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ONE DOLLAR

SERVING WAITSBURG, DAYTON AND THE TOUCHET VALLEY



Bill Rodgers

A stunning view from the water tower above the City of Waitsburg. Local photographer, Bill Rodgers, catches the crisp morning light that illuminates the fields and hills surrounding the city.

Three counties roll back to Phase 2

Walla Walla and Columbia Counties both remain in Phase 3 for now, local heath officials warn residents to stay vigilent as the number of COVID-19 cases inch up in the region.

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Governor Jay Inslee Monday announced that three Washington State counties would roll back to Phase 2 of the Healthy Washington reopening plan after failing to meet the necessary metrics.

The three counties returning to Phase 2 are Cowlitz County, Pierce County, and Whitman County.

"These metric trends are driven by the virus, and we must continue to do ev-

CCHS participating in group studying regional childcare issues

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Group funded by a grant from the State Dept. of Commerce seeks answers in creating quality, affordable child care, locally

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

erything we can to sharpen our focus and keep COVID-19 activity down. We are so close to the end of the tunnel here — we have made tremendous progress, and we must keep our focus," Inslee said. "It's like a football game; we have done 95 yards on a 99 yard-drive. We can't let up now. These are not punitive actions; they are to save lives and protect public health."

"Vaccine is a crucial tool that will help us end the pandemic, but it isn't the only tool, and we don't yet have enough Washingtonians fully vaccinated to rely on this alone to keep our communities safe from the virus," said Lacy Fehrenbach, deputy secretary for COVID-19 response, Department of Health. "We need to focus on lowering disease transmission in the next several weeks ahead as we continue our vaccination efforts in order to avoid a fourth surge of cases. This means wearing masks, watching our distancing, and keeping gatherings small and outdoors."

On April 9, Inslee announced updates to the Healthy Washington criteria. To move down one phase, a county must fail both metrics for case counts and hospitalizations. Under the previous plan, a county only needed to fail one metric to move back a phase.

In order to remain in Phase 3, Walla Walla County must meet the Larger County metrics (populations of 50,000 and above), which require less than 200 new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 within 14 days, and less than five new COVID-19 hospitalizations per week. Walla Walla County is just above 50% of the allowed cases per week, but is not currently at risk of moving back a phase.

Columbia County must meet the metrics for Smaller Counties, which require less than 100 new COVID-19 over the course of 14 days, and no more than three new hospitalizations per week. Columbia County currently falls within the acceptable metrics.

As of Tuesday, April 13, there have been 76 COVID-19 cases reported in Waitsburg. The Times was recently made aware of a possible exposure at a local restaurant and will follow the situation as it develops. According to the Federal Drug Administration, there is no evidence that COVID-19 is transmissible through food, however, surface transmission may be possible if proper precautions are not followed.

Food and retail establishments that have an employee test positive should have all employees who had direct contact with the individual quarantine for seven days before being be tested. Employees may also quarantine for 10 days, and may return to work if they show no symptoms of COVID-19.

Even with vaccination rates rising, face masks remain a crucial tool in combating the COVID-19 virus. COVID-19 is highly transmissible through respiratory droplets, which are largely projected when coughing, sneezing, talking, and singing. When worn correctly, covering both the nose and the mouth, surgical face masks act as a barrier against the droplets.

Starting Thursday, April 15, all Washingtonians 16 years old and older will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccines. The increased vaccination rate, continued mask usage, physical distancing and adherence to reopening guidance in all counties will hopefully help in preventing a rise in COVID-19 case numbers.

DAYTON—There will be a licensed daycare vacuum in Dayton, when the only current licensed provider drops out of the business at the end of June, said Paul Ihle, a Community Health Worker for the Columbia County Health System.

"To the best of my knowledge, we are down to one licensed daycare provider, Susan Schlenz, and she has announced her retirement this June. . . I believe that Sylvia Demaris is currently not open for home daycare, and Haley Puckett dropped out of the business at the start of the pandemic," he said.

Puckett was the only provider in Dayton who participated in the c level of cer-

tification/licensure, which the state requires for subsidized programs. Because of that, Ihle said there is no longer anyone in Dayton to take foster children or other state-subsidized youth.

Ihle sits on a standing committee at Columbia County Health System (CCHS) looking into childcare options for CCHS employees. He brings much to the table as a retired elementary school teacher and a fifteen-year Early Childhood Education Assistance Program teacher.

The CCHS committee has reached out to Walla Walla YMCA and the childcare franchise Bright Horizons to see if these options are suitable for the health system's employees. Bright Horizons operates a childcare center adjacent to Kadlec Medical Center in Richland.

Ihle said that some longstanding problems in the childcare industry have been magnified by the pandemic and have contributed to childcare center closures.

He knows of providers hiding from licensers. He also knows that some licensed providers have felt hassled instead of helped by new standards designed to improve childcare.

Paul Ihle

For instance, the big toys that have been enjoyed for years were eliminated in recent years because "soft fall" didn't meet specifications. Instead of offering help with funding they were simply removed.

"End result – safer, boring play yard," Ihle said.

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Courtesy Photo

TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

AT THE LIBERTY: *Chaos Walking*

THE TIMES

DAYTON—*Chaos Walking*, released in the US in early March 2021, will show April 16, 17, 18 and 20. Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm, Sunday 3:00 pm, and Tuesday 6:30 pm, at the Liberty Theatre.

Based on the first book in the young adult sci-fi trilogy by Carnegie Award-winning author Patrick Ness, comes a bold cinematic experience directed by Doug Linman. Todd Hewitt (Tom Holland) lives in a settlement on the distant and unexplored planet, New World--a new hope for humanity. Earlier, the settlers were afflicted by The Noise, a virus that made men's thoughts audible and visible to others. Though women were unaffected, aliens killed them years ago, condemning the settlement to extinction.

Todd makes a hidden, silent discovery: there is a girl named Viola (Daisy Ridley), who may be the key to unlocking New World's many-layered secrets. Together, the two unlikely companions are forced on a white-knuckle adventure trying to escape and hide in an environment where all thought is heard, all movement seen. They discover the truth about the lives they left behind and the spectacular world they've learned to call home.

RATED PG-13 for violence and language, with a runtime of 109 minutes.



SEN. DOZIER'S FIRST BILL BECOMES LAW, ALLOWING MORTGAGE ORIGINATORS TO WORK FROM HOME

NEWS BRIEFS

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Freshman Senator Perry Dozier's first bill was signed into law Wednesday afternoon by Governor Jay Inslee, a measure allowing mortgage loan originators to work from home.

Inslee added his signature to Senate Bill 5077 at a bill-signing ceremony Wednesday. The measure is the first from Dozier to earn a place in the state's law books. Dozier, R-Waitsburg, was elected to the Senate last fall from southeast Washington's 16th Legislative District, and this is his first legislative session.

"It's great to see your first bill become law, and it's even better when it happens with unanimous support," Dozier said. "But the legislation itself is always the most important thing. This bill establishes work-from-home standards for a business that must comply with extensive record-keeping requirements, and it will provide greater flexibility for mortgage loan originators and their customers."

State law currently requires mortgage loan originators to work from licensed office locations. But the state Department of Financial Institutions has allowed them to work from home over the past year under COVID emergency orders. The measure permits originators to work from home if they adhere to state security rules, keep all paper records at their branch offices, and their work is done via a secure office computer system.

The measure passed the Senate 49-0 on Feb. 3, and it passed the House 98-0 on March 24.



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MURDER HORNETS, BEWARE! HONEYFORD BILL TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL CLEARS HOUSE IN A UNANIMOUS VOTE

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—If they had boots, murder hornets, apple maggots, and African clawed frogs would be shaking in them from an announcement on April 12 from the state Legislature. In a unanimous vote, the House of Representatives approved Sen. Jim Honeyford's bill to extend the Washington State Invasive Species Council's life and its mission to protect the state's environment and economy from harmful nonnative plants, insects, and animals.

"In addition to being one of the most '2020' of all 2020 stories, the arrival of murder hornets in Whatcom County is a prime example of why the Invasive Species Council is so critical to our state," said Honeyford, R-Sunnyside. "This measure will extend the critical efforts of the council for another decade.

"I'm glad to see the House support the council and its important mission in such an overwhelmingly bipartisan manner."

Invasive species represent one of the greatest threats to Washington's plants, animals, insects, and businesses. The Legislature established the Invasive Species Council in 2006 to provide policy-level direction, planning, and coordination on how to address the problem. The council's goals include minimizing the effects of harmful invasive species, serving as a forum for identifying and understanding relevant issues, facilitating joint planning and cooperation, educating the public, and providing policy advice to lawmakers.

The Legislature initially intended for the council to disband at the end of 2011. Two extensions moved the end date to June 30, 2022. Under Senate Bill 5063, the expiration date of the Washington State Invasive Species Council and Invasive Species Council Account would be extended to June 30, 2032.

SB 5063 is executive-request legislation by the state's Recreation and Conservation Office. The measure, which supports the Washington State Water Resources Association, the Kalispel Tribe, and Chelan County PUD, also passed the Senate unanimously on March 2. It now goes to the governor's office.

Friday Take and Bake at Blue Mountain Co-op

Menu for April 16 Not-Quite-Mother's-Day

Commeal Waffle. House Cured Pork Belly. Maple Syrup 11 2 Scotch Eggs. Creamed Spinach 9 Mustard Chicken. Smoked Smashed Potato & Broccoli. Chardonnay

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Prescott Lions Club Breakfast is back!

Saturday April 17th from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

We will be serving bacon, sausage, eggs, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, juice and coffee for \$8.00.

Prescott Lions Hall, corner of Hwy. 124 and D Street.



STARBUCK SCHOOL DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE

For Pre-registration of Four and Five Year Olds for Transitional Kindergarten 2021-22 School Year Come Visit – Ask Questions – Pre-Enroll April 22, 2021 – 6 p.m. 509-399-2381 717 Tucannon St., Starbuck, WA

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

Alice Lorraine Bowhay

October 26, 1930 - March 31, 2021

lice Lorraine Bowhay passed away on March 31st, 2021 in Dayton, Washington.

She was born October 26th, 1930 in Bellingham, Washington to Louis and Reah Cowan. The 6th child of 7 children. Her childhood was spent on Lummi Island, Washington and in Bellingham, Washington.

She married the love of her life Harold Bowhay on June 9th, 1951. And settled in Mount Vernon, then Wickersham. Together they had three children, Charles Wesley Bowhay, Michael Harold Bowhay, and Christine Ann Bowhay.

She and Harold were also foster parents. She and her husband helped start the Association of Foster Parents in Washington state. She was a Boy Scout Den Mother and a Bible Vacation Teacher.

In 1975, they sold their home that she loved and moved to Dayton, Washington in 1976 with daughter Chris. Alice was well known for her gardens and her raspberries and other fruits and vegetables that she sold from her home. She also worked many years as the dishwasher for The Patit Creek Restaurant. She also spent a lot of her time when not in the garden, reading as many books as she could, listening to all kinds of music, or watching Reba, General Hospital, Bonan-

za, or Lawrence Welk on the TV, and spending time with her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren.



Alice Lorraine Bowhay

She was always up for a sing along or to telling stories of her life growing up on Lummi Island with her siblings and the trouble they would get into.

She was proceeded in death by her siblings Joyce, Mae, Lois, June, Stanley, Walter, Lewis, and her husband Harold. She is survived by her children, Charles of Ferndale, Washington, Michael of Dayton, Washington, and Christine of Walla Walla. And her numerous Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, and her Great Great Granddaughter. As well as many Nieces, and Nephews.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday April 17th, 2021 at 1 pm in the Lyons building at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds in Waitsburg Washington.

New concessionaires at the Touchet Valley Golf **Course restaurant**

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON-If you find you love the food prepared by Sid Highsmith and Nathanial Steen at Blazin Burgers, you should let them know so they will be encouraged to stay.

Steen said when the golf course restaurant closes this winter, they will take a three-month hiatus to explore the possibility of opening a restaurant in Indonesia. But, if they do well here, they will stay.

Blazin Burgers has been open since Saturday and, so far, there have been "huge" compliments and lots of buzz on Facebook, Highsmith said. One gentleman has eaten breakfast there every day since the restaurant opened last week, he said.

The "Front Nine" menu from 7 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. offers breakfast options, including eggs benedict and breakfast burritos. Steen said the four for \$10 Blazin Breakfast sample platter is already a customer favorite.

"This for everyone who wants a little

bit of this and that," he said.

The "Back Nine" menu from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. offers pub-style fare from burgers and patty melts to street tacos.

"If you don't see what you want, ask the server if the kitchen can make it," Steen said.

Specials will be run every week. On Sunday, look for the Hawaiian burger special. If you like it, it can be added to the regular menu.

Blazin Burgers is located at 209 North Pine Street at the Touchet Valley Golf Course. Hours of operation are 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. every day of the week. To place a take-out order, call (509) 382-4851.





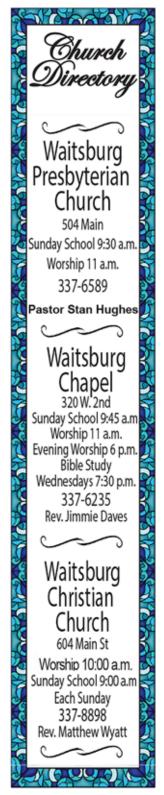
Michele Smith Sid Highsmith (I) and Nathanial Steen (r) are the new concessionaires at the Touchet Valley Golf Course restaurant

Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

Board of Columbia County Commissioners

Coalition for Youth & Families



Waitsburg City Council:

Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Lions Club building at the fairgrounds.

Waitsburg School Board:

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

Waitsburg Celebration Days: Meetings TBA

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

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

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.

Fourth Wednesday monthly at 3 p.m. https://coalitionforyouthandfamilies.org/ get-involved

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Every month on the Third Monday at 7:00 PM

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

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting - Online

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

Starbuck City Council:

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

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND WAITSBURG SENIOR TABLE LUNCH CENTER

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

Thursday, April 15

Chicken alfredo Diced carrots Broccoli salad Dinner roll Banana Milk

Tuesday, April 20 Spaghetti & meat sauce Italian blend veggies Coleslaw

Lloyd's

Garlic bread Fruit

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

Tuesday, April 20

Roast beef Baked fish Rice pilaf Stewed tomatoes Salad, Roll Sunset gelatin Milk



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WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Beginning February 25th, Waitsburg School District will no longer be providing home meal deliveries. Families wishing to continue receiving meals at home must pre order online and pick up the meals from school. Orders must be received by Wednesdays at 5:00 PM for pick up the following week and may be picked up Monday or Thursday, 8 a.m-9 p.m. For more information, call Susan Wildey at (509) 337-6461,

or visit www.waitsburgsd.org.

Thursday, April 15

B: Scram. Eggs & sausage L: Hamburger Onion-pickle-tomato Fries Watermelon

Friday, April 16 B: Waffle

L: Pizza Baby carrots Pineapple Treat

Monday, April 19 B: Breakfast roll L: Chicken drumstick Baked beans Asparagus Peaches

- Tuesday, April 20 B: Biscuits & gravy L: Turkey sub Chips Pickle Cucumbers
 - Strawberries

Walla Walla (509) 525-4110

NEWS

Cheers for Mama Monicelli

By Gail Gwinn | THE TIMES

My favorite time for dessert is after breakfast, a little motivation before I start checking off my list of Things I Don't Want To Do. Sometimes we have something special on hand, like Sarah's beautifully sculpted cupcakes, Daniel's Tres Leches Cake from CounterFeat at Blue Mountain Station, Luke's Sticky Banoffee Cake, or Chocolate Crinkle Cookies from Ten Ton Coffee. All good!



Lately, my new perfect go-to for my daily sugar fix is Mama Monicelli's Sea Salt

Bark, also from Blue Mountain Station in Dayton. The bark is portioned into one inch squares; two squares are usually perfect unless I have too many things on The List. Then I need three pieces. So satisfying and motivational. Usually, after eating something sweet, I need a handful of salty chips for balance, but since the chocolate bark is mixed with the perfect amount of sea salt, no need for chips!

I'm so grateful for food hand-crafted by people other than myself. Thank you, friends.

WALLA WALLA DOL TO REOPEN APRIL, BY **APPOINTMENT ONLY**

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Commissioner Greg Tompkins has been working with Beau Perschbacher with the Washington State Department of Licensing on the reopening of the Walla Walla Driver Licensing Office.

The WWCC are pleased to announce that the Walla Walla driver licensing office will reopen by appointment only on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. All offices are operating at reduced capacity due to COVID-19 protocols.

Appointments are for people with urgent needs who have no choice but to visit the office in person. Make an appointment if your transaction cannot be done online, by phone, or by mail. Additional information can be found at www.dol. wa.gov.

You may also be able to get what you need by calling the Customer Service Center (360) 902-3900 or the Walla Walla Driver Licensing Office (509) 527-4358.

Home Grown Go Wild 4-H plant sale ends April 21, order now

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Walla Walla County 4-H'ers are inching closer to in-person activities after more than a year of canceled sales, exhibitions, and meetings. Home Grown Go Wild 4-H, in Waitsburg, is eagerly anticipating the return and is kicking off their annual plant sale.

The yearly plant sale helps fund activities for the group. Members have projects in archery, shotgun, rifle and pistol sports, gardening and sewing, as well as various animal projects. Busy kids with impressive results!

Plants being offered through the sale include begonias, bidens, coleus, and geraniums, as well as strawberries, peppers, and tomatoes. Assorted hanging baskets are also available for purchase. All plants have been grown locally at Walla Walla Nursery.

For a complete selection and to purchase, call Cindy Daves at (509) 520-9952, or email cldtig@ vahoo.com. Plant availability is subject to change, and additional plants may be available upon request. Orders for plants must be submitted by April 21, and plants will be available for pickup either April 30 or May 1. The club can accept payment via local checks or cash.



12" Baskets - \$30 18" Baskets - \$50 Assorted vegetables & plants also available INFERIOR CONTACT CHIEF IN SHE STRUKES IN CLETING THREE COM

BIRTHDAYS

April 15:

Eric Collingwood, Sharon Morris, Carla White.

April 16:

Lynne Jones Simpson, Dora Loveall, Sandy McCaw, Taryn Chromy, Christina Page, Naomi Kulp, Kelsey Alleman and Butch Peck.

April 17:

Daniel Baker, Melissa Huwe, Martin Huffman, Joseph Wood, and Drew Herion.

April 18:

Doris Saunders, Wayne Boyles, Margaret Baird, Tylor Abel, Dick Peter-



April 5

Animal call. Harlem Road

9-1-1 call from Knoblock Apartments. 5th Street

Abandoned vehicle. Hartsock Grade

April 6

Suspicious activity at the Fish Pond Corps of Engineers. Cottonwood Street

Domestic problem. Main

Abandoned vehicle at Grace Episcopal Church. 3rd Street

CCSO

Theft reported. Kellogg Hollow

April 10

Domestic, physical. Tucannon Traffic call, Gallaher Road Animal call. Highway 12

April 11

Child abuse reported. Highway 12 Unknown problem reported. Cameron Street Traffic Stop at Rainbow Lake. Tucannon

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son, Jeff Presler, Emily Jansen, Russ Knopp and Josh Hunter.



April 19:

Stephanie Hinchliffe, Ross Hamann, Bruce Abbey, Frank Brown, Jon Cano and Sabrina, Leslie Lambert, and Chandler Savage.

April 20:

Chris Shaffer, Verla Bushnell, Doris Huffman, Scott Unholz, Mark Leroue, Elisha James, and Elizabeth Henderson, Kyle Martin.

April 21: Tracy Keve, Brooklyn Butler, Rebecca Dunn, Joyce Zingle, and Dean and Deanna Keiser.

Malicious mischief reported at Country Village.

9-1-1 call, Washington Federal Bank. Main

Unknown problem reported at Maco Aviation, Wing Air. Highway 12

April 8

9-1-1 Call, Texas Rapids Park.

Suspicious activity reported at City Lumber & Coal Yards. 3rd Street

April 9 Domestic, physical. Cottonwood Street Missing person reported. 2nd Street

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A PROUD TRADITION

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

April 9 Fraud. Walla Walla County

April 10

Malicious mischief reported. Waitsburg

Informational report taken regarding possible assault. Walla Walla County

A violation of a protection order occurred in the county. Walla Walla County

April 11

Vehicle prowl w/ theft reported. Walla Walla County

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NEWS

Baseball fields vandalized over the weekend

An unknown vehicle caused ruts and other damage late Friday night

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Late in the night on Friday, April 9, multiple properties were vandalized in Waitsburg, including the baseball fields, the football field, and the horse track. With the first home baseball game scheduled in less than a week, athletes, parents, and friends rallied on Sunday to repair the field to a playable state.

The damage included deep ruts caused by a vehicle spinning 'brodies' on the grass and infield, with deep tire marks which appeared to be caused by spinning tires. Witnesses in the area said that it was a male driving with a newer, white pickup with an extended cab. A property on West 7th Street also sustained similar damage, with witnesses saying that this damage occurred around 11:55 p.m. The Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office was contacted and is investigating.

Lisa Morrow, a school board member, baseball mom, and sports enthusiast, gathered a work group to repair the baseball field. Morrow said her 4-H group was scheduled for a workday at the pig barns that morning, and many of the 4-H'ers walked over to help with the baseball fields.

Kevin Smith, owner of Smith Brothers Landscaping in Walla Walla helped Morrow with donated sand, dirt, and the use of dump trailers, rakes, and a sod cutter, which was essential to the successful repair of the field.

"We have a long way to go," said Morrow. "But the field is playable."

Denise and Andy Winnett, who live next to the field, also stepped in and donated a tractor to help flatten the ground. An uneven field poses a serious risk of injury to athletes, including sprains and broken bones.

"It's very frustrating," said Tracy Barron, a WSD employee and softball parent, as she reflected on the work done over the weekend. "These kids just can't seem to catch a break."

The list of volunteers included Waitsburg School Superintendent Mark Pickel and his son, Isaac. Duke and Lisa Morrow, Charlie and Tracy Barron, Trevor Boudrieau, Seamus House and Steve Tremmel were among the community members and parents that all jumped in. Nick Watts, who was visiting from Oregon, manned a tractor and helped out with various jobs.

Students from both Dayton and Waitsburg didn't hesitate to change their



Photos courtesy of Lisa Morrow, Charlie Barron



Sunday plans to help. Sadie Seney, Amy Bly, Garrett Palmer, Jayce Gleason, and Caleb, Makenna, and Carter Barron were among the students who helped out. Quinn Benavides, Daylan Marlow, Cougar Anderson, Colt and Levi Boudrieau, and Jasper Morrow helped rake dirt and sand and lay sod as needed.

Please contact the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office at (509) 524-5400 if you have information about the driver or events that resulted in multiple properties being vandalized.

With the quick thinking and work from volunteers, the Dayton-Waitsburg Wolfpack baseball team will be able to play Walla Walla Valley Academy on Saturday, April 17, at 11 a.m, at the Waitsburg field.



Above right: Smith Brothers Landscaping, of Walla Walla, donated the use of a dump trailer, as well as sand and dirt and a sod that were essential to restoring the field to a playable state.

Above left: Tire tracks created dangerous grounds for baseball players just a week before the first home baseball game. Students from both Dayton and Waitsburg schools carefully raked out sand, preparing damaged areas for sod.

Left: Jasper Morrow, Quinn Benevides, and coach John Watts made a plan to relav sod after the baseball fields were damaged by a pickup truck late Friday night.

Bottom left: The damage caused by the vehicle could have serious repercussions for baseball athletes. Uneven ground can cause sprained joints or broken bones.

Below: Lisa Morrow served up hot dogs for lunch and Tracy Barron provided doughnuts and beverages for everyone at the field.



CHILDCARE - FROM PAGE 1

So, who is providing childcare now in our local communities?

"My gut feeling is that people are doing whatever they can dream up with friends, family, neighbors, and under the table providers," Ihle said.

In January, CCHS teamed up with Walla Walla Valley Early Learning Coalition and the City of Walla Walla to hire consultants, Darin and Malea Saul, of Arrowleaf Consulting to study the region's childcare industry, affordability and ease of access. The study is funded through a Washington State Department of Commerce grant.

Members from this coalition have been attend-

ing weekly team meetings and monthly work group meetings. The group is looking for people interested in starting childcare businesses or working in daycare. They are also working to identifying buildings that would be well suited for childcare centers in Dayton, Waitsburg, and the surrounding area.

Ihle said a focus group was recently held in Dayton, with consultant Darin Saul and members of the community. This particular focus group consisted of a stay-at-home mother, a plant services manager, a public health official, a business owner/parent/ teacher, a former davcare owner, staff from the Port of Columbia, and an employee in the Human Resources Department at CCHS.

Since then, other focus group meetings have been held to hear from a wide spectrum of the community who have a part to play in creating workable childcare solutions. Ihle said.

Ihle said the state funded study should be completed in June. It will be instrumental in identifying what can and should happen next to provide high quality, low-cost childcare, along with offering successful business plans to potential providers.

The study will also answer the hard questions asked by the standing committee at CCHS about who will pay for what in a legal, efficient, and sustainable manner when it comes to creating a childcare center for CCHS employees. Ihle is currently making recommendations to the Hospital District board for their consideration.

Say Farewell to Marj Johnston

who has served our community and the Dayton First Congregational Church For 10 Years!



Drive or walk by her home, 208 S. 3rd Street, Dayton Between 12:30 and 1:15 Sunday, April 18

Cards are encouraged

Zoom party to follow. Call 509-520-5533 for the link.

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT OPERATOR COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Columbia County Public Works is seeking to hire an Operator. This position performs a variety of skilled and semiskilled highway maintenance tasks as a member of a crew and operates a variety of highway equipment and tools. Applicants are not required to have a current Washington Commercial Driver's

License (CDL) Class A with endorsement N; however, preference will be given to applicants who have a Washington Class A CDL. This is a bargaining unit position. Wage for this position is \$21.77 per hour increasing to \$22.37 per hour upon successful completion of a probationary period. Applicants who have work experience with other municipal entities may be placed in a higher pay range at the discretion of the employer. Position includes a competitive benefit package.

Employees without a Class A CDL will be paid \$2.00 less per hour than the wages listed above.

To Apply: Application packets may be obtained at www. columbiaco.com or from the Columbia County Public Works Department, P.O. Box 5, 415 N. Guernsey Ave., Dayton, WA 99328 or call (509) 382-2534. Applications must be received by 4:30 pm on April 23, 2021. This position will remain open until filled.

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Movies and live theater. Both jobs are part-time, and both require weekends and evenings. Send resume and letter, or to ask for more information and job description, contact manager@libertytheater.org THE LIBERTY THEATER PO BOX 233 Dayton, WA 99328

NEWS & LEGALS

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 21-4-00067-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 In re the Estate of: ELIZABETH ALMA COUNSELL,

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: April 1, 2021. Michael Anthony Myers Administrator Attorney for Administrator: Courtney Lawless, WSBA #57415 **Basalt Legal PLLC** 61/2 N. Second Avenue. Suite 200

Walla Walla, WA 99362 509-529-0630 The Times April 1, 8, 15, 2021 4-1-a

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 21-4-00057-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 In re the Estate of: SCOTT EMERY SHORT, Deceased. The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must,

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

decedent. Date of First Publication: April 1, 2021 Co-Personal Representatives: Calvin Hussey and Lynn Inglis Attorney for the Co-Personal Representatives: Bryan N. Ponti, WSBA #44155 Address for Mailing or Service: Ponti & Wernette, P.S. 103 E. Poplar Walla Walla, WA 99362 Telephone: (509) 525-5090 Court of Probate Proceedings:

Walla Walla Superior Court 315 W. Main Walla Walla, WA 99362 Telephone: (509) 524-2780 The Times April 1, 8, 15, 2021 4-1-c

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No.: 21-4-00063-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030) IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: PEARL LORRAINE ("BETTY") RANSOM, Deceased. The Co-Personal Representatives named below have been appointed as copersonal representatives of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the co-personal representatives or the copersonal 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 co-personal representatives served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020 (1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: April 1, 2021 Co-Personal Representatives: Michael Ransom and Steve Ransom Jared N. Hawkins, WSBA #35426 Of Attorneys for Co-Personal Representatives Address for Mailing or Service: 2225 Isaacs, Suite A, Walla Walla, WA 99362 Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No. 21-4-00063-36 The Times April 1, 8, 15, 2021

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF COLUMBIA NO. 21-3-00003-07

- SUMMONS SERVED BY PUBLICATION RCW 4.28.100; CR 4.1 In re:
- Petitioner: LINDA LANDAVERDE
- And Respondent: ISIDORO D. LANDAVERDE

To ISIDORO D. LANDAVERDE: The other party has asked the court to end your marriage or domestic partnership. You MUST respond in writing if you want the court to consider your side. Deadline! Your Response must be filed and served within 60 days of the date this summons is published. If you do not file and serve your Response or a Notice of Appearance by the deadline: No one has to notify you about other hearings in this case, and the court may approve the requests in the Petition without hearing your side (called a default judgment).

Follow these steps: (1) Read the Petition and any other documents that were filed at court with this Summons. Those documents explain what the other party is asking for. (2) Fill out a Response on this form: FL Divorce 211, Response to Petition about a Marriage. You can get the Response form and other forms you need at: The Washington State Courts' website: www. courts.wa.gov/forms; The Administrative Office of the Courts - call: (360) 705-5328; Washington LawHelp: www. washingtonlawhelp.org; or The Superior Court Clerk's office or county law library (for a fee). (3) Serve (give) a copy of your Response to the person who filed this Summons at the address below, and to any other parties. You may use certified mail with return receipt requested. For more information on how to serve, read Superior Court Civil Rule 5. (4) File your original Response with the court clerk at this address: Superior Court Clerk, Columbia County, 341 E. Main St, Dayton, WA 99328. (5) Lawyer not required: It is a good idea to talk to a lawyer, but you may file and serve

your Response without one. Filed by: /s/ Linda Landaverde Dated: March 18, 2021 Legal papers for this case accepted at: 211 E. Jackson St 1E

Dayton, WA 99328 Date of First Publication: April 1, 2021 The Times

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parent(s) of the child.

BORN CHILD. The child, Zyon Donivan Vaughn was born on or around April 6, 2005 in the City of Walla Walla, State of Washington. The name of the child's first genetic parent was Andrea Vaughn at the time the child was born. You have been named as the father or possible father of the child.

The court hearing on the Petition for Termination of Parent-Child Relationship shall be on the24th day of May, at 1:30pm in Courtroom W-325 of the King County Courthouse at 516 3rd Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98104 (hearing may occur by phone or videoconference depending upon King County Superior Court COVID-19 protocols). YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING MAY **RESULT IN A DEFAULT** ORDER PERMANENTLY TERMINATING ALL OF YOUR **RIGHTS TO THE ABOVE-**NAMED CHILD.

You may respond to this summons and notice by filing a written response with the Clerk of the Court and serving a copy of your response on the Attorney for Petitioner whose name and address appear at the end of this summons and notice. If you do not serve your written response within thirty (30) days after the date of first publication of this summons and notice, the court may enter an Order of Default against you permanently terminating all your rights to the above named child. The court may, without further notice to you, enter an order terminating your parent-child relationship and approving or providing for adoption of the above-named child.

You are further notified that you have the right to be represented by an attorney, and if you are indigent and request an attorney, an attorney will be appointed for you. You are further notified that your failure to respond to this termination action within thirty (30) days of the first date of this publication of this summons and notice will result in the termination of your parent-child relationship with respect to the child.

You are further notified that you have a right to file a claim of paternity under Chapter 26.26 of the Revised Code of Washington.

You are further notified that your failure to file a claim of paternity under Chapter 26.26 of the Revised Code of Washington or to respond to the petition for termination of parent-child relationship which has been filed herein, within thirty (30) days of the first publication of this summons and notice is arounds to terminate your parent-child relationship with respect to the child. YOU ARE FURTHER

609 King County Courthouse 516 Third Avenue Seattle, Washington 98104

SERVE A COPY OF YOUR **RESPONSE ON:** Attorney for Petitioners

/s/ J. Denise Diskin, WSBA <u>#41425</u>

QLaw Foundation of Washington 101 Yesler Way #300 Seattle, WA 98104 denise@qlawfoundation.

org (206) 483-2725

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT **OF WASHINGTON** IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

No. 21-4-00076-35 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS In Re the Estate of **RICHARD INGLIS III,** 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 stated below a copy of the claim and filing of 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 nonprobate assets.

Personal Representative: MARION C. INGLIS Date of First Publication:

April 8, 2021 /s/ MARION C. INGLIS

Personal Representative of the Estate of RICHARD

INGLIS III

- Attorney for the Personal Representative and address
- for mailing and service: Steven C. Frol Minnick-Hayner, P.S.

32,000 square feet of new roofing membrane installation.

Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend the Pre-Bid Conference to be held at 2:00 PM, on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, in the Waitsburg High School Library, at the project site, on 421 Coppei Avenue, Waitsburg, WA.

Plans, specifications, and bidding documents are available through the Architect; electronically at no cost or at \$25 per hard copy set. The cost is non-refundable. Contact Chelsea Holstad, Office Manager with Design West Architects by e-mail at cholstad@designwestpa.com to request documents.

Plans, specifications and bidding documents may be viewed at the following Plan Centers:

Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc. - Spokane Valley, WA

Abadan Regional Plan Center - Spokane, WA

Lewiston-Clarkston Plan Service - Lewiston, ID Walla Walla Valley Plan

Center - Walla Walla, WA Dodge Data & Analytics -

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GA Wenatchee Plan Center -Wenatchee, WA

The local agency hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, political affiliation, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, disabilities, or any other protected status in consideration of an award.

CONTRACT TIME: To be completed within 60 Calendar days from Notice to Proceed. A bid bond in the amount of

5% of the total bid amount is required.

Waitsburg School District reserves the rights to reject any and all bids, to waive technicalities or irregularities, and after careful consideration of all bids and factors involved. make the award to best serve the interests of the Waitsburg School District.

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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

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SUPERIOR COURT, WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON No. 21-4-00071-36 NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 In re the Estate of: LAWRENCE L. HUSSEY, Deceased. The co-personal

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IN SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY NO. 20-5-00497-0 SEA SUMMONS AND NOTICE

BY PUBLICATION OF PETITION/HEARING RE **TERMINATION OF PARENT-**CHILD RELATIONSHIP In re the adoption of: Zyon Donivan Vaughn and Bazjeer Amari Conaway,

persons under the age of eighteen

TO: UNKNOWN GENETIC PARENT, nonconsenting father/alleged father, you are hereby summoned to appear within thirty (30) days after the date of first publication of this summons, to-wit, within thirty (30) days after the 1st day of March, 2021, and defend the above entitled action in the King County Superior Court, and serve a copy of your answer upon the Attorney for Petitioner at the address below stated: if you fail to do so, judgment may be rendered against you according to the request of the Petition for Adoption and the Petition for Termination of Parent-Child Relationship which has been filed with the Clerk of said court.

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed with the Clerk of the above court requesting that a parent-child relationship between you and the above-named child be terminated. The object of the action is to seek an order terminating the parent-child relationship between you and the child and a Decree of Adoption declaring the petitioner(s) to be the legal

NOTIFIED THAT IF THE CHILD IS EITHER: (A) A MEMBER OF AN

INDIAN TRIBE OR (B) ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN AN INDIAN TRIBE AND THE **BIOLOGICAL CHILD OF A** MEMBER OF AN INDIAN TRIBE AND IF YOU ACKNOWLEDGE PATERNITY OF THE CHILD OR IF YOUR PATERNITY OF THE CHILD IS ESTABLISHED PRIOR TO THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP. YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY NOT BE TERMINATED, UNLESS

(A) YOU GIVE VALID CONSENT TO TERMINATION OR

(B) YOUR PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP IS TERMINATED INVOLUNTARILY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 26.33 OR CHAPTER 13.34 OF THE REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON NOTE: "INDIAN TRIBE" IS

DEFINED IN 25 U.S.C. 1903. IT REFERS TO AMERICAN INDIANS OR ALASKA NATIVES.

One method of filing your response and serving a copy on the Petitioner is to send them by certified mail with return receipt requested.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2021. King County Superior Court

Clerk FILE RESPONSE WITH: Clerk of the Court King County Superior Court E

P.O. Box 1/5/ 249 West Alder Walla Walla, WA 99362 The Times April 8, 15, 22, 2021 4-8-c

CALL FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the architect until 2:00 PM prevailing time, on May 4, 2021 at the Waitsburg School District Office, 184 Academy Street, Waitsburg, WA 99361 Interested parties are invited to attend. Project:

Waitsburg High School Re-Roof

The work consists of the installation of new direct overlay TPO roofing, over the existing roof membrane, for all existing roof membrane sections of the Waitsburg High School and gymnasium. The project includes, but is not limited to: demolition and repair of designated ponding areas, and approximately



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The Times

LIFESTYLES

Students kept up with art and science over the break with acrylic pours and STEM projects

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Give a kid a paintbrush, or in this case, a cup full of acrylic paint, and they can change the world! In cooperation with the Waitsburg Resource Center, the Cardinal's Nest put on a Spring Break art program for Waitsburg students, April 5-7.

The program included both art and STEM activities, led by Kathy Schirm, a paraeducator at Waitsburg School District, and the Cardinal's Nest after-school program's art instructor. The program has been unavailable this year due to pandemic-related reasons.

Split up into three groups over three days, the students chose paint colors and created acrylic pour paintings. A fun and easy technique, acrylic paints are mixed with a pouring medium before applied to a canvas. At the Cardinal's Nest Spring Break program, students were encouraged to tilt their canvases in multiple directions to spread the paint out during the pour. Students watched the multicolor



Beka Compton

Margie: Margie Benson volunteered to help out during the Cardinal's Nest spring break program. Kids had the chance to experiment colors during an acrylic pour project.

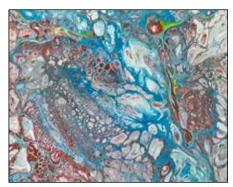
flow of paint create shapes while adult helpers led conversations about the cells forming in their paintings.

In this project, the different colors of paint vary in density, and as they flow next to each other in the pour, they form cells. The size and number of cells created depend on the different paint colors used, the additives for flow, and how the paint is poured. Getting the paint onto the surface is the fun part. Students could flip their paint cups upside down, pour over a flat surface, or pour it out on top of the canvas, for differing results. Many students called it 'pretty science.'

STEM projects were also offered during the spring break program. On Monday and Wednesday, students had the opportunity to create 'magnetic slime' using Elmer's glue, iron oxide, and liquid starch. It was a science experiment for the adults, as much as it was for the kids, as they started experimenting with which starch produced the best result. After making a few cups of 'oops' slime, the group concluded that fabric starch produces a better result than Borax.

Schirm said she wanted to extend a huge thank you to the Waitsburg Resource Center for providing sack lunches for all of the participants and to the Cardinal's Nest for providing the art and STEM supplies. The program would not have been possible if it weren't for the volunteers, including Carol White, Margie Benson, and Tom Schirm.

All COVID-19 precautions were observed during the school program. All students were required to wear masks and go through screening upon entering the building. Distancing was also enforced.



SECTION

Courtesy photo

An example of how the different densities of the colors create cells, giviing it a marbled effect.



Beka Compton

Nick Reger checks out the consistency of the magnetic slime that he created. The 'slime' ingredients included glue, fabric starch, and iron oxide.

Guilt, forgiveness, and being seen

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

The Painter and the *Thief,* Hulu

This Norwegian documentary is a story of friendship built from art and theft.

The painter is Czeck artist Barbora Kysilkova whose natural curiosity leads her to a friendship with one of the men who stole two of her most valuable paintings.

The thief is Karl Bertil Nordlund, one of two thieves who opportunis-



tically, yet carefully steal Kysilkova's paintings from an Oslo gallery. His need to be The beginning of their friendship as Nordlund sits seen is offered by the filmmaker as one reason he may have accepted Kysilkova's request to paint him; a proposal made in the courtroom during a break at his trial. A painter drawn to faces and hands, Kysilkova reached out to understand Nordlund, having watched the robberies on CTV footage—giving a face to her loss. Without malice or anger, she was able to bring him into her world and her studio to make him the muse for her paintings and drawings. A life of disfunction and addiction is at the surface of the thief's story. He is a criminal whose chest tattoo, "Snitches are a dying breed," gives little hope that her paintings will ever be recovered. Perhaps posing was his way to make amends to Kysilkova for withholding the whole story about the missing artwork. The scenes in Kysilkova's studio feel so genuine. Watching her work, putting pencil to paper, oil to canvas, it is clear she is a masterful artist. You can smell



for the first time for artist Kysilkova.

the oil paint. Still, she has difficult times, including financial insecurity and continuing self-doubt from a past relationship.

Nordlund is lost and reckless. His childhood was one of isolation and loss. After a promising school career and interest in traditional Norwegian carpentry, he succumbs to addiction. Some of his scenes are filmed while he is in prison, and it is an interesting view of Norway's

prison system. There is little relationship between his confinement and the jails and prisons from 60 Days In, Scared Straight, or Oz.

The Painter and the Thief could only have worked as a documentary; it would have seemed contrived as fiction. The director, Benjamin Ree, filmed in the style of cinema verite with restraint and patience that allows the story to unfold compellingly. With no artificial dramatic buildup or scripted moments we see how this friendship changes both parties and shows us the power when we allow ourselves to see and be seen.

It is not rated. It is predominantly in English with some Norwegian, with subtitles. It is available for rent or purchase on Amazon, Apple TV, Google Play, and streaming on Hulu.

Pooch Perfect, ABC, BBC

I have two dogs that seem to repel water, soap, and any manner of grooming. Periodically I win the battle, and one or both are clean(ish) for a day or two before rolling their way back to a mucky mess.

So, shows featuring champion dog groomers are a guilty pleasure. Sure, I resent the effortless control the contestants have over their dogs, the ease in which they lather and rinse a pup who stares trustingly into their eyes-no chortling, barking, or whining, just obedient bathing.

Pooch Perfect is hosted by Rebel Wilson (Pitch Perfect). Teams of expert dog groomers and their assistants compete in two challenges each episode, and like Survivor, one team is voted off the show. Sad for the losers but harder for the dog who must wear the shame until their coat grows out.

If you love dogs and enjoy watching them become topiary, this is the show for you. The artistry and techniques used to create art out of Goldendoodle hair



are inspiring. There is also something sweet about how the groomers connect with the dogs, randomly assigned for each challenge. The designs may be over the top. Dogs made to look like skunks or dyed hot pink; however, it is evident that these contestants are true dog lovers.

Besides Wilson, there are three judges, a groomer to the stars, a veterinarian, and Bravo's Lisa Vanderpump. As host, Wilson is funny and engaging as she walks from team to team, similar to The Great British Baking Show if you replace the smell of baked goods with that of wet dog.



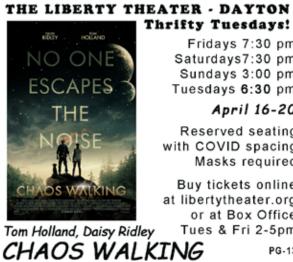
Lane Gwinn/ BBC

The show makes it look easy to creatively groom your dog. My attempt to bring Flora's inner Iron Lady, Margeret Thatcher out was not as successful as I would have liked.



Left: The challenge was to create a design to celebrate a holiday. This team heard Rebel Wilson say her favorite holiday is National Donut Day. Donuts and puppies, how does that not cheer you up.

Above: The (spoiler alert) winning design was this Halloween inspired poodle-cut. An amazing display of techniques to acheive the variety of textures and shapes that make up this scary look.



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SPORTS & LIFESTYLES

Recapping the Mariners season start

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

The Mariners have started off the season going 5-4 through the first nine games. They have won series against the San Francisco Giants and Minnesota Twins. They lost a series to the Chicago White Sox, a team that several baseball analysts are picking to win the central division this year. An odd scheduling quirk has the Mariners playing their first American League West team on April 16. Most teams have already played teams within their division by this point in the season. Also, the Mariner's schedule is backloaded, with twenty-five of the thirty-eight games against the Houston Astros and Oakland Athletics coming in the second half of the season.

Kyle Seager is off to a good start, and last Sunday had a four-hit game against the Twins which included two home runs to help the Mariners come from behind to win 8-6. Ty France is leading the team in batting average and on-base percentage. Mitch Haniger is back, healthy, and playing well. He already has two home runs on the season and helped the Mariners win a game in the tenth inning with a go-ahead sacrifice fly. Kyle Lewis, 2020 Rookie of the Year, has started the season on the ten-day injured list with a knee bruise but has not had any setbacks and could return to the lineup soon.



Once again, the weakness on this team appears to be pitching. Seattle's offense is scoring 4.5 runs per game while giving up 5.7 runs. Yusei Kikuchi has both of Seattle's quality starts and has looked good early on. Chris Flexen is the only starting pitcher on the team with a win, and staff "ace" Marco Gonzales has given up twelve runs in 10.3 innings pitched over his first two starts.

James Paxton is currently on the ten-day injured list. He is seeking a second opinion after MRI results suggest he may need ulnar collateral ligament reconstruction known as Tommy John surgery. Paxton left his first start of the

season in the second inning due to left elbow discomfort. Nick Margevicius will take Paxton's spot in the rotation for now. If Paxton does decide on the UCL surgery, he won't pitch until sometime in 2022. Since his contract with the Mariners is for one year, he will unlikely pitch for them again. This is a huge hit to the starting rotation since Paxton had looked good in spring training and had seen his fastball velocity return to 97 miles per hour.

MLB American League Leaders

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| S. Matz | TOR | 2 | B. Buxton | MIN | .481 |
| J. Berrios | MIN | 2 | J.D. Martinez | BOS | .472 |
| N. Pivetta | BOS | 2 | C. Mullins | BAL | .459 |
| J. Guerra | LAA | 2 | N. Cruz | MIN | .444 |

| ERA | | | Home Runs | | |
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| L. Lynn | CHW | 0.00 | B. Buxton | MIN | 5 |
| T. Glasnow | TB | 0.75 | N. Cruz | MIN | 4 |
| J. Means | BAL | 0.77 | W. Ramos | DET | 4 |
| Z. Plesac | CLE | 1.38 | M. Trout | LAA | 4 |

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| J. Berrios | MIN | 20 | K. Tucker | HOU | 11 |
| L. Giolito | CHW | 18 | S. Ohtani | LAA | 11 |
| L. Lynn | CHW | 17 | N. Cruz | MIN | 10 |

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| A. Colome | MIN | 2 | M. Gonzalez | BOS | 2 |
| C. Valdez | BAL | 2 | B. Hamilton | CHW | 2 |
| R. Iglesias | LAA | 2 | R. Grossman | DET | 2 |
| D. Castillo TB | | 2 | D. Moore | SEA | 2 |







Mariners Hitting

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| Ty France | 34 | 7 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 4 | .324 | .439 | .910 | +0.4 | |
| J. Marmolejos | 14 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | .214 | .313 | .813 | +0.1 | |
| Mitch Hani- | 37 | 6 | 10 | 2 | 6 | 2 | .270 | .293 | .806 | +0.2 | |
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| T. Trammell | 27 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 7 | .185 | .353 | .797 | +0.2 | |
| Luis Torrens | 24 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .333 | .333 | .750 | +0.1 | |
| Jake Fraley | 10 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 8 | .100 | .526 | .726 | +0.2 | |
| Dylan Moore | 28 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 4 | .143 | .242 | .492 | -0.1 | |
| J.P. Crawford | 33 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .212 | .235 | .447 | -0.1 | |
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LIFESTYLES

April Kiwanis Club meeting was electric!

Courtesy photo

at the April Kiwanis Club,

The club heard from Dick Muri, a member of the Steilacoom Kiwanis Club and long-time electric vehicle driver

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—On Thursday, April 8, the Dayton Kiwanis Club heard from Dick Muri, City Captain for National Drive Electric Week Steilacoom, Muri has been a member of the Kiwanis Club in Steilacoom since 1993, when he helped start the local club. Steilacoom is a town in Pierce county Washington, on the south end of Puget Sound.

"The joke around Steilacoom is 'don't talk to Dick Muri, or you'll become a Kiwanian," he joked before his presentation.

Muri is the program and membership chair for his club and reported that they just inducted their 191st member.

Muri has held multiple local and state leadership positions, where he met Terry Nealey of the Dayton Kiwanis Club.

"Since then, I have been retired until yesterday," he shared. "I was selected by the town council to become the new interim mayor until Dick Muri was the presenter November."

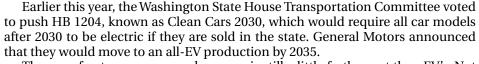
He said that he plans on running for mayor and shared his knowledge of later this year, filling the shoes of the late Ron electric cars and the future of Lucas, who resigned earlier this year for medical the automotive world. reasons. He said that Lucas was a beloved leader, known fondly as "Mr. Steilacoom."

According to Muri, his other claim to fame is his electric car.

"I bought an electric car eight years ago, a Nissan Leaf," he shared. "I looked into electric vehicle meet-ups and found out there weren't any in Pierce County. So, I started what was then called National Drive Electric Week Steilacoom. We started small and are now the fifth largest electric car festival in the nation.'

The car industry is evolving, accelerating away from gas and diesel-powered vehicles, and moving into a world of ACES: Autonomous, connected, electric shared vehicles. Muri said that electric and autonomous vehicles are becoming more widely available, as automakers are making them more cost-efficient for consumers. In 2010, EV batteries cost roughly \$1,000 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) and are down to just over \$150/kWh today. The sensors required for autonomous vehicles (AV) are also becoming more affordable.

The push to go electric is not just in the United States. China is paving the way to be the world's leader in EV to combat its high level of air pollution. Muri said that China has 13 cities with populations of over 20 million, which create a lot of pollution and are driving green initiatives. Germany recently passed a resolution to ban the internal combustion engine by 2030. France, India, the UK, and the Netherlands all announced a sales ban on fuel-powered vehicles starting 2025.



The use of autonomous cars, however, is still a little farther out than EV's. Not completely self-driving, the Tesla X offers auto-pilot features and sensors that monitor speed, distance, and can brake or change course to avoid accidents. The concept is still new, but large companies like Amazon are planning on integrat-



ing AV into their delivery vehicles, and long-haul trucks are being designed.

Muri shared that EV's would be exceptionally affordable in a place like Dayton, where electric rates are low. Kiwanis club members said that electric rates start at roughly 6 cents per kilowatt in the area. Muri went on to say that his car costs him approximately 2 cents per mile. Five hundred miles costs Muri roughly \$10, and he doesn't have the extra expense of routine car maintenance.

A Nissan Leaf, similar to what Muri drives. He said that one major perk to electric vehicles in the lack of maintenance that they require.

"I've had an electric car since 2013," Muri said. "I've had to replace the windshield wipers once, and I've had to put a new set of tires on. That's it."

Nissan

A big challenge for early EV owners was finding a place to charge their car while on the road. Today, though, even small towns like Waitsburg and Dayton have charging stations available to EV drivers.

Muri pointed out that there are a handful of electric hybrid vehicles, like the Prius Prime, which have an option to switch over to a gas-powered engine should the vehicle run out of electric charge. He said this was a realistic option for people who live in an apartment and may not have access to a personal charging station.

"A friend of mine has a Prius Prime, which goes about 30 miles on a charge. He has gone over 30,000 miles and is only on his fifth tank of gas," Muri said. "He's averaging about 6,000 miles per tank."

Muri finished up his talk by addressing the loss of tax revenue that would come with fewer gas-powered vehicles. He shared that a vehicle mileage tax would likely be the best answer. Instead of being taxed at the pump, the state would tax drivers on miles driven (Washington is looking at 2 cents per kilowatt-hour). He was unsure how mileage could be measured without infringing on privacy or being otherwise too invasive, but the state legislature would likely develop a workable plan.

A vehicle talk in Dayton wouldn't be complete without discussing farm equipment, with many members weighing in on the possibility of electric tractors, combines, and other heavy farming vehicles.

The Steilacoom's 8th Annual National Drive Electric Week Event is scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2021.

"The Sounds of Silence," but not in Waitsburg

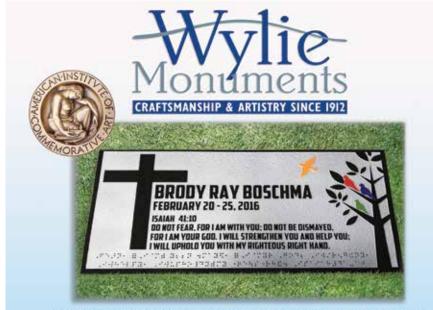
By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

As I've come to learn, I cannot be confident that spring has truly arrived, no matter what the calendar says or how many daffodils, tulips, and crocus I see. Someone recently advised me not to plant anything until after April 15th, but I'm not convinced this is relevant to the weather; perhaps it's the IRS, or; possibly, they are members of Daniel's garden fan club and just want to delay my planting to support his victory in our garden competition. OK, I could be a bit paranoid, but this is a serious rivalry. Another option, this year, we have a bit of COVID-19 relief, and taxes aren't due until May 15th. Spring has decided to take advantage of that time extension as well. But the sounds of Spring in Waitsburg wait for no man, and weather changes or IRS tax extensions don't stop the sounds of spring, good and bad. The mourning doves sound strong, loud, and going non-stop. The birds are back chirping and gorging on bird seed while taunting Mugsy into barking and chasing them all over the yard. The happy sound of children zooming through the neighborhood on their bikes, scooters, and small tractors has started, along with lawn mowers that



are revved up and chopping the grass that has made it through winter. That, of course, perks up the hay fever and the sounds of sniffing, sneezing, nose-blowing, and Claritin popping.

Somehow to add to all of these expected and mostly wonderful sounds of spring, we seem to have attracted a woodpecker to the metal vents on our new roof. As a city girl, I remember reading that roosters sound off and wake everyone up around 5:00 a.m. No one warned me that woodpeckers are also early risers and evidently don't care if they peck on trees or metal vents on a roof. Obviously, they don't understand the concept of futility. This bird's rapid pecking on our metal vent sounds like a loud motor and usually starts around 5:30 a.m. He (or she) attacks one vent, then another, and another eventually flies off only to return about an hour or two later to try again. I'm just hoping I don't find out I have holes in the vents, and next year we have snow falling into our attic. Meanwhile, even with the unpredictable weather and the recent below-freezing temperatures, I have started to rev up my gardening projects, beginning with what Daniels refers to as my "deforestation of Washington," otherwise known as "weeding." I am vigilant when it comes to weeding. I subscribe to the saying, "great oaks from little acorns grow," so I'm almost down to using tweezers to pick out the little weeds that I'm sure, if left unattended, will grow into enormous obnoxious weeds that will thwart what could be a bounty of beautiful flowers and vegetables, that is, if the weather ever stops freezing. As I've mentioned before, patience is not something I possess in abundance, or at all, so I was happy to hear and take to heart the advice that, weather cooperating or not, it's a good time to plant onions, radishes, and lettuce. I am proud to say that although the new lettuce hasn't popped yet, the lettuce I planted last year is returning and ready to use, and my newly planted radishes have sprouted. But I am confident that spring is around the corner. I have retired my snow tires, cleaned my car, and tweaked my playlist. The next sound of spring will be me driving with the top down, blasting music through the streets of Waitsburg.



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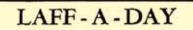
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by Dave T. Phipps

BEFORE CHRISTMAS

by Gary Kopervas

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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

April 14, 2011

Bart Baxter and Tiffany Laposi are opening a 50s Diner in Waitsburg, give them a few months to work on the Whetstone Pub.

Inserted in this week's edition of The Times, you will find something new and special. It's a tabloid newspaper that looks a bit like the Blue Mountain News, The cover shows Dayton's Stationmaster statue and the clock in Waitsburg's Main Street with rolling spring wheat fields behind them. This, we are proud to announce, is our first Touchet River Valley Visitors Guide.

Prescott singer/songwriter Sue Matley (better known as Cimarron Sue) will be performing next week at Waitsburg's Weller Public Library in honor of Cowboy Poetry Week.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

April 18, 1996

School maintenance manager Ken Colby has told school officials that the roof on the gym "developed a pretty severe leak" this past winter and needs to be replaced.

Jane Lembcke has been clerk of the board for the Columbia County Commissions since 1988so long she could probably do the commissioners job herself. And, she wants to. Lembcke, 50, of Dayton has announced her candidacy for the District 2 Commissioner's seat now held by George Touchette, who is not seeking re-election. Lembcke is a Democrat. If elected she would be the commission's first female member.

Waitsburg High School senior Eric Wyatt, who helped lead the Cardinals to the State B Tournament this year, has been named to the Associated Press All-State Basketball team. Forward Wyatt was named to the Class B second team.

George Gagnon, The Times photographer got more than a car wash recently when he pulled his rig into R&R Auto Repair in Waitsburg for the Rainbow Girls car wash; he also got a photo of Heather Stephenson.

Fifty Years Ago

April 29, 1971

The Waitsburg School District announces the retirement of Norman Wood who has driven the Lost Springs bus route for the past two years. Mr. Wood has been employed by the Waitsburg Schools since 1954 as a custodian and bus driver.

Jack McCaw was elected to serve as president of Waitsburg Lions Club for the 1971 year. Serving with McCaw will be: Tom Baker, first vice president; Stan Pierson, third vice president; Lee Mantz, Jr., secretary; Sid Conner, treasurer; Joe McCown, Jr., Lion Tamer; Gene Davis, Tail Twister; Ted Penner, director number one; and Jim Wood, director number two.

Jesse L. Brown, 75, died at a local hospital Sunday. He was born in April 24, 1896, in Louisiana and married Anna Mae Davis there in 1921. They came to Walla Walla 30 years ago. Jesse was a veteran of World War I.

Bill Bloor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bloor, has attained a 4.00 GPA at the University of Washington for the winter quarter.

Seventy-Five Years Ago



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May 10, 1946

Construction of the Dixie labor camp in preparation for the approaching pea harvesting season got underway late last week.

Mrs. Robert Butler was honored at a breakfast and shower Sunday morning at the Marcus Whitman hotel by Miss Barbara Sweazy.

Mrs. Ray Switzer and Mrs. Denzil Mock delegates from Occidental Lodge No. 1 AOVW are leaving Wednesday for Seattle Grand Lodge. Delbert and Denzil Mock accompanied them.

New members elected to DeNova Club Thursday were Mrs. Joe McCown, Mrs. Don Thomas and Mrs. Howard Davis.

One Hundred Years Ago

May 13, 1921

Ranger Kendall of Dayton reports snow very deep in the higher elevations. Six miles north of Godman it is ten feet deep and in places deeper.

Officers of the state federation of Women's Clubs were entertained by the Progressive Club at the home of Mrs. W. B. Shaffer on Saturday afternoon.

C. E. Marks, who has been out sheep shearing for some time, returned Saturday for a short visit, leaving again Tuesday. He says they will be shearing until July if all things go as planned. He says sheep shearing has the scissor billing job cheated quite a bit.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

May 15, 1896

A couple of old-fashioned four horse prairie schooners passed southward through our streets one day this week. The trend of travel is changing its direction.

H. C. Wade and Arthur Roberts were in Walla Walla last Saturday in the interest of the Fireman Picnic to be given in the Mullinix grove next Wednesday.

A. W. Philips left on Wednesday for Xenia, Ohio to attend the general assembly of the United Presbyterian Church. He goes as a delegate from the Spokane presbytery which includes all of Eastern Washington and will be absent six weeks.

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MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

Eggless Egg Salad

While I am firmly an omnivore, there have been moments, albeit brief moments, when I have dabbled in vegetarianism. Blame it on my childhood, surrounded by West Coast hippies and artists, but I have always had a soft spot for brown rice, granola, kale, and yes, even tofu. Originating in China some 2,000 years ago, tofu, also known as bean curd, is made from soy milk, and is an important part of the cuisines of East and Southeast Asia. Rich in protein, as



well as plant-based calcium and magnesium, tofu became popular in the West along with the growing interest of vegetarianism in the mid-twentieth century.

This week, I am presenting a spin on a classic egg salad, perfect for a springtime picnic. Tofu makes a perfect heart-healthy substitution for the eggs, while the celery and turmeric bring all the familiar flavors to this versatile dish. I promise, you will not miss peeling the eggs.

Ingredients:

14 oz package medium-firm tofu

- 2 stalks celery, diced small
- ¹/₄ red onion, finely chopped
- 2 green onions, finely chopped
- 1 dill pickle, diced
- 1 jalapeno, seeded and diced
- 2 tablespoons flat leaf parsley, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup vegan mayonnaise (see notes)
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 to 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon ground turmeric ½ teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon celery seeds
- Kosher salt & Coarse ground black pepper

Directions:

Wrap the tofu in a clean kitchen towel, or layers of paper towels, place in a colander in sink. Top the tofu with a small plate and weigh it down with a canned good or stack of cookbooks. Let tofu press and drain for thirty minutes.

Meanwhile, chop all vegetables and mix together in a large bowl. In small bowl, mix vegan mayo with mustard, vinegar, and dried spices. Season with salt and pepper to taste and set aside, allowing flavors to mingle.

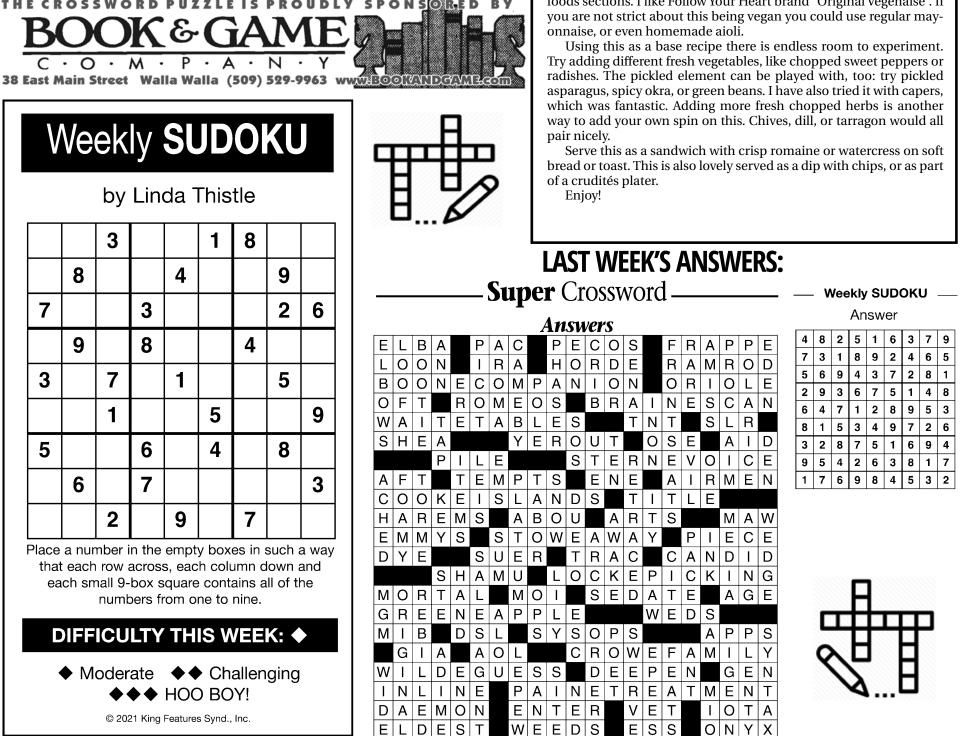
After the tofu has drained pat dry with a paper towel. Use your hands to crumble the tofu into small pieces and add to bowl with vegetables. Pour in the dressing and mix till combined. Check seasoning, adding more salt to taste. Then cover and chill for at least 30 minutes before serving, allowing tofu to fully marinate with the flavors. Check seasoning again before serving. Garnish the top with a sprinkle of paprika and more chopped parsley.

Notes:

Vegan mayonnaise, which is usually made with canola oil and soy protein, can be found refrigerated at groceries with large natural foods sections. I like Follow Your Heart brand "Original Vegenaise". If

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The Caterpillar Chronicles: A lesson in bugs

Gracie found some caterpillars and convinced us to raise them. Unfortunately, they weren't as innocent as they seemed

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

Spring is here, and yard work is in full swing! While I have a healthy respect for bees, worms, and other helpful bugs, I avoid the insect world as much as possible. As the laws of parenthood would have it, I have a three-year-old who is obsessed with bugs.

While Gracie was helping me weed out under our dogwood tree last weekend, she came across a handful of caterpillars. She insisted on raising the caterpillars, and I helped her set up little habitats for the four little critters. I decided to research a little bit about the future of her finds and discovered that they are fall armyworms.

Fall armyworms (*Spodoptera frugiperda*) are incredibly destructive larvae who love cereal crops but will devour everything from cotton to tomatoes to bermudagrass. They feed on more than 350 species of plants, according to the Invasive Species Compendium (CABI), and earned their name because they "march" across fields in army-like lines. If they make it through the early stages of their life, the larvae turn into fall armyworm moths; if your summer nights are anything like my family's, the small, brown and white patterned armyworm moth can be found circling porch lights, making every attempt to get into the house through the screen door.

The lifecycle of the armyworm is fairly short. Egg clusters of 100-300 eggs are laid on the lower part of leaves or brightly colored foliage and are covered in a protective layer of bristles. Golf course flags, fences and buildings, metal gutters, and, in my personal experience, window screens, are all popular nest spots.

The eggs hatch within 2-10 days (CABI said they usually hatch between three and five days). The larval stage lasts between 14 and 21 days. Larvae are typically nocturnal, which explains why they were pretty lackluster when we found them at 3:00 in the afternoon. Pupation takes place in a loose, red-colored cocoon and is wrapped up within 9-13 days. On average, adult armyworm moths live for 12-14 days but can live up to 21 days.

The larvae are easily identifiable: the worms are light green to dark brown in University of Florida color, with black, longitudinal stripes. The stripes may turn brown as the larvae ages, and large larvae will develop four dots, in a square shape, on the last abdominal segment.

There are many ways to combat armyworms, thankfully, and they include everything from insecticides to natural predators. They are incredibly susceptible to parasites like flies and wasps (I guess they do have a purpose, after all). Birds, skunks, various rodents and ground beetles are all effective predators, so the local skunk should be a welcome sight if you suspect an armyworm problem.

I made the mistake of putting three armyworms in a gallon jar and, before learning about what they were, started to panic when I realized that all but one worm was gone. Apparently, not only are they destructive, they are a bit cannibalistic, as well.

After the rather horrifying education about armyworms, I have made the decision to get rid of the critters and will be researching which caterpillars Gracie can raise without harming the plant life around us. I'm leaning towards some swallowtails... any reader suggestions?

Left: A mature armyworm larvae.

Right: An adult fall armyworm. Armyworms appear in the spring months in the Waitsburg area.



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