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John Avery

2021 marks the tenth anniversary of Waitsburg's Patriot Parade, started as a bet that Jack McCaw and Tom Baker would not walk down Main Street carrying the flag and wearing shorts. The shorts are gone but the parade continues. New and old traditions are what make this city thrive, it is up to all of us to get out and support traditions and to create new ways to celebrate Waitsburg.

## Purchase agreement finalized on new Waitsburg City Hall

After weeks of rumors, city has a purchase agreement for 106 Main St.

By Beka Compton & Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg City Council met on July 1 for a council workshop. The meeting was open to the public and attended by ten members of the community. There was no public comment period during the meeting. Per the public notice dated June 29, any questions or comments could be passed on to the City Council via City Hall, located at 147 Main St., P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361, or (509) 337-6371.

The first item on the agenda regarded City Hall. City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe confirmed that the council had received the agreement, which the city attorney had approved before the meeting. The packet was not available to the public at the time of the workshop meeting. The same sales agreement will be included in the July 21 council meeting packet available online the Monday before the meeting. The council will give its final vote on the purchase agreement at the July 21 meeting.

In an emailed response to *The Times*, Hinchliffe confirmed the agreement was a purchase agreement for 106 Main St, Waitsburg.

"Idea is to initially move City Hall to the new location and get it established first. Depending on what happens with the library, the Council would like to relocate it as well into one space that can provide better access and more room for the library but will wait until we hear from the advisory committee about it."

The second agenda item covered the future splash pad, which will be installed at Preston Park by the Unity Wall, near the restrooms. Hinchliffe said the location works well for access to water and sewer lines, drainage, and fulfilling a restroom distance requirement provided by the state in WAC 246-260-031. The state requires pads to be located within 150 ft. of a public restroom.

Councilmember Jim Romine asked about the cost of the project. Hinchliffe said that he was waiting for a formal estimate from SPVV Landscape Architects, Spokane. He said the jets and other water units are the costliest components as they do not come from a single supplier.

The splash pad project has been approved in principle, with no further action until the city receives the engineer estimate and bids.

Councilmember Karen Gregutt asked about the splash pad's drainage and if the pad uses less water than the pool. According to Hinchliffe, the splash pad will drain directly to the sewer, and he did not expect it to strain the existing sewer



Beka Compton

The city has moved forward in the purchase of the 106 Main Street property from current owners, Northwest Grain Growers.

## Future staffing at City Hall discussed in a special meeting

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—A special City Council meeting took place on Wednesday, June 30, to discuss future staffing at Dayton City Hall. The meeting was scheduled in the aftermath of the termination of the City Administrator, the Planning and Community Development Director, and the Public Works Director, by Dayton Mayor Zac Weatherford, on June 16.

Mayor Weatherford said the City Council would not take public comments or answer questions at this meeting or discuss anything that was not on the agenda. A public comment period will be available at the regular City Council meeting on July 14.

City council members and members of the public have not been given information or an explanation from the mayor about the recent terminations. Dain Nysoe and Delphine Bailey objected to this decision's secrecy because it is a limiting factor on the council's ability to be effective. Nysoe said he understands the law but would like transparency, either in a public meeting, an executive session, or a special meeting.

Nysoe is also concerned about costs, including payouts to former staff and hiring a financial consultant to oversee time-sensitive projects. The consultant would also manage the hiring process as the city decides whether to hire a new Planning and Community Development Director, or a Finance Officer instead of a City Administrator.

The city is already burdened with a current expense shortfall because of the increased costs for county-provided services to the city. Nysoe said the newly instituted 12-percent utility tax doesn't cover all of that shortfall, around \$250,000.

"We are going backward financially, and I hoped that at this point in time, we would be progressing forward to cover this shortfall that is facing the city," he said.

Bailey agreed, saying she felt the city was going backward regarding finances.

Weatherford said the city council and the city staff have been diligent with resources and have made good decisions about contractual agreements.

"Their termination didn't cripple the city finances. When we hire somebody to come in and take a look at our finances, hopefully, they can confirm that for us," he said.

In the meantime, the mayor has reached out to the Columbia County Board of Commissioners seeking a temporary Interlocal Agreement for planning services through the County Planning and Building Department. This would be to close out building permits that have already been submitted, he said. The mayor referenced a past contract that cost around \$4,000 per month; however, discussions with the county are still early.

Councilmember Delphine Bailey asked if the decision for a new interlocal agreement and hiring a consultant could be made without the City Council's



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Delphine Bailey

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## AT THE LIBERTY:

*In the Heights*

THE TIMES

DAYTON—This is a joyous modern musical that celebrates Latino immigrant culture, heritage, and community.

Lin-Manuel Miranda, the creator of Hamilton and the director of Crazy Rich Asians, Jon M. Chu, invites you to the event of the summer, where the streets are made of music and little dreams become big --- *In the Heights*.

Lights up on Washington Heights --- The scent of a cafecito caliente hangs in the air just outside of the 181st Street subway stop, where a kaleidoscope of dreams rallies this vibrant and tight-knit community. At the intersection of it all is the likeable, magnetic bodega owner Usnavi (Anthony Ramos), who saves every penny from his daily grind as he hopes, imagines and sings about a better life. In the Heights fuses Lin-Manuel Miranda's kinetic music and lyrics with director Jon M. Chu's lively and authentic eye for storytelling to capture a world very much of its place, but universal in its experience.

Rotten Tomatoes gives this movie a 96% favorable rating and the audience score is 94%. This film is rated PG-13 for some language and suggestive references. Runtime is 2 hours and 23 minutes. Movie screenings are June 9-11 and 13, on Fri. & Sat. at 7:30 pm, Sunday at 3:00 pm, and Tuesday at 6:30 pm (not 7:30).

Although Washington State has lifted COVID restrictions, the Liberty Theater is maintaining distancing and mask requirements for a while longer. Please help us provide a relatively safe environment for all by complying with this mask requirement and by maintaining social distancing. We appreciate your assistance and support.



## WALLA WALLA SLEEP EXPERT NAMED CLINICAL PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Dr. Richard Simon Jr., the Medical Director of the Kathryn Severyns Dement Sleep Disorders Center at Providence St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla, has been promoted to the position of clinical professor of medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he also will continue his sleep medicine practice at Providence St. Mary.

Dr. Simon became a clinical assistant professor at the University of Washington School of Medicine in 2005 and a clinical associate professor in 2012. His promotion to clinical professor was based on his lifetime of work as a physician, teacher, and researcher. He is a nationally known speaker and has appeared on HBO.

*Providence St. Mary Medical Center, a 142-bed regional hospital located in Walla Walla, Wash., is among the largest employers in Walla Walla County. The Providence Medical Group is the largest primary care provider and specialist in the Walla Walla area.*



Dr. Richard Simon

## DELTA, GAMMA COVID-19 VARIANTS DETECTED IN WALLA WALLA COUNTY

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Throughout June, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) has been using genome sequencing to identify COVID-19 variants around the state. Over the past week, Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH) was notified that two variants had been identified in COVID specimens collected from the county. The two variants detected were variants P.1 (Gamma) and B.1.617.2 (Delta). They are the first known variant cases in the county.

First identified in India, the Delta variant has shown to be highly transmissible and easily spread from one individual to another. The Gamma variant was initially detected in Brazil and had 17 unique mutations. According to the DOH website, "There is evidence to suggest that some of the mutations may affect the ability of antibodies (natural and from the vaccine) to recognize and neutralize the virus, but additional studies are needed."

While the state may now be open, it is still essential to take precautionary measures when necessary. Walla Walla County DCH continues to recommend that everyone eligible gets vaccinated. Although the Delta variant is more contagious, getting vaccinated will still protect against hospitalization and death. The vaccine is safe, effective, and free to everyone ages 12 years and older.

DCH encourages all residents to visit the County COVID website at [www.covidwcc.com](http://www.covidwcc.com) or text COVIDWW to 888777 for the most up-to-date county COVID information.

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### Touchet Valley Weather

July 7, 2021

#### Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

<b>Wednesday</b> Partly Cloudy	<b>Thursday</b> Sunny	<b>Friday</b> Sunny	<b>Saturday</b> Sunny	<b>Sunday</b> Sunny	<b>Monday</b> Sunny	<b>Tuesday</b> Sunny
High: 95 Low: 63	High: 91 Low: 62	High: 96 Low: 65	High: 102 Low: 67	High: 96 Low: 64	High: 94 Low: 63	High: 96 Low: 64

#### Weather Trivia

What location in the United States is the hottest, driest and lowest in elevation?

Answer: Death Valley, California.

#### Weather History

July 7, 1915 - Severe winds and thunderstorms caused heavy damage and 38 deaths in and around Cincinnati, Ohio. Many old buildings were demolished. The steamship "Dick Fulton" was overturned.

#### Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	
Tuesday	116R	78	84/58	0.00"	Precipitation ..... 0.03"
Wednesday	108R	80	85/58	0.03"	Normal precipitation ..... 0.14"
Thursday	95	71	85/59	0.00"	Departure from normal ..... -0.11"
Friday	94	67	86/59	0.00"	Average temperature ..... 85.5°
Saturday	98	64	86/59	0.00"	Average normal temperature ..... 72.3°
Sunday	96	68	86/60	0.00"	Departure from normal ..... +13.2°
Monday	97	65	87/60	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
New 7/9	Wednesday	5:10 a.m.	8:45 p.m.	3:05 a.m.	7:15 p.m.	Full 7/23
	Thursday	5:11 a.m.	8:45 p.m.	3:44 a.m.	8:12 p.m.	
	Friday	5:11 a.m.	8:44 p.m.	4:32 a.m.	9:02 p.m.	
	Saturday	5:12 a.m.	8:44 p.m.	5:29 a.m.	9:45 p.m.	
First 7/17	Sunday	5:13 a.m.	8:43 p.m.	6:34 a.m.	10:20 p.m.	Last 7/31
	Monday	5:14 a.m.	8:42 p.m.	7:43 a.m.	10:49 p.m.	
	Tuesday	5:15 a.m.	8:42 p.m.	8:54 a.m.	11:14 p.m.	

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**Virtual Public Meeting**  
Thursday, August 19  
on Zoom - 4 p.m.  
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Join the Zoom meeting or email your suggestions and comments to [info@ccptransit](mailto:info@ccptransit).  
Call (509) 382-1647 for more information  
**Columbia County Public TRANSPORTATION**  
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# NEWS

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system. Water use would depend on usage, and it does not necessarily use less water than the pool. The splash pad system will be on a timer to prevent wasting water. Hinchliffe said that the city would winterize and drain the system for winter.

Hinchliffe reported that Mayor Marty Dunn asked the city's public works department to fill the pool in preparation for a visit from American Leak Detection, who will try to pinpoint leaks. Hinchliffe said that the company would be diving in the pool to determine the volume of leaks. He said one major cause of leakage is because the pool sits below the water level and its proximity to the Touchet River creates a natural pull that does not allow leaked water to accumulate. This has made it difficult for the city to locate or assess leaks.

Hinchliffe commented that leaks are so severe that the pool would 'drain itself' within four days. Adding water daily during the season when the pool was last open is why the pool water always felt cold.

The city received \$171,816 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This included \$17,160 to make up for 'lost revenue.' The city plans to hold the remaining money until next year to be used on a larger water and sewer project. The city will receive a second ARPA allocation next year for another \$17,816 in June, 2022. He hoped to have a detailed plan for budgetary discussions in August.

Walla Walla County has offered to share ARPA funds with local entities via an application process, which Hinchliffe said he has finished. Should the city be selected, the funds would go towards creating a GIS map system of Waitsburg's water and sewer lines, bringing the city's maps up to date and making them more accessible for current and future employees.

Additionally, the city has applied for a smaller ARPA grant dedicated to libraries. Should the grant be approved, Hinchliffe said library manager Rosie Warehime has asked for new laptops for the Weller Public Library. The decision of how to use the money may be the responsibility of the board of trustees.

The city is working with the city attorney to clarify governance over the Weller Public Library as specified in the municipal code. The code established a Board of Trustees in Title 5, and a library advisory committee is described under Title 2. State law requires a public library to be governed by a board of trustees which has power over how the library is run as well as how assets are used. An advisory committee does not have direct power and can only advise the council. The Municipal Code states the purpose of the committee is to advise the council on changes to Title 5, Chapter 1 - Library.

During the meeting, Hinchliffe and Mayor Dunn referred to the governing group as an advisory board/committee. In an email to The Times, Hinchliffe said the board and the advisory committees are the same and interchangeable. Current members are Jim Leid, Eleanor Montgomery, and Becky Huwe, who believe they are on the board of trustees, not the advisory committee.

There are nine applicants for positions on the advisory committee/board, ac-

ording to Hinchliffe. Since there are more applicants than seats, the applications will be sent to the current board, who will give their recommendations at the upcoming regular city council meeting. It is still unclear how many seats need to be filled, the state limits the board to five members, and the code says the committee has seven seats.

Mayor Dunn asked what the responsibilities of the Friends of the Weller Library are and its relationship to the city. Jim Leid offered clarification, saying the Friends of the Weller Library is a non-profit group that raises money for new books and materials and provides help to Warehime when needed for programs at the library. It is independent and does not report to the city.

Hinchliffe gave a brief update on levee repairs along Preston Avenue. He said that most of the homeowners prefer a plan to repair the existing levee and not the alternative plan creating a new levee. Hinchliffe said homeowners did not want the "perceived loss of property" resulting from the alternative plan.

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approval. According to the city's attorney, all contracts must be approved by the council. Weatherford said that he hopes to have a temporary agreement drafted for the commissioners to review at their July 6 meeting.

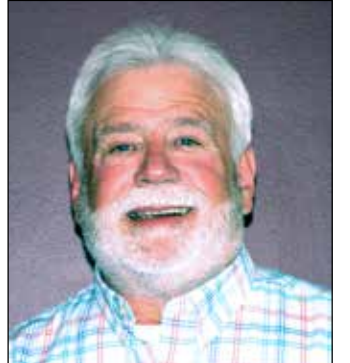
"If they do that, then it will come before City Council at our regular meeting on the 14th," he said.

"I am open to any recommendations," Weatherford told the city council. "I hope that a year from now we look back and we think it was good then, but it is better now."

Now, it is up to the city's Human Resources Committee and the Finance Committee to begin tackling the need for staff.

City Attorney Quin Plant, who was at last week's meeting, said the City Council has contracting authority on behalf of the City. Any Interlocal Agreement or employment contract needs the approval of the council.

**Correction:** An article in The Times, July 1, 2021, incorrectly referred to Clint Atteberry as the Code Compliance Officer for the City of Dayton. He left that position three years ago and is currently the Building Official for Columbia County.



Dain Nysoe

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## CLASSIFIEDS

### HELP WANTED

**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR:**  
**CERTIFICATED MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER** - The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for middle level teacher for the 2021-2022 school year; applicant must hold an 'Elementary Education' endorsement or 'Middle Level - Primary' endorsement. The teacher will be expected to teach primarily middle school level mathematics as well as one elective course during the 2021-2022 school year with the understanding that schedule changes may

occur as the needs of our students evolve. Please direct questions and inquiries to Mark Pickel, Superintendent. E-mail mpickel@waitsburgsd.org.

**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**  
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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.

**Blue Mountain Counseling has an opening for a full-time Office Assistant**. The job description and application may be picked at Blue Mountain Counseling, 221 E. Washington Ave., Dayton, WA 99328. Salary: DOE/DOQ. For questions and/or information call 509.382.1164. E.O.E.

### FOR SALE

**Large ESTATE SALE**  
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## Community Calendar

### Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

**Waitsburg City Council**  
Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.  
Call-in information available at [www.cityofwaitsburg.com/government-1](http://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/waitsburg-school-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](https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020_agendas.php)

**Friends of the Weller Public Library**  
July 14, 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main St., Waitsburg

### Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

**Board of Columbia County Commissioners**  
First and second Monday of each month at 9 a.m.  
Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

**Dayton City Council**  
Second Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m.  
Call-in information available at <https://www.daytonwa.com/54-inside-city-hall/city-council>

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

**Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners**  
Fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

**Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
Every month on the Third Monday at 7:00 PM  
Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

**Dayton 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 [daytonml.org](http://daytonml.org)

**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, July 8**  
Meatloaf & gravy  
Au gratin potatoes  
Baby carrots  
Salad  
Roll  
Banana  
Milk

**Tuesday, July 13**  
Roast beef  
Mashed potatoes & gravy  
Corn  
Broccoli salad  
Fruit Jello  
Milk

### WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

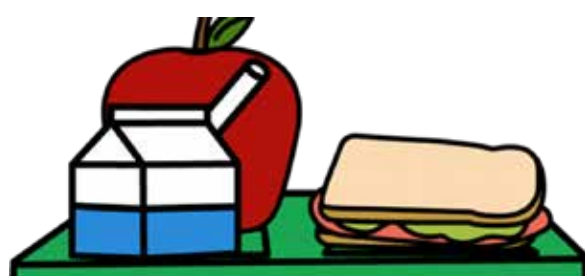
504 Main Street  
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, July 13**  
Meatloaf  
Mashed potatoes  
Vegetables  
Bread  
Fruit  
Cookie

### WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Waitsburg School District  
Last day of School: June 15

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



*Church Directory*

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

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**Waitsburg Chapel**  
320 W. 2nd  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Bible Study  
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.  
337-6235  
Rev. Jimmie Daves

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**Waitsburg Christian Church**  
604 Main St  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Each Sunday  
337-8898  
Rev. Matthew Wyatt



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# NEWS & COMMENTARY

## LETTERS

### A REMINDER TO PROTECT PETS IN CARS AND ON WALKS

Dear Editor,  
Several items have been seen regarding animals getting burned feet from hot pavement yet folks are still observed walking their pets, sometimes in mid-day on the hot concrete and asphalt--or even leaving them in the hot metal bed of a pickup. If it is too hot for your bare hand or foot it is too hot for them.  
Please, don't leave your pet in a car in this heat or force them to burn their paws by walking in the heat of the day. If you MUST walk during the heat of the day make sure they are on the grass and you have water for both of you.

Jim Davison  
Waitsburg, Wash.

### USE 747 SUPERTANKER

To the editor,  
Here we are, at the beginning of what could prove to be worst wildfire season ever and the world's best firefighting tool sits unused and not ready to go because of decisions made by the US Forest Service and states not to use it. Unfortunately, in 2002 two Lockheed C-130 Hercules airplanes crashed while fighting fires, one in California and one in Colorado. In 2004 the Forest Service made the decision not to use the large tanker firefighting airplanes, instead relying on helicopters and smaller planes. The Supertanker would have really helped on these fires: The 2020 Oregon fires burned 1,221,324 acres, killed 11 people and burned 3,000 buildings. At Canby, Oregon, in the middle of the day the streetlights and outside lights of businesses were on because of the darkness from the smoke. On July 12, 2017, lightning started the Chetco Bar fire, near Brookings, Oregon, and it burned 191,125 acres. In 2017 The Eagle Creek fire near Cascade Locks, Oregon, burned 50,000 acres and most likely could have been put out quickly by the Supertanker if it would have been used. There is a large fire burning at Mt Shasta in California. Are we going to have to experience a disaster, (holocaust), like the building collapse at Surfside, Florida, before we realize that we need to prepare for these things ahead of time? When the fire is burning, it is too late to start preparing for it.

Bob Mattila,  
Brush Prairie, Wash.

### TIME TO REEMERGE, RECONNECT AND REVITALIZE OUR CITY

Letter from the Editor

I remember how vibrant and alive Waitsburg was when I was a kid. I remember my sister and I riding our horses into town to get ice cream from the Delta Connection and having dinner at the White Stallion after a soccer game.

I remember going to the pool with all of my friends on hot summer days and re-energizing with a candy bar from the grocery store, likely paying for it with a certificate I earned from the summer reading program (then hosted by Jan Cronkhite).

I remember attending the 2010 Days of Real Sport (DRS), not knowing that I would be the last of the DRS Royalty. I remember how packed the fairgrounds were; the smells from the Lions Club cookshack still find me now and then. I remember the chatter of a large crowd, the happiness that flowed from it, and how businesses looked forward to the busy weekend.

I remember the hardware store, the Bullseye, Farmer's Cafe, and more. I remember the crowds that would gather for the Fourth of July parades, a bustling Christmas season, and a long list of folks ready to volunteer for events. I remember summer softball tournaments, and State Champion sports teams, and the crowds that cheered them on. I remember the town that made the "Ten Most Charming Small Towns in Washington" list.

To say that Waitsburg is no longer what it once was is unfair. Changes cannot be pinpointed to a single generation or decade, or group of people. An accumulation of things has caused the decline in our community bond, but it is never too late to change.

We need leadership to listen and hear us, get to know the whole community, and be willing to guide us back towards a thriving town.

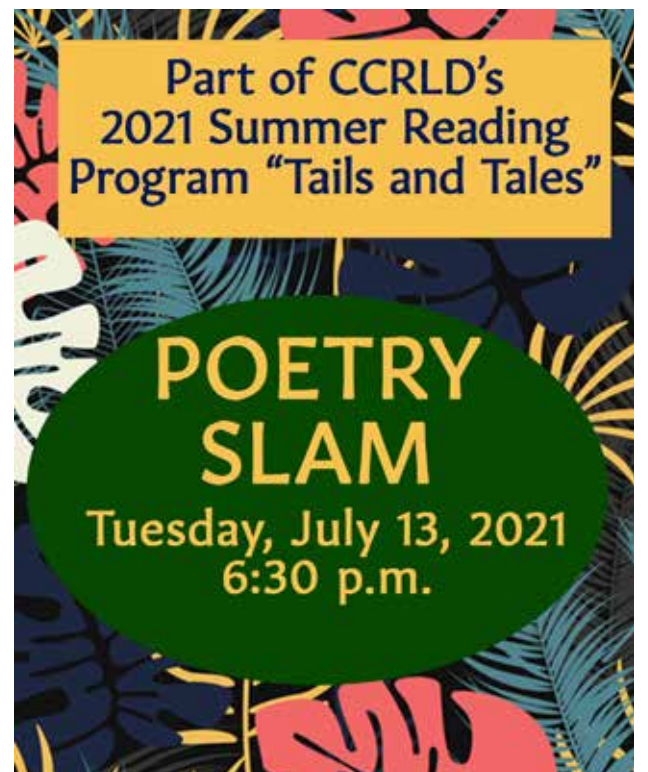
We need community members willing to speak up, regularly attend council meetings, and not just volunteer but lead local events. We have to sign our kids up for swimming lessons and check out books from the library if we want those resources to stick around.

We should remember that the original Waitsburgians came from all over, and we need to be open to new faces, fresh views, and creative discussion. If it weren't for new faces, we wouldn't have a coffee shop, harvest lunches, or Waitsburg-centric gifts and art.

We are waking up from a lost year. Now is the time to be the change that Waitsburg needs.

Beka (Adams) Compton  
Waitsburg, Wash.

## NEWS BRIEF



### FIRST EVER POETRY SLAM AT CCRLD

THE TIMES

DAYTON—On Tuesday, July 13, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Columbia County Rural Library (CCRL) will host its first-ever "Poetry Slam." "What is a poetry slam?" you ask. Well, poetry began as a part of an oral tradition that included poets sharing and performing aspects of their poems. A slam is a poetry competition where poets perform original works, either in teams or solo, in front of an audience that also serves as judges. "The structure of the traditional slam was started by construction worker and poet Marc Smith in 1986 at a reading series in a Chicago jazz club. The competition quickly spread across the country, finding a notable home in New York City at the Nuyorican Poets Café." ("A Brief Guide to Slam Poetry," [poets.org](http://poets.org))

CCRLD's first Summer Reading Program Poetry Slam is open to poets ages 10 and up, one poem per person or group. All participants will have their poem published in a collection of all works performed at the slam and will receive a free copy. Registration is strongly preferred but not required. For more information and to register, visit the Poetry Slam event page on our website, [www.daytonmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.daytonmemoriallibrary.org).

## BIRTHDAYS

**July 8:** Allan Wilson, Rick DeVaney, Susan Archer, Aricka Huwe, Jerry Hall, Kylee Henry.

**July 9:** Michael Henze.

**July 10:** Bob Butler, Billie Leroue, Patricia Dunn, Roberta Osborne, Bob Swenson, Michael Kiefel, Rami Feryn, Al Thompson.

**July 11:** Susa Roberts.

**July 12:** Judy Townsend, Dick Surry, Lynette Newbill, Bill Duckworth, Deandra Smith, John Wood, Jr., Gayle Durkee, Bruce Anderson, George Downing.

**July 13:** Tom and Gracie Lyman, Terri Schuler, Ron Kessler, Tom John, Janis Austin, Steve Low, Gary Vaughn, Kimberly Williams, Tucker Gleason.

**July 14:** Karen Gregutt, Brett Tuttle, Pat Davis, Megan Price, Lauren Rohde.



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Letters may 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. Letters may be edited for libel and objectionable material.

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## State awards grants for outdoor recreation, wildlife habitat, and working lands

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB) announced the award of 342 grants across the state to provide recreational amenities, conserve wildlife habitat, and protect working forests and farms.

“These grants are fundamental to keeping Washington the beautiful state it is,” said Gov. Jay Inslee. “The funding comes from state and federal sources and is invested in hundreds of projects to give our kids places to play, ensure our food is grown close to home, and keep our green spaces healthy for wildlife.”

The grants total more than \$164 million and are matched by more than \$221 million in resources from grant applicants, such as cash, donations, staff time, and equipment, bringing the total investment in Washington’s great outdoors to nearly \$386 million.

The grants will be spent on projects in Washington’s 39 counties and include projects to refurbish aging parks, maintain trails, build boating docks and conserve land used for farming and timber harvest. The grants also will conserve critical habitat for wildlife species in danger of extinction.

“Washington wouldn’t be Washington without these grants,” said Ted Willhite, chair of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board. “Washington is known for its rich outdoor spaces that provide everything from jobs to places for us to exercise and relax, to homes for wildlife. Our studies have shown that people spend \$26.5 billion annually on outdoor recreation trips and equipment in Washington. That spending supports 264,000 jobs or six percent of all jobs in Washington, which rivals the aerospace industry. It is a wise decision to invest in something so important to so many areas of our lives.”

The grants come from 10 different grant programs administered by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office. Grants are awarded once every two years.

“The grants are very competitive,” said Megan Duffy, director of the Recreation and Conservation Office, which supports the funding board. “Every grant is evaluated by advisory committees made up of local residents and technical experts. They rank the applications, ensuring that the most needed and best projects rise to the top. That’s important because nearly 40 percent of the applications remain unfunded. There’s just an incredible need out there.”

Columbia County received \$877,350, and Walla Walla County received \$1,977,982 from the RCFB grant.

## Inslee issues final utility moratorium extension

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Governor Jay Inslee issued an extension of the utility moratorium proclamation last week, which will now expire on September 30, 2021. This will be the final extension of the proclamation and the extension will align with the end date of the tenancy preservation bridge (21-09) to give Washingtonians struggling with housing payments time to prepare and seek assistance before both proclamations expire.

“Utilities and housing are inextricably linked,” Inslee said. “Our priority is to keep Washingtonians safe and housed, and give them a glide path to long-term stability.”

The Office of the Governor will work closely with utilities on how they can continue to support customers once the moratorium expires. Utilities are encouraged to:

- Continue to make good faith efforts to reach customers with past-due accounts, including partnering with community organizations, and provide information about their various assistance options.
- Help customers identify utility, local, state and federal financial assistance programs they may be eligible for.
- Offer extended payment plans of 12 months or longer.
- Waive disconnection, reconnection, site visit and late fees accrued during the disconnection moratorium, if customers sign up for payment assistance.
- Refrain from reporting overdue accounts to credit bureaus or placing liens on customers with overdue accounts for at least 180 days.
- In addition to outreach from utilities, customers should contact their utility to learn about programs and financial resources that can help with unpaid utility bills and prevent disconnections. Residents with past-due energy and water balances are encouraged to call their utility providers as soon as possible to set up a payment or assistant plan. Customers can look up their utility information online or call 2-1-1.

Customers seeking language assistance can contact the UTC Consumer Protection Help Line for interpretation services: 1-888-333-WUTC (9882) or [consumer@utc.wa.gov](mailto:consumer@utc.wa.gov).



**Prescott School District**  
**JOIN OUR SCHOOL BOARD**

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](mailto: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

## 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection closed for roundabout construction

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The closure of the intersection of 9th Avenue, SR125, The Dalles Military Road and Plaza Way, in Walla Walla, began July 6. City of Walla Walla officials estimate that the closure to all traffic will last seven weeks for the installation of a roundabout, as part of the SR125/Plaza Way improvement projects. Detour routes will be established and can be viewed at [www.gowallawalla.us](http://www.gowallawalla.us).

Emergency vehicles will not have access during the closure.

Businesses and residents may contact the Washington State Department of Transportation with questions by calling (509) 222-2403.

To learn more about the project, visit [www.gowallawalla.us](http://www.gowallawalla.us), SR-125 Plaza Way Project page.

## Waitsburg Gun Club Range News

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Don’t be alarmed by the sudden Kochia weed growth at various areas in the range, spurred on by the recent heat. Gun club officials have scheduled someone to spray and will be mowing the patches to prevent spreading.

“Bear with us – we know it doesn’t look great, but we were advised to have it sprayed out before mowing,” said the club newsletter.

“During our General Membership Meeting August 2020, the membership voted to build on the ecology block wall that extends down and separates the ranges (rifle/pistol vs. trap). Through donations of members and even youth, the wall was fully funded in November, and the 156 blocks were pre-ordered.”

The new blocks will raise the ecology wall height an additional four blocks to the 100-yard line. This will help ensure the safety of those on the trap range and help create a wind block.

The blocks will be delivered and installed this week with help from Elite Excavation & Concrete, Joe Gagnon Trucking, and Ironwood Solutions. As a note, the range will be closed on July 7 and 8.

The club has received questions about lifetime memberships and how to get one.

Help the board out by completing the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H5FP5TH>

The survey will close on July 10th.

The club would like to remind members to renew their memberships. Club memberships conclude on August 31st. Membership renewals can be done online and on paper by visiting [www.waitsburggunclub.org/membership](http://www.waitsburggunclub.org/membership). Membership cards for next year will not be sent until the end of August.

A safety reminder, metal targets, except for range-provided, are not allowed due to prevent fire during the current drought and heatwave.

## Walla Walla Fire Department calls on July 4, 2021 involving fireworks



THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Over the Independence Day holiday weekend, firefighters with the city of Walla Walla Fire Department responded to various calls that involved fireworks or were suspected to involve fireworks. As follows is a summary of those calls:

**July 3, 2021, at 9:45 p.m. — 446 Holly St.**

Small grass fire caused by a ground spinner firework. The property owner extinguished the fire. No injuries or dollar losses were reported.

**July 3, 2021, at 10:56 p.m. — 250 W. Rees Ave.**

Grass fire along the railroad tracks that extended inside Kelty’s Auto Parts, burning approximately 40 scrap vehicles, with damage estimated at \$35,000. No injuries were reported. Fireworks are suspected.

**July 4, 2021, at 1:19 a.m. — 141 E. Chestnut St.**

Small grass fire with minor damage to power pole caused by an unknown type of firework. Fire crews extinguished the fire. No injuries or dollar losses were reported.

**July 4, 2021, at 4:35 a.m. — 2210 Tacoma St.**

Small grass fire caused by an unknown type of firework. The fire was out before the arrival of fire crews. No injuries or dollar losses were reported.

**July 4, 2021, at 5:09 p.m. — 234 Sheridan Road**

Grass fire that extended to a detached garage and vehicle, with damage estimated at \$50,000. Fire crews extinguished the fire. No injuries were reported. Fireworks are suspected.

**July 4, 2021, at 9 p.m. — 913 W. Poplar St.**

Small grass fire caused by a cone/fountain firework. The fire was out before the arrival of fire crews. No injuries or dollar losses were reported.

**July 4, 2021, at 9:11 p.m. — 91 Garden Drive**

Grass and fence fire caused by an aerial shell/mortar firework. The property owner extinguished the fire. No injuries or dollar losses were reported.

**July 4, 2021, at 10:19 p.m. — 216 N 5<sup>th</sup> St.**

Grass fire involving a tree caused by an unknown type of firework, with damage of \$400. Fire crews extinguished the fire. No injuries were reported.

**July 4, 2021, at 10:36 p.m. — Sprague and Maple**

Small grass fire caused by an unknown type of firework. The fire was extinguished by the property owner. No injuries or dollar losses were reported.

**July 4, 2021, at 10:49 p.m. — 460 N. Wilbur St.**

Smoldering bush caused by an unknown type of firework. Fire crews extinguished the fire. No injuries or dollar losses were reported.

**July 4, 2021, at 10:55 p.m. — 523 Sprague St.**

Small grass fire next to shed caused by an unknown type of firework being shot off by neighbors. The fire was out before the arrival of fire crews. No injuries or dollar losses were reported.

**July 4, 2021, at 11:31 p.m. — 512 Edith St.**

Small grass fire caused by an unknown type of firework. Fire crews extinguished the fire. No injuries or dollar losses were reported.

The WWFD thanks residents who abstained from lighting fireworks this year, and those who took all necessary safety precautions when celebrating with legal fireworks.

# NEWS & LEGALS

## CCSO

**June 28**  
Animal call. Harlem Road  
Threats reported, Blue Mountain Motel. Main Street  
Missing person. 3rd Street

**June 29**  
Suspicious activity. 4th Street  
Accident, non-injury. Tucannon Road  
Assist. 6th Street

**June 30**  
Welfare check. Clay Street  
Attempt to locate. 3rd Street  
Unwanted person. Dayton Ave.

**July 1**  
Welfare check. Pine Street  
Abandoned vehicle at Rawhide Bar and Grill. Main (Starbuck)  
Welfare check. Rose Gulch

**July 2**  
Trespass. 3rd Street  
Accident, non-injury. Eager Road  
Welfare check. Rose Gulch

**July 3**  
9-1-1 call. McKay-Alto Road  
Domestic problem. Main Street  
Fireworks. 3rd Street

**July 4**  
Fireworks. 3rd Street  
Fireworks. Fairgrounds Main Entrance.  
Intoxicated person at Bryant's Landing (Starbuck)

## WWCSO

**June 24**  
A theft occurred at Waitsburg High School. Coppei Ave., Waitsburg

**June 29**  
Assault 4 DV. W Hwy 12, Touchet

**July 3**  
A male in Walla Walla County assaulted his daughter-in-law. Ivarson Road, Burbank

**July 4**  
DUI. Marina Drive, Burbank



## 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



## LEGAL NOTICES

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 21-4-00126-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030  
In re the Estate of: JANE EILLEN ADLINGTON, Deceased.

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator 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 Administrator or the Administrator'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 Administrator 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: June 24, 2021.

Brenda L. Huggins, Administrator  
Attorney for Administrator: Courtney Lawless, WSBA #57415

Basalt Legal PLLC  
6½ N. Second Avenue, Suite 200  
Walla Walla, WA 99362  
509-529-0630  
The Times  
June 24, July 1, 8, 2021  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA PROBATE NO.: 21-4-00130-36

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)  
In the Matter of the Estate of:

MERCEDES A. RIDENOUR, Deceased  
THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE NAMED BELOW has been appointed

as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the deceased 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: July 1, 2021  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Deborah Hopkins ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Hayley Albertson, WSBA # 40125  
ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE: 8350 W. Grandridge Blvd STE 200-529  
Kennewick, WA 99336 509-551-3315  
COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS AND CAUSE NO. Walla Walla County Superior Court, 21-4-00130-36  
The Times  
July 1, 8, 15, 2021  
7-1-a

### CITY OF WAITSBURG, WASHINGTON NOTICE TO CONSULTANTS FOR MILL RACE ROAD GRADE CROSSING

The City of Waitsburg, Washington solicits interest from consulting firms with expertise in Civil and Structural Engineering Design. This agreement will be for approximately one year in duration with the option for the City of Waitsburg to extend it for additional time and money if necessary. Consultants will be considered for the following project.

The City of Waitsburg reserves the right to amend terms of this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to circulate various addenda, or to withdraw the RFQ at any time, regardless of how much

time and effort consultants have spent on their responses.

**Project Description**  
The work to be performed by the Consultant consists of construction engineering, administration, and observation for Mill Race Road improvements. The proposed improvements include approximately 0.25 mile of road reconstruction, improving intersection geometrics, sidewalk and curb installation, at grade rail crossing improvements, storm drain improvements, and other work. This project has not been assigned a DBE goal.

The City of Waitsburg reserves the right to retain the services of the successful firm(s) for any subsequent phases associated with this project.

**Evaluation Criteria**  
Submittals will be evaluated and ranked based on the following criteria:  
1) Qualification of Proposed Project Manager  
2) Qualifications/Expertise of Firm  
3) Ability to Meet Schedule  
4) Approach to Project  
5) Familiarity with WSDOT/FHWA Standards  
6) Past Performance/References

**Submittal**  
Submittals should include the following information:  
Firm name, phone and fax numbers; name of principal-in-charge and project manager; and number of employees in each firm proposed to project.  
Please submit FOUR copies of your Statement of Qualifications to: Randy Hinchliffe, City Administrator, City of Waitsburg, PO Box 35/147 Main Street, Waitsburg, WA 99361 no later than 2:00 p.m. on July 22, 2021. Submittals will not be accepted after that time and date. Any questions regarding this project should be directed to Randy Hinchliffe at 509-337-6702.

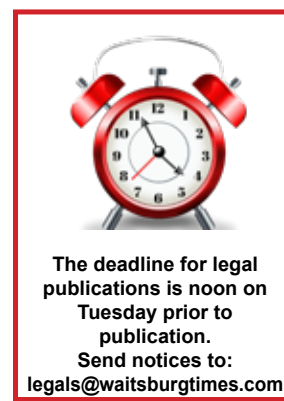
### Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Information

The City of Waitsburg in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), commits to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability, in all of its programs and activities. This material can be made available in an alternate format by emailing Randy Hinchliffe at administrator@cityofwaitsburg.com or by calling collect 509-337-6702.

**Title VI Statement**  
The City of Waitsburg in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation,

subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises as defined at 49 CFR Part 26 will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award.

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July 1, 8, 2021  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 21-4-00136-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030  
In re the Estate of: CONSTANCE H. RIORDAN, 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: July 8, 2021.  
Bradford T. Riordan  
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  
July 8, 15, 22, 2021  
7-8-a

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Waitsburg School District No. 401-100 Board of Directors of Walla Walla County will meet for the purpose of fixing and adopting the proposed 2021-2022 Budget, the four-year budget plan summary and the four-year enrollment projection at a special meeting on July 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Waitsburg Elementary School Library in the Waitsburg School District.

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

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Mark Pickel  
Secretary to the Board  
The Times  
July 8, 15, 22, 2020  
7-8-b

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The City is taking applications/letters of interest from interested Citizens who wish to fill a vacant position on the Waitsburg City Council. Interested Citizens are required to live within the Corporate City Limits of the City of Waitsburg as well as be a registered voter in the Waitsburg District. A complete overview of the duties and regulations is available on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com. Applications/Letters of interest must be received at City Hall by 4 pm on Thursday, July 15, 2021. For questions, contact City Hall at 509 337-6371 during normal business hours.

Waitsburg City Clerk  
Randy Hinchliffe  
The Times  
July 1, 8, 2021  
7-1-c

### Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Waitsburg City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or soon thereafter in the Lions Club Memorial Building at the Waitsburg Fairground in order to hear public comments related to the City's potential surplus and demolition of a horse stall at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the hearing and present evidence in favor or opposition of the surplusing of the city owned property. Written testimony may be forwarded to the Waitsburg City Council, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361.

The City of Waitsburg is required to hold such a public hearing; any City Council action on the surplusing of City owned property will include the approval or rejection of the proposal.

Dated this 6th Day of July, 2021  
Waitsburg City Council  
The Times  
July 8, 2021  
7-8-c

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Waitsburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at 9 a.m. or soon thereafter at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds Facility 349 E. 10th Street, Waitsburg, WA thereafter to consider approval of the Regional Housing Action Plan.

Applicant: City of Waitsburg  
Purpose: Approval of a joint Regional Housing Plan with the Cities of Walla Walla, College Place, Waitsburg and Dayton

All interested citizens are invited to attend the hearing and present evidence in favor or opposition of the Regional Housing Plan. A copy of the Plan can be obtained by contacting the City of Waitsburg, 147 Main Street, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361.

Planning Commission action may or may not include recommending approval of the Regional Housing Plan to the Waitsburg City Council.

Dated this 6th day of July, 2021  
Waitsburg Planning Commission  
The Times  
July 8, 2021  
7-8-d



All photos by Beka Compton

The Nakele Blowhole is a must see while in Maui. A washed out lavatube that has the potential to shoot water more than 100 feet in the air, the blowhole was quiet while we were there, but the views were worth the trek!

## A family break in paradise

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

If you've been craving the sand and surf, this article may or may not be for you. On June 22, I woke my three-year-old traveling companion, Gracie, at 3:00 a.m. We said goodbye to my husband for the next eight days and began a twenty-hour journey that landed us in paradise. In Kihei, Hawaii, to be exact, just in time to beat the hottest week I have ever heard of in my more than 20 years of living in Waitsburg.

After boarding the early-morning flight out of Walla Walla, Gracie and I had a seven-and-a-half-hour layover in Seattle before the flight to Hawaii. The wait between flights was long, but the kiddo offered minimal sassing and not a single complaint during our journey. We sat next to a man we had met just a few moments before boarding, traveling with his wife and kids. The only time he spoke to me was to ask if Gracie was still 'out' before adjusting his neck pillow and falling back asleep.

Once we landed, we were welcomed by the smiling faces of the open-air airport employees. It didn't take long for Gracie to spot my parents, who had already been on the island for a week. Our bags were quickly loaded in the car, and within an hour, I was sitting on the beaches of Maui, swimming with sea turtles and watching my first tropical sunset.

One of the most fun drives we took was the road to Hana. Hana is a small town on the other side of Maui from where we were staying, which my parents often referred to as the 'hippie town.' Organic fruit stands with an honor-system self-pay jar were on almost every turn, which speaks volumes on the island's agriculture, as there are 620 curves and nearly 60 bridges along the way.

Sometimes the drive takes two hours, sometimes it takes over four, depending on traffic and how many stops you make along the way. There is a bamboo forest, assorted waterfalls, and other viewpoints that make the trip an all-day adventure.

Once in town, I picked up great coffee, pineapple-lime hot sauce, and local honey at Hana Farms. I even enjoyed a fresh hibiscus soda while I waited for my items to be bagged up. Everything for sale at the shop was grown and produced on the farm.

We did just about everything you could think of while in Hawaii for a lazy getaway. Gracie learned how to boogie board (back in Washington, she was very disappointed that she couldn't board on the lake over this last weekend), and she tried her hand at body surfing. We did all sorts of shopping, hit up some great eateries: If you're willing to brave the sun and eat in your car, Tin Roof is the place to go for show-stopping Hawaiian flavor.

One of my favorite moments happened while I was taking my morning swim. I overheard a local woman tell her grandson, "I was there for the protests. I lost two of my best friends on the trip." She was pointing to Kaho'olawe; an island left uninhabitable after the U.S. Military used it for bombing practice from 1941 to 1990. In 1976, members of Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana (PKO) began a series of island occupations in an effort to halt the bombing. The U.S. Navy transferred control of the island to the State of Hawaii in 1994, and efforts were started to clear the island of unexploded munitions and reestablish the watershed. Today, the island can only be used for Hawaiian cultural, spiritual, and subsistence purposes.

I did not catch her name, but I had a 20-minute history lesson that left me feeling just about every emotion in the book.

Gracie held out as long as she could, but by day 6, she was tired. We left my dad at the condo and headed out to the Maui Ocean Center in Wailuku for an indoor, relaxing activity. There are no words to describe how impressive this aquarium



Masks on and ready for takeoff! Gracie and I hopped on an early morning flight, with hair to match to occasion! Airlines and airports still require face masks at all times, regardless of vaccination status. Despite a negative COVID-19 test requirement, Hawaii also required face masks while indoors for all vaccinated and unvaccinated people



Another Maui 'must' is Ululani's Hawaiian Shave Ice, their syrups are made fresh, with real fruit and 100% pure cane sugar. Gracie approved!



This broad stingray was being housed in a tank with various sharks, large groupers, and more at the aquarium. The first time he swam over the walk-through tunnel, I thought I had just gotten lucky enough to see his face. After about the 10th time, I realized he was likely just checking all of us weird, two-legged creatures.

is. From the 52-foot-long underwater tunnel with a showboating stingray, tons of sharks, and a massive grouper, to the turtle nursery, where they hatch and raise sea turtles before releasing them into the ocean. My favorite part was the Humpbacks of Hawaii Exhibit & Sphere. This unique sphere attraction debuted a couple of years ago. It is 58 feet in diameter; the length of female humpback whales from tip to tail. The 3D immersive presentation allows the audience to experience just how giant these gentle creatures are. There was a ton of whale information as you entered the sphere, and if you looked down at the floor, you'd see that you were following the migration paths, starting with the summer months spent in Alaska and ending with the winter months in Hawaii.

While I could go on and on about all the things we did, I do have to take a moment and describe the change in how locals treated us after they learned I once lived in Southeast Alaska. From whales to 'island time,' those living in Sitka share a lot with Hawaiian islanders. Whether from a shopkeeper, a server at a restaurant, or the group of surfers on the beach, I instantly went from tourist to neighbor; all I had to say was "907" (Sitka's area code).

We spent eight days on Maui, and I am already counting down the days until I go back. It did not hurt that at home, temperatures were hitting as high as 115.



Swimming with sea turtles was the coolest experience of the trip. So exciting, in fact, it was worth missing out on the photo op to be 150% in the moment. There were five or six turtles in front of our condo, and they loved to surprise visitors. The Maui Ocean Center raises and releases turtles to help stabilize threatened populations.

# SPORTS

## Jack "Lucky" Lohrke

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

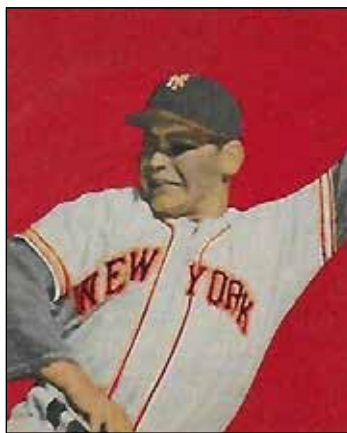
Jack Lohrke started his minor league baseball career in 1942 at age eighteen when he signed with the San Diego Padres of the Pacific Coast League. After seven games he was sent to Twin Falls, Idaho, in the Class C Pioneer League. He hit .271 as the team's third baseman and won the team's MVP award. He wouldn't play baseball again until after returning home from World War II.

The train that took him to ship off to war derailed. Three people were killed and many others were severely burned by steaming water that passed through the train car. Lohrke escaped injury. This was his first brush with death, and not his last.

Lohrke was in the Army's 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division during World War II and fought in the Allied invasion at Normandy in the summer of 1944. At the end of that year, he fought in the Battle of the Bulge. On four separate occasions, a soldier next to Lohrke was killed. He survived each battle uninjured.

On his way home to Los Angeles, Lohrke was scheduled to fly on a military transport plane. Before takeoff, he was bumped off the flight by a colonel who took his seat. It would have been his first plane ride and as it turned out would have been his last. It crashed less than an hour after take off in Ohio, killing everyone on board, including the colonel.

In 1946, he restarted his baseball career playing with the Spokane Indians, a Class B team in the Western International League. Lohrke was batting .345 when the team left on a road trip for Bremerton on June 24th. When the team stopped



in Ellensburg for lunch, Lohrke got a message that he was being promoted to the triple A team in San Diego. The message had been sent from the team's business manager through the Washington State patrol. Now Lohrke could continue on with the team to Bremerton and take a train back to Spokane, or make his way back on his own. He said goodbye to his teammates and hitchhiked to Spokane.

The team bus continued on without him toward Bremerton. Around eight o'clock they were on highway 10 at Snoqualmie Pass when the driver saw headlights coming at him from their lane. The driver hit the brakes, but with the slippery road conditions the bus slid through the guard rail. The bus fell 300-500 feet down the mountain. Nine of the fifteen players died in the accident. It is still the deadliest crash involving an American professional baseball team.

"When the bus took off ... I bummed a ride back to Spokane." Lohrke said in a 1990 interview. "When I got there I found out both my roommates had been killed."

Lohrke hit .303 with San Diego and was selected by the New York Giants in the Rule 5 draft. In 1947, he played one hundred and two games for the Giants at third base, hitting .240 with 11 home runs. One of those home runs was the team's 183<sup>rd</sup> home run of the season which broke the major league record set by the 1936 Yankees. Lohrke would play seven years in the major leagues before finishing his baseball career in the minors as a manager of the Tri-Cities team in the Class B Northwest League. After retiring he worked in security for Lockheed Missile and Space Company in California. At the time of his death in 2009, at age eight-five, he was survived by his wife Maire whom he'd been married to for sixty-one years. They had six children, ten grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

## MLB American League Leaders

Wins			Batting Average		
A. Civale	CLE	10	M. Brantley	HOU	.340
C. Bassitt	OAK	9	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	.336
N. Eovaldi	BOS	9	Y. Gurriel	HOU	.322
Z. Greinke	HOU	8	X. Bogaerts	BOS	.321
G. Cole	NYN	8	C. Mullins	BAL	.318

ERA			Home Runs		
K. Gibson	TEX	1.98	S. Ohtani	LAA	31
L. Lynn	CHW	2.02	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	27
T. Glasnow	TB	2.66	M. Semien	TOR	21
G. Cole	NYN	2.91	J. Gallo	TEX	21
C. Bassitt	OAK	3.04	R. Devers	BOS	21

Strike Outs			Runs Batted In		
G. Cole	NYN	135	R. Devers	BOS	71
S. Bieber	CLE	130	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	69
T. Glasnow	TB	123	S. Ohtani	LAA	67
C. Rodon	CHW	122	J. Abreu	CHW	62
R. Ray	TOR	119	J. Walsh	LAA	61

Saves			Stolen Bases		
L. Hendriks	CHW	21	W. Merrifield	KC	23
M. Barnes	BOS	19	I. Kiner	TEX	15
A. Chapman	NYN	16	C. Mullins	BAL	15
R. Iglesias	LAA	16	T. Anderson	CHW	14
I. Kennedy	TEX	14	M. Straw	HOU	13

Mariners Hitting

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

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	BA	OBP	OPS	WAR
M. Haniger	317	53	80	18	47	22	.252	.304	.784	+1.1
K. Seager	317	31	69	15	49	28	.218	.285	.701	+0.7
J.P. Crawford	308	42	89	5	31	28	.289	.348	.754	+3.0
T. France	272	37	72	8	34	25	.265	.351	.778	+1.8
D. Moore	186	22	34	7	26	20	.183	.271	.626	+0.4
T. Murphy	156	20	30	6	16	15	.192	.264	.617	+0.1
T. Trammell	153	23	25	8	18	17	.163	.260	.626	-0.2
L. Torrens	134	17	28	9	19	10	.209	.267	.722	+0.8
K. Lewis	130	15	32	5	11	16	.246	.333	.726	+0.6

AL West	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	52	33	.612	-
Oakland	49	37	.570	3.5
Seattle	45	40	.529	7.0
Los Angeles	42	42	.500	9.5
Texas	33	52	.388	19.0

AL East	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	54	32	.628	-
Tampa Bay	49	36	.576	4.5
Toronto	43	39	.524	9.0
New York	42	41	.506	10.5
Baltimore	27	57	.321	26

AL Central	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	49	35	.583	-
Cleveland	42	40	.512	6.0
Detroit	39	46	.459	10.5
Minnesota	35	48	.422	13.5
Kansas City	35	49	.417	14.0



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## If it's Wednesday, it must be Weinhard

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

I am an old movie fan, and lately, the classic flick, *The Three Faces of Eve* starring Joanne Woodward, has been on my mind. Probably because, in a small way, I feel like my life is emulating that story. I know I only have one personality, but I have three “careers” happening at once, on overlapping days and two “start of the week” days. It can all make me a little crazy.

Monday morning is the start of my Monday through Friday job as a Los Angeles insurance broker. I field questions from clients (phone and email) while negotiating with insurance companies, reviewing contracts, proposals, and quotes for my client's policies. Go back to the insurance companies to renegotiate better pricing and coverage terms, which then, of course, means we have to rewrite the proposal to incorporate the various changes. There is also the occasional claim (fire, burglary, auto accident) to report, negotiate settlements and review the settlement terms with my clients.

Wednesday morning starts my Wednesday through Saturday life at the café. Set the tables, make the iced tea, clean bathrooms, sweep floors, wait tables, clear tables, ring up sales, answer phones, keep reservations straight, inventory wine and beer; end of the day, sit with Daniel, and over a glass or two of wine, review the day (what sold, what didn't, menu changes), all while checking my email to check on my insurance clients. At home, I start the laundry. The cloth napkins are washed, dried, and folded to be ready for the next day.

I am learning the “art” (or is it torture) of QuickBooks, SquareUp, and all the other pieces of accounting and bookkeeping that go along with owning a business. This work has always been the bane of my existence. I don't think I've balanced or reconciled a checking account since 1985!

Intermittently, I try to keep my garden alive and thriving, do our laundry, play some tennis, feed the dog (essential), and my somewhat newfound favorite job; writing this column.

Some mornings I wake up, lay in bed for a few minutes to orient myself to determine what day it is, what job I'm doing that day, and hope it's finally Sunday.

On Sunday, both Daniel and I are catatonic. Although lately, somehow, I have stored up enough energy to play some morning tennis with Angel, who's the star

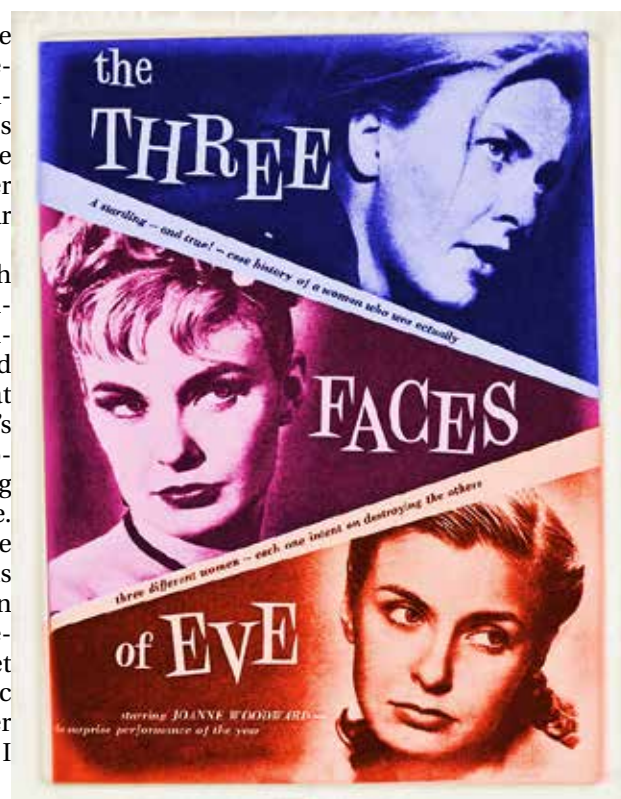


of the Whitman College Women's Tennis Team. Besides being extraordinarily talented, she is gracious and astute enough to see that I need a few more water breaks than I did last year when we played.

But here's the thing: both my insurance and restaurant careers have similarities. It's about people and service, a social focus that suits my personality. It's what I thrive on. Being a social person, I enjoy talking and listening to people. Even in Los Angeles, where spontaneous conversations at a Starbucks were often about the audition someone thought they would get but didn't, or the best plastic surgeon to use for whatever needed lifting that week, I enjoyed the interaction.

Here in the Touchet Valley, its surrounds, and at the restaurant, I have a chance to meet and talk to professional farmers (there's a lot more to wheat than I ever imagined). I've also met extraordinary gardeners who have helped me become an almost accomplished amateur gardener, photographers, artists, musicians, winemakers, and brewers.

Exhaustion, tired eyes, and confusion are a small price to pay for the friends and acquaintances I've met and the conversations I have every day. Whatever the day of the week it is, it's less important than what happens that day.



## Kaho'olawe: An island reborn

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

While swimming in Hawaii, I overheard a woman talking to her grandson about the protests on Kaho'olawe, the island that seemed just a stone's throw away from where I was standing.

“I was there, you know,” she told him, catching my attention in full. The day before, at the Maui Ocean Center, I read newspaper article after article about the island, the bombings, and the destruction of a sacred place.

The woman was kind enough to include me in her lesson, but after a quick internet search, I knew that the lesson was barely the tip of the iceberg. Kaho'olawe has a meaning to Native Hawaiians that I will never fully understand, but the history of the island is fascinating and heartbreaking at the same time.

Roughly seven miles southwest of Maui stands a red, barren-looking island. Kaho'olawe is a place with a brutal history but has begun healing through environmental and cultural preservation.

Archeological evidence suggests that Native Hawaiian people arrived on the island as early as 400 A.D., and nearly 3,000 historical sites and features have painted the story of the now-barren island's past. Finds indicate that the island was once a navigational center for voyaging, home to an adze quarry, and is revered by the Hawaiian culture as *wahi pana*, meaning celebrated or noted, a legendary place or landmark of particular interest, and *pu'uhonua*, a place of refuge.

Between 400 A.D and 1750, Native Hawaiians continued to migrate from the South Pacific to Hawaii and, at an unclear point, dedicated the island to Kanaloa, the Hawaiian deity of the ocean.

From 1832-1852, the King of Hawaii, influenced by Protestant missionaries to abolish the death penalty, used the island as a penal colony until the law was repealed in 1853. By 1858, the Hawaiian government had issued its first island ranch lease, but uncontrolled livestock grazing over nearly 90 years resulted in the loss of soil via accelerated erosion.

In 1941, following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the



US government declared martial law in Hawaii and the U.S. Navy began using Kaho'olawe as a bombing range. At this time, the goat population of the island reached roughly 50,000, introduced to the island by Captain Vancouver in 1793. Local residents protested against the naval exercises as soon as the bombing began.

Ship-to-shore tests with American submarines testing torpedoes by firing them at cliffs along the shoreline. Undetonated munitions were left on the island and washed up on neighboring island shores, putting residents at an even greater risk of injury or death.

In 1965, the “Sailor Hat” test was conducted on the

island- three tests of 500 tons of TNT were detonated to simulate the blast effects of nuclear weapons on shipboard weapon systems.

Protests against the bombing practice turned into occupations in 1976, led by Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana, which brought national attention to the movement. Two men, George Helm and Kimo Mitchell died on a trip back from the island.

Simultaneously, the 'Ohana filed a federal civil suit, seeking compliance with environmental, historical site, and religious freedom protection laws. The case was partially settled in 1980, with a Consent Decree which provided access to the land for religious, cultural, educational, and scientific activities. Today, the 'Ohana has taken over 5,000 visitors to the island, and ancestral shrines, temples, and places have been rededicated, religious ceremonies have been performed, hiking trails cleared, and cultural-use areas have been established.

On October 22, 1990, President George Bush directed the Secretary of Defense to halt bombing and target practice, and in November, Congress established the Kaho'olawe Island Conveyance Commission.

In 1993, based on final recommendations provided by the Commission, Congress voted to permanently stop all military training and bombing of the island, authorized funding for the cleanup and restoration of the sacred island, and returned the island to the State of Hawaii. The island was littered with munition debris and unexploded ordnance.

Over the next ten years, a \$400 million contract began extensive cleanup and restoration efforts that oversaw revegetation, construction of trails and roads, cultural sites, camping areas, and educational facilities. While certain parts of the island have been deemed safe, the majority of the island, and its surrounding waters, remain dangerous. Access to the island continues to be restricted.

If you'd like to learn more about Kaho'olawe, visit <http://kahoolawe.hawaii.gov/home.php> or check out <http://www.protectkahoolaweohana.org>

## Audio Farm:

*Big, Big, Big Thief*

By John Avery | THE TIMES

Few bands making music today have as impeccable a discography as the Brooklyn-based quartet Big Thief. Starting with their 2016 debut, *Masterpiece*, they have pumped out a total of four studio records in the past five years, all met with near universal acclaim. Their music is pure rock and roll, a refreshingly raw mix of the basics: wailing guitars, energetic drums, and a vocalist that gives every song her all. The ingredients are all familiar, but Big Thief is a master chef of rock music, creating songs that feel like nothing you've heard before but are nevertheless inviting to the palate.

Their newest release, a collection of recordings titled *Live at the Bunker Studio*, is a reminder of their synergistic talent. Recorded in 2019 before their 2020 tour was canceled due to the pandemic, it features a total of six songs spanning their last three albums, 2017's excellent "Capacity", and 2019's stellar twins "Two Hands" and my personal favorite "U.F.O.F." (which was recorded in Woodinville, Washington). Each song demands considerable energy from each bandmate, particularly lead singer Adrienne Lenker, whose voice can sound as ethereal as a lullaby, as laden with emotion as a baby throwing a tantrum, or as violent as someone screaming into a thunderstorm. The unpretentious vocal tension she achieves is remarkable, as each lyric seems truly felt and experienced before leaving her lips.

On highlight, “Forgotten Eyes,” she ponders collective pain: *Forgotten eyes are the ones which we lose, forgotten hands are the ones which we choose to let go of, but it is no less a bruise, on the collective arm keeping us high and gone.*

As the lead songwriter, her lyrics are cryptic, yes, but also rich in visual imagery and deeply compelling, perhaps because of the way she delivers them.

My favorite song in this set, “Cattails,” captures the seamless unity of lyrics and instrumentation, as the drums and guitars march alongside the words: *I find you there in your country flair, middle of the river in a lawn chair, with your wrinkled hands and your silver hair, leaving here soon and you know where, to where the cattail sways with the lonesome loon, you'll be riding that train in late June.*

If you're new to Big Thief, start here, and then tour each of their remarkable albums. You won't regret it.



# FUN & GAMES

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## GRIN and BEAR IT



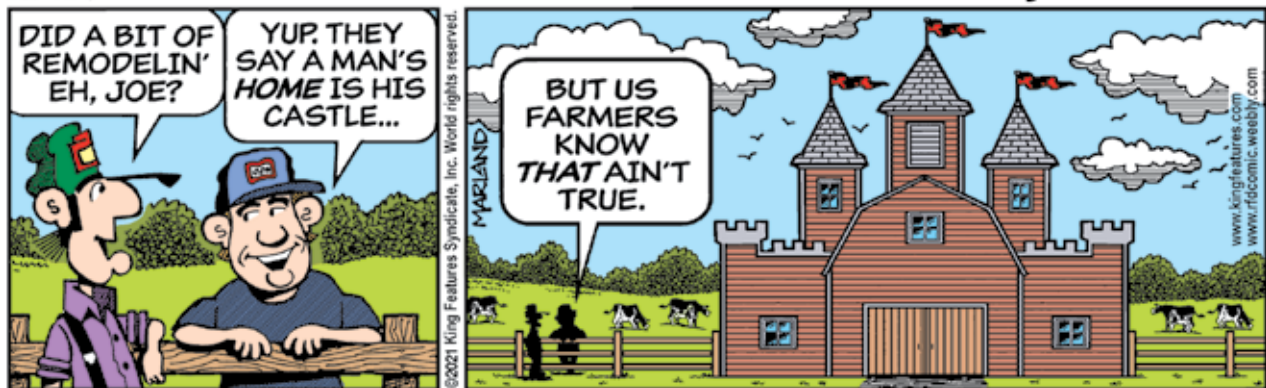
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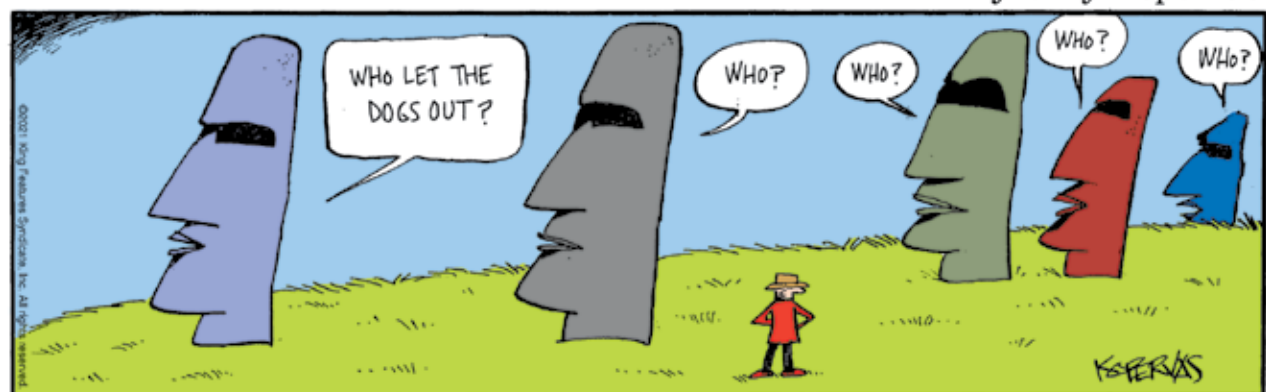
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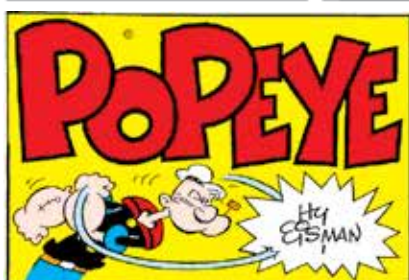
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



## PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

July 7, 2011

When they bought their Keystone Montana 5th wheel in September, Lynn and Paul Mantz-Powers knew it would be months before they'd retire. But they were so excited about the prospect of hitting the road and adopting a new nomadic lifestyle this summer that they practically moved out of their adjacent family home on Bolles Road and into their 400-square-foot travel trailer.

One's a cowgirl. One's a mother of two. One's a chef. One's a graduate wine maker. One's a journalist. Coppei Coffee's core team couldn't be more different or their paths to the town's new culinary crossroads more varied. Yet they have more than a few things in common when it comes to their vision and passion for Waitsburg's soon-to-open coffee house on Main Street.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

July 11, 1996

Weller Library may get some upstairs tenants. At least that possibility was discussed by the Waitsburg City Council in its meeting last week. The long-unused apartment above the Weller Library has caught the interest of John Sibis of Waitsburg. Sibis is interested in trading some "sweat equity" for the chance to occupy the space, discussion at the meeting revealed. "In past, it's been looked at as a sweat equity type of apartment [but nothing's ever been done]," commented Mayor Tom Baker. "I think it is the same kind of space as above City Hall, and if we got someone with energy to do something about it, we ought to look at it."

Fifty Years Ago

July 8, 1971

Employees host for beginning of Postal Service



[Photo caption] The Postal Service employees were hosts to customers last Thursday, July 1, as the newly-formed corporation officially was introduced. The Post Office crew baked some goodies and served them up with coffee for about 90 people who came in to recognize the change in status. Here Vivian Rankin and Postmaster Ivan Keve look on as Ruth Hall serves some java to Florence Rees. Florence has a great interest in the Waitsburg Post Office since her great-grandfather, W.N. Smith, was the first Postmaster. He was appointed in the fall of 1866 and served until January 1, 1886. Mr. Smith also had the first store and the first school here.

The Neighbors 4, popular local quartet of Lee Mantz, Jr., Jack McCaw, Bob Sickles, and Bob Patton, will entertain at the Presbyterian Ice Cream Social to be held on the Church lawn from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (weather permitting). This mid-summer social event has proved attractive to those with a sweet tooth who like to sample the wares of local cake bakers and enjoy a pleasant evening chatting with friends.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

July 12, 1946

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vollmer and their young son moved Wednesday to Prosser, Wash. where they have purchased a new home and where Mr. Vollmer is farming in Horse Heaven.

Stanley Seaton returned Sunday from Wyoming where he made a business trip to sell his first snow-plane which he invented and built last year. The plane was sold to a transportation official for carrying mail and passengers in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Stonecipher and son Buddy arrived recently from El Cerrito, Cal. They plan to make their home in Walla Walla.

One Hundred Years Ago

July 8, 1921

Two harvest crews are to get into the fields Friday according to present plans. Jack Cushin and Frank Zuger are the first to start up this season.

Donald Mikkelsen, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Mikkelsen, had the misfortune to break his arm Saturday evening. It was after dark and he stumbled over a dog, falling in such a manner as to break a bone in his arm.

Residents of this valley were astounded upon arising Saturday morning to notice that a blanket of snow had fallen way down on the Blue Mountains.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

July 10, 1896

The Times has made arrangements with the Spokane Twice-a-Week Review whereby both papers will be furnished for the one subscription price of \$2 in advance.

Harvest, that is, heading and threshing, will begin the last of next week and the beginning of the week following.

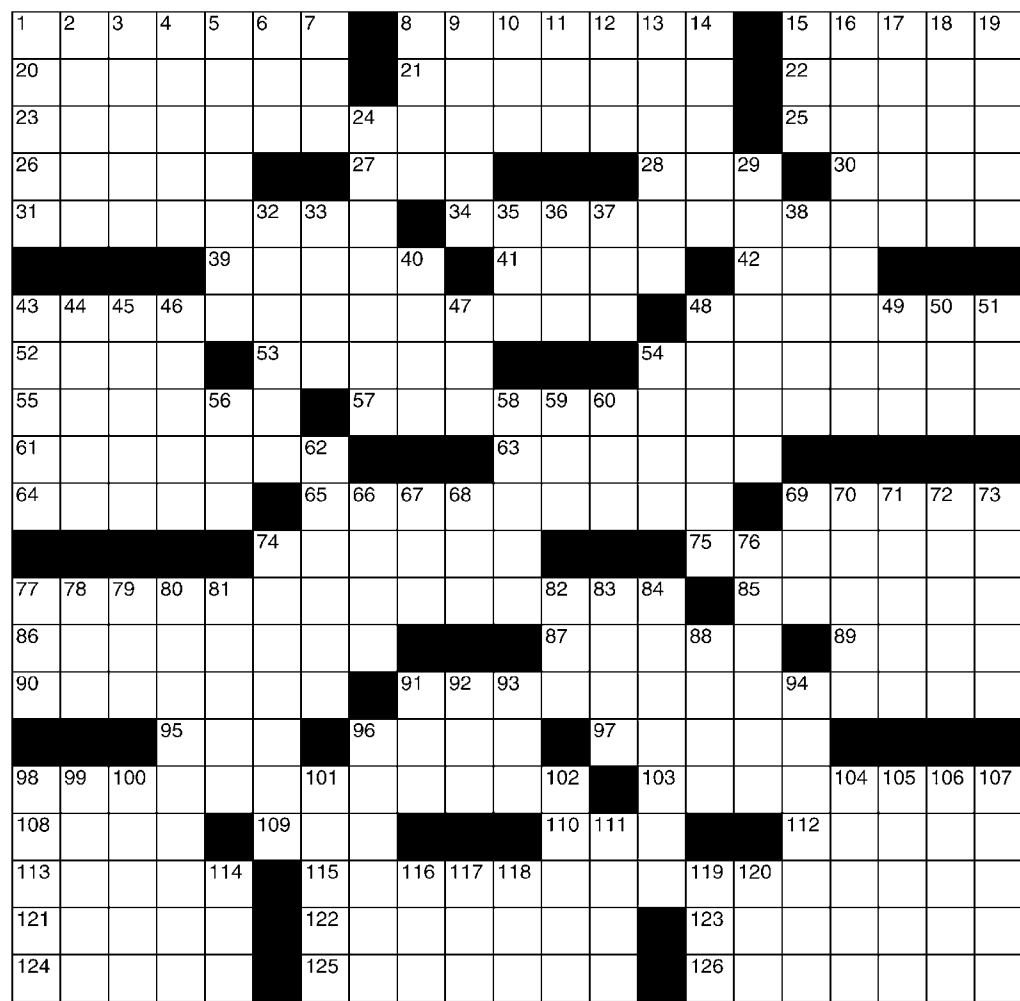
Even the convicts at the penitentiary celebrate the Fourth and give expression to the pride in being in America, the land of the free and the home of the brave.

# PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

## Super Crossword

ALTERNATING NAMES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Trapped
  - 8 Moderately slow tempo
  - 15 Hot coal
  - 20 Left over
  - 21 Velvet Underground singer
  - 22 Myanmar, previously
  - 23 \* "Chicago" poet who worked for a rival of Revlon?
  - 25 Vital liquid
  - 26 Pitcher — Nomo
  - 27 Big joint
  - 28 Antique auto
  - 30 Furry Oz visitor
  - 31 More like baking bread's smell
  - 34 \* 2003 "American Idol" runner-up from Alberta?
  - 39 Like Hindi or Urdu
  - 41 Many a youth
  - 42 Soup sample
  - 43 \* Reply when the crooner of "Honey" asked how he should criticize people?
  - 48 The Fate who cut the thread of destiny
  - 52 Pitti Palace's river
  - 53 Gladys Knight & the Pips' "I've Got to — Imagination"
  - 54 Like an obsessed mind
  - 55 A whole lot
  - 57 \* "Go take a nap, you Bolshevik leader"?
  - 61 Dig up
  - 63 Range ropes
  - 64 Emmy winner Michaels
  - 65 What each guy who's an answer to a starred clue is? [hint: skip over the even letters in his first name]
  - 69 "— diem!"
  - 74 Ate into
  - 75 "180 illegal" road sign
  - 77 \* Gets hold of the singer of "Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay"?
  - 85 Got closer to
  - 86 Pungent red roots
  - 87 Din
  - 89 Spanish body of water
  - 90 Many private planes
  - 91 \* Novelist of "Humboldt's Gift" imitating a beach bird?
  - 95 Chaney of "The Trap"
  - 96 Certain peer
  - 97 "McSorley's Bar" painter John
  - 98 \* Co-star of "Neighbors" with a Seussian Star-Belly?
  - 103 Conjecturer's words
  - 108 Is unwell
  - 109 Anvil setting
  - 110 401(k) kin
  - 112 Many a youth over the even letters in his first name]
  - 115 \* 20-season Houston Astros player who was a hot rodder?
  - 121 Big blue expanse
  - 122 Worked, as dough
  - 123 Garage door gadgets
  - 124 Aeries, e.g.
  - 125 Veterans
  - 126 Co-star of HBO's "Insecure"
- DOWN**
- 1 Restless
  - 2 "I'm serious!"
  - 3 Came — (burrito fill)
  - 4 Is like a mole
  - 5 Like salivary glands near ears
  - 6 Gold, to Luis
  - 7 — Aviv
  - 8 Jai —
  - 9 Like Macs
  - 10 Film bomb
  - 11 Wall St. operator
  - 12 Not old, in Ulm
  - 13 Earthling, in sci-fi
  - 14 Lawn tidier
  - 15 Dwindle
  - 16 Like PCs with several peripheral hookup points
  - 17 Small stream
  - 18 Overact
  - 19 Cellar gas
  - 24 Dwindle
  - 29 Pearl holders
  - 32 Smitten erotically
  - 33 Big name in ice cream
  - 35 121-Across off Va.
  - 36 Spike in film
  - 37 "Is that so!"
  - 38 — -surface missile
  - 40 Short negligee, for short
  - 43 Duty of art
  - 44 University city in Maine
  - 45 Fewer than
  - 46 Actor Lloyd
  - 47 Soap stuff
  - 48 Basketballer Jamison
  - 49 Faux —
  - 50 Doc — (foe of Spidey)
  - 51 Big blue expanse
  - 54 Savvy about
  - 56 Prior to
  - 58 "Judge —" (1995 film)
  - 59 Crude fluid
  - 60 Retail store starter?
  - 62 Stable group
  - 66 Diana of "West 11"
  - 67 Ike's initials
  - 68 Grazed (on)
  - 69 Acting nudge
  - 70 The tiniest bit
  - 71 Pastoral
  - 72 Rival of Ragú
  - 73 Bequeath
  - 74 Embellish
  - 76 Barely there phone signal
  - 77 Frodo foe
  - 78 Sweetie, in modern lingo
  - 79 Eagles' stats
  - 80 Non-window flight request
  - 81 Ain't correct?
  - 82 Gerund suffix
  - 83 We, to Henri
  - 84 Anderson of "The X-Files"
  - 88 Trough food
  - 91 — Paulo
  - 92 Unit of work
  - 93 London beer
  - 94 Foes
  - 96 Wayward
  - 98 Beauty shop
  - 99 Family girl
  - 100 Santas' aides
  - 101 Taxi drivers
  - 102 Not as nasty
  - 104 — petition
  - 105 Felix played by Randall
  - 106 Kelly of "One Tree Hill"
  - 107 Irregularly notched
  - 111 Clears (of)
  - 114 USN off.
  - 116 "Citizen X" co-star
  - 117 Sleazy paper
  - 118 Lemon drink
  - 119 "... grace of God —"
  - 120 Med. stats. taken with arm cuffs



## MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

# Elotes (Mexican grilled street corn)



As a child in Los Angeles, I often spent weekends with my father who lived a block from Echo Park Lake, many years before it became the gentrified hipster neighborhood of today. We would walk around the park people watching, feeding the ducks, while searching for the perfect bench to sit and draw. As a future foodie, these visits to the park were full of gastronomic discoveries. On top of the omnipresent taco trucks parked around the perimeter, there was always an array of food carts to choose from, pushed by vendors singing out their offerings. Shaved ice doused in sweet syrups, fresh mango or melon with chili and lime, bags of fresh chicharrones, the options were endless, but my favorite was always the elotes. Hot grilled corn on a stick, slathered in mayonnaise with lime, rolled in cotija cheese and chili powder, an elote always made a fantastic, albeit messy, afternoon snack. My recipe below captures my memories of those Southern California flavors, and is an easy way to add a new twist to a summer barbecue staple.

### Ingredients:

- 4 to 6 ears of corn, shucked
- 1/2 cup Mexican crema, or sour cream (see notes)
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 clove of garlic, crushed
- Zest of 1 lime, juice reserved
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon ground chipotle chili (see notes)
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- Pinch of salt
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro, plus more for garnish
- 1/2 cup cotija cheese, crumbled
- Lime wedges for serving

### Directions:

In a bowl mix the crema, mayonnaise, garlic, lime zest and dried spices. Add the salt and chopped cilantro. Taste, add more salt if needed. Cover and set aside in the fridge.

Heat grill to medium-high heat. When heated, lightly brush grill with oil. Grill corn, turning frequently, until cooked and slightly charred, 10 to 15 minutes.

Brush corn all around with the spiced crema mixture. Don't be shy. Sprinkle cotija evenly all around the corn, totally covering the crema. Squeeze half the lime you used for zest, over the tops, then garnish top with extra cilantro. For extra heat, and color, sprinkle a little more chipotle chili over the tops. Serve immediately with extra lime wedges on the side.

### Notes:

Mexican crema has a slightly thinner texture and higher fat content to regular sour cream. You can find it in many grocery stores, and Mexican markets. If you can only find regular sour cream, thin it out with a tablespoon, or two, of lime juice.

You can experiment with different ground dried chilis such as California, cayenne, ancho or guajillo. Personally, I love the smokiness of ground chipotle pepper. Smoked paprika would also work well. Adjust the chili level to your preferred spice level. Remember, the creaminess of the crema and the sweetness of the corn will balance out the heat of the chili.

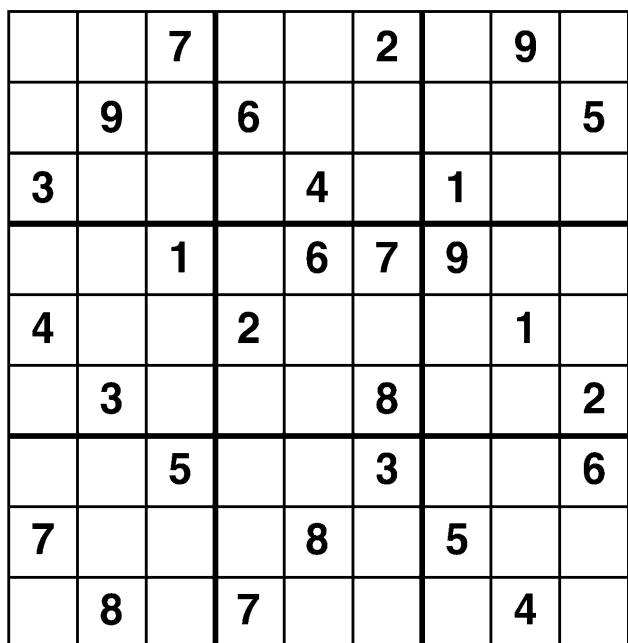
Getting a char on the corn is a big part of the flavor. If you don't have a grill, you can blanch the corn in boiling water for 3 minutes, then char in an oiled skillet, turning frequently while cooking over medium heat, till done.

Serve this at your next backyard barbecue. Try it as a side dish with grilled Carne Asada, or perhaps tacos stuffed with my Braised Brisket a la Mexicana (March 18, 2021 edition of The Times). Have extra limes, and cheese on the table for passing. Extra napkins are good idea, too. Buen provecho!

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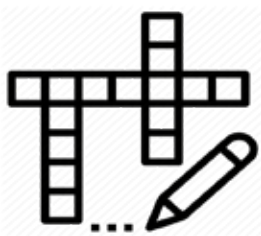


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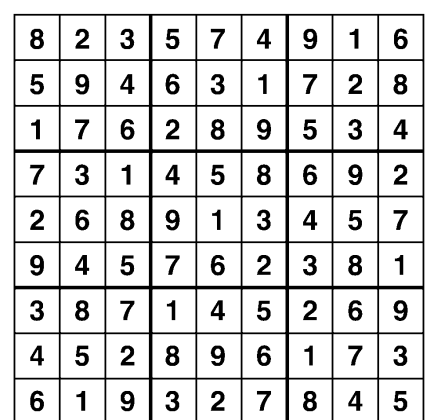
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# THE LAST PAGE

## Waitsburg: A town with a history of reinvention



Leroy Cunningham and Jim German prepping and painting the building that is now the Royal Block. Bart Baxter is hard at work supervising!



Lupe Torres, co-owner of Nothing New Antiques, and then Mayor Markeeta Little Wolf working hard to finish up Main Street touchups.

In the late 2000's, when these photos were taken, no one expected the building that once housed the Farmer's Cafe to become an espresso coffee shop, with a counter made out of the original cafe's sign. No one expected Nothing New Antiques to be converted into a busy salon and spa. The Plaza Beauty Salon was a Main Street mainstay, even after moving locations. However retirement called and owner Peggy Jones closed her shop a few years ago.

Main Street has been home to many businesses. The famous Bullseye Bar said its final goodbye years ago, and the building has remained empty until recent months. Jim German Bar brought cocktails and art, Coppei Coffee warmed the town with good coffee, baked goods and music, Waitsburg Hardware has closed but remains a place of local freindship, and many miss the Whoop'em Up Cafe for their food, patio and humor.

Even with a quiet Main Street, Waitsburg has

come a long way in its 159 years of life. In 1862, the town was little more than a piece of privately-owned homestead land. Kickstarted by the construction of Waits Mill (which, in itself nearly did not happen after Sylvester M. Wait lost his saddlebag full of money), the town began to grow. Build it, and they will come.

There is not much space to build on Main Street these days, but there is plenty of opportunity to grow and revitalize. History is etched and preserved in the walls of the historic buildings, repurposed to fit modern-day needs and reshaped to cater to today's residents.

It's not easy to keep a small town alive, but with a little grit (and perhaps the same amount of elbow grease as former mayor Markeeta Little Wolf, Jim German, LeRoy Cunningham, Sandy and Lupe Torres and Bart Baxter used), anything is possible!



A town in transition: The recently closed Farmer's Cafe next to the recently-opened Nothing New Antiques.

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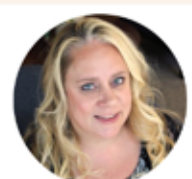


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