	S. Ohtani	LAA	42
R. Ray	TOR	2.72	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	38
G. Cole	NYN	2.80	S. Perez	KC	38
C. Bassitt	OAK	3.22	M. Olson	OAK	32
J. Montgomery	NYN	3.52	M. Semien	TOR	32

Strike Outs			Runs Batted In		
G. Cole	NYN	200	J. Abreu	CHW	101
R. Ray	TOR	192	R. Devers	BOS	96
D. Cease	CHW	188	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	95
L. Giolito	CHW	175	S. Perez	KC	94
F. Montas	OAK	167	A. Meadows	TB	92

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	BA	OBP	OPS	WAR
M. Haniger	495	90	126	29	73	42	.255	.319	.798	+2.1
J.P. Crawford	491	66	128	6	38	42	.261	.322	.677	+2.6
K. Seager	486	60	105	31	85	49	.216	.290	.744	+1.8

### MARINERS HITTING

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

T. France	458	68	133	16	60	32	.290	.358	.814	+3.3
D. Moore	281	31	49	10	37	34	.174	.272	.596	+0.6
L. Torrens	264	29	58	14	39	25	.220	.288	.716	+0.7
J. Kelenic	224	22	35	7	23	24	.156	.243	.524	-1.4
T. Murphy	220	28	45	9	25	29	.205	.298	.661	+0.9
J. Fraley	178	23	38	9	30	40	.213	.359	.747	+1.5

### STANDINGS

AL West	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	77	53	.592	-
Oakland	72	59	.550	5.5
Seattle	70	61	.534	7.5
Los Angeles	65	67	.492	13.0
Texas	46	85	.351	31.5

AL East	W	L	PCT	GB
Tampa Bay	83	48	.634	-
New York	76	55	.580	7.0
Boston	75	58	.564	9.0
Toronto	69	61	.531	13.5
Baltimore	40	90	.308	42.5

AL Central	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	76	56	.576	-
Cleveland	64	64	.500	10.0
Detroit	62	70	.470	14.0
Kansas City	59	71	.454	16.0
Minnesota	58	73	.443	17.5