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A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST



Photos by Matt Wyatt

With harvest in full swing in the Touchet Valley we thought these reader photos submitted by Pastor Matt Wyatt were front-page worthy. Wyatt captured the harvest scenes with dramatic skies on Middle Waitsburg Road near the Stonecipher ranch, last Tuesday evening.

DAVID OCAMPO IS NAMED PUBLIC TRANSIT GENERAL MANAGER

Darla Brown is transit supervisor

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Following a successful stint as interim Columbia County Public Transportation (CCPT) General Manager, David Ocampo was officially named to the position at the July 22 CCPT board meeting. Former lead dispatcher Darla Brown is the new transit supervisor.

Ocampo was the district's safety and maintenance coordinator until he was pulled in as interim GM following the resignation of GM Dwight Robanske who resigned in Dec. of 2017 after being placed on paid administrative leave in Oct. of that year. Robanske's was one in a series of management resignations, investigations and cuts that left the District in low morale and essentially without management, aside from the CCPT Board, according to Ocampo, who was hesitant in accepting the interim position.

With a ten-year background working in Ford dealerships, Ocampo was hired by CCPT as the safety/maintenance/training coordinator in 2012. He focused on bringing maintenance and repairs in-house so that the District was no longer dependent on outsourcing.

When it came to the ongoing management issues, Ocampo said he kept to himself in the shop, "and kind of kept my head in the sand like an Ostrich." It was at the insistence of his co-workers that he accepted the role of interim manager – a job that he has handled in such a way as to change the entire tenor of the operations, according to Brown.

"He's the one that keeps morale up. He's so positive and makes sure it's an open environment. He is



Photo by Dena Martin

Columbia County Public Transportation is looking forward to continued growth under the management of David Ocampo (l) and Darla Brown (r). Ocampo, who has been serving as interim General Manager since December, was named permanent GM last month. Brown, who is one of the longest-term employees with the agency, was named transit supervisor at the same time. Both are pleased with agency morale and performance.

extremely transparent, and everyone gets to be involved. No one is higher than anyone else – we're all equals. He makes it a fun place to

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-CCPT Transit Supervisor Darla Brown

work while still getting the job done. Attitudes and morale around here have gone from zero to one hundred in no time at all. You can ask any employee," Brown said, as affirming shouts of agreement echoed from adjoining offices.

Ocampo said that he was a "ball of emotions" when deciding to accept the permanent position, but that the past seven months experience and the backing of a strong support team leaves him feeling confident in accepting the role.

"We didn't want someone from the outside. That happened before and it didn't work out. We wanted

someone who knew our agency and what we were about. A couple of names got tossed in the pot and almost everyone who worked here named David. At no time that he's worked here has he ever made an enemy, he gets along with everyone and his work ethic is unreal. Employees wrote letters and statements and presented them at a board meeting begging them to make David general manager," Brown said.

With a successful trial period under his belt and encouragement from CCPT employees, the board agreed. The CCPT board unanimously voted to offer Ocampo a permanent contract at its June 18 board meeting, pending successful contract negotiations.

Brown is one of the longest-term employees, having been with CCPT since 2006. The former school bus driver said she came

LIFE IS STRANGER THAN FICTION

Diamond ring finds its way home after 26 years

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—What are the odds of finding a ring that was lost in a river 26 years earlier? And what are the odds of showing that same ring to the one person in town who could recognize it and return it to it to its rightful owner? That's exactly what happened to E.J., who lives off the land outside of Waitsburg.

Waitsburg resident Ron Griffen said he was working on his truck in his alley, just off of Main Street, when E.J. approached him and they struck up a conversation. E.J., who regularly fishes in the Touchet River and makes arrows and arrowheads, told Griffen he had recently found a ring in the river.

Griffen said his interest was sparked immediately and he asked to see the ring.

Twenty-six years earlier, Griffen's ex-wife, Sylvia, and her mother, had given their then 13-year-old daughter Sylvia's first wedding and engagement ring set. Griffen said it was just a matter of months before his daughter came home upset after having lost the ring while swimming in the river. The ring was never found.

E.J. showed the ring to Griffen, who snapped a photo and texted it to his ex-wife.

"I then called her and told her to look at the picture I'd sent. She immediately said, 'Oh my God! That's my ring!'" Griffen said.

Griffen said he could see E.J.'s face fall a bit when Sylvia recognized the ring.

"I'm guessing he wanted to have it appraised to sell. I told him, 'It's yours to do with what you want. Finders keepers, losers weepers,'" Griffen said.

"E.J. said that now that he knew who it belonged to, he couldn't keep it. That shows a lot of integrity from someone that could use the money," said Griffen, who insisted that E.J. accept a reward.

"I had never talked to E.J. before in my life, but he told me that something told him he needed to talk to me about the ring and show it to me. That just doesn't happen in real life. Every diamond was still in the setting. Just imagine how much water has come down that river in 26 years," Griffen mused.



Photo by Ron Griffen

Left: Ron Griffen snapped this photo to see if his ex-wife recognized this ring that was found after being lost in the Touchet River 26 years ago.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

TIMES TRAVELERS



Ava Atwood, age 10, took The Times with her while in Huntsville, Ala. for a week-long Space Camp. Ava wants to be an astronaut and go to Mars. With this being the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, Space Camp is extra exciting. Ava will meet astronauts and experience some of their training. We hope she grants The Times an interview about her experience when she returns.



Howard Umphrey (Times sports writer Eric Umphrey's brother) took The Times with him to the Baseball Hall of Fame Museum in Cooperstown, New York.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago August 6, 2009

Photo caption: Wait ancestors were given a tour of the interior of Wait's Mill, and included: Laurie Smith, Janice Babula, Javon Monahan, Jim Matzger, Brian Madison, Jacque Madison, Chris Madison, Kathryn Madison, Jose' Mendoza, Jenelle Wise and Jim Wise.

Seven people who trace their family tree back to Sylvester M. Wait visited Waitsburg last weekend. The group were permitted a restricted tour of the mill, which is in the midst of a reroofing project.

Whether you prefer the Model-T or Monte Carlo's, Willy's or Studebaker, you'll want to check out the "clunkers" wheels at the park. Sunday, organizers have ordered cooler weather and expect twenty to 75 vehicles for the second annual One of a Kind car show and cruise.

Twenty-Five Years Ago July 28, 1994

Four Waitsburg teen-agers have been given the opportunity to earn money and learn job skills this summer through the federal Job Training Partnership Act's summer youth employment program. Jason Crawford, 16, Jeff Pierce, 17, and Andy Samson, 16, have been working for the Waitsburg School District. Lisa Pierce, 15, has split her time between Weller Public Library and City Hall.

Waitsburg's City Council accepted a low bid of \$345,373 from Burdine Enterprises of Waitsburg, for the extension of Garden Street to the state highway and for sidewalks on West 2nd Street and Preston Ave. The bid submitted by Clyde Burdine was lower than four other bids, which ranged from a low of \$351,686 to a high of \$417,694.

Photo caption: The 'Hoopsters' 3-on-3 basketball team from Waitsburg made up of, from left, Curtis Johnson, Cole Lindsey, Clay Lindsey and Ryan Meier, took the championship in the 10-under division at the Depot festival in Dayton on July 16.

Fifty Years Ago July 31, 1969

A jubilant whistle last Sunday afternoon at 2:05 heralded the end of the 1969 Green Giant pea pack at the local cannery. This was an excellent year for the entire run of peas, with most all production meeting or exceeding budgeted requirements.

Photo caption: Four Waitsburg cheerleaders who are attending the Song and Cheerleading sessions in Ellensburg this summer are, Debbie Conover, Kathy Donnelly, Jani Keve and Becky Kenney. The girls left last Sunday for the week of training which will be held on the central campus.

Photo caption: First beginners' class in the summer swim education program were: front row, Ronnie Murray, Brad Ely, Kathy Noland, Janet Lucas and Kevin Waldo. Back row, Mark Shively, Mark Higgins, Jerry Gersuch and Gary Gersuch.

Photo caption: Mrs. A. Fred Zuger of Rt. 2, Waitsburg, was installed as twelfth district president of the American Legion Auxiliary on Saturday July 26, at the Washington department Conference which was held in Yakima. Mrs. Zuger is a member of Samuel W. Southard Unit No. 35 at Waitsburg. She was accompanied by Mrs. Delbert Mock.

Seventy-Five Years Ago Aug 4, 1944

Burdette Huwe, Victor Allmon and Danny Telecky left Saturday for Ritzville to work during harvest in the vicinity.

All lumber has been frozen effective Aug. 1. Shingles and cement are not frozen.

All angling in the Tucannon River and Tributaries from the north boundary of the Umatilla forest to the stream's sources will be closed Aug. 1st.

Waitsburg shipped approximately seven tons of wastepaper last month to the shipping center in Spokane in their contribution to the war effort.

One Hundred Years Ago Aug. 8, 1919

The midsummer commencement exercises of the graduating class of the Cheney State Normal will be held Thursday Aug. 7 of this week. In the class will be Miss Ada Philips, Miss Ethel McAninch and Miss Idell Purvis.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McCoy and sons Hays and Robert left Tuesday for Long Beach, WA. where they will play in the saltwater of the ocean for a few weeks.

Mrs. Albert Dixon and daughter of Spokane are visiting Grandma Ellen Dixon, Art Dixon and family and other relatives in this city.

Rev. and Mrs. John Garver, Edgar Leonard and Henry Roberts returned the latter part of last week from a ten day's outing on the Wolfe Fork of the Touchet.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago Aug. 2, 1894

Thornton Heskett has given up the newspaper business and will give his attention to teaming. His newspaper venture was not a success, financial or otherwise. He left on Thursday for Boise, Idaho.

Our blacksmiths are busy almost night and day, keeping harvest machinery in repair. Our streets have been thronged numerous times this week with harvest and threshing crews passing through.

Emmett Evans and Miss Anna Ingraham are to be married in the Christian Church in this city on Sunday, Aug. 12.

Thieves made a raid on friend Vining's peach orchard last Sunday night and stole most of the green peaches.

Touchet Valley Weather

July 31, 2019

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday Sunny	Thursday Sunny	Friday Partly Cloudy	Saturday Sunny	Sunday Sunny	Monday Partly Cloudy	Tuesday Sunny
High: 92 Low: 61	High: 90 Low: 62	High: 88 Low: 59	High: 89 Low: 62	High: 93 Low: 66	High: 91 Low: 68	High: 87 Low: 60

Weather Trivia

Does the risk of sunburn increase with altitude? **?**
Answers: Yes. At high altitudes, there is less atmosphere to shield you.

Weather History

July 31, 1976 - A stationary thunderstorm produced more than 10 inches of rain that funneled into the narrow Thompson River Canyon of northeastern Colorado. A wall of water six to eight feet high wreaked a 25-mile path of destruction from Estes Park to Loveland.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	96	65	91/63	Trace	0.00"
Wednesday	82	61	91/63	Trace	0.11"
Thursday	92	54	91/63	0.00"	-0.11"
Friday	97	59	91/63	0.00"	75.6°
Saturday	88	65	92/63	0.00"	77.2°
Sunday	87	62	92/63	0.00"	-1.6°
Monday	92	58	92/63	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	5:34 a.m.	8:24 p.m.	4:48 a.m.	8:29 p.m.
Thursday	5:35 a.m.	8:23 p.m.	6:04 a.m.	9:11 p.m.
Friday	5:36 a.m.	8:21 p.m.	7:24 a.m.	9:47 p.m.
Saturday	5:37 a.m.	8:20 p.m.	8:44 a.m.	10:18 p.m.
Sunday	5:38 a.m.	8:18 p.m.	10:02 a.m.	10:46 p.m.
Monday	5:40 a.m.	8:17 p.m.	11:18 a.m.	11:13 p.m.
Tuesday	5:41 a.m.	8:16 p.m.	12:33 p.m.	11:40 p.m.

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Events Calendar

THURSDAY AUGUST 1

Dayton Senior Round Table

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

Waitsburg Resource Center

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

\$5 Sports Physicals

Waitsburg Clinic
5-7 p.m.

FRIDAY AUGUST 2

BINGO (every Friday)

Eagles-222 E. Main, Dayton
Doors open 4 pm, Bingo 6pm

SATURDAY AUGUST 3

Evening at the Depot
Dayton Historic Depot
6 p.m.

MONDAY AUGUST 5

Columbia County Commissioners Meeting

(First Monday)
Commissioners' Chambers
311 E. Main St., Dayton
9 a.m.

Waitsburg Story Time

Weller Public Library
10:30 a.m.

YWCA Fun Factory

Dayton Memorial Library
12:45 - 2 p.m.
(last event of summer)

YWCA Fun Factory

Preston Park, Waitsburg
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
(last event of summer)

Waitsburg American Legion

(First Monday)
Waitsburg Town Hall
6 p.m.

Waitsburg Christian Church Youth Group

(first and third Monday)
Waitsburg Christian Church
6:30-7:30

TUESDAY AUGUST 6

Waitsburg Senior Round Table

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
11:30 a.m.

Dayton Senior Round Table

Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.)
12 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Dayton City Park
5-8 p.m.

\$5 Sports Physicals

Columbia County Clinic
5-7 p.m.

Weller Public Library

Board of Directors
(First Tuesday)
7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7

Discovery Kids

Dayton Memorial Library
10 a.m.

Celebrate Recovery, Dayton

Catalyst Church (311 S. 4th)
6:30 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery, Waitsburg

Waitsburg Christian Church
6:30 p.m.

Greg Blake & Real County

Concert
ArtX Gallery (117 Main, Waitsburg)
7 p.m.

THURSDAY AUGUST 8

Blue Mountain Heritage Society Board Meeting

(second Thursday)
Delany Building
9 a.m.
All are welcome.

Dayton Kiwanis

(second and fourth Thursdays)
Delany Room
Noon

Dayton Senior Round Table

Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.)
12 p.m.

Mobile Food Bank

Columbia County Fairgrounds
12-2 p.m.
Bring a box to take home food.

Waitsburg Resource Center

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

Dayton Friends of the Fairgrounds

(second and fourth Thursdays)
American Legion
7 p.m.

Columbia-Walla Walla No. 2 Commissioners' Meeting

Waitsburg Fire Department
7:30 p.m.
grounds (second and fourth Thursdays)

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

Dayton Senior Center
403 E. Patit St.
12 p.m.

Thurs., Aug. 1

Grilled Ham Steak
Mac n' Cheese
Baby Carrots/Salad
Wheat Bread
Tropical Fruit/Milk

Tues., Aug. 6

Chicken Strips
Dipping Sauce
Potato Wedges
Caesar Salad
Gelatin Salad/Milk

Thurs., Aug. 8

Pulled Pork
Baked Beans
Coleslaw
Brownie
Juice/Milk

WAITSBURG SENIOR LUNCH MENU

Waitsburg
Presbyterian Church
504 Main St.
11:30 a.m.

Tues., Aug. 6

August Menu
Not Yet Posted

LIBERTY THEATER
344 E Main St., Dayton, WA
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MEETINGS & GATHERINGS

Alcoholics Anonymous - Dayton: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 p.m., Dayton First Congregational Church-UCC dining room, 214 S. 3rd St.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Waitsburg: Saturday, Monday and Friday, 9 p.m., Presbyterian Church basement, 504 Main St.

American Legion Post #35: First Monday, 6 p.m., Waitsburg Town Hall, 121 Main Street.

American Legion Post #42: Second and fourth Wednesdays, 7 p.m., American Legion Building, 211 E. Clay St., Dayton.

Bingo: Every Friday, doors open at 4 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m. Dayton Eagles, 222 E. Main

Blue Mountain Heritage Society: Second Thursday, 9 a.m. Delany Building, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

Blue Mountain Station: Tues - Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., 700 Artisan Way, Dayton.

Book Chat: Third Saturday, 6ish-8ish, Delany Room, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

Celebrate Recovery - Dayton: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Catalyst Church, 311 S. 4th, Dayton.

Celebrate Recovery - Waitsburg: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Waitsburg Christian Church, 604 Main St.

Columbia County Commis-

sioners: First and third Mondays, 9 a.m., Commissioner's Chambers, 311 E. Main, Dayton. (Work sessions are the first and third Wednesday of each month.)

Columbia County Health System Board: Fourth Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., Dayton General Hospital board room, 1012 S. 3rd St., Dayton. (May and Sept. meetings will be held at Waitsburg Town Hall.)

Columbia County Planning Commission: Second Monday, 5:30 p.m., 114 S. 2nd St., Dayton.

Columbia-Walla Walla No. 2 Fire Commissioners' Board: 7:30 p.m., Waitsburg Fire Department, 234 Main Street.

Columbia County Rural Library Board: Third Monday, 7 p.m., Delany Building, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

Dayton City Council: Second Wednesday, 7 p.m., Dayton City Hall, 111 S. 1st St.

Dayton Friends of the Fairgrounds: Second and fourth Thursdays, 7 p.m., American Legion Building, 211 E. Clay St., Dayton.

Dayton Friends of the Library: Second Friday, 10 a.m. Dayton Memorial Library, 111 S. 3rd St.

Dayton Kiwanis: Second and fourth Thursdays, Noon, Delany Building, 111 S. 3rd St.

Dayton Planning Commission: Third Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Dayton City Hall, 111 S. 1st St.

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

Dayton School Board: Third Wednesday, 6 p.m., School Administration Building, 609 S. 2nd St.

Discovery Kids: Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Dayton Memorial Library, 111 S. 3rd St.

Friends of the Dayton Community Center: Last Tuesday, 5:30, Delany Building, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

Memory Care Cafe: Second Wednesday, 10 a.m. - noon, Moose Creek Cafe, 330 E. Main, Dayton.

Prescott City Council: Second Monday, 7:30 p.m., Prescott City Hall, 108 S. "D" St.

Prescott School Board: Fourth Thursday, 6 p.m., District Boardroom, 207 S. "A" St.

Soup for the Soul: Last Friday, 5:30 p.m., Dayton First Christian Church, 410 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly): 8:30 a.m., United Methodist Church, 110 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

Waitsburg Christian Church Youth Group: First and third Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Waitsburg Christian Church, 604 Main Street.

Waitsburg City Council: Third Wednesday, 7 p.m., Don Thomas Building, Fairgrounds. Waitsburg Commercial Club: Fourth Thursday, Noon, Waitsburg Town Hall, 121 Main St.

Waitsburg Park & Rec. District Board: First and Third

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., WHS band room, 421 Coppei Ave.

Waitsburg Resource Center: Thursdays, 2-4 p.m., 106 Preston Ave. (side of Banner Bank).

Waitsburg School Board: Third Thursday, 6 p.m., Preston Hall, 605 Main.)

Waitsburg Story Time: Mondays, 10:30 a.m., Weller Public Library, 212 Main St.

Waitsburg Senior Round Table: Thursday, 11:30 a.m., Waitsburg Presbyterian Church, 504 Main St. Join local seniors every Tuesday for lunch. \$4 suggested donation for those over 60. \$7 charge for guests under 60. Meals on Wheels are available. Call 337-8541 for more info.

Weller Public Library Board Meeting: First Tuesday, 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main St., Waitsburg.

Fruits & vegetables, nonfat chocolate and 1% white milk are offered with every meal.

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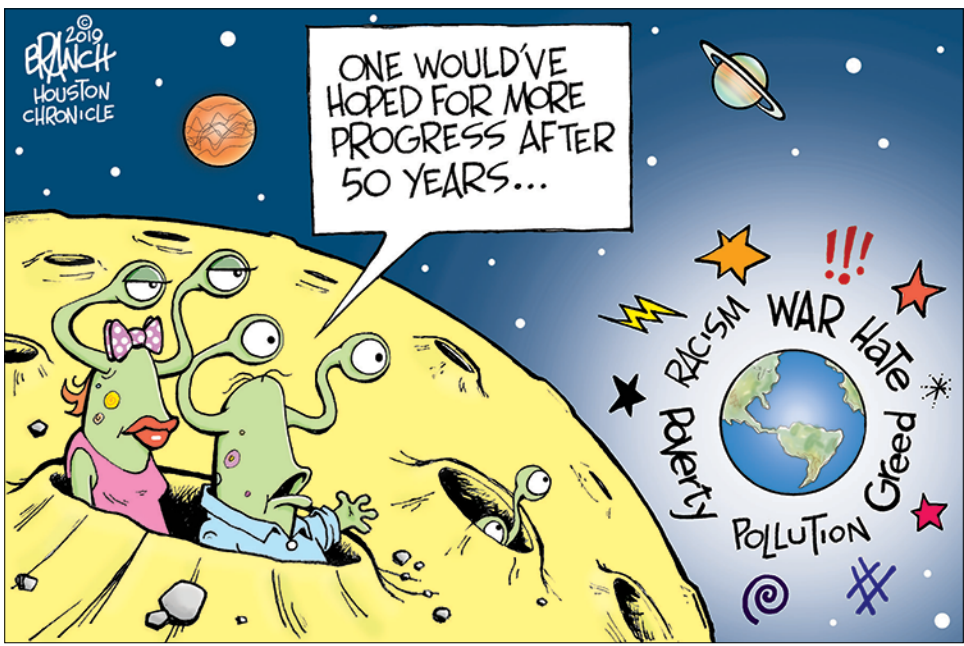
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DOG OWNERSHIP: PAWS AND EFFECT

Dogs are loving companions, watchdogs, hunting buddies and important members of our families. They are also part of the community and can have a significant impact on the relationships between neighbors, city employees and government representatives.



The responsibility we have as dog owners extends not just to our dogs' welfare but to our community as well. No one loves the sound of barking dogs, no one feels safe walking their street if an unleashed dog shows aggressive, potentially dangerous behavior and no one likes to step in anything a dog leaves on a sidewalk.

The most common complaints about dogs in the community can be avoided with a few rules of etiquette such as using poop bags on walks, keeping dogs in a well-fenced enclosure, leashing dogs in public spaces, preventing excessive barking and being aware of other people's feelings.

Several years ago, I learned the hard way about how important my responsibility as a dog owner is. My Australian Shepherd, Wrecks, was designated a potentially dangerous dog after a frightening encounter with a toddler.

I had just arrived home when he jumped from my car before I could attach his leash. Instead of running to the front door as he usually would, he spotted a man with a toddler on a bike. He started barking and circling before nipping the boy as his father picked him up. I felt terrible and was relieved that the boy had not been seriously injured though he certainly was scared.

The family filed a sheriff's report and that required the City of Waitsburg to license Wrecks as a potentially dangerous dog. My immediate reaction was to fight the designation, convinced that my dog is not aggressive by nature and that, somehow, it was not his fault. I was scared that he might be taken away or destroyed. I was upset that the family filed a report and that the city was making me designate my dog as potentially dangerous.

It took a week for me to calm down and realize that I was wrong. It is sometimes hard for us to look at our pets as anything other than family members. Wrecks did fit the description of a potentially dangerous dog. This incident demonstrated that he is not predictable around small children. I was lucky I was able to get

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America's Renewed Interest in the Moon

By Don C. Brunell

With all of the attention on the 50th anniversary of the Lunar landing, many are looking ahead to the next half century of space exploration. Of particular interest is returning to the Moon which may come as early as 2024.

For example, Boeing is working on the replacement for the Saturn 5 rocket which lifted the Apollo space capsules into orbit. The centerpiece of NASA's Space Launch System (SLS) is the heavy-lift rocket being built to safely carry people and cargo back to the Moon and hopefully, on to Mars.

One of the leading proponents of returning to the Moon is American astronaut Harrison Schmitt, who along with the late Gene Cernan, were the last two humans to walk on the Moon. That was December 1972.

Schmitt, 83, was unlike other astronauts. He was a civilian geologist who was selected for Apollo 17 to assess geological formations, gather mineral samples to bring back to Earth, and explore additional sites for future Apollo missions. Transporting Schmitt and the astronauts around the Moon on the last three Apollo missions were battery-operated Moon buggies built by Boeing in its Kent plant.

In subsequent analysis, scientists learned about an array of strategically important minerals on the Moon. They also found polar ice which is critical to sustaining human life.

When Schmitt spoke to business leaders in Washington in 2009, it was a time when interest was peaking in the need for rare metals which are essential for today's Smart phone and computer technology. His point was that our nation should look to the Moon as a new source for these rare minerals--the bulk of which are now stockpiled by Chinese who plans to put people on the Moon by 2035.

"Schmitt has always been a huge supporter of regular lunar missions, believing that the Moon holds crucial resources which could help support the burgeoning population on Earth," London Telegraph's Sarah Knapton wrote on July 21.

By the time of his mission the writing was already on the wall for the Apollo program. Apollo 18, 19 and 20 had been scrapped as public interest waned and Congress grew anxious about the cost and jittery about safety following Apollo 13.

Schmitt took his case to Congress in 1976 and was elected to the U.S. Senate from New Mexico. However, by that time, U.S. had moved on to the international space station and the Space Shuttle. The lunar program was viewed as "mission accomplished."

Today's space race not only has China and India competition, but private sector investors as well. For example, American Elon Musk's SpaceX rockets are launching satellites and safely returning rockets back to Earth; however, our outer atmosphere is becoming overcrowded. That makes the Moon even more strategically important.

"Space is already crowded—over 2,000 satellites in orbit and NASA tracks over 5,000 individual pieces of debris hurtling at velocities of over 27,000km (16,800 mph) an hour," The Economist editorialized in its recent issue.

"America's unparalleled ability to project force on Earth depends its extensive array of satellites," the Economist continued. Other nations, knowing this have built anti-satellite weapons capable of blinding our satellites with lasers or blowing them up. The Moon may become the new platform for our nation's defense.

As far reaching as it may seem, Schmitt believes "The Moon may also provide a much-needed lifeboat should a global catastrophe, such as an asteroid strike, ever threaten life on Earth."

"Humanity has always moved outwards over the last two or three million years to find resources and really to better their existence, and I think space is a part of that," Schmitt told The Telegraph.

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Letters Welcome

The Times invites readers to share their thoughts on our Opinion Page. Letters to the Editor can be emailed to us at editor@waitsburgtimes.com, or mailed to The Times at P.O. Box 97, Waitsburg, WA 99361. Letters can also be hand-delivered to our office. Deadline for letters is Tuesday at noon.

Letters should be no more than 400 words long. All letters must be signed by the writer(s) using their actual name, and complete contact information for each writer, including address and phone number must be included.

We reserve the right to decline to publish any letter that we deem inappropriate for our readership.

LETTER

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Dear Editor,

Waitsburg is called, "One of a Kind", and from the turnout of volunteers for this year's Traffic Safety Coalition/ the Department of Walla Walla County Community Health Bicycle Rodeo, I couldn't agree more. Except this year we were joined by many other groups in the area. Volunteers included: The Bicycle Barn, The Christian Motorcycle Association Bikers in Prayer, The Waitsburg Resource Center (Food Bank), The Waitsburg Christian and Presbyterian churches, State Patrol Officer Grandstaff, the Waitsburg School District, parents and other community members, and of course Nancy McClenny Walters, the coordinator for the event.

So the 63 children who received bicycle education, bike safety checks, free helmets (for children and adults), and bike skills (rodeo), we say thank you to all who helped make this day of promoting bicycle safety a success. Pam Conover, Waitsburg

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him under control before he seriously injured the young boy or his father. The family and the city took the appropriate steps in handling this situation.

The steps after a police report is filed are designed to protect everyone involved. The city uses state law as the guideline and requires the dog owner to pay a higher licensing fee, post a bond or provide proof of \$250,000 liability insurance.

Owners must also post "Beware of Dog" warnings at their property and make sure the dog is always be leashed in public. An appeal to the city's planning committee must be requested within five days of receiving the letter from the city.

There is no malice in these requirements; they are there to address a public safety issue. They also protect dogs and their owners by making sure the dogs are handled with extra care to prevent any further incidents. Potentially dangerous or dangerous dog designations are permanent and further incidents can result in serious consequences for the dog and owner.

Dogs are capable of bad behavior due to a variety of reasons including fear, pain, boredom or lack of training. When a neighbor or city official brings a problem concerning our dogs to our attention it is important to listen objectively and work together to find a solution where it is possible. All dogs should have the opportunity to be a healthy and happy part of the community. Some of my best friends are dogs!

Americanisms



"An opinion should be the result of thought, not a substitute for it."
— Jef Mallett

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QUICK READS

\$5 SPORTS PHYSICALS, AUG. 1, 6

DAYTON/WAITSBURG—Columbia County Health System will be providing \$5 sports physicals at the Waitsburg Clinic on Aug. 1 and the Columbia County Health Clinic on Aug. 6. Both sessions run from 5-7 p.m. Physicals are \$5 and proceeds go to the athlete's athletic department of choice.

NEW LOCATION FOR MEMORY CARE CAFÉ

DAYTON—The Memory Care Café has moved from the Noble Hunt to the Moose Creek Café located at 330 E. Main St. in Dayton. Gatherings take place the second Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. – noon.

The Memory Care Café is an opportunity for those diagnosed with Alzheimer's or other related dementia, and their care partners, to gather casually in an effort to provide socialization and fellowship.

There is no cost aside from items ordered from the menu. This is an environment with no judgment or expectations, just companionship, food and fun.

To learn more contact Katie Roughton at (509) 382-8349 or katier@cchd-wa.org.

ZUGER-DOUGLAS WEDDING



On June 29th, Sarah Zuger was married to Jess Douglas in Bridgeport California, on a ranch near the Saw Tooth Mountains in the Eastern Sierras.

Sarah is the daughter of Marcus and Caron Zuger, previously of Waitsburg, now living in Puyallup, and the granddaughter of Kenneth and Janette Zuger, lifelong residents of Waitsburg.

PLAYERS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TOUCHET VALLEY SOCCER LEAGUE

TOUCHET VALLEY—Due to a lack of volunteers, organizers announced several weeks ago that there would be no Touchet Valley Soccer League this year. Several volunteers quickly stepped up, and a new season is underway. However, players, coaches and referees are still needed to make the season a success.

The league is open to boys and girls ages 4-14 from Dayton, Waitsburg, Prescott and Starbuck. The season runs Sept. 14-Oct. 26.

Those interested in coaching or refereeing are encouraged to volunteer even if they feel underqualified. The soccer committee will provide support for those interested. Meetings are planned for August for those interested in volunteering, coaching and/or refereeing.

Registration is open through Sept. 6 and forms can be downloaded at <https://touchetvalleysocce.wixsite.com/website> (That is not a typo; there is no "r" at the end of soccer.)

Learn more at TouchetValley Soccer @D.W.S.PWA on Facebook or email touchetvalleysoccer@gmail.com.

The Times would love to share your wedding, milestone anniversary, engagement and birth announcements with our readers.

Please send the pertinent information, along with a photo, to editor@waitsburgtimes.com.



Cheers!



Cheers! to the young man who almost cut me off while riding his skateboard, but quickly stopped and apologized.

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WALLA WALLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DAILY PRESS BOARD LISTING

July 27

Motor vehicle theft: Adult female reported her Jeep was stolen on July 26 between 1030 and 1630 from her residence in the 200 block of Cemetery Road in Dixie.

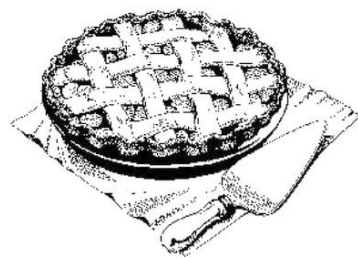
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Theft: Theft of a skateboard on Meinburg Road in Waitsburg.

It's Pie Time!

WAITSBURG—

Waitsburg's Annual Pioneer Fall Festival is just around the corner and that means it is time for the 5th Annual Laurette McCaw Pie Baking Contest and fundraiser to take place Sept. 15 from 1-3p.m. at the Bruce House Museum in Waitsburg.



Three age groups can compete for the best pie: up to 12 years old, 13-18 years old, and over 19 years old. Three judges will decide who takes the prizes and bites and slices will be sold for tastings for the People's Choice award.

Participants must make two pies; one for tasting, and one to be auctioned off at the silent auction. This year's event is sponsored by the Waitsburg Parks and Recreation District. All proceeds benefit the Waitsburg Swimming Pool. Entry forms and pie tins can be found at Ten Ton Coffee, Waitsburg Grocery, and City Hall.

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BIRTHDAYS

August 2: Heather Herion, Terry Presler, Malia Kalahele.

August 3: Shannon Hodges, Christian Pearson, Stacey Estes, Troy Head, Karen Myers, Jeff Leid, Peter Koper.

August 4: Rebecca Vaughn, Alex King, Benjamin Bloor.

August 5: Dale "Skip" Buroker, Jonathan Schuler, Jo Ann Hansler, Bill Clayton, Dianna Riggs, Debra Davison, Michael Collie, David Murphy, Melanie Hevel.

August 6: Seth Reese, Adelle Smith, Rita Pierson, Elizabeth Cole, Doris Hulce, Kelly Zuger, Abigail McKinley, Jackie Helm, Kathy Baker, C.J. Horlacher, Les Hyder, Bill Ramsey, Billie Jean Towers.

August 7: Dale Ford, Tim Huwe, Kevin Richardson, Brooklyn Smith.

August 8: Ginny Butler, Jeremiah Bennett, Doyle Vaughn Hubbard.

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Valid Washington Driver's License with satisfactory driving record, as defined by City policy. Applications can be obtained at: Dayton City Hall, 111 S. 1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328; www.daytonwa.com; or, by contacting cwestergreen@daytonwa.com. Questions? Contact Trina Cole at 509.382.2361. Please fill out entire packet of information and submit by one of the following methods: Email: cwestergreen@daytonwa.com Mail or hand deliver: City of Dayton City Hall 111 S. 1st Street Dayton, WA 99328 Applications will be accepted until position is filled. The City of Dayton is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Washtucna School District is seeking a full time 6-12th grade Social Studies/Histo-

ry Teacher for the 2019-20 school year. Washington State Teaching Certificate required. Interested applicants must submit a District Certificated Application Form (available at www.tucna.wednet.edu), Letter of Application, Resume, three letters of Recommendation, Placement File from Degree-Granting Institution and copy of Teaching Certificate to Washtucna School District, Attn: Vance Wing, 730 E. Booth Ave., Washtucna, WA 99371. Open until filled. EOE

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CCHS PARTNERS WITH PROVIDENCE FOR TELE-CARE SERVICES

New service is expected to provide relief for overworked doctors

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

COLUMBIA COUNTY—When they met last week, the Columbia County Health System (CCHS) District Board of Commissioners signed off on medical privileges for physicians associated with Providence St. Mary's Hospital in Walla Walla, for the purpose of providing telehospitalist services at Dayton General Hospital, during the hours of 7 p.m. - 7 a.m.

CEO Shane McGuire said that adding telehospitalist care at night will give Dayton General Hospital physicians some relief and rest from their duties, during those hours.

"It was becoming overwhelming for them," he explained.

For instance, McGuire said weekend doctors working between those hours provide coverage 24/7 for all in-house patients as well as covering the Emergency Department.

"We had one doc who took another shift at Kadlec. He said it's not worth it to come here and get no sleep. We wanted to prevent this type of exodus," he said.

Also at last week's meeting, McGuire discussed tentative plans to contract with an orthopedic surgeon group in Lewiston. He said patients undergoing physical therapy would benefit from those services.

He also touched on plans to provide dental care for Medicaid patients, and said he was given a construction estimate from Blue Room Architects for a dental clinic that is within budget.

Business plans will be developed for dental services, Adult Family Homes, Locked Memory Care, and a hyperbaric wound care program analysis, in that order, McGuire said.

McGuire said he met recently with officials from the Department of Social and Health Services, and others, to discuss Adult Family Homes, Assisted Living, and Memory Care program options.

Governor Jay Inslee recently visited with the University of Washington psychiatric team and McGuire said he was invited to sit in on that teleconference call. Columbia County Health System is partnering with the University of Washington in a study on the integrated behavior health model.

"The University of Washington has received state financial support for their programs and we are a model that they would like to see grow, even nationally," he said.

McGuire said the month of June was the second highest gross revenue producing month for CCHS at \$2.4 million. March of this year was the highest gross revenue producing month, he said.



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Plein Air Complexity: Watercolors by Jan Vogtman

A column by Carolyn Henderson

Plein air painters get used to all sorts of weather. Because of the nature of their studio – outside, in the plain air – they operate without a roof over their heads. Unless, of course, they choose to bring one of their own.

"During the Paint du Nord Quick Draw competition in Duluth, MN, we painted in a huge rainstorm," watercolor artist Jan Vogtman remembers. "The competition lasted two hours, exactly – they blow a horn to start and stop."

Told to paint what she saw, Vogtman took the challenge literally.

"My painting shows all the artists painting around me with colorful umbrellas."

Another time, the Troy, Ida., painter joined three artist friends in the wilderness, keeping watchful eye as a memorable storm took an hour to build up.

"When the wind and rain came, we huddled in the car, ate lunch, and had a few beers. But the storm had no intention of stopping anytime soon, so we gave it up and went home."

Even Vogtman's trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, had its moments. While the weather was grand during the Andy Evansen watercolor workshop she took there with a friend, sunny skies disappeared on the way back.

"We got stranded in Seattle during the Big Blizzard and got home two days later than planned."

Weather inconsistencies, however, are so much a part of plein air painting that one comes to accept them as constants. So is the matter of travel. Because landscapes do not transport themselves to the artist's studio, it's up to the artist to transport herself. And for Vogtman, who lives on Moscow Mountain, four miles from the nearest city of Troy (population 600), getting together with plein air artist friends for an afternoon of painting often



involves significant time in the car.

"Because I live rural, my travel time is normally one hour each way."

Vogtman discovered watercolor 24 years ago while working at the University of Idaho. Side by side with students barely out of high school, she took as many university level art classes as she could while maintaining a full workload. Plein air she discovered in 2009, and since then has competed in regional plein air competitions as well as the event in Duluth. She is a member of the Palouse Watercolor Society, the Idaho Watercolor Society headquartered in Boise, and the Northwest Watercolor Society in Seattle.

And while art is something she was interested in from a very early age, it was not something she was able to focus on until she was an adult and had a "real career" in the business and academic worlds. That's just the way things were when she was growing up, even though all her A's in school were in art, and not math.

Vogtman recalls the time she entered a drawing competition sponsored by the Minneapolis Art Institute in her hometown.

"I was maybe around 12 years old – and when I saw this competition in the newspaper, I entered. I think the amount of the prize was \$250, which



Top: Bee by Jan Vogtman
Above: Palouse Falls by Jan Vogtman

had to be used for classes.

"My parents could not afford to send me then or at any time for art education. I was told I could not collect the award."

She went to school to become a secretary. In a career spanning 36 years, Vogtman worked up to Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Northern Europe for the Control Data Corporation in Minneapolis, and later, upon moving to Idaho, served as the Coordinator of the Executive Speaker Series, reporting to the Dean of Business and Economics at the University of Idaho. On retiring in 2000, she challenged herself to dive into the art world, returning to the passion of her childhood.

In addition to plein air, Vogtman paints in her studio, a daylight basement of her home where furry forest friends peek through the window and watch. Most recently, she has added teaching workshops to taking them herself, conducting an introductory course for 20 students at the Center for Arts and History in Lewiston, Ida. She has had a studio at the Artisan Barn in Uniontown, Wash., earned her merit membership with the Idaho Watercolor Society upon being juried into three annual shows, and served as treasurer of the Palouse Watercolor Society.

What started out as a hobby has become a business. And what's perfect about that is how

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TEXAS RAPIDS CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE, AUG. 5-11

STARBUCK—The Texas Rapids recreational area, located four miles from Little Goose Dam on the lower Snake River near Starbuck, will be closed Aug. 5-11 while Natural Resource Management maintenance staff sweeps and seal coats the parking lot and access road.

“This work is meant to keep this resource area operational since budgetary constraints prevent complete repaving. This work will be followed by line striping to improve safety and efficiency of this highly visited site,” Maintenance Supervisor Mark Poirier stated.

WALLA WALLA HIRES NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR

WALLA WALLA—The City of Walla Walla has hired a new Library Director to succeed current Director Beth Hudson, who will retire at the end of August. Erin Wells, currently the Library Director for the Milton Freewater Public Library, will become the next director in Walla Walla. She will step into the position on Aug. 26.

Prior to her service in Milton Freewater, Erin was Library Director at Greeley County Library in Tribune, Kansas. She was raised in the Portland, Ore., area, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Portland State University, and attained her Master of Library Science from Emporia State University in Kansas.

She currently lives in Walla Walla with her husband, Matt Elder, who teaches history at Waitsburg High School.

Reader Photo



Times reader Matt Wyatt sent in this gorgeous sunset photo that he took three weeks ago on Nordheim Road, near the Conover ranch. The Times welcomes reader photos. Send to dena@waitsburgtimes.com.

Motorcycle insurance law changes go into effect July 28

Bikers should check with their insurers about liability coverage

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Effective July 28, Washington motorcyclists, which have previously been exempt from liability insurance requirements, will be required to have and carry proof of a minimum amount of liability insurance, or proof of a bond in the same required amount. Failure to be property insured can result in a \$550 fine, or more. The law does not include motor scooters, mopeds, or other vehicles already exempt under current law.

House Bill 1014, sponsored by Rep. Bill Jenkin (R-Prosser), was signed into law by Gov. Jay Inslee on April 19.

“People are surprised to learn that motorcy-

cle operators are not required to have liability insurance. My bill simply requires those operating a motorcycle to meet the insurance requirements, or equivalent for registered motor vehicles under current law,” Jenkin said, in a press release. “When someone gets property damage, or in an accident, with an uninsured motorcyclist, they are stuck filing a claim and potentially paying a higher premium. Having motorcycles insured, just like other vehicles, makes sense.”

So, what should bikers be doing as the law goes into effect?

“Shop around now, for the best coverage at the right price that fits what and how you ride,” said NW Insurance Council President Kenton Brine. “There are dozens of companies writing motorcycle insurance coverage - many offering different options, and some spe-

cializing in vintage or custom bikes. Just like motorcycles and riders, insurance policies are not all the same.”

Brine also suggests comparing policies from different companies for price and for discounts. Often, insurers will offer discounts if the policyholder has multiple vehicles insured, or if the consumer also has a homeowners insurance policy with the same company.

“Start with a call to your insurance company or insurance agent,” Brine said. “Let them know about your riding habits so they can assist in finding the right coverage at the best price.”

NW Insurance Council is a nonprofit, insurer-supported organization providing information about home, auto and business insurance to consumers, media and public policymakers in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

DAYTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY AUGUST EVENTS

Discovery Kids – 10-11 a.m. Every Wednesday

A new, revamped and improved interactive story time for those in the toddler years! Come sing, dance, play and learn with Flash the Sloth.

Family Summer Reading Moon Party 6:30-9 p.m. - August 15th

Takes place at the Dayton Football Field. Join in for the final family event of this year's Summer Reading Program. There will be dinner, prizes, a scale model of the solar system, a movie, telescopes star viewing and more! All under the full moon - a perfect time to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission to the Moon.

Book Chat – 6ish-8ish p.m. - August 17th

From your favorite genre to your favorite author, come talk about your love of books! You bring the conversation, we'll bring the dessert.

Trivia Tuesday – 6-8 p.m. - August 20th

Join Charlie at one of Dayton's local businesses for trivia, food and of course, lots and lots of laughter!

Tuesdays at the Senior Center 10-11:30 a.m. - August 27th

Kristie visits the senior center to encourage the use of the library through fun activities, crafts and movies.

Touchet Valley Golf Course



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Photos by Lane Gwinn

Ju's Traveling Pages bookstore has moved to a larger building and changed its name to better reflect the addition of its new screenprinting service. Above left: The new screen printing setup (at the back of the shop) is right at home among the books and gift items. Top right: The new, larger space boasts two cozy seating nooks, a children's play area and plenty of space for books, planners and gift items.

New home, new name

Ju's Traveling Pages is now Words-n-Print

WAITSBURG—The addition of screen printing services meant not only a move for Ju's Traveling Pages book and gift store on Waitsburg's Main Street, but a new name as well. The move is a short one – one block north on Main – and the new name, Words-n-Print, better reflects the business offerings.

Store owner Jessika Bannerman, along with her mother and silent partner Pam Chapman, transformed an empty Main Street building into a warm, welcoming reading nook last March. An act they re-performed this last month, with the new move.

When Bannerman decided she wanted to go into screen printing, she knew the business would need more space than what her cozy 360 square-foot shop allowed. Hence, the move to the former Delta Connection building at the north end of Waitsburg's Main Street.

The building was last utilized by Deb and Ray Fosnot, who operated R&D creations, a wood art business, from the site in 2013.

Bannerman and Chapman spent the first two weeks of July transforming the space into a friendly and hospitable environment, ideal for browsing, chatting and reading. With plenty of room to spare, Words-n-Print boasts two seating areas, a children's

Word-n-Print
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play and reading area, displays of planners, jewelry and gift items and an open view of the new Ryonet four-color screen printing press.

The duo attended Ryonet training in Portland last weekend where Chapman said they learned a "tremendous amount."

"We really want to fill a need while being different from other companies and uniquely ourselves," Chapman said.

To that end, the business plans to promote more recycled shirts, including one that is made of 50 percent water bottles, 50 percent cotton and 50 percent modal, which is made from hardwood trees such as birch and oak.

"We are really excited to try and promote products that are environmentally green and to be environmentally green ourselves, including the products we use to clean the screens," Chapman said.

The shop is up and running and has already com-

pleted several custom orders, including their first large order for the Dayton-Waitsburg athletic combine volleyball camp.

The bookstore is keeping active as well. A free writing class, led by Jessika, who is a certified teacher and book lover, meets on Tuesday evenings at 5 p.m. Participants meet to share their work and glean input, ideas and constructive criticism from one another. The current class is well underway, but a class is planned for the fall that will be open to new participants.

A monthly book club meets the last Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. The August title is *The Peculiar Miracles of Antoinette Martin* and books are available at the store at a 10 percent discount. Readers will gather Aug. 28 to discuss the book.

The store celebrated its move with a book signing by young adult author Jackson Graham on July 12. More author appearances are planned, including one by local author Joe Just.

A grand opening event is planned for the weekend of Aug. 2-4. Locals are encouraged to check out the new space and press. There will be a sale on gift items, a gift card drawing, and Chapman is hoping to have some local suppliers on site to talk about their product.

Keep apprised of business updates at Ju's Traveling Pages: Words-n-Print on Facebook.

Tamara Demean is new clinic provider

The ARNP will begin taking patients Aug. 1

By Michele Smith
THE TIMES

DAYTON—Tamara Demean ARNP has been hired to provide medical care to Columbia County Health System patients in both primary care clinics in Dayton and Waitsburg and in the Emergency Department.

"They are working on getting a template into place for me to be able to have my own patient load," Demean said.

Demean will be taking some walk-in patients starting on Aug. 1. Plans call for her to work three days a week in the Dayton clinic and one day a week in the Waitsburg Clinic. She said that beginning mid-August she will cover one night shift in the Emergency Department.

Demean said she is an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner with a Master's Degree in Primary Care through Purdue University Global.

"The ARNP role is virtually the same as an MD role. However, it doesn't take the same amount of schooling. The focus is on providing family practice care to our pa-



Photo by Michele Smith

Tamara Demean is an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner. She will work in both primary care clinics in Dayton and Waitsburg and in the Dayton General Hospital Emergency Department.

tients and if we think care needs to be transferred to an MD or specialist, we definitely do that," she said.

Demean said the focus for ARNPs is on providing quality, safe and holistic care.

Before becoming an ARNP Demean worked for sixteen years as a nurse and has experience in emergency medicine, cardiac care and intensive care medicine.

She will commute to Dayton from Lewiston where she lives with her husband, James, his three children, and her daughter.

"I hope the Columbia County Health System becomes my home... I'm very excited to be here," Demean said.

CCHS CEO Shane McGuire said Demean was one of seven applicants who responded to an advertisement for midlevel providers.

McGuire said the patient load in the clinics has increased since the Convenient Care Clinic closed last December. He also said some of the clinic providers are asking for fewer hours, and that Kourtney Kilgore-Smith ARNP has retired.

"This is a desirable place to work," McGuire said. "We are an integrated clinic model. We have good partnership with the University of Washington, which has given us great exposure and I think has helped in recruiting."

WAITSBURG CITY COUNCIL UPDATE JULY 17, 2019

Public Comment

Park & Recreation District Board Chair Danielle Carpenter requested that the mayor (who holds the authority to waive fees) waive fees to use Preston Park for small Park & Rec events, for 20 or so people, that don't use electricity. Mayor Dunn waived fees for the July 13 event, but opted to follow the fee schedule for further events.

New Business

- Representative Bill Jenkin (R-Prosser) provided a legislative session recap. He reminded the council that he is on the Housing, Community Development and Veterans (ranking minority member), Capital Budget and Commerce and Gaming committees. He also had four bills passed by the governor including:
 - * HB 1563 allowing college and tech schools to allow underage students to taste (sip and spit) alcohol when enrolled in specific programs. The
 - * HB1499 authorizes public facilities districts (PFDs) to establish recreational facilities.
 - * HB1469 requires drivers to reduce speed, change lanes and moved away from emergency and work zone vehicles. Speeds reduced by 10mph below posted speed.
 - * HB1014 requiring motorcyclists to now meet the same insurance requirements for registered motor vehicles under law.
- Council member Kate Hockersmith commented that HB1563 got its start in Waitsburg with Youth & Government students, including her son John Hockersmith, who proposed HB1459 in 2010.
- Discussion of 6-Year Transportation Plan: Much work has been completed with maintenance projects left to accomplish. Sidewalks are 70% complete, street chip-sealing has been underway. A storm water project main between Third and First streets is most in need of chip-sealing and repair.
- Council adopted the 6-Year Transportation Plan for 2020-2025.
- Public Hearing re: Charter Cable franchise renewal: Discussion of renewal the 20-year contract with Charter Cable. Hockersmith asked if there was a way to exit the agreement if technology changes over the next 20 years should warrant change and questioned the City's protection.
- Council Approved cable franchise with Charter Cable
- Council approved Ordinance 1057 updating the 2019 Budget to account for the outsourcing of garbage, receipt of grant funds for solar signage, Complete Streets and loan funds for the vector truck.
- Council approved adoption of the Blue Mountain Region Trail Plan which will allow for application for future trail funding.
- Council approved moving the Aug. 21 council meeting to Aug. 14 to accommodate the City Administrator's schedule.

Former Times intern is KREM2 News investigative reporter

Ian Smay finds reward in telling the hard stories

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

SPOKANE, Wash.—Dayton High School graduate and former Times intern Ian Smay graduated from Washington State University (WSU) in December of 2018 and went to work for KREM 2 News in Spokane, as an investigative reporter and producer three weeks later, in January.

Smay said he caught KREMs eye when a highly publicized story in The Daily Evergreen, exposing sexual misconduct allegations against Jason Gesser, assistant director of athletics at the Cougar Athletic Fund, garnered widespread, and even national attention. Smay was the lead investigative reporter at the student-led paper at the time the story broke in Sept. of 2018.

After the story broke, a KREM news director visited WSU to speak at a broadcasting class where Smay was a teacher's aid and encouraged Smay to interview with KREM. He interviewed, an offer was made, and he accepted.

"I'm enjoying it. KREM is a great fit. I'm glad I stayed in news. It's fun and busy and no two days are alike. This is where I wanted to be and I'm lucky to have a chance to do what I wanted right when I got out of college," said Smay, who turns 23 in October.

While in college, Smay worked as a news editor, investigative reporter and news reporter with The Daily Evergreen and acted as newsroom manager for News 8, a nightly newscast produced by WSU students.

In the summers of 2016 and 2017, Smay interned for The Times in Waitsburg. He remained in Pullman in the summer of 2018 to work as summer editor for The Daily Evergreen. He graduated from WSU with a degree in Journalism and Media Production and a minor in Criminal Justice.

"I've always loved the news and the law. I'm very happy where I'm at as an investigative reporter. But I've also thought about going to law school, which is something I may still do in the future. The criminal justice classes I took focused more on the law than policing," Smay said.

Smay said an average workday, if there is such a thing, includes researching, interviewing and producing copy.

"I try to find people willing to talk. When you're investigating wrongdoings, that's not always easy to do. If I find someone, a photographer and I will go interview them or we'll have them come to the studio. Then, what they tell you might change the story completely and I'll need to review and update to see what may need changed," he said.

Smay said most of his investigative work in Spokane has revolved around the Spokane County Jail and the deaths of inmates.

Smay, who currently appears on air two to three times a week, said one of the challenges of working in television is making a story visually captivating.

"We have to keep in mind how a story looks on camera. A lot of my work involves public records, which are not that interesting to look at, so we have to think of how to make a story more visually appealing. It's a challenge and can be frustrating, but I like it," he said.

Smay said the television newsroom is also faster paced than his work with newspapers.

"We want to be correct in what we're saying, but we also want to get it up quickly. A good example of that is right now with wildfire season. We want to get word out so people in the area are aware right away," Smay said.

In addition to television broadcasts, the news is distributed through social media and the KREM2 website and app. Smay is responsible for much of the digital content.

Smay said he enjoys working in both television and newspaper but there are distinct differences.

"I do think about writing for The Times, especially after busy days or weeks of dark, grim stories. When I wrote about Dayton and Waitsburg I was able to write more human interest stories and could go in-depth. With TV, you can't go very in-depth in a minute and a half," he said.

"The Times was my first real job in journalism. I got to write a lot, which made my writing a lot better. You can only learn so much in the classroom. A big part of learning is going out and doing something, and you only get that by practice," he added.

Smay said that the amount of support and encouragement he continues to receive from people in Dayton and Waitsburg since leaving The Times has been "amazing."

"There is always a need in a country and society to hold those in power accountable."

**-Ian Smay
KREM 2 News
Investigative Reporter**



Photo courtesy of KREM2 News

Former Times intern Ian Smay now works as an investigative reporter for KREM2 News, based out of Spokane.

"I received a tremendous amount of support from people back home when I was at The Daily Evergreen and Murrow News 8, especially with my investigative work on the Gesser piece. And every time I'm on air for KREM I get a lot of support and people telling me they like my work and are proud, even if it doesn't affect the Touchet Valley. It's been great an it makes the job definitely worth it," Smay said.

Smay said he is often asked about his career choice by those who think the need for journalists is dying.

"Journalism is not dying like people say. If anything, it's more needed now than ever. We need people who are willing to be truthful and tell the hard truths that people don't want told. It's rewarding work. There is always a need in a country and society to hold those in power accountable," Smay said.

"News gets a bad rap now. I'm not going to say it is never biased, but we can change that by being unbiased and dedicated to being fair. It is definitely rewarding; I'm not going to become a millionaire, but I enjoy what I do every day," he added.

TRANSPORT - FROM PAGE 1

on as an on-call, part-time driver, and never had a less than 40-hour work week. Over the years, she has worked as a dispatcher, lead dispatcher and now transit supervisor where she oversees everything in operations on the dispatch and driver side of the operation.

CCPT currently has 15 employees, with 12 drivers, two full-time dispatchers and a finance officer. Brown and Ocampo include themselves with the drivers as they both drive along with their other duties.

In addition to increased morale and an improved work environment, numbers are pointing to District success as well.

Brown said that numbers comparing ridership from July 1-22 shows an increase of 1,100 more trips/boardings over that same period last year. Even more impressive is the fact that 99 new riders, who have previously never used CCPT, have taken the bus this summer.

"That's pretty massive for a small agency," Brown said.

The District is currently offering free fares through Aug. 31 to encourage ridership, which tends to fall drastically during the summer when students aren't taking the bus to WWCC or adjoining school districts. An expansion grant has allowed for Saturday service as well.

The District is proud to have received the Washington State Safety Award through the Washington State Transit Insurance Pool (WSTIP) for the second year in a row.

"We were not only the lowest, but we had no at-fault accidents or claims. We were the only agency in the state of Washington with zeros all the way across the board," Brown said.

Looking ahead, Ocampo said he sees a lot of changes in the agency's future.

Tops on his list of concerns is transparency. Ocampo has instituted monthly internal meetings and says he wants everyone involved and in-the-know.

Training, which Ocampo feels was lacking in the past, will also be a priority. Employees have already taken advantage of communication, management, sexual harassment, wheelchair securement and



Courtesy Photo

Back (l to r): Ray Brown, Karla John, Megan Schmidt, Bruce Goodell, Ray Johnson, Steve Merrens, Kellie Skeeter and David Ocampo.

Front (l to r): Clara Suchodolski, Darla Brown, Jody Gales, Melissa Ferrians.

Not pictured: Ivan Macedo, Leslie Lambert.

train-the-trainer workshops and trainings.

Ocampo and Brown will also make sure the District is represented at WSTIP and other large transit agency meetings.

"We are making a point to represent CCPT and make our presence known. Those meetings are where the decisions get made and it's important for the little guys to be there when that happens. It also helps us in getting scholarships and grants when people know who we are," Ocampo said.

Ocampo and Brown want the community to know that CCPT is there for them and available for questions.

"I hope people will stop in and visit; see where we're located and ask what we do. We are funded by tax money; we need the demand to keep the programs running," Ocampo said.

While CCPT can't provide charter services, Brown said groups can take advantage of regular routes for group events. She gave examples of a group of ladies going wine

tasting in Walla Walla, one that would travel together to the Walla Walla Saturday Market, and another group that takes the bus to aquacise in Prescott.

She also mentioned that many are still unaware that CCPT offers curb-to-curb service in Dayton. The service is free in the summer, but all-day fare is \$1.50 for youth/adults and \$1 for seniors, beginning Sept. 1. A rider simply calls to let CCPT know where they need picked up and they will be told when to expect a bus. Brown said the service is ideal for trips to the store or for kids riding to school in the summer.

CCPT offers service between Dayton and Starbuck, Waitsburg and Walla Walla and also oversees a vanpool program. Monthly passes are available. To learn more about routes, prices, or services see ccptransit.org online, Columbia County Public Transportation on Facebook, or call the office at (509) 382-1647.

ART - FROM PAGE 6

the non-art experience blends and melds well with the brush work of paint.

It's unexpected, and not something that could have been predicted when she exchanged an art scholarship for business school. Life, though, like weather for the plein air painter, is never static. The best stories – and often paintings – involve stormy days.

Jan Vogtman is the Featured Art Event from Monday, July 29, through Saturday, August 24 at Wenaha Gallery.

Contact the gallery, located at 219 East Main Street, Dayton, WA, by phone at 509.382.2124 or e-mail art@wenaha.com. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Monday through Saturday, and by appointment.

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Paddle-boarding the Snake: It's for the dogs

From the Editor: The Times is pleased to introduce Brad Trumbo as a new monthly contributor to our pages. Brad is an Army Corps of Engineers biologist and outdoor writer and enthusiast. He is the sole editor and contributor to the Blue Mountain Pheasants Forever, Chapter 258 newsletter and serves as chapter secretary, public relations officer, advisory board member and is on the youth, habitat and banquet committees. Brad will share outdoor-related columns relevant to The Times readership.

A column by Brad Trumbo

The first time I spied a stand-up paddle board (SUP) was cruising south on Highway 97 somewhere around Orondo, WA, on the Columbia River. A perplexing and comical sight, it appeared that folks were paddling surf boards and going nowhere for no reason and not getting there any time soon. I later realized these folks were paddling SUPs. The "going nowhere in no hurry" aspect was simply relaxation; a concept poorly grasped by many in our fast-paced society.

I swiftly dismissed the notion of ever owning such a silly contraption subsequent to my first encounter. (I also have a solid history of eating crow.) New gear, like a paddle board, needs to check several boxes on the hobby list and I simply could not fathom how a SUP would be useful or enjoyable.

But as a hopeless fly fisherman and avid upland bird hunter with water-loving Llewellyn setters, I am always pondering new tools to address both needs. So, it's no surprise that several years after vowing I would never own one, my wheels started turning on SUP possibilities.

The Times readership suffers the good fortune of having the Snake River with its myriad public access opportunities in our backyards. And for many of us (myself included), these resources are underutilized.

Watercraft can unlock doors to outdoor recreation, but a boat can be untenable or impractical, leaving one to assume there is little to be gained from the big water otherwise. This very logic led me to considering SUP capabilities for local summer fly fishing in lieu of the more expensive and time-consuming boat alternative. Then it hit me. The setters would love it.

A couple evenings of internet research turned up an inflatable model of modest color, capable of supporting 441 pounds; a weight limit providing enough free-board to handle my Neanderthal frame and all of my three setter girls. What's more, I thought I might be able to coax my lovely wife, Ali, into playing a little more on the weekends.

Having secured our new watercraft, we made the maiden voyage at Little Goose Landing just upstream of Little

Goose Dam on Snake's south shore. Fortunately, there were few campers to be entertained at my expense.

While completely stable when seated or kneeling, raising my center of gravity to full height presented an entirely different scenario. The key to stability was to control my rapid-fire muscle reaction to the unsteadiness to avoid worsening the situation.

Getting the hang of it, I decided it was time to onboard my setter, Finn. She eagerly jumped aboard, but her excited jostling doubled the difficulty, bringing me to my knees with alacrity. Eventually we kind of got the hang of it together; at least the paddling on my knees part. Anyone with bird dog experience knows that they make sweeping casts in the field to cover ground and find birds. Finn bounces from side-to-side in the truck, which apparently transfers to watercraft as well.

With legs splayed, taking careful steps, Finn tottered with each dip of the SUP, then countered with an abrupt push to the other side. It was touch-and-go for a bit on remaining upright, but she finally relaxed a little and decided to take a seat. What she enjoyed most was jumping from the dock and swimming out to be picked up for a boat ride.

Switching off with Ali, we encouraged our little polliwog and youngest setter, Zeta, to give it a shot. Zeta loves swimming far more than bird hunting, so the paddle board was a natural fit. She seemed to enjoy the ride, peering down through the emerald water at the weeds and sunfish, but was most entertained by jumping from the dock onto the SUP, then off into the water once away from the dock. And, in classic Zeta fashion, she always made the attempt to swim to the opposite shore, far away from mom and dad.

Finally, our timid middle pup, Yuba, took a shot at it. She enjoys water the least among the three and was quite skeptical. I sat with her between my legs as we paddled, and I think she actually enjoyed herself a little. She was the most unstable and all but knocked herself off the board a few times. While wading over belly-deep is not high on her priority list, she was quite proud of her puppy life vest. Being a bird dog that wears an orange vest in the field, donning a vest of any kind equates to a good time.

Kicking the pups off, I decided to go for a quick paddle alone to test out the fishing potential. Kneeling, I slipped the SUP into the back of the inlet at the launch, gliding effortlessly into fly casting range of a large carp. My thoughts instantly drifted to a Tenkara rod with minimal gear, tossing small flies for sunfish and bass, or even a San Juan worm for the carp (a story for another time).

If I wasn't before, at this point I was sold on the SUP for fishing. Not



Photo by Brad Trumbo

Ali Fitzgerald and Zeta enjoy a relaxing afternoon paddle boarding at Little Goose Landing on the Snake River.

to mention the inflatable SUPs weigh about 24 pounds and can be packed up with pump and paddle into a frame pack for remote opportunities.

Windy conditions on the main river channel can be unsafe, but there's nothing stopping you from hitting the inlets at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers boat launches and recreation areas. These off-channel waters are generally sheltered from wind and typically receive little boat activity aside from launching or taking out.

So, what are you waiting for? A SUP is something the entire family can get behind, and the inflatables are constructed of a durable polyvinylchloride shell like a whitewater raft, so they are tough. They are even big enough to serve as a floating couch, and if you are into fitness, standing and paddling is a full-body workout.

Just remember to check Coast Guard and state regulations about personal watercraft before taking to

the water. At minimum, a SUP requires a life jacket and whistle, which should be worn at all times.

If you think a SUP might be something you and your family would enjoy, check out the Stand Up Paddle Boarding Basics (<https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/paddle-boarding.html>) blog series from REI to get started. Your dog (and maybe your significant other) will thank you!



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SPORTS



Photos by Eric Umphrey

Above left: The ornate rococo architecture of the Hockey Hall of Fame makes a distinct impression as it sits nestled among the modern skyscrapers of downtown Toronto, Canada.

Above right: The Great Hall boasts a 45-foot-high stained glass dome featuring 24 fanned panels of dragons guarding gold from eagles with circles representing the provinces of Canada.

Out and about with Eric Umphrey: The Hockey Hall of Fame

A column by Eric Umphrey

Located in downtown Toronto, Canada, the Hockey Hall of Fame is definitely worth a visit if you are a hockey fan. The museum takes up two floors. Most of the exhibits are on the first floor with the trophies and players who have been inducted on the second floor. There are exhibits for every team in the NHL. A special exhibit with a film covering the careers of Wayne Gretzky and Gordie Howe played on a loop. Another section covers hockey in the Olympic Games with jerseys representing each country.

A few exhibits show how the equipment has changed over the years. One features goalie masks that start out with little more than a single strap and light leather padding and range to the high tech masks of today that cover the whole head and are painted by the goalie's themselves.

Interactive games allow you to suit up with a goalie stick and glove in front of a net and try to stop a nerf puck. The players on a movie-sized screen dart, weave and pass the puck quickly so it is difficult to determine which hole the puck is coming out of. It may look easy but it's not. The five rectangular shaped holes the puck could be shot from at different angles kept everyone I watched guessing. A second game allows you to take shots against a virtual goalie. This game was also very well designed and required some skill to score.

The second floor holds the Stanley Cup which you could take pictures of or with. While there was a charge for a professional photo, there was no charge if you wanted to take the pictures yourself. Since a new ring is added to the Cup every year with the names of the players on the championship team, the older rings need to be stored somewhere. If this wasn't done the Cup would be the size of a building and you wouldn't see anyone lifting it.

The older rings, along with some of the older league trophies, are kept in a room that resembles a bank vault. Also, on this floor is a portrait of every player in the Hall of Fame and a short write-up of their career. It took roughly two hours to go through the two floors and was definitely worth the visit.



Photos by Eric Umphrey

Above left: A Seattle Metropolitan jersey.

Above right: The oldest part of the Stanley Cup showing Seattle as the world champions in 1917.



MLB AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

ERA		
C. Morton	TB	2.60
J. Verlander	HOU	2.86
J. Berrios	MIN	2.94
G. Cole	HOU	2.94
M. Stroman	TOR	2.96

Batting Average		
D. LeMahieu	NYN	.332
R. Devers	BOS	.329
M. Brantley	HOU	.325
X. Bogaerts	BOS	.316
H. Alberto	BAL	.313

Strike Outs		
G. Cole	HOU	212
C. Sale	BOS	189
T. Bauer	CLE	185
J. Verlander	HOU	183
M. Boyd	DET	178

Runs Batted In		
M. Trout	LAA	85
R. Devers	BOS	82
X. Bogaerts	BOS	81
J. Soler	KC	73
M. Kepler	MIN	72

Wins		
L. Lynn	TEX	13
D. German	NYN	13
E. Rodriguez	BOS	13
J. Verlander	HOU	13
G. Cole	HOU	12

Home Runs		
M. Trout	LAA	34
J. Soler	KC	28
M. Kepler	MIN	28
N. Cruz	MIN	26
A. Bregman	HOU	26

Saves		
B. Hand	CLE	27
A. Chapman	NY	26
R. Osuna	HOU	23
S. Greene	DET	22
A. Colome	CHW	21

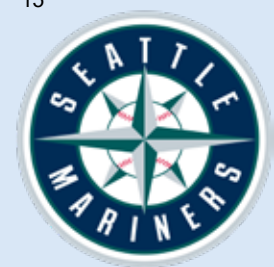
Stolen Bases		
A. Mondesi	KC	31
M. Smith	SEA	27
E. Andrus	TEX	22
J. Ramirez	CLE	22
J. Villar	BAL	22

AL West	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	68	39	.636	-
Oakland	60	47	.561	8
Los Angeles	55	52	.514	13
Texas	53	53	.500	14.5
Seattle	46	63	.422	23

AL Wild Card	W	L	PCT	GB
Cleveland	62	43	.590	+3
Oakland	60	47	.561	-
Tampa Bay	60	48	.556	0.5
Boston	59	48	.551	1
Los Angeles	55	52	.514	5
Texas	53	53	.500	6.5
Chicago	46	57	.447	12
Seattle	46	63	.422	15

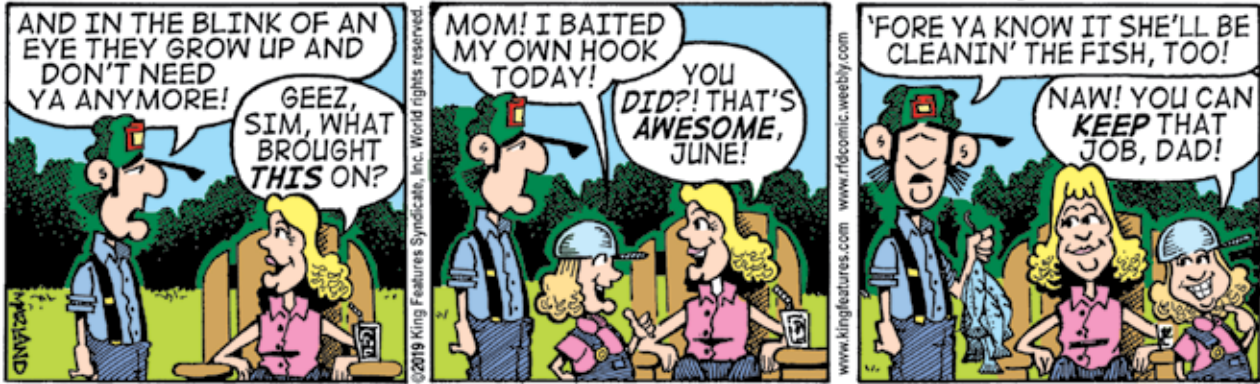
Mariners Hitting

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	BA	OBP	OPS	WAR
D. Vogelbach	321	55	75	25	63	64	.234	.362	.870	2.2
O. Narvaez	303	51	90	16	41	33	.297	.368	.849	1.5
J.P. Crawford	197	25	51	4	33	23	.259	.335	.771	1.5
T. Murphy	148	15	40	10	24	6	.270	.301	.828	1.4
M. Haniger	246	46	54	15	32	30	.220	.314	.778	1.2
D. Santana	400	57	109	20	66	41	.273	.342	.817	0.7
T. Beckham	291	38	70	15	45	21	.241	.298	.773	0.6
A. Nola	64	11	20	3	9	4	.313	.371	.918	0.6
M. Smith	349	48	83	5	27	28	.238	.306	.665	0.4



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

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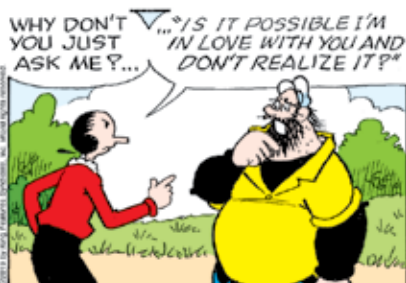
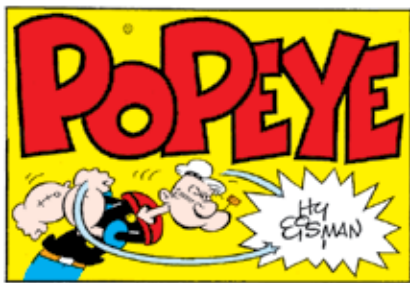


by Mike Marland

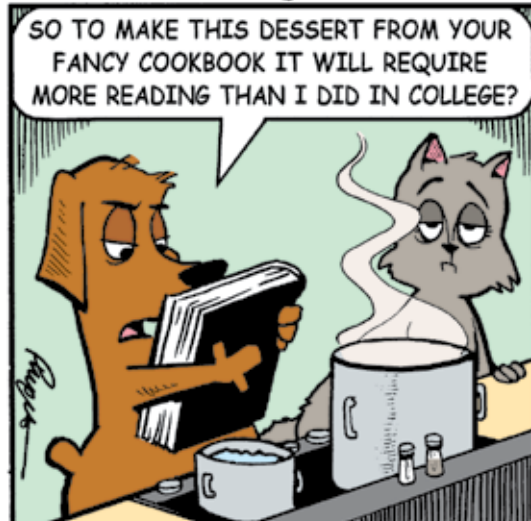
GRIN and BEAR IT



"This morning we'll take up archery, followed by first-aid class."



Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS - RHYMES WITH "MY"

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters
BUY
EYE
FLY
GUY
RYE
SHY

4 Letters
ALLY
HI-FI
JULY
RELY
SPRY

5 Letters
APPLY
IMPLY
RABBI

6 Letters
NEARBY
OCCUPY
POTPIE

7 Letters
BONE-DRY
GOODBYE

8 Letters
IDENTIFY
SHANGHAI
SMALL FRY

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

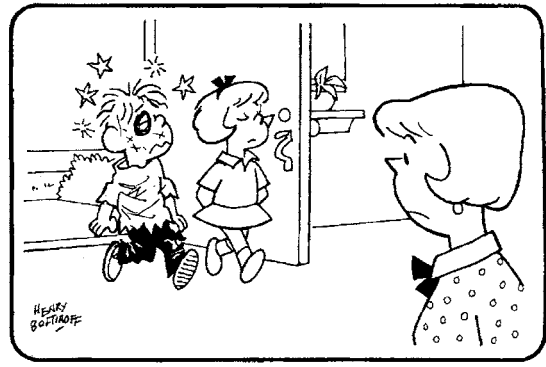
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|---------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. Park chair | __ E __ _ _ | Collection of grapes | __ U __ _ _ |
| 2. Jackson's bill | __ _ _ N __ _ | Puddy tat's prey | __ _ _ E __ _ |
| 3. Stuffy one | __ _ _ D __ _ | One-time plum | __ _ _ N __ _ |
| 4. Tub occupant | __ A __ _ _ _ | Disturb | __ _ _ O __ _ |
| 5. Use a mouse | __ _ I __ _ _ | Coop sound | __ _ U __ _ |
| 6. Provide evidence | __ _ _ V __ _ | Investigate | __ _ _ B __ _ |
| 7. Excursion | __ _ _ _ _ T | Dilapidated car | __ _ _ _ _ R |
| 8. Bricklayer | __ _ _ S __ _ | Georgia city | __ _ _ C __ _ |
| 9. Icy rain | __ L __ _ _ _ | Sugary | __ _ W __ _ |
| 10. Upperclassman | __ _ _ I __ _ | Motion detector | __ _ _ S __ _ |

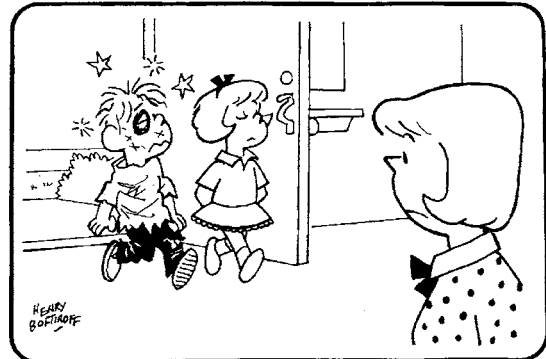
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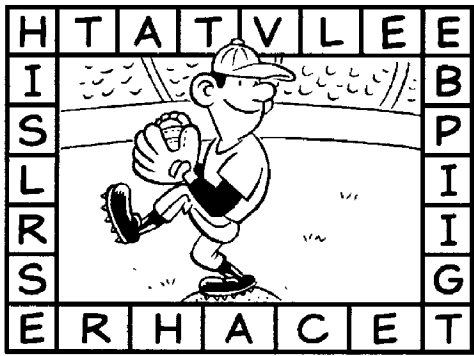
BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Mom's hair is longer. 2. Girl's dress has ruffles. 3. Indoor plant is missing. 4. Door handle is higher. 5. Dress polka dots are black. 6. Fewer stars around boy's head.



BATTER UP! Hidden in the above frame is a famous proverb. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around it clockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

Answer: Starting with the "L" in the left rail, "L" in the left rail, "L" in the left rail, "L" in the left rail, "L" in the left rail, "L" in the left rail.

SIX OF ONE, HALF A DOZEN OF ANOTHER! You have 66 seconds to rearrange the numbers in the square so that the sum of any row, column or the two diagonals shall total 6.

1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3

Answer: Top row: 2, 3, 1. Middle row: 1, 2, 3. Bottom row: 3, 1, 2.

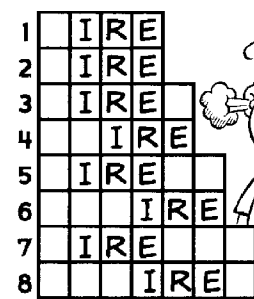
LINK-UPS! Here's a list of 12 short words, divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right.

1. ANTE	ION
2. FAT	RICE
3. EDIT	ABLE
4. CAP	KIN
5. DATE	HERS
6. BUMP	LOPE

Answers: Antelope, fathers, edition, caprice, dateable, bumpkin.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



TIME FOR ANGER MANAGEMENT!

Try to keep from blowing your top while identifying these "anger" words. Each one contains the word IRE. Using the following hints, see if you can cool things down in less than five minutes.

- Having dreadful consequences.
- To be stuck in the mud.
- When you're connected to the Internet.
- Part of many churches.
- Loud noisemakers.
- To strive toward an end.
- Seen on summer evenings.
- To have refereed.

Answers: 1. Dire. 2. Mire. 3. Wired. 4. Spire. 5. Sirens. 6. Aspire. 7. Firefly. 8. Umpire.

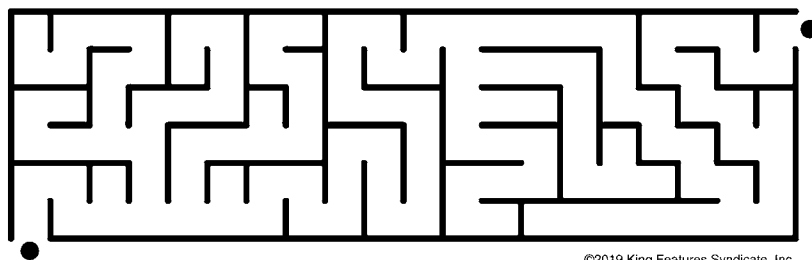
Answer

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Answers:

- Bench, Bunch
- Twenty, Tweety
- Junket, Junker
- Mason, Macon
- Bather, Bother
- Click, Cluck
- Senior, Sensor
- Sleat, Sweet
- Bath, Bother
- Click, Cluck

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Waitsburg VBS and bike rodeo are a success

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—A whopping 85 kids participated in last week's Mega Sports Camp Vacation Bible School at the Waitsburg Christian Church. During the five-day event, children learned Bible stories while learning about different sports. More than 30 volunteers from the Waitsburg Christian Church, the Presbyterian Church, the Waitsburg Resource Center, The Bicycle Barn, the Christian Motorcyclist Association, and many others from five different

communities, helped make the program a success, according to Christian Church Pastor Matt Wyatt.

"A lot of kids were impacted by the love that was shown by these volunteers. As a pastor, I was humbled and honored to work alongside of so many amazing hearts. We are looking forward to next year! We will be having a massive water balloon fight and potluck after church service next Sunday to honor these kids one more time," Wyatt said.

At the start of Vacation Bible School, a goal and reward

were set. If the kids gathered 800 items for the Waitsburg Resource Center, they would be allowed to duct tape Pastor Wyatt to a wall. That goal was met and more than doubled with a collection of more than 1,700 items. And Pastor Wyatt became yard art as he was taped outside Preston Hall.

The event wrapped up with a bicycle rodeo on Friday which was organized by Nancy McClenny-Walters with the Walla Walla Department of Community Health and sponsored by the Walla Walla County Safety Task Force.



Courtesy Photos

Clockwise from top right: Krystal Wyatt and Siara Anderson teach cheerleading. Gabe Kiefel taught kids the rules of soccer, baseball, basketball and football. "MEGA," the VBS mascot prays with 6-year-old Mathew Ford. Pastor Matt Wyatt is duct taped to the outside of Preston Hall after kids met their food collection goals.



Photos by Lane Gwinn

Top: Kids practice rules of the road during last Friday's bicycle rodeo in Waitsburg. Center left: Volunteers (l to r): Pastor Stan Hughes, Orville Branson, Tony Hulce, Bryan Martin, JF Grandstaff, Manuel Mendoza, Pastor Matt Wyatt, Stephen Butler, Jeffrey Fritts (behind), Shon Durkin, Dennis Gisi and John Langford (and assorted children) pose for The Times lens. Center right: Event organizer Nancy McClenny-Walters helps Bryson and Branson Martin find the perfect helmet fit. Above left: Helen Richardson dons a helmet as Pat Largent smiles in amusement. Above center: Kathy Payne and Mary Jameson Mathews teach road safety through a Safety Roulette game. Left: Bryson Martin shows off his newly-fitted helmet.