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Drought conditions persist, insurance provides

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

Downtown Dayton fire burns Eagles building and damages others



WASHINGTON—Crop insurance is a complex topic, but it may come in handy for area farmers as they ride out the fifth driest year since data recording began in 1894. Rainfall is down 2.94 inches from an average year, according to the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS), resulting in lower yields for many dryland producers.

According to data from the NIDIS, which can be accessed at www.drought.gov, April 2021 has been the second driest month since the system began recording data in Walla Walla 127 years ago. One hundred percent of Walla Walla has experienced a D0-dryness level, or "Abnormally dry" spring season, with 97.85% of the county experiencing a D1-level, or "Moderate Drought." D1-level conditions increase fire danger and are evidenced by slower river flow and a heightened possibility of dust storms.

A slightly lower percentage of the county, 94.4%, is currently experiencing a D2-level drought, or "severe drought," evidenced by stunted wheat and corn, resulting in an earlier harvest. D2-level drought also affects cattle and dairy farmers, as silage becomes harder to find. Wildfire danger significantly increases in a D2-level drought as wild grasses and ground cover dry out earlier than normal. There are nearly 193,000 acres of wheat in Walla Walla County.

Columbia County has fared slightly better than Walla Walla County so far, with only 62.7% of the county experiencing severe drought conditions. 86.2% of Columbia County is fighting D1 drought conditions. Like Walla Walla, Columbia County is experiencing its second-driest April in 127 years of data collection and the 19th driest year-to-date. Nearly 75,000 acres of wheat are located in Columbia County.

"With it being drier and warmer than we've had in the past, I'd say it's going to be an early harvest and a quicker harvest," said Curtis Evanenko, the Risk Management Advisor with McGregor Risk Management Services. "There are going to be fewer bushels to harvest."

The Department of Ecology issued a drought advisory in late May, which remains in effect as drought conditions persist in both counties.

Wheat and other crop producers rely on private and government insurance options and providers to protect against various conditions, including drought. The Federal Crop Insurance Program (FCIP) was created in 1938, with the passage of the Federal Crop Insurance Act. The FCIA is a unique public-private partnership offering protection to the insurers and subsidizing farmer-paid premiums. Originally, participation was low due to high costs, and the program was overhauled in the 1990s by Congress, including an increase in federal subsidy levels. According to the USDA Risk Management Agency, legislation passed in the 2000s broadened the range of insurance products available to U.S farmers.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) data showed that roughly 83% of all US crop acreage is insured under the FCIP. In 2017, more than 311 million acres were covered by the program, according to data from the USDA.

DROUGHT- PAGE 3



By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON-The Dayton Eagles building caught fire around 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8 and was quickly, fully involved. The fire appeared to be contained just before 5:30 p.m, as firefighters from College Place entered the building to check for 'hot spots, according to a social media post by Columbia County Port Director, Jennie Dickinson.

Columbia County Fire District 3 was joined by crews from Waitsburg, Dixie, Walla Walla County District 4, Walla Walla ladder trucks, and Walla Walla strike teams. Nearly a dozen fire trucks were on scene.

Reports of a firefighter being "stuck on the second floor" or having "fallen through the roof" quickly began circulating on social media. The firefighter from Columbia Walla Walla Fire District 2, was injured and taken to the ER after getting hit by a fire hose, and the family confirmed that he was doing well shortly after. It is important during emergency situations to refrain from spreading hearsay to prevent panic or distress the family members of emergency responders. In small towns, responders are often friends, neighbors, or family.

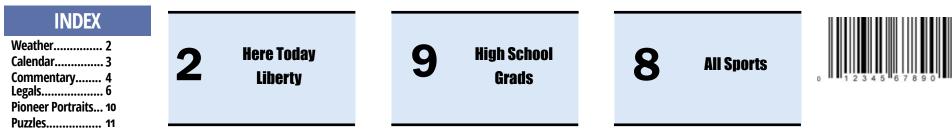
The building has not been occupied and the members of the Eagles have been preparing the building for upcoming events. Volunteers have been working to repair the roof and finish up other projects throughout the building. The first official event was planned for All Wheels Weekend, according to multiple witnesses at the



scene. The roof was just repaired and an inspection was pending.

The day of the fire sent plumes of smoke visiable miles away. Residents in Waitsburg could smell the smoke before many knew there was a fire. It was apparent at the scene that the buildings adjacent to the Eagles building suffered water and smoke damge, if not fire damage. Buildings down the block and across the street also appear to have substantial exposure to smoke.

Specific details surrounding the fire, including the cause of the blaze and damage to surrounding buildings, was unavailable at the time The Times went to print. This is a developing story.



TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

AT THE LIBERTY:

Here Today

THE TIMES

Here Today is a comedy-drama that was directed, co-written, and stars Billy Crystal as Charlie. The movie follows veteran comedy writer Charlie Burnz, who is going through a tough time as he tries to keep his growing memory loss a secret. He meets New York singer Emma Payge (Tiffany Haddish), and they form an unlikely yet hilarious and touching friendship that kicks the generation gap aside and redefines the meaning of love and trust.

Rotten Tomatoes critics rated this movie as a mushy mix of comedy and drama and have only 47% favorable reviews, but the audience score is 93% favorable. This newly released movie is rated PG-13 for strong language and sexual references, and it has a runtime of 117 minutes. Movie screenings are June 11-15 on Fri. & Sat. at 7:30 pm, Sunday at 3:00 pm, and Tuesday at 6:30 pm (not 7:30).

Also, masks covering your nose and mouth are still required in the Liberty Theater, except when guests are eating or drinking while in their seats. Even though we have substantially improved ventilation and operate two air purifiers during movies, this requirement remains because the CDC considers theaters as highrisk indoor venues for those not vaccinated. Please help us provide a relatively safe environment for all by complying with this mask requirement and maintaining social distancing for a while longer. We appreciate your assistance and support.



MINOR PROMOTED TO CCHS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER THE TIMES

DAYTON-Columbia County Health System Thursday announced the promotion of Matt Minor to the role of Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

"Matt's role has expanded to include oversight of our revenue cycle, materials management, and the compliance auditor in addition to his existing finance department duties," said CEO Shane Mc-Guire.

Within the last year, Minor per-formed a pivotal part in creating the business plan and presentations for the CCHS Dental Project and the upcoming Assisted Living project. He is following those projects into the construction and operation phases. Minor has also leveraged his auditing and accounting experience for the health system's CARES-funded projects and the COVID-19-related financial reporting.

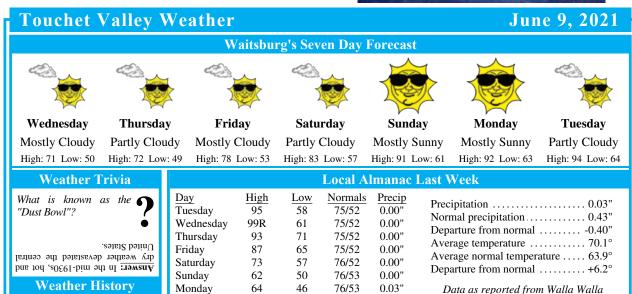


Courtesy Photo

"These expanded Matt Minor duties all align with

what we desire from a CFO, and we feel it important to align his title with his current responsibilities," said McGuire. "Please congratulate Matt on this well-deserved promotion."





LETTERS

SUPPORT FOR WAITSBURG **CANDIDATE HENZE**

Dear Editor,

My husband and I are writing in support of Jillian Henze's campaign for city council. We worked with Jillian during the flood efforts last year, and we were very impressed with the team work, dedication, and leadership qualities that she showed during that time. She and her family are also members of Waitsburg Christian Church, where my husband and I serve as co-chairmen of the church board. Jillian is very dedicated to her family and raising her children in a safe and thriving community that operates and makes decisions with families in mind. For these reasons, she wants the opportunity to give the young families of this community more of a voice in the decisions that are made by the city. During the time we spent working with her, her love and dedication for both our church and our community were very evident. She brings many skills to the table, including her excellent communication and organizational skills and ability to work well with others, and we think she would be a valuable new member of the city council. She has our vote.

Rachel & David Paxton Waitsburg, WA



A kind neighbor, Randy Charles, came to the aid of new residents on Main St., to clear a giant tree limb that fell while they were out of town.

Virtual Public Meeting Thursday, August 19 on Zoom - 4 p.m.

What would you like to see for the future of Columbia County Public Transportation?

Join the Zoom meeting or email your suggestions and comments to info@ccptransit.



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Man shot at Shangri La RV Park

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—A shooting victim is in critical condition after an incident at Shangri La RV Park, in Dayton. Justin G. Karl, 40, of Dayton, sustained gunshot wounds to the stomach and chest and remains in critical condition.

The shooting happened in the early morning hours of Sunday, June 6. Joshua B. Wilson, 25, was arrested later that morning. Wilson, who is the son of the RV park's owner, claims he was shooting at what he thought was a wild animal in the bushes. After learning that it was a human that was injured, Wilson allegedly failed to contact 9-1-1 and attempted to hide the firearm.

According to Washington State Patrol troopers who were assisting with the investigation, Wilson fired the gun from roughly 85 feet away. Wilson was booked into the Columbia County Jail, charged with Tampering with Physical Evidence, and Assault 2, a class-b felony.

Assault at Prescott convenience store over the weekend

The Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office is asking any witnesses wishing to assist the investigation call Walla Walla County Dispatch

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

PRESCOTT-A tenacious store clerk in Prescott endured an early-morning attack on June 5, the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office reported. Ahmed A. Mohamed, 41, was arrested at his apartment later that morning.

Deputies were dispatched at 7:59 a.m. after receiving a report of an assault that had just occurred at a convenience store, according to a release from the sheriff's office.

The release stated that during the investigation, deputies learned that the suspect entered the store, armed with a knife and improvised restraints. After attempting to lure the victim to the back of the store, Mohamed assaulted the store clerk with a knife and the two struggled, ending up on the floor of the store. The suspect got on top of the victim, attempting to force her into the restroom. The victim suffered multiple knife wounds from the attack, however, she fought off the attacker, who then fled the scene.

Deputies located the suspect's apartment, where he was taken into custody at 8:48 a.m. A subsequent search warrant was approved and executed at the suspect's home to collect evidence. Mohamed was booked into Walla Walla County Corrections on probable cause affidavit for Assault, 1st Degree, with sexual motivation, and Theft, 2nd Degree.

No additional information was available as of June 7, 2021. If you witnessed anything and wish to assist the sheriff's office with the investigation, please contact Walla Walla County Dispatch at (509) 527-3265, and request to speak with a deputy. Please reference case number 2021-00004905.

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There are 15 insurers that participate in the FCIP, offering Multiple Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI); a complete list of insurers can be found at www.cropinsuranceamerica.org.

Similar to car or home insurance, independent agents collect premiums, issue policies, and pay claims. The federal government acts as a reinsurer, providing financial protection to the insurance companies. If the total amount an insurer pays out in claims exceeds the premiums collected, the government shares in the losses. On the flip side, if the insurance provider collects more premiums than it pays out, the government shares in the gains, according to a report released in February 2021 by the Congressional Research Service. Always check with your local insurance agent for their crop insurance option. Avren Childers, the State Farm Agent in Dayton, is a local expert and can help navigate options.

Limited crops, including corn, cotton, soybeans, and wheat, are the most frequently insured crops under the program. Less-commonly produced crops, including blueberries, citrus and pumpkins, may be insurable in their respective, key-growing areas. According to the Insurance Information Institute, more than 90% of farmers who purchase crop insurance opt for Multiple Peril coverage.

There are two kinds of crop insurance available through the program, with MPCI policies being the most commonly purchased. Multiple Peril Crop policies cover the loss of crops due to drought, freezes, disease, and other natural causes.

These policies can be yield-based or revenue-based. Yield-based policies provide a payout if the policyholder suffers a yield loss relative to their historical yield. According to North Dakota State University, wheat yields are determined by using the number of spikes (heads of wheat), kernels per spike, and kernel weight. The university has created a formula to find bushels per acre: (spikes per 3 ft. of row X spikelets per spike X kernels per spikelet X 0.142). All assessments require the involvement of a crop insurance professional.

With a yield-based policy, farmers receive payout when losses exceed 50% of their normal yield and receive a payout for 55% of the estimated market value of the crop. Higher levels of coverage are available, but a higher farmer-paid premium is required. According to the Congressional Budget Office, the federal government pays an average of 60% of total premiums, leaving farmers 40%.

Farmers with single crops commonly choose revenue-based policies. Under these policies, farmers can select coverage for up to 85% of the average yield.

In the case that a crop fails, the farmer will still need to complete the harvest. Former State Farm agent Bette Lou Crother of Dayton, explained that harvest is necessary in order to accurately determine yield and how much the insurance claim must cover. Unless the farmer expects to claim a total loss, which is decided upon by insurance adjusters, harvest must be completed. Completing the harvest also helps the local economy by providing the temporary jobs many local residents rely on.

The region is creeping towards more severe drought conditions with no rain in sight, but it is unclear exactly how severe the impact will be on the wheat harvest. The level of impact to the farmers in our region will ultimately be defined by the severity of this year's drought conditions and the insurance coverage each has in place.

0 - Abnormally Dry Ski season is shortened; visitation is lower 1 - Moderate Drought	of Walla Walla County (D0-D4) 97.85%	
Fire danger increases Possible dust storms River flow is low	of Walla Walla County (D1-D4)	
2 - Severe Drought Wheat and corn are stunted; harvest is early Producers feed cows earlier; silage is harder to find Number of wildfires increases; grasses are brown	94.47% of Walla Walla County (D2-D4)	
3 - Extreme Drought Crop and hop yields are poor; wheat protein content is higher Unprecedented wildfires occur; call is issued for citizen volunteers to fight fires; firefighting funds are running out Tourism is reduced, and recreation is altered	0.00% of Walla Walla County (D3-D4)	
4 - Exceptional Drought Washington has experienced little or no exceptional (D4) drought, so there are no D4-level drought impacts recorded in the Drought impact Reporter.	0.00% of Walla Walla County (D4)	

100.00%



Beka Comptor Wheat fields outside of Waitsburg showing signs of distress.

Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

d of Columbia County Con missione First and second Monday of each month at 9 a.m.

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting



Waitsburg City Council:

Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Call-in information available at www. cityofwaitsburg.com/government-1

Waitsburg School Board:

Third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. Zoom meeting information is available at https://www.waitsburgsd.org/o/waitsburgschool-district/page/school-board--272

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

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.

Every month on the Third Monday at 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Special Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, June 1, 2021, starting at 7:00 pm Zoom link and information available on the library website at <u>daytonml.org</u>

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, June 10

Chili Spinach salad w/blueberries Cornbread Pie Milk

Tuesday, June 15 Spaghetti Mixed veggies Salad Garlic bread Fruit jello Milk

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Tuesday, June 15

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WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, June 10

Thurs., June 10 B: Breakfast burrito L: Chicken drumstick Baked beans Cucumbers Mixed fruit

Friday, June 11

B: Waffle L: Pizza Baby carrots Pineapple Cookie

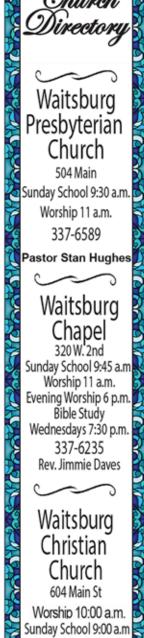
Monday, June 14 B: Cook's choice L: Sack lunch

Tuesday, June 15 Last Day of School!

Wed., June 16 Summer Break

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**





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Each Sunday 337-8898 Rev. Matthew Wyatt

NEWS

NEWS BRIEFS

DOH LAUNCHES MOBILE VACCINATION SERVICE TO INCREASE VACCINE ACCESS

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA-On June 1st, the Washington State Department of Health launched a new mobile vaccine service called "Care-A-Van" that will deliver vaccines to communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

DOH is working closely to support community partners and local health jurisdictions to increase vaccine access for priority communities, which include:

- Counties with higher vaccine gaps by race and ٠ ethnicity.
- Communities with a high rank on the Social Vulnerability Index for COVID-19.
- Sectors with recent outbreaks.
- Communities overrepresented in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths.
- Demographic groups with lower vaccination rates compared to other groups.
- Groups not represented or underrepresented in current DOH data systems and have likely experienced COVID-19 health disparities and vaccine inequities.
- Geographic locations that have not had a visit from the DOH Care-A-Van.

"As vaccination rates increase statewide, we are continuing to analyze where and among which groups of people we're seeing lower rates so that we can implement more tailored strategies to reach communities where they are," said Elizabeth Perez, Director of the Center for Public Affairs & Equity at the Washington State Department of Health.

"The launching of the Care-A-Van program is an example of an innovative, community-driven approach to support the tireless COVID-19 vaccination efforts of communities across Washington," said Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, Secretary of Health. "This first-of-its-kind capability at the Washington State Department of Health level will help ensure we reduce any and all barriers for those who want to receive a COVID-19 vaccine."

To request a visit from a DOH Care-A-Van, submit a form through the Care-A-Van page on the DOH website at least 30 days in advance of the date you are requesting.

BIRTHDAYS

June 10: Jake Long, Belinda Johnson, Linda Doyle and

June 11: Frank Donnelly and Kathie Payne, Katelyn Lambert.

June 12: Suzanne Moser,

WALLA WALLA COUNTY **FIREWISE WORKSHOP SCHEDULED JUNE 15**

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla County Emergency Management Department has scheduled in-person FireWise workshops. The next workshop is:

Walla Walla County Fire District 8 Workshop June 15th, 6:30 – 7:30 pm 10145 E. Hwy. 12 Dixie, WA (Behind WWFD 8 Station)

The FireWise workshop will be offered on June 15 at Walla Walla County Fire District 8 in Dixie, Washington. Participants include Emergency Management, Walla Walla County Fire Districts 8, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, City of Walla Walla, U.S. Forest Service, and Oregon Department of Forestry. Topics will include the upcoming fire season, defensible space, fire response, and potential mitigation projects.

The Predictive Services National Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook issued June 1, 2021, by the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) indicates the above-normal significant wildland fire potential June through September 2021 for the region.

"As we have seen in past summers, Walla Walla County has the potential for destructive wildfires. These workshops are an opportunity for citizens to learn what steps they can take to reduce their risk," said Liz Jessee, Emergency Management Director.

Residents who reside or own property in the Wildland Urban Interface are encouraged to attend one of the FireWise workshops. In observance of COVID guidelines, we will be seated outside, near the fire stations. All are welcome.

Vehicle collision with a deer. Walla Walla County

Hit and run report. Main Street, Walla Walla

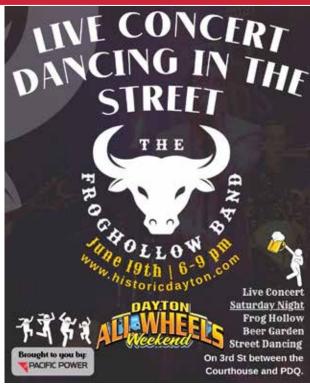
of DUI. Ice Harbor Dr/ Flat Top Road, Burbank

Trespass report. Rose Street, Walla Walla

Informational report taken. Humourist Road, Bur-

Female in Walla Walla County arrested for suspicion

An 81-year-old female passed away in her residence from natural causes. Frog Hollow Road, Touchet





Saturday, June 26, 2021 Noon to 4 p.m.

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Small Bites, Raffle, Prizes and Live Music!

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WWCSO

June 4

An unknown suspect entered into a vehicle and stole equipment and tools. Lewis Peak Road, Waitsburg

Report of trespass at Walla Walla District Court. Rose Street, Walla Walla

Informational report- animal bite/animal injury. Ice Harbor Drive, Burbank

A male in Walla Walla County committed theft 2 and assaulted a female with a knife. Sara Lynne Lane, Prescott

Mike Drew.

Ida Polley, Chad Lambert,



CCSO

Malicious mischief reported at Dayton City Park. 1st Street

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Suspicious activity at Banner Bank. Main Street

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Anthony Kiefel.

June 13: Anne Nelson, Michael Raven, Jan Cronkhite, Larry Weir, Bob Newbury, Mike Talbott, Cecilia Acevedo.

Citizen contact, Knoblock Apartments. 5th Street June 1

Abandoned vehicle reported on Eckler Mountain.

Welfare check at Dayton Motel. Pine Street

Citizen contact at Dayton Elementary

Violation of court order. Cameron Street

Animal call. Lower Hogeye Hollow

June 2 Welfare check at Best Western. Main Street

Trespass. 1st Street

Civil problem at Blue Mountain Motel. Main Street

June 3

May 31

June 1

bank

May 31

9-1-1 call. Starbuck

Threats reported at Moose Creek Cafe & Bakery. Main Street



June 14: Haly and Shawny Ingle, Aaron Moffitt and

June 15: Jeff Hofer, John Segraves, Ryan Mason, Glen

Smith, Nicholas and Jonathon Danforth, Ruth Fulton,

Diane Conover, Susa Roberts, Darrell Syferd, Chey-

June 16: Catherine and her Grandpa John Melvin Re-

enne Gritman and Maude Oberholtzer.

ese, Jon Hays and Courtney Streeter.

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Due to volume during election season, The Times is unable to print all letters received. We strive to print as many as possible on a first come, first served basis. Letters that don't fit are moved to the following week.

Lost property reported at Moose Creek Cafe & Bakery. Main Street

Violation of court order. Tucannon Road- Starbuck

June 5

Suspicious activity at Fairgrounds Main Entrance.

Harassment reported. Tucannon Road- Starbuck

Trespass. 2nd Street- Starbuck

June 6

Citizen Contact at Shangri La RV Park. Rose Gulch Shots fired at Shangri La RV Park. Rose Gulch

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

Dayton High School Class of 2021



Scott Kirk

The 2021 Dayton High School Graduates, not in photographed order: Valedictorian Anna Claire Fortier, Salutatorian Roselin Burris-Rameriz, Morgan Laine Boggs, Drake Logan Campbell, Wyatt Marshall Costello, Mackena Persis Culley, Samantha Roxanne Davis, Alexxys Jean Draper, Cristobal Antonio Escobar, Mason Joseph Finney, Christopher David Fulbright, Jose Isaac Gomez-Arroyo, Vanessa Griffen, Maya Marie Harvey, Isis Alexis Johnson Day, Cassidy Sky Laughery, Lindsey Rae Newhouse, Aston Wayne Phinney, Victoria Rose Rapoza, Elise Renee Russell, Sadie Elyse Seney, Kaylene Marie Slack, Glen OBadiah Smith, and Elijah Matthew Talbott.





Saturday, June 12, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. Shaded outdoor service will be held Saturday, June 12, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.

21 S. Fork Coppei Rd, Waitsburg, Washington.

Dress comfortably and be prepared for a light lunch, lots of laughs, and memories of Betty to follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:

Young Life at https://giving.younglife.org/MarneHenderson in memory of Betty Hofer

> American Cancer Society National Suicide Prevention

3rd Annual Gene Crothers Memorial Tournament

Touchet Valley Golf Course Irrigation System Fundraiser



2-Person Scramble: Women's, Men's, and Mixed Flights Side Games: 50/50 Raffle, Long Drive, Long Putt, KP

June 26th, 2021

Touchet Valley Golf Course, 209 N Pine St, Dayton WA

Friday, June 25th: All Day

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Practice rounds, Tee time required. Call 382-4851 Party on the Patio. Hors d'oeuvres provided. Drinks for purchase.

Saturday, June 26th

Betty Hofer November 30, 1941 - November 13, 2020

Lifeline Dementia Society of America

CLASSIFIEDS HELP WANTED

NORTHWEST GRAIN **GROWERS IS EXCITED** TO ANNOUNCE OPEN **POSITIONS FOR 2021** HARVEST.

We provide a rewarding work environment where individuals play an integral role in helping us supply a growing world with a safe and healthy food supply. This unique summer job comes with amazing earning potential that's rarely matched in Dayton/Waitsburg Area. Candidates must be 18 years old as of July 15th and must be able to work extended hours, be available 7 days per week, and handle physical work in hot dusty environments. The harvest season begins early July and last until early September. If you're interested in becoming part of our team this summer, please download an application from our website at www.nwgrgr.com and email to jforsman@nwgrgr. com or jcranor@nwgrgr.com or drop your application off at the Dayton office. You may also mail applications to PO Box 90, Dayton WA, 99328. If you'd like more information, feel free to call 509-382-2571. Don't delay! Positions can fill quickly! Best wishes & warm regards, Jacob Forsmann

East Division Manager Northwest Grain Growers

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR:

FOOD SERVICE ASSISTANT

(8 hrs/day). The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for a food service assistant for the 2021-2022 school year. Preferred: Experience working in a school setting, experience with customer service. experience with food prep for large groups; experience with commercial food service equipment, and ability to be dependable, including good habits in attendance and punctuality. Please direct questions and inquiries to Susan Wildey, Food Service Supervisor. E-mail swildey@

waitsburgsd.org. PARA EDUCATOR (7

hrs/day). The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for three Para Educator positions for the 2021-2022 school year. Must hold an AA degree or equivalent. Please direct questions and inquiries to Mark Pickel, Superintendent, E-mail mpickel@waitsburgsd. org

ROUTE BUS DRIVER

Minimum qualifications: Class B CDL. air brake restriction lifted, student endorsement, passenger endorsement. Training is available. For additional information please contact: Colter Mohnev at (509) 337-6301 ext. 3400. Email cmohney@waitsburgsd. org.

Waitsburg School District has immediate openings for substitute teachers, substitute classroom para-educators, substitute custodians,

substitute school bus drivers and substitute food service assistants.

Application materials are available online @ www. waitsburgsd.org or by calling the District Office at (509) 337-6301. Positions are open until filled. Waitsburg School District is an E.O.E.

Part-time cleaning help wanted.

The Columbia County Rural Library District is seeking a reliable individual to clean, vacuum, sweep, mop, take out trash, restock restrooms, and perform similar tasks twice weekly, evenings and weekends, 3-4 hours per week total.

Contact Todd Vandenbark at 509-382-3169 or director@ daytonml.org

The Dayton School District has the following positions open for the 2021-2022 school year: 6-12 PE Teacher HS Business Education Teacher K-12 Behavior Specialist Teacher 6-12 ALE Teacher K-12 School Counselor Contact Jana Eaton at the District office (509-382-2543) or learn more from the District website www.daytonsd.org employment page. Closing date June 15, 2021 or until filled. EOE

8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.

Cafe' opens, Breakfast available for purchase. Registration Shotgun start. Lunch at the turn.

\$100.00 per 2-person team ENTRY FEES: ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Limited to first 27 teams that have submitted full payment and a complete entry form for both players (name, address, email). Entry forms available at the Touchet Valley Golf Course: 209 N Pine St, Dayton WA or from the contact listed below.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Wednesday, June 23rd, 2021

INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tournament: Mike Himmelberger, 509-386-1809 Sponsorship: Sean Thurston, 509-844-1193





The Prescott School District No.402-37 is now receiving applications for the position of School Board Director District 2. Only individuals who reside within the boundaries of Prescott School District may apply.

Please submit a Letter of Intent to board@prescott.k12.wa.us

APPLICATION DEADLINE - JULY 22, 2021

Need to confirm whether or not you reside within the boundaries of the school district? Please call one of the following for assistance:

Walla Walla County Auditor's Office (509) 524-5249 Prescott School District Business Office (509) 849-2217

NEWS & LEGALS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No. 21-20021536 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION ROBERT S. WEISS and PATRICIA L. WEISS Husband and Wife, and PAUL L. BUTLER, as Trustee of the Paul L. Butler Family Trust, Plaintiffs, VS FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, OF WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, a dissolved nonprofit corporation, DORIS C. COLLINS, and the HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF DORIS C. COLLINS, unknown persons, Defendants. THE STATE OF

WASHINGTON TO DORIS C. COLLINS, and the HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF DORIS C. COLLINS:

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 10th day of May, 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 17th day of

May 2021 Minnick - Hayner, P.S. By: <u>/s/ James K. Hayner,</u> WSBA #6398 of Attorneys for Plaintiffs The Times May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2021 5-20-f

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 21-4-00116-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 In re the Estate of: JAMES WILLIAM BROWER 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 in which the probate proceedings were commenced. 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(1) (c); 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 RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: May 27, 2021 James Whitcomb Brower Personal Representative Attorney for Personal Representative: Courtney Lawless, WSBA #57415

Basalt Legal PLLC 6½ N. Second Avenue, Suite 200

Walla Walla, WA 99362 509-529-0630 The Times May 27, June 3, 10, 2021 5-27-a

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 21-4-00118-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 In re the Estate of: MARY J. FENNO. 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 in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the

the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST

PUBLICATION: May 27, 2021.

Nicholas E. Fenno, Personal Representative Attorney for Personal Representative: Jeremy Hyndman, WSBA

- #44320 Basalt Legal PLLC 61/2 N. Second Avenue,
- Suite 200 Walla Walla, WA 99362 509-529-0630
- The Times May 27, June 3, 10, 2021 5-27-c

2021 MRSC ROSTERS SMALL PUBLIC WORKS, CONSULTANT, and VENDOR ROSTERS FOR PARTICIPATING WASHINGTON STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES LOCATED IN SOUTH CENTRAL

WASHINGTON The Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington (MRSC) hereby advertises on behalf of the below listed local government agencies in Washington State (local governments) in South Central Washington (Kittitas, Yakima, Klickitat, Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, and Columbia counties), including - but not limited to - cities (Title 35 RCW and Title 35A RCW), counties (Title 36 RCW), port districts (Title 53 RCW), water-sewer districts (Title 57 RCW), irrigation districts (Title 83 RCW), school districts and educational service districts (Title 28A RCW), fire districts (Title 52 RCW), transit agencies (e.g., Ch. 35.58 RCW, Ch. 36.57A RCW, Ch. 36.73 RCW, Title 81 RCW), and public utility districts (Title 54 RCW), for their projected needs for small public works, and for consulting services throughout 2021. Additionally, MRSC advertises on behalf of some local government for their projected needs for vendor services throughout 2021. Interested businesses may apply at any time by visiting the MRSC Rosters website at www.mrscrosters. org. For questions about MRSC Rosters, email mrscrosters@mrsc.org.

Some or all of the listed

LEGAL NOTICES

SMALL PUBLIC WORKS ROSTERS:

Service categories include construction, building, renovation, remodeling, alteration, repair, or improvement of real property as referenced in RCW 39.04.155. Sub-categories can be viewed on the MRSC Rosters website.

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A list of currently subscribing local governments that have their Small Works Roster, Consultant Roster, and Vendor Roster hosted by MRSC Rosters can be found at https://www.mrscrosters.org/ participating-agencies or by contacting the MRSC Rosters Program Coordinator at 206-625-1300 ext. 120.

New local government agencies may join at any time. The list reflects current active agencies. The Times

June 10, 2021 6-10-a

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE – Dayton Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Piping Repairs

Description of proposal-The proposed project will repair the primary and secondary outfall pipes and stabilize the bank to prevent further erosion and potential damages to the outfall manholes and piping. Approximately 80 cubic yards (CY) of riprap material will be placed along the streambank nearest to the wastewater treatment facility. The fill area is anticipated to be approximately 50 feet long by 15 feet wide to adequately protect the outfall and piping from future scour. Of the 80 CY of fill material, only 53 CY will be placed below the ordinance high water mark of the Touchet River. The intent is to replace the

occur to perform repairs on the existing primary outfall pipe and diffusers. Of the 330 CY of excavated materials, approximately 290 CY is anticipated to be excavated below the ordinary high water mark.

Location of proposal— City of Dayton Wastewater Treatment Facility, 800 West Commercial Street, Dayton, Washington 99328

Lead Agency—City of Dayton, Washington

Issue date—June 3, 2021 The lead agency for this proposal has determined that this project does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2) (c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public upon request. This Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2). The City will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issue noted below. Comments must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. by the closing of the comment deadline if they are intended to alter the DNS. The Responsible Official will reconsider the DNS based on timely comments and may retain, modify, or, if significant adverse impacts are likely, withdraw the DNS. If the DNS is retained, it will be final after the expiration of the comment deadline Responsible official-

Responsible official— Meagan Hayes, CFM Position—Director of Planning and Community Development

Phone—509-382-2361 Address – 111 S. 1st St., Dayton, WA 99328

Email – info@daytonwa. com Comment period end

date—June 17, 2021 at 4:00 pm

The Times June 10, 2021 6-10-b



The deadline for legal publications is noon on Tuesday prior to

Columbia County Public Hospital District #1 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Strategic Planning 06/14/2021 at 9:00am Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Columbia County Public Hospital District No. 1. will be held on June 14, 2021, at 9:00am in the conference room at the Tucannon River Room at the Best Western Plus Hotel in Dayton, Washington. The purpose of the meeting: Discussion of Strategic Plan for Columbia County Public Hospital District. Final disposition shall not be taken on any other matter at such meetina.

Item : Responsible 1. Call to Order: Bob Hutchens, Chair 2. Roll Call: Bob Hutchens.

Chair 3. Discussion of Strategic Plan: Shane McGuire & Semi

Bird 4. Adjournment: Bob Hutchens, Chair The Times June 10, 2021 6-10-c

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF WAITSBURG ANNUAL EXTENSION OF THE

6-YEAR ROAD PROGRAM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular meeting of the City Council, City of Waitsburg, WA will be held in Lions Club Memorial Building at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds, Waitsburg, WA at 7:00 p.m. or soon thereafter on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, In accordance with RCW 35.77.010, to consider and adopt a revision of the Official Six (6) Year Road Program for the City of Waitsburg for the Six (6) Year period 2022 to 2027. In the event that the City has to hold the hearing virtually through a conference call, information on how to testify will be posted to the City website www.cityofwaitsburg. com on or around June 11, 2021

City Council City of Waitsburg By Randy Hinchliffe, City Clerk The Times June 10, 2021 6-10-d

the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1) (c); or (2) four months after

later of: (1) thirty days after

local governments may choose to use the MRSC Rosters service to select businesses. Master contracts for certain types of work may be required. material that was lost during the flood event on February 2020. Approximately 330 CY of temporary excavation will publication. Send notices to: legals@waitsburgtimes.

com

YWCA FUN FACTORY Free crafts & activities ages 5-10 • Preston Park Mondays • June 21-Aug. 13 1:30-2:30pm



Waitsburg Farmers Market WEEKENDS!

at Nancy's Dream Garden Center 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 124 Warren Street (off HWY 124)

> Vendors include: Dusty Britches Farm Hummingbird Inspirations River Valley Meat Company Bread Head



WHS Class of 2021 Scholarship Winners

Shawn Evans

The Walla Walla Rotary Club — Waitsburg High School Scholarship \$1,000 Pacific University Trustee Scholarship \$18,000 Pacific University Grant \$10,300 Pacific University Campus Resident Scholarship \$3,000

Shawn will attend Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon.

Jillian Foxe

Dave Nichols Memorial Scholarship from the Walla Walla Elks Lodge \$500 Waitsburg Lions Club Scholarship \$500

Jillian will attend Walla Walla Community College.

Koby Harris

Roberta Bell Kraemer Scholarship \$200 Walla Walla Elks Lodge Vocational Scholarship \$500 Washington State Elks Lodge Vocational Scholarship \$3,000

The Robert Danforth Memorial Scholarship from The Waitsburg Lions Club \$500

Waitsburg High School Alumni Association Scholarship \$1,000

Koby will attend the construction industry training council in Pasco.

Antonio Herrera

The Waitsburg Lions Scholarship\$500Waitsburg Education Association\$750

Antonio will attend Shoreline Community College, Shoreline, Washington.

Teagen Larsen

Waitsburg American Legion Auxilary Scholarship \$500 Karen Huwe Mohney Memorial Scholarship \$500 Meredith Huwe Memorial Scholarship \$500 Denova Club Scholarship \$700 Waitsburg American Legion Scholarship \$1,000 The Tom Baker Memorial Scholarship from the Waitsburg Lions Club \$1,000

Waitsburg High School Alumni Association Scholarship \$1,000

T.B. Elliiot Student Scholarship \$1,000 PEO, Chapter BE, Citizenship Award \$1,000

Teagen was also awarded the Western Undergraduate Exchange Scholarship for \$15,000 per year for four years, total of \$60,000.

She was also awarded the NAU Gold Tuition Scholarship for \$2,400.

Teagen will attend Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona.

WHS ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Lexus Brooks

Waitsburg High School Alumni Association Scholarship \$1,000

Michelle Brooks

Kenneth Garner Scholarship Endowment \$300 William and Delora Harpe Scholarship \$1,808 Hevel Waitsburg Scholarship \$2,700

Amy Farley

The Walt Gobel Memorial Waitsburg Lions Club Scholarship \$1,000 Charlotte Mikkelsen Scholarship \$1,000 Waitsburg High School Alumni Association Scholarship \$1,000

MacKenzie Forney

Waitsburg Education Association Scholarship \$750

Hannah Grant

Edward F. Fields Memorial Scholarship \$1,250

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LIFESTYLES The Times SECTION Waitsburg High School Class of 2021



Scott Kirk

Top row: Shawn William Evans, Jr, Antonio Herrera, Alvin Jason Knowles, Middle row: Grant K. Teal, Adam L. Puckett, Katherine Marie Houchin, Koby Keith Harris, Garett Merle Korslund, Colton Wayne Van Blaricom, Zachary Michael Bly, Bottom row: Kaylee Renee White, Quentin Marcum, Teagen Caroline Larsen, Stanley Cagle, Emilie Rose Bundy, Jillian Elizabeth Foxe

Valedictorian Speech | Salutation Speech WHS Class of 2021

By Koby Harris

High School is really a short time in our lives, a time when later we look down the road, we realize how impactful this time was in many ways. High school is a time where we develop a lot of our personalities; traits and characteristics we will hold with us for many years and possibly the rest of our lives. We made friends when we played sports or went to each other's houses almost every day after school.

We, the Class of 2021, became like a family. We would go out of our way to make sure each and every one of us were doing okay, and we all were doing our best. When Covid hit, we were all excited to be out of school, but we quickly learned that we missed seeing our family five days a week.

High School is a time when we make some big decisions about our life. Most of us are thinking about where we want to go to school, where we would like to work and discover what other career choices are possible.

WHS Class of 2021

By Teagen Larsen

September 2017. I woke up for my first day of high school and instantly had a multitude of questions go through my mind. What if there are mountains that feel too tall to climb? What if I'm going the wrong way? I am now 18-years-old preparing myself for my freshman year of college, and these questions are more prevalent than ever.

Class of 2021 hasn't had a normal school experience since spring of 2020. We've been in and out of classrooms, zooms calls, and different learning strategies. I haven't had the pressure of doing my homework until the night before it was due or preparing for a test because with COVID ruining our last two years of high school, there has been no room to be given the normalcy of homework or tests. With this being said, I am scared to fail at college this fall. People say that if I wasn't ready, the opportunity wouldn't be given to me, but what if I'm not ready? What if this is a mountain that feels too tall to climb? This is an opportunity that myself or my class shouldn't let go of. Right now, graduating, moving away from home, and being alone with thousands of strangers seems like Mount Everest; it'll go by in a flash just like high school did, and we can look back with even better memories because we won't have our parents and we will make twice as many mistakes. When faced with a mountain, we have to be brave and know that it can only feel twice as good when we see the view from the top. Another question that has been on my mind is, what if I'm going the wrong way? Choosing where we wanted to go or what we wanted to do was a task that felt hard for many of us starting high school. To graduate, we have to complete a High School and Beyond Plan. We started this task as freshmen and to even think that one day we might go to these colleges we dreamed of and even become doctors or engineers. Everyone always told us, "Oh, don't worry, you have three years." But now I wonder where did those three years go? We were told to dream big, and not one dream was too big to chase, but what if I am making a mistake with the road I have planned for myself? My whole family has gone to Washington State University, only 92 miles away. For years I have assumed being a Cougar was something in my future and that I would be a proud WSU alumnus one day. But one day, I decided that I didn't want that future. I am making my own road--1,130 miles away--in Flagstaff, Arizona. Nothing is down there, I have never been there for a vacation, so why is that a place that sounds so appealing to me? Well, like I said before, there's nothing down there. Life is an adventure, and from the moment when I saw the email from a college down in Flagstaff, I felt that adventure calling me. June 4, 2021, I woke up this morning and still had a multitude of questions. But here is the good news. We don't have to have the answers right now. We don't have to have an idea of what we want to do or where we want to go. But if you have a gut feeling telling you to travel or to get that job you want or to go on after high school and continue to play sports, make that decision confidently because one day you'll regret it if you don't. Congratulations Class of 2021 and best of luck to you all.

Unfortunately, this time is also a sad point in time. Our high school friends will now be going to different schools and jobs where we won't spend every day with them. Tonight we will be going our separate ways as we will make new friends and find new lives. And someday, we will all meet back together and tell each other about our current lives and have our high school family back together.

I would like to give a special thanks to all of my family and all of the teachers and how much they have worked together to make our education great and fun while making the Covid pandemic as least like a pandemic as possible.

Lessons one can learn from sports

by Shawn Evans, WHS Class of 2021

During my time at Waitsburg High School, sports have taught me many lessons. From sports, I have learned the value of failure, bonds created through teamwork, and making every moment count.

On both the micro and macro levels, sports teach us about the value of failure. Whether practicing or competing, athletic pursuits are built out of moments of triumph and moments of defeat, no matter what game you're playing. It is important to accept success with humility and to experience defeat with dignity.

Coming together as a team and as one unit is the most important element of success as you move towards a common goal. It's easy to be one person and do your own thing, but once you work together as a group, you can overcome and withstand any obstacles that come your way. You won't always win, but that's okay; being paralyzed by loss is not an option. The same holds for life. By being a part of a team, the loss is a bit easier, and the win is a bit sweeter. These past four years have been the best years of my life--from meeting new people and to creating memories that will last a lifetime -- all I can say is that I'm glad that I will never forget the bonds that I've created with my teammates.

Playing sports also gives you an opportunity to make every moment count. As a freshman walking the halls of this school and even on the athletic field, my peers always told me that it goes by quickly, so make the most of it while you can. I never listened to them until my senior year--especially as I started thinking about this speech, and I figured out I would graduate in two weeks. Guess I should have listened. Time is not your friend in high school. You only get four years of it, and then you're done forever. Be sure to take advantage of being a part of a team and enjoy every minute.

Since my freshman year, I have had the honor of playing varsity football and basketball. I have learned from my failures and found joy in our team's successes. I now have a bond with teammates and coaches that will last a lifetime. I appreciate the time I have spent lifting weights and working in the weight room to improve my skills. It was time well spent. However, above all, I am glad I wore the jerseys of the Waitsburg Cardinals and the DW Wolfpack. The lessons I learned will be lessons I take with me throughout my life.



This was the second year Waitsburg High School graduates paraded through town in decorated cars, trucks, a boat, and a sofa. Family, friends and residents cheered the Seniors as they drove past on the way to their future.

SPORTS

DW Girls Basketball Team has rough week

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

A combination of injuries and graduations have challenged the depth on the team and provided an early look into what the team may look like next year. As a result, the DW Girls basketball team dropped their last three games to Mabton, WWVA and Columbia.

DW @ Mabton June 1st

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
DW	7	3	9	0	19
Mabton	20	24	15	6	65

DW: Forney 5, Andrews 3, Barron 2, Beamer 2, Kilts 7.

Mabton: Chavez-Graciano 6, Galarza-Tampa 4, Bonewell 18, Roettger 1, Moreno 4, Garson 2, Becerra 3, Torres 4, Sanchez-Gomez 12.

"We suited up a very young team, with only one starter from last year having any real varsity minutes. They played with a lot of heart and did their best with the full court pressure that continued well into the third quarter. Injuries continue to hamper our squad, but we now have a week off until our next game. I am hopeful we can get a little rest and host RiverView next Tuesday with a healthy team. We are now 1-6." — Desirae Jones, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

WWVA @ DW May 28th

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
WWVA	11	8	12	18	49
DW	9	8	4	7	28

DW: Forney 5, Andrews 5, Kilts 2, Seney 16.

WWVA: Stepper 6, Stantellano 11, Browning 23, Smith 4, Scully 4, Cueto 1. "The girls were pretty sluggish against WWVA. We had a mediocre first half but stayed within 2 at half. The second half proved more of a struggle on both ends of the court. We weren't up to playing back-to-back games with a short bench."-**Desirae** Jones

DW @	Columbia	May 27th
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	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
DW	4	14	17	3	38
СВ	7	21	17	18	63

DW: Forney 6, Andrews 5, Tupling 2, Davis 3, Seney 22.

CB: Dyer 6, Stancey 20, Kinsey 12, Jacobo 20, Jamison 2, Curtis, Talley 2. "We played Columbia Burbank pretty tough for 3 quarters. We hit the wall in the fourth and let them pull away. Seney continues to lead her team with strong numbers. We are now 1-4 and host WWVA today at 4:30" - Desirae Jones



Back Row: Makenna Barron, Claudia Benavides, Megan Forney, Sadie Seney, Rachel Klein, Sagelyn Kilts, Amy Bly, Samantha Davis, Kadence Tiner.

Front Row: Lesli Gomez, Adisyn Andrews, Kameryn Tupling, Grace Trump, Mohala Bramer, Allysa Hollingsworth, Abby Paolino.





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LIFESTYLES

The June Hogs of the Columbia Basin

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

Our jet sled bobbed near the infamous "Buoy 10" in the mouth of the Columbia River. It was a stormy September afternoon with angry Pacific surf bullying its wave action far upriver. Coho were the target, yet no one aboard complained at the prospects of landing anything willing to trounce the cut herring corkscrewing behind the boat as we drifted.

Kicking back, we enjoyed the ride, and the experience of fellow fishermen jumping hurriedly for a bent rod, ripped from the complacency of a lull in the action and casual conversation. I had passed a dozen salmon to the three other anglers. They finally insisted the next bite was mine.

Diving for the gunnel as the port side rod doubled hard on the strike, drag began spooling noisily from the reel. The run was fast and strong, unlike the coho hook-ups of the day. Only a Chinook (king) salmon can pack a tuna-like punch into a chrome freshwater torpedo.

Following the initial run, the 26-inch king came in quickly. Not my first king, but certainly the most striking. Dime-bright scales glistened under the overcast sky as if the fish had been dipped in glitter. Its dorsal was painted in muted teal, and its black speckling popped like sequins. It was no "June Hog," but an unforgettable fish, nevertheless.

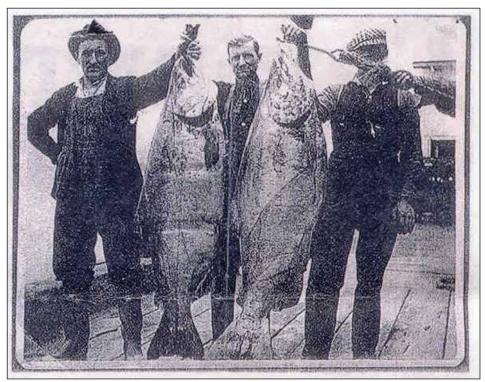
On the other hand, June Hogs have earned their place in natural and sporting history as king salmon of the Columbia Basin past. Before commercial fisheries and dams made their way to the Columbia River, kings breaching 100 pounds swam over 1,000 miles to their spawning grounds in British Columbia. Genetically speaking, these fish were the same kings that continue to return to the Columbia River year after year, but a population that grew five or more years in the Pacific Ocean before returning to spawn.

Much larger fish than those of lower river populations, historical accounts suggest they reached nearly 50 inches in length and were football-shaped, their bodies rich with fat stores. Their long journey inland led these fish to enter the Columbia River in early summer, earning the moniker June Hog. But the trek to their natal tributaries took time, with spawning occurring in late summer or early fall.

Once a Native American subsistence staple, the superior quality, and flavor of these massive fish quickly became a prized food item for all as the west was developed. The first canaries on the Columbia River opened in the mid-1800s. A grand haul by the Seufert Brothers Cannery in The Dalles, Oregon, landed 2.5 million cans of "Royal Chinook" in an Astoria, Oregon warehouse around the turn of the century. The table fare of the June Hogs deserving of the "Royal"

marketing crown. At the peak of the run, canneries could pull several tons each day via fish-wheel.

With harvest affecting the salmon populations, the average size of the June Hogs began to decline by the early 1900s, decreasing as much as 50 percent by 1922. I hirty pounds was once the bottom end of their weight range, but today, a 30-pound Columbia River Chinook is news-worthy.



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a year of migrating to the ocean and may never have left the Columbia River estuary. But the final blow to the massive June Hogs came long ago in the form of the Grand Coulee Dam.

Built without fish passage, the June Hogs racing for British Columbia were stopped cold at Grand Coulee by 1940. The populations spawning downstream in Washington tributaries could do so successfully with a more modest size and fat stores, their migration being half as long or difficult.

The June Hogs of historic proportions may never grace the Columbia Basin again, yet, kings in the 20-pound range are still common. Last month, I wound my way through the visitor center halls at Ice Harbor Dam and stood in awe at the fishway viewing window. Kings of all sizes cruised by, shooting nervously through the fish counting slot. According to the counting booth attendee, the kings are returning well thus far in 2021, but the overall projection for the spring run is lower than last year.

At present, myriad challenges are pressuring salmon and steelhead populations through the Pacific Basin. While special interest groups lobby against the lower Snake River dams, they fail to present the big picture, meaning dams are but a piece of the complicated salmon life history puzzle. Ecosystem-wide reform of fishery and harvest management, habitat restoration, invasive species management, and other environmental improvements in concert are necessary to achieve genuine population "recovery."

Nevertheless, salmon are resilient, enduring all we've thrown at them for more than a century. With mindful management among stake-

holders and improvements in environmental conditions, the kings of the Columbia Basin will persist.

Top: Two June Hogs caught near the mouth of the Columbia River, approximately 1910. Photo.



Brad Trumbo

Modern fishery management and harvest have resulted in an increased proportion of "jacks," which are basically trout-sized salmon, that return within Middle: Brad Trumbo with a small, bright king from the Buoy 10 area of the lower Columbia River.

Bottom: A haul of June Hogs on the floor of the Seufert Brothers Cannery, The Dalles, OR approximately 1901.

Safe to return to the theater, or is it?

Hordes of preditory creatures are a welcome replacement to pandemic isolation.

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

Recently, we stepped into a movie house for the first time in over a year to watch A Quiet Place II. I had seen the first film, A Quiet Place, at the cinema in 2019. The sequel had been scheduled for box office release in the Spring of 2020. The director of both movies, John Krasinski, who stars in the film, was adamant that the sequel not be released to streaming during the pandemic but wait until cinema opened again.

Krasinski introduced the film thanking the audience for coming out to the theater to see it. This is becoming more common as Hollywood continues crafting motion pictures for the cinema screen. How we watch movies has been changing, even before the pandemic closed theaters. With streaming options we can watch the latest movies on our tablets, smart TVs, computers and even our phones. For most filmmakers, there is still nothing like experiencing a movie on that big, silver screen.

With only a handful of exceptions, Hollywood sequels have been notorious failures, rarely measuring up to the first feature. I had a feeling this might not be the case with A Quiet Place II. I was right.

As in the first film, a horde of horrifying predatory creatures from outer space have fallen to earth and are attacking earth's population. Nothing unique



about that. It's been done a countless times in science fiction films, though rarely this effectively. And I'm not talking about the creatures, who are blind. (They can't see athing, but they hear EVERYTHING.)

We met the Abbott family in the first film, and before we could say "watch out" we came to know and care deeply about them. The truthful portrayal of this family is the key to this films tension. Perhaps the fact that Krasinski and his real-life wife, Emily Blunt, play the parents is what adds such authenticy to their relationship on film.

The children are played by sixteen-year-old Noah Jupe as their son, Marcus and eighteen-year-old Millicent Simmonds as their deaf daughter, Regan. Together, the family must do everything noiselessly to avoid attracting the creatures.

Krasinski insisted the role of Regan be played by a deaf actress. Simmonds taught Jupe, Blunt and Krasinski American Sign Language for their roles. Simmonds said she now thinks about the possibility of playing a deaf superhero.

Before A Quiet Place, Simmonds had only acted in one feature film. She is incredible. Jupe and Simmonds both do so well in their roles as brother and sister, working to survive by doing everything quietly,

you won't even notice the moment you begin to love them.

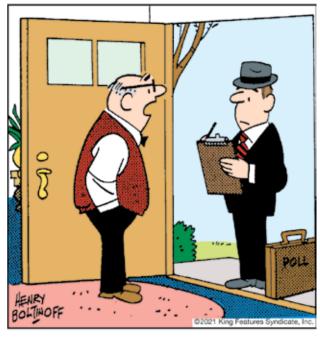
The story originally created by Scott Beck and Bryan Woods, isn't just compelling, it's plausible because the film is not about the creatures, it is about the Abbotts. It's about us. Yes, the film has plenty of jump scares and truly horrifying moments. And they are damned effective precisely because you are inside the story of these people, their relationships to one another, their precarious existence, and their brave, constantly vigilant fight to make it together.

The new film A Quiet Place II starts with a flashback of the family watching their son's baseball game. Midway through the game, spectators watch as a flaming object slowly falls from the sky. The first film ended 474 days after the arrival of the preditors. and the family must carry on after the loss of Lee and their post apocolyptic home.

If you haven't seen A Quiet Place, stream it now, on as large a screen as you can find. Then go see A Quiet Place II before it leaves the cinema. Let yourself feel the full impact as the filmmakers intended. Walking out into sunlight after the movie was over, I remembered why going to the movies is so special.

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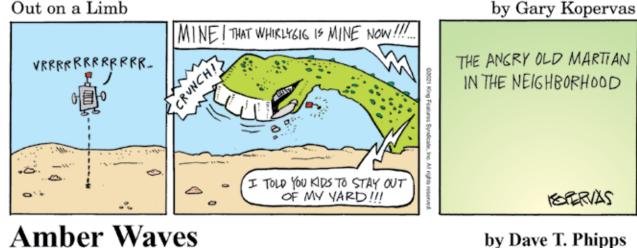


"In view of the increased cost of living, I'm now charging twenty dollars for any opinion I give on anything."

The Spats



Out on a Limb





PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

June 9, 2011

It may seem ironic that Waitsburg Valedictorian Austin Beasley chose a quote from a famous high school dropout to inspire his fellow high school graduates. But the saying from McDonalds fast food chain founder Ray Kroc was on message when it comes to being successful in life. "Where there is no risk, there can be no pride in achievement," Beasley quoted Kroc as saying. "It is no achievement to walk a tightrope laid flat on the floor."

Summer vacation starts Friday for hundreds of kids in the Touchet Valley. It will be a time filled with family outings, youth programs, sports camps and many other activities, but one summer pass time still is more popular in the valley than any other: swimming. "Our swimming pool is extremely important," Dayton City Clerk Trina Cole said. "This is something the children look forward to."

Twenty-Five Years Ago

June 13, 1996

Blue Mountain Cellular Telephone, known as Cellular One, recently activated a new cellular transmitter in Waitsburg. The transmitter is onehalf mile east of Waitsburg and will improve cellular coverage inn the Waitsburg and Prescott areas. Reception will also be improved along Highway 12 toward Dayton. "Serving the mobile communications needs of a rural area means continuously enhancing the reach and quality of the services we deliver," said Duane Wollmuth, of Cellular One.

Emergency crews met recently in Waitsburg and discussed the issue of who should dispatch them once the city begins to use the new enhanced 911 system, which is being required by state law. Mayor Tom Baker and members of the City Council in Waitsburg discussed the same issue after the emergency crews did. One major unresolved issue is whether the dispatchers in Walla Walla or the dispatchers in Dayton would radio emergency crews once a E-911 call is received.

Fifty Years Ago

June 10, 1971

Lion President Jack McCaw thanked Don Gagnon and Bill Zuger for their help on getting the cook shack ready for the Days of Real Sport. Turk Ely reported 31 man hours on the Cowboy breakfast where 156 were served, and Bob Patton reported on the refreshment stand at the track which sold over \$800.00 for the two days. Patton thanked his committee of Elmer Hays, Carl Henze, Jack Otterson, Turk Ely, Jim Wood, Bill Zuger and Gene Davis, who put in some 114 man hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Mock, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sickles entertained with a picnic dinner Sunday, June 6, at the Mock home in observance of the 51st wedding anniversary of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Mock. Also present were Sherrie, Dawn and Steve Sickles, Jan Lingle and Tom Mock.

Greg Zuger was the bicycle champ at the Cycle Derby held at the racetrack last Sunday afternoon by the Waitsburg Youth Center. Greg won the teeter-totter race, the slow race and the board balancing race.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

"OH, YEAH? Well, my interpretations of ink blots are weirder than yours!"

by Jeff Pickering

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June 7, 1946

Old grads of Waitsburg High School faltered back to our verdant valley last week-end as the 43rd annual reunion was called to order. Once again was re-affirmed the feeling of pride that goes with the diploma from the good looking brick building up Coppei Avenue. Those of us who have left the blackboards of our teenage alma mater and are now involved with budgets and keeping our sprouts in Buster Brown shoes and Tykee Pants, can look back at high school days as perhaps the happiest times our lives.

DeNova Club met at the home of Mrs. Gail Talbott Thursday, May 16, with Mrs. Morris Ganguet as assistant hostess. Mrs. Jack Penner reported the name of the French child the club adopted and to whom the club will send packages twice a month. Yearbooks were given out for the coming year. New members elected were Mrs. Myron Colburn, Mrs. Jim Stonecipher, and Mrs. Denney Neace. Following the business meeting, Mrs Morris Ganguet, president, was honored with a handkerchief shower. Prizes for the afternoon went to Mrs. Jack Penner and Mrs. Berger Chase.

One Hundred Years Ago

June 10, 1921

With more that sixty horses "rarin' to go," the racing cards for Friday and Saturday, of this week, promise to be intensely interesting and some local track records should be broken. Friday has been designated as Dayton Day, and the county seat of Columbia County has signified that she will be here in force accompanied by her excellent bank of 25 pieces. The Dayton bank will also furnish music on Saturday.

Monday's showers which were accompanied by considerable wind, laid low a "right smart" of the heavy fall sown wheat, but it is believed it will straighten up again within a few days. Anyway the rain did a lot more good than it did harm.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

June 12, 1896

Our physicians declare that times are exceedingly healthy.

There is to be a new saloon in this city soon.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

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MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

Baked Macaroni & Cheese

It's the season of backyard barbeques and neighborhood potlucks, a time when small gatherings can quickly turn into large parties. Amongst the various salads and grilled meats of your summer spreads, there is always room for a crowd pleaser casserole. And perhaps none pleases a crowd quite like the American classic, macaroni and cheese. As with any national favorite, there are countless variations



and regionally specific recipes for this cheesy comfort, all of which are a million times better than anything that is made from neon orange powder in a box. Here, I have a creamy cheese sauce that thickens in the oven, speckled with bright red pimentos, and finished with a crispy golden breadcrumb topping.

Ingredients:

For Macaroni & Cheese:

- 1-pound dry pasta, elbows, shells, fusilli, or other tube shape 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- ¹/₄ cup all-purpose flour
- 4 cups whole milk
- 1 garlic clove, finely minced
- 1 tablespoon Dijon
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme, minced
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 12 ounces sharp white cheddar, about 3 cups grated
- 12 ounces gruyere, about 3 cups grated
- 4-ounce jar sweet pimentos, drained and chopped
- Kosher Salt
- Fresh ground black pepper
- For crumb topping:
- 1 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 tablespoon fresh chives, chopped
- 1 tablespoon parsley, chopped

Directions:

Bring large pot of salted water to a boil. Cook pasta for a minute or two less than the package directions for "al dente". Pasta should be more al dente than would normally be served at because it will continue to cook in oven. Drain and spread on baking sheet to cool quickly. Set aside.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees and prepare a rimmed baking sheet to catch any dripping cheese, by lining in aluminum foil.

Return large pot to stove and melt butter over medium heat. Add flour and cook, whisking constantly for about 4 to 6 minutes, until flour is foamy and just turning light golden brown. Slowly whisk in milk to avoid clumping. Add garlic, thyme, paprika and season with salt and pepper. Bring to a simmer and whisk constantly, scraping sides to fully incorporate all the flour mixture with the milk.

Add grated cheese, a handful at a time, to pot and whisk to blend. Keep whisking until cheese is completely melted. Add Dijon and taste for seasoning, adding more salt if needed. (The sauce will seem too thick at first, then when cheese fully melts, it will seem too thin. Don't panic! The sauce will continue to thicken while it bakes.) Take off the heat and then add the cooked pasta, stirring to fully coat.

Make the crumb topping by mixing the melted butter, oil, breadcrumbs and herbs in a small bowl. Mix with your hands to evenly coat the crumbs with butter and oil. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside. Pour half the cheese and pasta mixture into a 9 x 13 baking dish and spread evenly. Scatter the chopped pimentos in a single layer over macaroni. Then cover, evenly, with the rest of cheese and pasta mixture. Sprinkle breadcrumb mixture over the top and place baking dish on prepared baking sheet. Place in middle rack of oven and bake until macaroni & cheese is bubbling, sauce has thickened, and breadcrumbs are golden brown. About 25 to 30 minutes. Let cool slightly before serving.



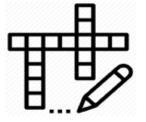
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by Linda Thistle

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Notes:

Experiment with your favorite cheeses, keeping a balance of sharp and creamy. Fontina makes a nice substitution for the gruyere. Try a blend of sharp and mild cheddar. A little parmesan or pecorino would add an extra layer of robust cheese flavor.

If you can't find sweet pimentos try using roasted red peppers, or for extra zest try a little can of chopped mild green chilis. You can also crank up the heat by adding a little ground chili.

Serve this, as I did this past weekend, as a side dish to grilled sausages and sweet onions. It also makes a homey vegetarian main course, accompanied by a crisp seasonal green salad. Enjoy!

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THE LAST PAGE

A Life Well **Balanced**?

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

We're all exhausted, my hands are raw, my nails are shredded, and my feet are so sore I can hardly walk. Somehow, we made it through the first two weeks as new Dayton restauranteurs. All without killing each other, burning down the building or poisoning anyone. We have had our share of chef tantrums (him), staff silent treatments (me), stare downs (both of us) and pizza lunches. Luckily, to balance out the opening kinks and tiffs, we've had many laughs, happy customers and great lunches prepared by the chef.

Friday, we had an easy lunch service, followed by the good news at three in the afternoon that we now have our wine and beer license. I raced to various stores and even raided our home supply to be sure we could offer a nice selection of wine and beer.

We were ready! Though our current wine list is by no means extensive, we offer Weinhard Select Wines.



These include a rose', two different whites, and two different reds, sold by the glass, quartino (glass and a half), mezzo litre (2 glasses), or litre (bottle). These are the choices we made after tasting numerous contenders currently available. As I tell our customers, "the wine is the same as the soup, don't get attached, it will change often." This list will expand as

we work with wineries who, rightly so, need proof we are licensed. The same goes for beer; no proof of license, no beer distribution. I am scurrying to do all the proper paperwork, to be fully stocked for the upcoming hot summer days, when a cold beer will go great with our burger.

When politicians say that they are leaving politics, it's usually because they realize they have no chance of reelection. Their public statements however are, "I want to spend more time with my family." On the other hand, I would be saying, "I want to spend less time with my family." Living and working together may have it upsides, but I haven't found them yet.

Daniel is an amazing cook, a perfectionist and excruciatingly exact about the presentation of a dish, which I respect completely. I also try to gently remind him, that sometimes people are just hungry, and they don't really care that much if there are five dots of basil oil gracing their soup or four. Often, I bite my tongue, because the look on the faces of customers when they see his perfect presentation, brings me up a bit. Managing the level of presentation with a customer's starvation level can be tricky, it's all about balance!

I finally had some time to myself yesterday at the Café. I broke down the mountain of empty cardboard boxes, dumped odd paper goods, ripped napkins, matched container tops to bottoms, and organized the packaging materials.

After a few days off, thanks to friends and a great manicure, I am starting to feel a little more human, sane and balanced. Yesterday my friend Susan advised me on some bookkeeping and accounting issues. Today my friend Suze sat with me for hours while we cleaned up, developed and published the new website. Another friend Bill took pictures of our food that we will eventually add to our newly developed social media.

Opening, running and maintaining this Café takes a village, and I am so lucky to have this village that I can always count on. The courts have the scales of justice, I have the scales of Waitsburg and Dayton! Thank you all!

Tour Walla Walla rides again



The Tour Walla Walla bike race was back in town this last weekend. Racers met up at the fairgrounds, relaxed after racing, enjoyed coffees and snacks at Ten Ton Coffee. The event was postponed last year due to the pandemic and residents in Waitsburg and Walla Walla were happy to see racers back in the saddle.

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