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Washington State Senator Perry Dozier was one of three farmers who jumped into action on August 2, when a fire broke out on Middle Waitsburg Road, off Highway 12 and barely outside of city limits.

New wave of COVID-19 hits Washington

Vaccination rates not increasing fast enough to control the virus

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WASHINGTON—Washington State is just shy of reaching a 70% population vaccination rate, but a new wave of COVID-19 has shown just how quickly the virus is spreading among non-vaccinated individuals.

On Tuesday, August 3, the state's COVID-19 Data Dashboard showed that 69.9% of Washingtonians aged 12 years or older had received their full dose of the COVID-19 vaccination. However, vaccination rates vary between counties and age groups.

"I'm deeply concerned about areas of the state with lower vaccination rates now that a more infectious variant is likely to be the one that reaches those communities," said Acting Chief Science Officer Scott Lindquist, MD, MPH, in a release. "If you've been waiting to get vaccinated for any reason, now is the time to protect yourself, your family, and everyone around you. With transmission increasing and immunity levels dangerously low in many communities, every vaccine matters."

Vaccinations have proven themselves effective. As of July 4, estimated hospital admission rates for unvaccinated individuals, ages 45-64, were roughly 20 times higher than vaccinated peers. For people ages 65 and older, the admission rate was approximately nine times higher for unvaccinated individuals.

In Walla Walla County, from February to June 2021, 97.4% of new COVID-19 cases were found in unvaccinated individuals. Unvaccinated cases accounted for 96% of COVID-19-related hospitalizations, and 94.3% of new deaths, according to the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH).

As of August 2, there are 279 active cases in Walla Walla County, with 272 cases in in-residence isolation. Seventy-one residents of Walla Walla County have died since the pandemic began last year.

State health officials urge anyone who has signs or symptoms of COVID-19, regardless of their vaccination or prior infection status, to get tested. Walla Walla County testing sites are available at www.covidwwc.com.

Since April, Washington State has been dealing with the rise of the Delta variant, a highly contagious and infectious variant of COVID-19. According to data from the Department of Health (DOH), from June 20- July 3rd, nearly 60% of all specimens collected and subjected to genome sequencing came back as the Delta variant, with officials estimating that the Delta variant is responsible for up to 92% of statewide cases.

The last complete data set from the DOH, reporting July 14-July 27, shows an increased demand for hospital resources. Over those two weeks, data indicates that the rise in overall cases had resulted in a rise in hospitalization numbers. With 10.53% to 13% of new cases requiring hospitalization, the actual number of patients is between 806 to 1000 new patients for that period.

Efforts by Walla Walla and Columbia counties are being made to encourage and offer vaccination availability. Walla Walla County vaccination clinics are currently planned for August 4, 11, and 18 at the Providence Southgate Campus in Walla Walla.

Alarming rise in COVID-19 cases in Columbia County

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—COVID-19 cases have risen sharply over the last couple of weeks in Columbia County. On Tuesday, August 3, there were 27 active cases.

"We have been very fortunate over the past few months," Columbia County Public Health Administrator Martha Lanman said Friday. "But the cases have risen significantly over the past week here. I want everyone to be aware and cautious."

Lanman encouraged people to get tested if they feel sick, especially if they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19. Common symptoms include fever and chills, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, loss of taste or smell, congestion, and nausea or gastrointestinal issues.

According to Lanman, most of the new COVID-19 cases in Columbia County are not related; the county is experiencing a high level of community spread.

In recent weeks, the Delta variant has made national headlines, quickly becoming the dominant strain of the virus. According to information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the variant was first discovered in the United States in December of 2020 and accounted for more than 80% of American COVID-19 cases by the end of July.

"The new Delta variant is much more infectious than the previous COVID-19 virus," said Dr. Lewis Neace, Columbia County Health Officer. "That's part of the problem. The vaccine does work for it; yes, there are some breakthrough cases. The fortunate thing is that vaccinated people tend not to be nearly as sick. There is protection from the vaccine- it does work."

At a Columbia County Commissioner Meeting on August 2, Dr. Neace and Lanman both voiced concerns about a strong and active anti-COVID-19 vaccination presence within the county hindering progress. According to the Washington State Department of Health, 1,282, or just 32%, of Columbia County residents are fully vaccinated as of August 2. Columbia County has a population of 3,992.

"I'd like us to be more cautious," Lanman said. "We have school starting in three weeks, I'd really like to get the case count down before then. We pulled together, last year, for our kids, our schools, and our community."

"I fear for the vulnerable, who are immunocompromised and cannot get vaccinated," said Neace.

Lanman encourages residents to wear a face mask if you are in a group of people outside of your household, and practice physical distancing.

The Columbia County Health System (CCHS) is prioritizing its testing to patients who are symptomatic or under certain contact tracing instances due to limited resources and testing supplies. COVID-19 testing is available at the hospital Monday- Friday, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Appointments are necessary to ensure that the hospital can be prepared with appropriate supplies. Testing times and availability may vary based on community needs, according to Shane McGuire, Columbia County Health System Chief Executive Officer.

The hospital has played a unique part in the COVID-19 pandemic, offering regional support to larger hospitals in the area. CCHS does not have facilities for handling COVID-19 patients, so it admits lower acuity patients, including patients

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NEWS BRIEFS

FOUR WHEELER STARTS WHEAT FIRE SATURDAY MORNING

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WAITSBURG—A small standing wheat fire was started in the early hours of the morning on July 31. According to the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office, Lonnie R. Marick was riding his four wheeler in a wheat field to "blow off steam" after being upset. The four wheeler caught on fire, and Marick was unable to put it out. Marick ran from the scene and jumped into the river after being chased by unknown subjects. Columbia-Walla Walla Fire District 2 and Columbia County Fire District 3 responded to the fire.



Cindy Daves

MIDDLE WAITSBURG ROAD FIRE CONSUMES 20 ACRES

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—A small fire broke out in a standing wheat field on Middle Waitsburg Road on August 2. The fire, which consumed an estimated 20 acres of crop, was quickly contained by firefighters from Columbia-Walla Walla County Fire District 2 and Columbia County Fire District 3. The fire was initially reported at 2:51 p.m. Within 15 minutes, quick-thinking farmers Perry Dozier, Glen Smith and Greg Smith had established a disc line around the fire. In farming communities, it is crucial for the farmers and fire districts to work together in order to quickly get ahead of crop fires. Farmers can often utilize heavy farming equipment to remove ignition sources from the fire's path while waiting for the field fire crews to arrive. No details were available about the cause of the fire at the time that *The Times* went to print.

COLUMBIA REA ANNOUNCES MORE POWERFUL TOGETHER COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Columbia REA is currently accepting applications for its 2021 More Powerful Together Community Grant Program.

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Grant funding will be available to selected organizations from Walla Walla County, Columbia County, and NE Umatilla County. The grant program's goal is to make a one-time donation to one or more organizations that serve our communities. The maximum grant amount will be \$10,000. More information and the application form can be found on our website at www.columbiarea.coop.

- Applications will be accepted between Monday, August 2, 2021, and 5:30 pm, Monday, August 23.
- Applications received after 5:30 pm on August 23, 2021, will not be considered.
- Applications may be submitted via email at 2021CREAgrant@columbiarea.coop

Grant Policies and Guidelines
To be considered, organizations must meet certain criteria:

- 501(c) (3) or other non-profit status is NOT required.
- Religious or political organizations are not eligible.
- Organizations only. Applications from an individual or on an individual's behalf will not be considered.
- Previous recipients of Columbia REA grants will be eligible to apply again after five years.

For all inquiries regarding the Columbia REA Community Grant Program: Please send email with "CREA Grant Application" in the subject line, to: 2021CREAgrant@columbiarea.coop

COLUMBIA PULP CEO JOHN BEGLEY TO RETIRE

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Columbia Pulp is announcing the retirement of John Begley effective September 3. Begley has been CEO of Columbia Pulp since its inception and has led the company through its development, financing, design, construction, and start-up phases, including the time it was shuttered by the COVID 19 pandemic.



"It has been an honor to be associated with this Company and the many people who were part of planning and building this enterprise," said Begley. "Columbia Pulp is a game-changing technology and is now positioned to move on to the next phase in its journey." "John is a visionary who saw the potential in wheat straw as a sustainable fiber for paper products and doggedly pushed that vision in creating Columbia Pulp. John's long experience in the pulp and paper industry will be missed, and we wish John a long and enjoyable retirement", said Jim Hensel, Chair of the Board. A search for Begley's successor will commence shortly. In the interim, Tyler Montague, the Company's Chief Restructuring Officer, will assume Begley's duties. Columbia Pulp's offices are in Dayton, Wash. The company operates a state-of-the-art industrial-scale mill in Lyons Ferry, Wash., converting wheat straw into pulp and biopolymers, used to manufacture sustainable, tree-free paper and packing products, and numerous specialty chemical applications. To learn more about the company, please visit www.columbiapulp.com.



Touchet Valley Weather

Aug. 4, 2021

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday Partly Cloudy Areas of Haze High: 102 Low: 68	Thursday Few Showers High: 91 Low: 63	Friday Few Showers High: 83 Low: 56	Saturday Mostly Sunny High: 78 Low: 55	Sunday Mostly Sunny High: 82 Low: 57	Monday Mostly Sunny High: 85 Low: 61	Tuesday Cloudy High: 86 Low: 60

Weather Trivia

When did the first attempts at weather forecasting begin?

Answer: In 900 B.C., the Babylonians were recording wind direction.

Weather History

Aug. 4, 1882 - A vivid aurora was visible from Oregon to Maine, down the East Coast as far as Mayport, Fla. and inland as far as Wellington, Kansas. Observers at Saint Vincent, Minn. noted it was probably the most brilliant aurora ever seen at that location.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	85	72	93/65	Trace	0.04"
Wednesday	93	69	93/65	Trace	0.08"
Thursday	101	68	92/65	0.00"	-0.04"
Friday	109R	70	92/65	0.00"	83.5°
Saturday	98	74	92/65	0.01"	78.5°
Sunday	90	71	92/64	0.03"	+5.0°
Monday	98	71	92/64	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
New 8/8	Wednesday	5:39 a.m.	8:18 p.m.	1:39 a.m.	6:03 p.m.	Full 8/22
	Thursday	5:40 a.m.	8:16 p.m.	2:24 a.m.	6:57 p.m.	
	Friday	5:41 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	3:19 a.m.	7:42 p.m.	
	Saturday	5:43 a.m.	8:13 p.m.	4:21 a.m.	8:20 p.m.	
First 8/15	Sunday	5:44 a.m.	8:12 p.m.	5:30 a.m.	8:52 p.m.	Last 8/30
	Monday	5:45 a.m.	8:10 p.m.	6:42 a.m.	9:18 p.m.	
	Tuesday	5:46 a.m.	8:09 p.m.	7:56 a.m.	9:41 p.m.	

CLASSIFIEDS

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Help Wanted

2021-2022 Positions

The Dayton School District is currently looking for qualified adults to serve as substitute teachers, paraprofessionals (teacher's aides), food service assistants, secretaries, and bus drivers (training available). Class B CDL with school bus endorsement is preferred but not required. Contact Jana Eaton at the District office (509-382-2543) or learn more from the District website @ <https://www.daytonsd.org/page/employment> page. EOE

Pool.

Interested individuals should contact Pauline Cordeiro, Office Manager prior to August 12, 2021. At the address or email listed below:
Prescott Joint Park and Recreation District Post Office Box 30 Prescott, Washington 99348
Email: prescottparkrec@gmail.com
509-849-2314



Prescott Pool Needs Lifeguards

Lifeguard Certification Class 2021

Minimum Requirements:
A. 15-16 years of age or older
B. Able to dive into deep water, do a timed swim, other swimming, and tread water.
C. Competitive hourly wage with potential for bonuses. Bonuses may be awarded on the basis of education and training, experience, performance, special skills, and length of service at the discretion of the board.
D. Scholarships possible with a seasonal exclusive commitment to the Prescott

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Thursday, August 19 on Zoom - 4 p.m.

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

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

Call (509) 382-1647 for more information

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Ava Jean McMillen Gagnon

June 26, 1925-July 26, 2021

Ava Jean Gagnon, 96 years, one month, a longtime resident of the Waitsburg area, passed peacefully, surrounded by her Whitman Place family on July 26, 2021.

Ava Jean was born to Frank and Genevieve McMillen on June 26, 1925, at home in Hagie, Wyoming. Ave, as she was often called, was the oldest of three children. She attended school in Hawk Springs, Wyoming, graduating from high school in 1943. After graduation, she moved to Portland, Oregon, to work for Western Union during World War II.

Louise Gagnon, a cousin of John Gagnon, brought Ave to Waitsburg and introduced her to John. Ave and John were married on September 20, 1947, in Walla Walla, WA. They moved to the Gagnon ranch at Alto and had four children. The couple farmed the land for nearly 70 years.

Ava Jean sang tenor in the girls' chorus in high school. She was an active member of St. Mark's Catholic Church, belonging to the Altar Society and choir. She was a member of the Odaka Club of Waitsburg and worked several pack seasons for the Green Giant Company on the line as well as in the canteen.

Ave could usually be found in her garden or at her sewing machine when not preparing creative homemade meals for her family as well as the harvest crew each summer. Ave was well known for her homemade chicken and noodles and cinnamon rolls.

The Gagnon home was always a welcome place to friends and family, especially their grandchildren.

Ava Jean is survived by her four children, Bess (Clint) Herndon, Nancy (Raymond) Bray, George Gagnon (Roz Edwards), and Barb Jones (Joe Russell), seven grandchildren: Grady Herndon, Heidi Coulter, Sherri Brown, Marty Bray, Cassy Randall, Tim, and Aaron Jones, Fifteen great-grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Ava Jean was preceded in death by her parents, husband John, sister Diane Dowers, brother Robert McMillen, and two grandchildren, Jenni and Andy Herndon.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, August 7, 2021, at 10 am at the Waitsburg Cemetery. A light meal reception will follow at the Waitsburg Town Hall.



Ava Jean Gagnon

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A harvest memory

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—In 2019, the Waitsburg Historical Society honored the Don Thomas Family as 2019 Pioneers of the Year. Thomas' sons, Gary and Jay, sat down with The Times' editor Dena Martin to share a bit of family history and recount favorite memories.

The men recalled that harvest meals were eaten in the basement kitchen, with the crew seated around a large table. Jay recalls being the first at the table for a harvest lunch, with no one else in the room, when he heard a loud crash. Wilma was removing a cherry pie from the oven when she lost her grip, and it flipped upside down on the oven door. "She looked up at me with a smile and said, 'It's a cobbler!' It was instantaneous," Jay said.

But the real fun began when the family started raising mules, which led to multiple adventures.

Jay recalls dinner table talk of Don wanting a combine mule hitch back in the 1970s. One day Don and Wilma left for California to pick out a couple of "fancy show steers" for Jay's senior year in high school, leaving Jay to tend the farm.

"I heard the truck pull up and ran out on the porch, and I could see eight ears sticking up. There were these eight-month-old mules," said Jay, who later discovered his steers behind a panel in the truck.

"We unloaded them, and the rest is history. I fell in love with the mules and became a full-blown slave," Jay said, laughing.

Waitsburg lost Jay E. Thomas this past week. Condolences to his family and many friends.



Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

Waitsburg City Council

Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Waitsburg School Board

Third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. Zoom meeting information is available at <https://www.waitsburgsd.org/o/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

Friends of the Weller Public Library

August 11, 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main St., Waitsburg

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

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

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

Dayton City Council

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

Dayton School Board

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

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

Fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Every month on the Third Monday at 7:00 PM

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

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting - Online

Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon

Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5598153650>

Starbuck City Council

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

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH

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

Thursday, August 5

Tater tot casserole
Mixed veggies
Caesar salad
Gelatin salad
Milk

Tuesday, August 10

Pulled pork
Baked beans

Coleslaw
Brownie
Juice, Milk

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

Tuesday, August 10

Roast beef
Potatoes
Vegetable
Bread
Fruit
Cookie

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Waitsburg School District

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



Church Directory

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

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

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

Waitsburg Christian Church
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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
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337-8898
Rev. Cameron Hedges



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LETTERS

LETTER FROM WSD SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Waitsburg School District Families,
It's hard to believe that we are a little over a month away from starting the new school year. The first day of school for Waitsburg students is Tuesday, September 7th. With the guidelines for schools and all Washington residents continuing to change, we will need to remain flexible and ready to adjust our plans as we begin the 2021-2022 school year. It is crucial that families continue to watch our website (waitsburgsd.org) and social media accounts for any changes or updates in the weeks leading up to the first day of school. Waitsburg community members can also expect a back-to-school printed newsletter to arrive in their mailboxes in mid-August.

We are counting on beginning the school year with full-time instruction five days per week. Our district will continue to put the health and safety of our students and staff as a top priority. As we prepare for students' return, there are some continued safety measures that we will need to follow:

Students and staff will maintain at least 3 feet of distance indoors as often as possible, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Washington Department of Health (DOH), and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

Classrooms and restrooms will be disinfected daily and cleaned and sanitized throughout the day. The MPR will be cleaned and sanitized at the end of breakfast and between lunches. It will be disinfected at the end of the elementary lunch period.

Students riding the bus will have available to them hand sanitizer when they board the bus. Weather permitting, the windows to the bus will remain open for better air circulation. Bus drivers will wipe down and disinfect the bus at the end of the morning and afternoon routes.

At the time of this writing (and as always, subject to change), **face masks will be required of all students and staff while indoors**, regardless of their vaccination status. Students will have the option of wearing a mask outdoors. This is the current requirement from Washington DOH and the Washington State Governor's office.

Other important updates for Waitsburg students and families include the **NEW END TIME** for school days this year. The school day will begin at 8:30 a.m. for all students. The release time will be 3:05 p.m. for elementary students and 3:10 p.m. for secondary students (grades 6-12). The doors to each of the buildings will open at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast is from 8:00-8:25 a.m. We will continue using the main entrances to each of the buildings as the main entrances for arrival and dismissal. Parents will be encouraged to walk with or drop off students at the front of the school.

Again, please continue to look for more communication from the Waitsburg School District and your student(s)' school. I hope each of you enjoy the remainder of the summer, and we look forward to seeing our students back in class on September 7th.

Sincerely,
Mark Pickel
Superintendent



Friends of the Weller Public Library discuss survey results

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Friends of the Weller Public Library met on July 28 at 7 p.m. to discuss the results of a recent community survey. Over 20 community members were in attendance.

The overall goal stated by the Friends of the Weller Public Library is to create a space that is bright and vibrant and accessible to all. The community survey, which closed July 21, was available online, on social media, at the library, and sent to library patrons via email and text message.

There were 111 respondents to the survey. The majority of responders, 86%, were residents of Waitsburg, with just over 13% of responses gathered from individuals who live elsewhere. Nearly 50% said that they had not utilized library services within the past two years.

Many of the responses came from Facebook. Stephanie Cole, a new member of the Friends of the Library, presented the survey results. She said that there may have been some confusion regarding the Facebook page that could have hindered responses. Facebook had automatically created a page for the Weller Public Library based on tagged photos and check-in actions from visitors. The survey was posted on a second Friends of the Weller Public Library page

created, owned and run by members of the organization. Cole said she thinks people may have gotten the pages confused and were unable to find the survey.

While less than 4% of responses showed that people were interested in moving the library, 45% of responses indicated that people are open-minded about moving the space from its current building at 212 Main.

More than 52% of responses showed an interest in joining the Walla Walla County Rural Library District. If the Weller Public Library were to join the rural district, it would require a tax of \$0.46 per \$1,000. The tax on a \$250,000 residence would cost roughly \$125, according to the survey. More than 34% of responses were a 'maybe,' stating that the individual would need more information before deciding, but only 13.5% said no. Joining the rural district would grow library services, book selection, and programs.

The survey provided participants a chance to give input about changes to the library, many of which focused on making the library more accessible to all. Accessibility was a major point. Karen Huwe shared that the rear entrance to the library is currently blocked off by city pipes and other materials that are being stored and have been there for 'a long time.' She suggested that Friends of the Library pursue getting the pipes removed, regardless of the ability to turn the back entrance into an ADA-accessible area, as it poses a safety hazard.

"There is only one entrance," Huwe said. "If there were a fire in the front of the building, people would be trapped. You cannot access that back door."

Waitsburg residents Katie Knighton and Naomi Long were selected to lead fundraising efforts. During discussions about library funds, it was suggested that a line-item report be requested from the City of Waitsburg. Details about upcoming fundraising efforts will be available later.

The Friends of the Weller Public Library will meet again on August 11, at 7 p.m. Meetings have been held at the Waitsburg Town Hall, 121 Main Street.



Lick Creek Fire Quick Facts		Green Ridge Fire Quick Facts	
Start Date: July 7, 2021	Resources:	Start Date: July 7, 2021	Resources:
Cause: Lightning	1 Crew	Cause: Lightning	8 Crews
Containment: 90%	10 Engines	Approx. Size: 11,449 acres	28 Engines
Approx. Size: 80,421 acres	3 Water Tender	Containment: 15%	8 Dozers
Total Personnel: 65	3 Heavy Equip.	Total Personnel: 382	11 Water Tenders
			7 Helicopters
Location: Approximately 20 miles SW of Asotin, WA		Location: Green Ridge area, 30 miles east of Walla Walla	

Lick Creek and Green Ridge Fire Update – August 3, 2021@ 8:00 a.m.

August 3 Primary results

Port of Columbia

Commissioner 3

Johnny Watts, 164, 39.81%

Jack Miller, 177, 42.96%

Sean Milligan 69, 16.75%

Write-in 2, .49

412 votes counted, 26 ballots left to count as of



Johnny Watts



Jack Miller

BIRTHDAYS

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

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

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

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

August 9: Kaye Wagoner, Tish Hulce, Adam Rogers, Tracy Gluck, Robert Anderson.

August 10: Skylar Wood, Connie Langlo, Tyson Cole, Jim Leid, Dean Smith, Glynn Davis, Alan Jackson, Sr., Janice Bode.

August 11: Alfred Peters, John Wood, Gary Pierson, Kim Townsend, Dorothy Anderson, Bradley Grende.



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Port of Columbia Awarded \$2 Million Broadband Infrastructure Grant

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Port of Columbia staff, along with private partner Columbia iConnect, made a presentation to the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) on Thursday, July 14 in Olympia and left with a \$2 million award.

Acceptance of the \$2 million grant is contingent upon the community providing \$500,000 in matching funds. The Port applied for and received \$20,000 from the Sherwood Trust, \$15,000 from the Warren Community Fund, and \$13,500 from the Dayton Columbia County Fund to use as matching funds, and has pledged \$20,000 from their 2021 budget for the project as well.

“This is a rare opportunity to bring hard-earned federal tax dollars back to our community for the benefit of our citizens,” stated Jennie Dickinson, Port of Columbia executive director. “A relatively small local contribution by the Port and our community partners can benefit thousands of residents.”

Requests will be made to Columbia County and the City of Dayton for the remainder of the funds required.

The Port has been working with community partners, including the City of Dayton, Columbia County, and private sector internet service providers since 2019 to address inadequate and unreliable internet service in our community. Even before the pandemic, Port staff heard concerns from many businesses and community members about how limiting our current internet service was. COVID-19 only exacerbated the issue. It became clear that in order for the community to remain attractive to residents and businesses, to meet current health care needs, and to provide adequate opportunities for education, improvements needed to be made.

Camp Wooten Work Party

By Terry Lawhead | THE TIMES

WASHINGTON—Soon, we will enter autumn full of gratitude to the incredibly hard-working men and women who suppressed the numerous wildland fires of summer.

The Umatilla Forest has been shut down due to fire, with some areas beginning to reopen as the conditions improve. The Blue Mountain Land Trust *Blues Crew* plans to go back into the forest before snowfall for trail restoration projects improving access for hikers and campers.

The Blues Crew has worked throughout the area for years. It is offering a fun and rewarding opportunity for all interested people on Sept 24-26 at Camp Wooten on the beautiful Tucannon River southeast of Dayton. Participants will become official members of the Blues Crew!

Many area residents have enjoyed the activities of Camp Wooten during the school year and summer months. As an Environmental Learning Center, it has been the location of Outdoor School for hundreds of area youth for decades and a popular retreat for church and youth groups. Unfortunately, flooding in 2020 damaged road access, grounds, and trails, and the park is currently closed to the public.

The Blues Crew is excited to partner with Washington State Parks at Camp Wooten for a three-day/two-night work party focused on enhancing trails needing attention. The Blues Crew will be getting the trails ready for the return of park users in 2022 if the current and unforeseen challenges of weather and fire allow.

“The Blues Crew is seeking out local folks who want to help restore trails and leave a legacy of outdoor education for our children and grandchildren, especially those who experienced the outdoors at Camp Wooten Environmental Learning Center,” said Barbara Hetrick of the Blues Crew. “This isn’t a ‘one and done’ type of endeavor. Camp Wooten needs our attention and stewardship every year to keep the trails open, safe, and welcoming to all users.”

Trail restoration activities include general clean-up, brush removal, cutting downed timber, and reshaping the path for ease of walking and safety. The Blues Crew will work with State Park staff to improve identified sections of the trail system.

No experience is necessary. Blues Crew leaders and park staff will provide training and tools as needed. Recommended for ages 14 and older; under 18 must be accompanied by an adult, and a parental consent form must be signed for anyone under 18.

The Blues Crew leaders know how to ensure teams pace themselves and take breaks as needed. It is rewarding outdoor work that makes a difference for more enjoyable hiking in our forest. Meals at the Camp Wooten Work Party will be provided by a well-known caterer beginning with Friday dinner through Sunday lunch at the cost of \$40.

This will be a multi-day work party. Washington State Parks will provide the dining hall with a commercial kitchen and rustic cabins sleeping up to 11 people. Individuals may elect to tent camp or bring a camp trailer to the campground by prior arrangement with a group leader. Shared bathrooms and showers are available.

Pets may not accompany volunteers on Blues Crew work parties due to work safety concerns. Pets are also not allowed in the park buildings.

COVID precautions are limiting group size and accommodations. Blues Crew is following state and federal guidelines which are constantly changing. Unvaccinated individuals will be expected to wear masks during group gatherings and when social distancing is not possible.

For more information, please look at the Blues Crew website at <https://bmlt.org/volunteer-1/bluescrew/2021/campwooten>.



Umatilla National Forest to reopen most lands

THE TIMES

PENDLETON—With recent precipitation and reduced initial attack on new fires across the forest, Umatilla National Forest officials will reopen much of the Forest on Wednesday, Aug. 4, including all Heppner and North Fork John Day Ranger District lands and part of the Walla Walla Ranger District. The Pomeroy Ranger District and northern portions of the Walla Walla Ranger District will remain closed.

Due to active large wildfires, the modified closure includes the entirety of the Pomeroy Ranger District lands and the portion of Walla Walla Ranger District lands north of Forest Service Road 64 up to Jubilee Lake, north of Jubilee Lake and east of Forest Service Road 63. While these roads are the boundary of the closure area, the roads themselves will re-open to Jubilee Lake campground, which will also be open to the public. Access is prohibited in areas identified in the closure, which includes National Forest lands, roads, trails and recreational facilities.

Visitors planning a trip to areas within the closure should cancel any plans for the next several weeks. These areas remain closed to protect public and firefighter safety as the Forest continues to actively suppress wildfires, while also responding to new smoke reports.

A detailed map and description of the updated closure area is available on the Forest website and any Forest office. Closure barriers and signs will be posted. Despite recent precipitation, fire danger on the Umatilla National Forest is still EXTREME. For areas that will re-open to the public, Phase C Public Use Restrictions will be in effect. Under these restrictions:

Campfires are prohibited in the Forest. Use liquid and bottle (propane) gas stoves only.

No internal combustion engine operation (including chainsaws), except for motorized vehicles.

Electrical generators operated under the following conditions are allowed:

- In the center of an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
- Fully contained within a pickup truck bed that is empty of all flammable material.
- Factory installed in a recreational vehicle and the generator exhaust discharge is located in the center of an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

No off-road/off-trail vehicle travel or travel on roads not cleared of standing grass or other flammable material. Vehicle travel is never permitted on currently closed forest service roads where access has been impeded or blocked by earthen berms, logs, boulders, barriers, barricades or gates, or as otherwise identified in a closure order.

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

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

Additional information on the Lick Creek, Green Ridge, and Elbow Creek Fires is available at:

Lick Creek Fire: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7615/>
Green Ridge Fire: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7628/>
Elbow Creek Fire: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7672/>

For more information regarding Restrictions, please contact the Information Hotline at (877) 958-9663.

The latest fire information will be posted on the Blue Mountains Fire Information Blog at <http://bluemountainfireinfo.blogspot.com/>.

More information about the Umatilla National Forest is available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla>.

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undergoing rehabilitation treatments from other hospitals who have that capacity. By doing so, Columbia County Hospital frees up beds in other medical facilities to handle the rising number of patients with COVID-19.

McGuire shared that the hospital is currently at full capacity. Before going to a hospital for emergency COVID-19 care, call your healthcare provider or your local hospital to get further information about where you should go.

As the COVID-19 virus moves through this new wave, hospitals across Washington are quickly filling up with patients. As recommended at the onset of the pandemic, it is again critical to slow the spread of the virus by wearing masks, socially distancing, and getting vaccinated.



WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401-100

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

Waitsburg School District has immediate openings for substitute teachers, substitute classroom para-educators, substitute custodians, substitute school bus drivers and substitute food service assistants.

Application materials are available online @ www.waitsburgsd.org or by calling the District Office at (509) 337-6301.

Summer Stage Festival postponed until 2022

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Gesa Power House Theatre regretfully announced the postponement of the Walla Walla Summer Stage Festival, previously scheduled for August 6-15. The new performing arts festival will be rescheduled to August 2022.

“This weekend, our team made the difficult but appropriate decision to postpone our new festival another year,” says Festival Director Victoria Watson. “We wanted Summer Stage to be about joy and celebration, but it’s clear from advance sales that the community is unsettled by recent developments in COVID and the Delta variant. It’s hard to push for this kind of event when the community is not ready to celebrate with us.”

The Walla Walla Summer Stage Festival was initially scheduled to launch in 2020. The festival was postponed to 2021 after Gesa Power House Theatre was forced to close its doors to the public for an entire year – from March 13, 2020, to March 12, 2021 – due to the state-mandated restrictions on events and public gatherings.

“Venues like ours were among the first businesses forced to close and the last to be allowed to reopen,” says Executive Director Heather Schermann. “When most of the state restrictions were lifted a month ago, we were eager to return to our mission of generating a strong, inclusive community through the performing arts.”

From March through June of this year, Gesa Power House Theatre was reopened for limited capacity and with social distancing measures enforced. Starting June 30, Governor Inslee announced the return to normal capacity and operations for businesses. On July 1, Gesa Power House Theatre announced its upcoming season, including dates for most of the shows canceled during the previous year and the new Walla Walla Summer Stage Festival.

The Walla Walla Summer Stage Festival will resume in August of 2022. The theater is working on rescheduling these performers for next year.

Ticket holders were notified by email of the cancellation. The box office will work with patrons on whether they want to hold their tickets for next year, exchange them for other upcoming shows, take a refund, or donate the funds to support ongoing operational costs.

The remaining events scheduled at Gesa Power House Theatre for 2021 are unaffected by this decision. However, the venue will continue to monitor the health and safety guidance at federal, state, and local levels. The theater maintains strict cleaning and sanitation procedures, and all staff and volunteers have provided proof of vaccination. Guidelines for patrons are published at www.phtww.org/covid-19/, and updates are emailed to ticket holders during the week before any given performance.

For more information about upcoming events, visit www.phtww.org or call the box office at (509) 529-6500.

Green Ridge Fire grows to more than 11,000 acres

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Green Ridge Fire, burning 30 miles East of Walla Walla, has burned a total 11,449 acres as of August 3. According to a morning update, the fire is 15% contained. More than 380 personnel are working the scene.

On Tuesday, fire crews focused on firing along the 46 Road that will connect the Edmiston Springs and Spangler Creek sections. Aircraft will be assisting ground resources with retardant and water dropping runs to help minimize potential for additional fire spread, working the strategy of anchor and flanking. It will be warmer today with temperatures in the 70’s along the ridges and 90’s in the valley bottoms. Every effort is being made to protect the numerous values at risk to include Mill Creek Municipal Watershed, plantation reforestation sites, sensitive plants, recreation areas, fisheries, numerous cultural, archaeological, and historic sites, farming, high value agricultural lands, a RAWS site, and a repeater site are also threatened.

Air quality in Walla Walla and Columbia Counties is expected to be impacted by the smoke from multiple wildfires in the area. On Tuesday, the Air Quality Index (AQI) in Dayton was 181 (Unhealthy). Walla Walla’s AQI was 112 (Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups). Air quality information, including current AQI and forecasts, can be viewed at www.wasmoke.blogspot.com.

The Level II Evacuation Notice, issued on July 29th by Columbia County’s Sheriff’s Office, remains in effect for the area: south of the previous Level I evacuation in Columbia County. The Level II evacuation notice extends east to the forest boundary, including Bald Butte Mountain and south to the Columbia County-Wallowa County state border. The evacuation notice also extends west to the forest boundary and north to Chase Mountain. From Chase Mountain, it extends to Middle Point Trailhead to Midway Campground. Additionally, a Level I evacuation notice remains in effect for the following areas: everywhere north and west of Chase Mountain and Midway Camp in the forest boundary. If you have questions, please call the Columbia County Sheriff’s Office (509-382-1100; or 509-382-2518). The Level I evacuation remains in place in Garfield County. If you have questions, please call the Garfield County Emergency Management Director, Tina Meier, or Sheriff Drew Hyer (509-843-3494). These are the only evacuations in place at the time of print, August 3.

Updates are provided daily via the Green Ridge Fire Facebook page, and online at <https://inciweb.nwcc.gov/incident/7628/>. Multiple businesses in Dayton and Waitsburg, including Ten Ton Coffee and Dayton Mercantile, have fire information displays.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
No. 21 4 00145 36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate

of
DONNA J. MONTZHEIMER,
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 at the address 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.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: July 22, 2021
Laurel L. Copeland
Personal Representative
For
The Estate of Donna J. Montzheimer
P.O. Box 625
Newman Lake, WA 99025
509-951-1960
Court of probate proceedings and cause number:
Walla Walla Superior Court
21 4 00145 36
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July 22, 29, August 5, 2021
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
No. 21 4 00148 36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of:
DUKE O’DELL MORROW, SR.,
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 (30) days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the Notice to the Creditors as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four (4) 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.

Personal Representative: DUKE MORROW, JR.
Attorney for the Personal Representative:
MONA J. GEIDL of Minnick-Hayner, P.S.
Address for Mailing or Service:
Minnick-Hayner
249 W. Alder Street
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Court of Probate Proceedings: Walla Walla County Superior Court
Cause Number: 21 4 00148 36
Date of First Publication: July 29, 2021
By: /s/ Duke Morrow, Jr. DUKE MORROW, JR.
Personal Representative
Dates of Publication: July 29, 2021
August 5, 2021
August 12, 2021
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
No.: 21-4-00140-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(RCW 11.40.030)
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
NANCY J. HERRES,
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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent’s probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: July 29, 2021
Personal Representative: Kevin J. Herres
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Attorney for Personal Representative
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Court of probate proceedings and cause number:
Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No. 21-4-00140-36
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Public Notice
The City of Waitsburg has declared the horse stalls known as the “long barn” at the Fairgrounds to be surplus and of no value to the City. In an effort to repurpose the building rather than dispose of it in a landfill, the City is offering the building materials to anyone who wants to salvage the items from the structure until August 31st, 2021. Anyone interested in salvaging materials needs to contact City Hall at 337-6371 or by email at administrator@cityofwaitsburg.com about access and to fill out a hold harmless agreement with the City before removing any items from the structure.
Waitsburg City Clerk
Randy Hinchliffe
The Times
August 5, 2021
8-5-a

Public Notice
With the removal of several large Maple Trees from Preston Park, the City is willing to allow anyone interested in cutting up the tree sections for fire wood or other purposes to so on Saturday’s from 8:30 to 4:30 at the City’s Waste Water Treatment Plant. Anyone interested in the wood needs to contact City Hall at 337-6371 or by email at administrator@cityofwaitsburg.com about access and to fill out a hold harmless agreement with the City before removing any of the wood.
Waitsburg City Clerk
Randy Hinchliffe
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
The application described below has been submitted to the Walla Walla County Community Development Department (CDD).
File name/Docket #: Dozier & Smith 3-Lot Short Plat/SUB21-011/CAP21-018
Application type: SUBDIVISION/CRITICAL AREAS PERMIT
Applicants: DOZIER, PERRY & DARLEEN
262 CONNOVER RD
WAITSBURG WA, 99361
Owners: DOZIER, PERRY & DARLEEN
262 CONNOVER RD
WAITSBURG, WA 99361
and

SMITH, GLEN & ADELLE
1436 COPPEI RD
WAITSBURG, WA 99361
Project description:
The Applicants propose to subdivide a 322-acre property into 3 lots. The proposal will create two resource parcels and 5.11 acre a farm centered lot. The subject property is generally located at 1684 Preston Ranch Road in Waitsburg (APN 370921310002) in the Primary Agriculture 40 zoning district. The following mapped critical areas are located within or adjacent to the project area: geologically hazardous areas (erosion hazard areas with slopes greater than 15%).
Required Permits: None identified
Development Regulations: WWCC Title 16 – Subdivisions; WWCC Chapter 18.08 – Critical Areas Protection; WWCC Chapter 17.18 – Density and Dimensions
Date of application: 7/20/2021
Date determined complete: 7/27/2021
Date of notice: 8/5/2021
REVIEW PROCESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT: The decision on this application will be made by the CDD Director. The comment period for this project is fourteen (14) days from issuance of this notice; this period ends August 19, 2021. The notice of application is required by RCW 36.70B.110 and Walla Walla County Code (WWCC) 14.07.080.

To be considered as a party of record send written comments to:
Walla Walla County Community Development Department
c/o Jennifer Ballard, Senior Planner
310 W. Poplar Street, Suite 200
Walla Walla, WA 99362
commdev@co.walla-walla.wa.us

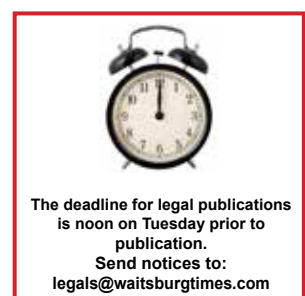
APPEALS: The Director’s decision may be appealed by the applicant(s) or parties of record to the Walla Walla County Hearing Examiner pursuant to WWCC 14.11.010 and 14.11.030.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please contact Jennifer Ballard, Senior Planner, at 509-524-2626 or commdev@co.walla-walla.wa.us.
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August 5, 2021
8-5-c

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

You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this Summons, to wit, within sixty (60) days after the 5th day of August, 2021, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court and answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for the Plaintiff, at their office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demands of the Complaint in this action, which has been filed with the Clerk of said court. The object of this action is to quiet title for real property.
DATED this 28th day of July 2021

Minnick - Hayner, P.S.
By: /s/ Kathryn Unbehaun,
WSBA #53579 of Attorneys for Plaintiffs
P.O. Box 1757 Walla Walla, WA 99362
(509) 527-3500
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Palouse Outdoors: The Ebb and Flow

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

The old cliché “The only thing constant in life is change” was coined by Greek philosopher Heraclitus. This epiphany struck him around 500 B.C. I assume taxes were not a thing at the time, otherwise, that little tidbit would likely have been included, as folks like to claim today.

While Heraclitus was correct, that time is like a flowing river, and you will never step into the same waters twice, there is an ebb and flow to events among the seasons and years – the past approximately 15 months presenting a solid case in point. Coronavirus continues to adapt against human immunity. Extreme heat and drought have struck once again. U.S. Society took another shot at imploding by casting the light off day on racism. Still, life goes on, and these events have calmed slightly.

Life on the homestead may be somewhat sheltered from the bigger picture of society, but notable change remains constant in our little mesocosm. And, because every organism is affected by one another and our environment, this relationship that appears chaotic on the surface works to strike a balance between positive and negative. What that balance looks like and what it means for the future is not always obvious but tracking changes from year to year is an interesting study, particularly with wildlife – birds, bugs, and blooms being prime examples.

Typically, a handful of Rufous hummingbirds visit us each spring and hang around for a week or two until the Black-chinned hummers swarm in and force them out. This year, however, we only had one rufus drop by and he stayed less than a week. Additionally, we only have a few Black-chinned hummingbirds, where we typically have more than a dozen. The hatch didn't seem to go as planned either. Did the smoke and fire last September affect hummingbirds as they migrated south? That could explain fewer birds returning this year.

Continuing with birds, a strange, yet simultaneously familiar cry carried through the alders this spring. A familiar enough sound from the Appalachia of my youth that I didn't actually give notice until my wife Ali asked if I had heard it – the raspy “mew” of a Gray Catbird. Catbirds inhabit a large range in the U.S. and southern Canada and are a permanent resident in the eastern hardwoods. Eastern Washington is the western border of their breeding range, and we were lucky enough to have a breeding pair this year.

What brought the catbirds to our homestead remains a mystery, but likely factors include a combination of thick woody cover and mature trees, green peas being planted around the homestead, and the abundance of yellow grasshoppers that we've experienced this year. Broadleaf plants like peas attract insects with



Brad Trumbo

A Rufous hummingbird guards his nearby nectar feeder.

their flowers and succulent leaves. Environmental conditions may have been favorable for grasshoppers as well. And what are grasshoppers good for? Bird chicks. Teenage quail and pheasant are beginning to appear in excellent numbers, and the grasshoppers providing forage for rearing broods may have something to do with that this year.

Another exception was the presence of Bullock's orioles. While one or two orioles always show up on the homestead, they appear transient, offering fleeting glimpses in the yard as they cruise between shrubbery. This year, however, several females remained regularly visible and hatched at least one clutch of chicks. Was it because we have increased berry and fruit-producing plants on the property? Not likely, due to another late April frost wiping out the blossoms from the majority of our fruiting plants. Their presence may tie back to the grasshoppers as an important food source, and the alders towering over the drainage along the property providing nesting habitat.

The excitement of increased and varied bird activity was tempered by the extreme June heat. The hottest week of the year coincided with the fledging of many species, taking a toll on fledgling survival. One evening, a sparsely feathered finch chick struggled to reach a low fork in the crabapple, where it hunkered in the shade behind the trunk. It sat for hours, beak agape, breathing heavily in the 115-degree heat. Many chicks left the nest, helpless to the full sun exposure that week. Nevertheless, a few pulled through and will hopefully return next year.

Change may be constant and extreme environmental conditions expected on occasion, but when change results in a “new norm”, species – humans included – must adapt and redefine a natural balance. What change did you notice this year? Are we on the forefront of striking a new natural balance with Mother Nature? Only time will tell, but plant flowering records in the Pacific Northwest suggest an earlier bloom trend over the past 100 years. In the meantime, as we adapt to the ebb and flow, I will take a diversity of songbirds warbling around the house as a small consolation.



Brad Trumbo



Public Domain

Left: The Gray Catbird
Far Left: A mule deer doe keeps a curious eye on the homestead.

Focus on Firefighters

Captain Miguel Castillo is one of many volunteers at Columbia-Walla Walla County Fire District 2, working to keep our community safe one call at a time

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

Jumping into a truck and charging into a standing wheat fire, or encountering a burning building is not for the faint of heart, but for Captain Miguel Castillo, Columbia-Walla Walla Fire District 2, it is a way to help his community.

Castillo was inspired to join the district around seven years ago after watching the devastation left behind by multiple complex fires in the Umatilla National Forest.

“I reached out to some of the local guys here, applied, and got on the department,” Castillo said. “Ever since then, I've been doing what I can to help out the community.”

Many, if not all, of Waitsburg's first responders share a similar story to Castillo's. They want to give back to their community by being on the front lines of a fire or emergency medical situation. Like many other rural fire districts, the Waitsburg-based Fire District 2 relies primarily on volunteers.

Since volunteering, Castillo said he has undergone lots of in-house training, learning from fire chiefs, district officers, and fellow firefighters. In-house training is available for anyone wanting to volunteer for firefighting for District 2. Colum-



Courtesy Photo

Miguel and Savanna Castillo with their three children, Sophia, Oliver and Makenzie.

bia-Walla Walla Fire District 2 trains every other week, rain or shine, preparing for everything from combine fires to medical emergencies.

“We try to get a good-sized crowd for training,” he said. “Even the public can come out and check it out and see what we are all about.”

In July, Castillo said he responded to six fires, and multiple medical calls. He works a full-time job in Walla Walla, has a young family, and hobbies of his own. Still, he still finds time to come to the rescue. Missed birthdays, gatherings, and weekend fun is just one small demand of being on the frontlines of protecting crops, pets, and communities.

Last weekend, for example, Castillo said he responded to a fire on Bolles Road in the early hours of the morning, around 4 a.m. The fire was started by a four-wheeler, according to the Walla Walla Sheriff's Office. It was attended by four members of District 2 and assisted by Columbia County Fire

District 3.

Castillo said that when he and the district volunteers arrived, there were two separate fires catching them off-guard for just a second. Through quick thinking, helped by years of training and experience, the crew coordinated staging so the correct people were in the right spots. Though the flames in the dark early morning sky looked dramatic, the fire was quickly and safely extinguished.

“You respond to what you can,” Castillo said. “There are a certain number of calls, and a certain amount of training that you are required to go to, but that varies whether you are on the fire side or the medical side, or you do both.”

Columbia-Walla Walla Fire District 2 is always looking for volunteers, said Castillo. The district needs volunteers for medical and firefighting, however, it is not required to become both a firefighter and an EMT.

“We help out as much as we can,” Castillo said. “The more people that we can get involved with the department and have them trained, the more comfortable they will be in an emergency situation.”

In a *Times* series focusing on local firefighter published before the pandemic, Castillo voiced the same concerns and encouragement as today.

“Being a small community, you have to be involved. You can't just sit around and say, ‘Hey, I'll let someone else take care of it,’” he said.

“At times, it's not having enough people to create crews. Sometimes we're short-handed and get two people on fires. Sometimes we get ten people. It's great when we have a lot of people but it's difficult when we don't have a crew to supply. Not just for our county, but to help out Dayton, too,” he said in 2019.

Castillo continued, “It's definitely a big commitment, but it's worth it. You become, not just a participating member of the community, but you are seen differently because you are out there helping the community out and volunteering your time.”

As proof of Castillo's generosity of time, he spoke with *The Times* on one of his few days off. It also happened to be his birthday.

SPORTS

Reviewing the Mariners Trade Deadline moves

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

SEATTLE—As expected, the Mariners made some moves during this year's trade deadline. Most fans were probably hoping the team would attempt to pick up some players to help during this season's playoff. Instead, they shuffled the roster around a bit without significantly improving the team. Mariner fans will have to wait for the offseason and this year's winter meetings to add the necessary pieces to take the team to the next level. For now, the Mariners sit in third place in the American League West and are tied with the New York Yankees, three games behind the Oakland A's, for the second Wild Card spot. Let's review the players that are being traded away and those coming to Seattle.

Of the players traded away, Kendall Graveman is the biggest loss. Graveman leaves as the team's closer and best relief pitcher. He took over for Rafael Montero after Montero struggled at the start of the season and never looked back. Both Graveman and Montero were traded to the Houston Astros. It's not surprising that Graveman was traded since he is a free agent at the end of the season, but it is a little puzzling they traded him to a team in their own division.

Continuing with the bullpen reshuffling, JT Chargois, the thirty-year-old relief pitcher, was having a breakout year in the Mariner's bullpen this season with a 3.00 ERA. He didn't play at all in 2020 but pitched to a 6.33 ERA with the Los Angeles Dodgers in his last full year in the majors. He was traded to the Tampa Bay Rays, a team Seattle may be competing with for a wild card spot. The Rays are always looking for controllable arms, and Chargois doesn't become a free agent until 2026. The Mariner's 12th ranked prospect, Austin Shenton, was also sent to Tampa Bay in the same trade. He is currently a third baseman at the Double-A level.

Now for the players that the Mariners acquired in trades. First, there is Abraham Toro. Toro is a highly regarded prospect that plays all infield positions except shortstop. Since the trade, he's been off to a hot start with the team hitting .429/.500/.857 with two home runs in six games. He's twenty-four years old and was the critical piece in the Kendall Graveman trade. The Mariners are hoping he becomes a player, like Ty France, that they can use all over the infield.

With all of the injuries to the starting rotation, it made sense for the Mariners to go after a starting pitcher. However, Tyler Anderson is a free agent at the end of the year and isn't the top rotation starter that the Mariners need. He's more of a bottom of the rotation starter or spot starter. Fortunately, the Mariners only had to part with a couple of prospects that were not highly rated in their minor league system to get him.

Diego Castillo was picked up in the trade for Chargois and Shenton. He was the closer from the Tampa Bay Rays. His Mariner's debut got off to a rocky start, blowing his first save opportunity and giving up a two-run home run in the tenth inning against Texas, giving the Mariners a 5-4 loss. He won't be a free agent until the 2025 season.

Overall, these were good moves for Seattle. It's hard to see Graveman leave, but Castillo is three years younger and under team control for the next three seasons. Toro gives them more flexibility in the infield, and there is nothing stopping Seattle from reacquiring Graveman in free agency if they want him back.

MLB AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

Wins			Batting Average		
C. Bassitt	OAK	11	M. Brantley	HOU	.331
G. Cole	NYN	10	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	.328
A. Civale	CLE	10	Y. Guriel	HOU	.324
Z. Greinke	HOU	10	C. Mullins	BAL	.322
C. Flexen	SEA	10	X. Bogaerts	BOS	.307

ERA			Home Runs		
L. Lynn	CHW	2.07	S. Ohtani	LAA	37
K. Gibson	TEX/PHI	2.87	Y. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	34
S. Manaea	OAK	3.01	M. Olson	OAK	28
R. Ray	TOR	3.04	R. Devers	BOS	27
G. Cole	NYN	3.11	S. Perez	KC	26

Strike Outs			Runs Batted In		
G. Cole	NYN	176	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	85
R. Ray	TOR	154	R. Devers	BOS	82
C. Rodon	CHW	149	S. Ohtani	LAA	82
L. Giolito	CHW	143	J. Abreu	CHW	78
C. Bassitt	OAK	139	A. Meadows	TB	76

Saves			Stolen Bases		
L. Hendriks	CHW	26	W. Merrifield	KC	27
M. Barnes	BOS	23	C. Mullins	BAL	20
R. Iglesias	LAA	22	M. Straw	HOU/CLE	18
A. Chapman	NYN	22	T. Anderson	CHW	16
R. Pressly	HOU	18	I. Kiner	TEX	16

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	404	72	106	25	63	30	.262	.320	.817	+2.2
J.P. Crawford	400	56	107	5	33	36	.268	.330	.692	+2.4
K. Seager	393	44	87	22	66	41	.221	.298	.735	+1.5
T. France	361	54	100	11	48	27	.277	.354	.789	+2.2
D. Moore	245	30	45	10	36	28	.184	.277	.632	+0.7
L. Torrens	199	25	43	12	25	20	.216	.290	.732	+1.1
T. Murphy	183	25	37	8	22	24	.202	.295	.667	+0.7
T. Trammell	156	23	25	8	18	17	.160	.256	.359	-0.4
J. Kelenic	141	12	18	3	14	16	.128	.222	.427	-1.1

STANDINGS

AL West	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	64	42	.604	-
Oakland	60	47	.561	4.5
Seattle	57	50	.533	7.5
Los Angeles	52	54	.491	12.0
Texas	39	67	.368	25.0

AL East	W	L	PCT	GB
Tampa Bay	64	43	.598	-
Boston	63	44	.589	1.0
New York	56	49	.533	7.0
Toronto	54	49	.524	8.0
Baltimore	38	67	.362	25.0

AL Central	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	62	44	.585	-
Cleveland	52	51	.505	8.5
Detroit	51	57	.472	12.0
Kansas City	45	59	.433	16.0
Minnesota	44	62	.415	18.0

Columbia County COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Schedule

Schedule online at cvaccines.as.me or call Public Health at 509-382-2181. Vaccine varies by vaccination clinic.

Dates:	Times:	Location:
August 12, 2021	9:30am-11:00am	CCPH
August 12, 2021	12:00pm-6:00pm	DSD
August 24, 2021	4:00pm-6:00pm	CCPH
September 2, 2021	4:00pm-6:00pm	CCPH
September 7, 2021	4:00pm-6:00pm	CCPH

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



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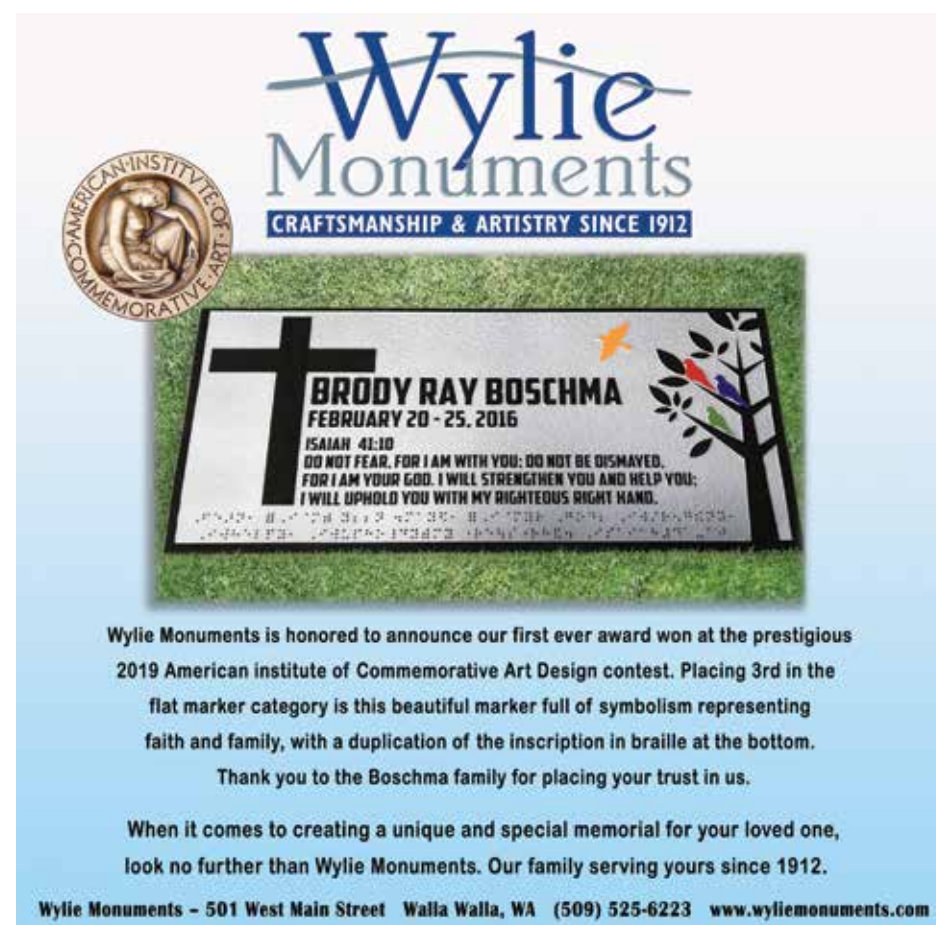
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Flowers in the Veggie Garden

By Alexandra Fitzgerald | THE TIMES

While I'm a sorry excuse for a flower gardener, as anyone who's seen our landscaping would agree, I'm a huge fan of flowers in the vegetable garden. In fact, sometimes the flowers do better than the veggies.

One of my favorite annuals is the tried-and-true marigold. There are so many colors, and you can even choose dwarf varieties that will easily fit into the smallest garden. You can also easily save seeds to plant again next year. Nasturtiums are a gorgeous option that gives tons of blooms. The best part is that the blooms are edible and add a peppery bite to salads. When shopping, keep in mind that some varieties are climbing and need a trellis while others are mounding, which tend to sprawl and should be directed towards an open area so that they won't crowd out your vegetables.

A few other annuals I enjoy are cosmos, zinnias, and calendula. One last flower I'll add to the list is chamomile. It smells amazing, blooms early, and easily self-seeds, so you can plant it once and have it year after year. If it reseeds and you don't want it, it is easy to pull out or transplant elsewhere. And if you're a tea fan like me, dry the flowers and keep them on hand for chamomile tea.

Sunflowers are a classic summer flower in my garden. Most of them are volunteer sprouts from the black oil sunflower seed we feed the birds in the winter. Personally, I like the sprouts because it saves me the trouble of starting them from seed (mice find my sprouts every time I transplant them). This year I tried a few other varieties for fun, and they tower over the entire garden and are always packed full of bees. The sparrows will start to raid the seeds as soon as they begin to dry later this fall. If you want to grow sunflowers, be sure to read the seed packet to see if they're a cut flower type (often bred not to produce pollen, meaning they don't provide value to bees) or if they're recommended for seeds. Most get quite large, so plan for a location where they don't shade out your other plants.

If you have the room, I'd highly recommend devoting space to some perennial flowers. Aside from only having to plant them once, they will bloom all summer long and provide valuable food and habitat for beneficial insects and birds. I planted a lot of varieties in my raised beds, and while they did well, some of them got a bit large, and any that went to seed ended up causing a bit of a weedy mess in



Calendula and cosmos readily self-seed so be sure to cut spent blooms or plant them where you don't mind them coming back year after year.

While working from home, I've been able to watch the garden during the day from my makeshift office. I've seen Black-chinned hummingbirds, catbirds, Bull-cuckoo orioles, western kingbirds, sparrows, and wrens raise multiple clutches of babies in the garden. With all the flowers blooming and irrigation making the area a bit of an oasis, there are plenty of insects to snack on and enough cover to provide safety from predators. So even if my green beans are lackluster or I'm too lazy to go out and prune the tomatoes, I still know the garden is providing for the species that live in the area and that's good enough for me.

While I can't personally claim the success of raising baby birds, I still feel this quote reflects my thoughts on the garden: "If you've never experienced the joy of accomplishing more than you can imagine, plant a garden." — Robert Brault



Coreopsis is a striking summer favorite. There are more blooms than foliage!



Chives are hugely popular with the bumble bees. You can harvest a vast amount of chives to dry for the pantry then let them go to flower for the summer.



Marigolds in the garden. Choose single blooms if you want them to be more beneficial to insects. Although double blooms are pretty too.

Business Rules

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

I've found that in owning a restaurant, gardening, and life in general, many of the rules and clichés I've learned throughout my eons in the business world still apply. First, the 80/20 rule, which I wrote about recently, and another a former boss always touted and of which I was recently reminded: *Don't rule by exception!*

There are certain items on our menu at the café that we consider to be "rock stars" because they always sell, one of which is our crispy cod sandwich. Occasionally a customer will ask for the sandwich without the bun, or they don't eat the bun, which Daniel never fails to notice when I clear the table. Out of approximately 250 sandwiches sold, about five have been bunless. The other day, after another order was, "crispy cod, no bun," Daniel announced we're changing the menu to Fish and Chips, no more buns! My first thought, which shall remain unexpressed until I need to remind him, is: *don't rule by exception*. If ninety percent of the people are OK with the bun, don't



burgerless day was the exception, not the rule: The following week, we sold burgers galore!

This year in gardening, we learned the hard way: *A little goes a long way*. Since many of the thriving gardens we see around Waitsburg use compost, we jumped on the bandwagon and started to compost. But, until the compost is ready, we decided to fertilize with chicken poop this spring. We have learned, a lot of poop is not better than a little. We burned probably half of what we planted. Maybe I need to admit human error could be the cause of the failed tomato crop this year. However, contrary to fertilizer and gardening, in restaurant life, a lot of Advil is better than a

cater to the exceptions and lose the majority.

The same with the burger. One week we will sell 20 in two days. The next day none so the new Daniel proclamation: We're taking burgers off the menu. That day was 110 degrees, and no one was in the mood for a burger; that doesn't mean they never will be again. That

little. (wine too).

Another cliché, "*you never know who you'll meet*," turned into an exciting situation last Saturday night at the café. About a week ago, a lady called to make a reservation for five people for Saturday night. I noticed that her phone number was a New York prefix. When they came into the café, I asked where in NY they lived since I'd once lived there. They were living in Manhattan but are now moving to San Diego and were nearing the end of their 10-month road trip to their new home.

The next day, they called the restaurant and left a message. My first thought (panic) was they had food poisoning or left something at the restaurant that I probably tossed in the trash. Bravely, I returned the call, and I may have a new cousin!

The next day, they noticed on our website that my maiden-name is Sternfeld. It turns out that they have relatives with that name as well, who emigrated to the US from Poland, as my grandparents did in the late 1800s. Now, we are both on a mission to determine if we are related, and if so, how. She has a cousin working on a family tree, as is my sister. Soon we can compare and see if we're related.

Not only are Dayton and Waitsburg small towns, but as the last cliché *it's truly a small world!*



Lane Gwinn

COOL GREEN FORDS, DIFFERENT ERAS, SAME VINTAGE FEEL

John and Illiana Schuring driving a 2004 Thunderbird back home to Portland, stopped in Waitsburg after spotting Jade, a 1978 Ford F-150, owned by Tiina Jaatinen and parked in front of The Royal Block. Baristas at Ten Ton Coffee introduced the car and truck owners who happened to be in the shop at the same time Sunday morning. Parked side by side, the proud owners discussed the similarity between Ford's original Jade Green and Mint Green paint colors.

FUN & GAMES

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



"Hi. You probably don't remember me..."

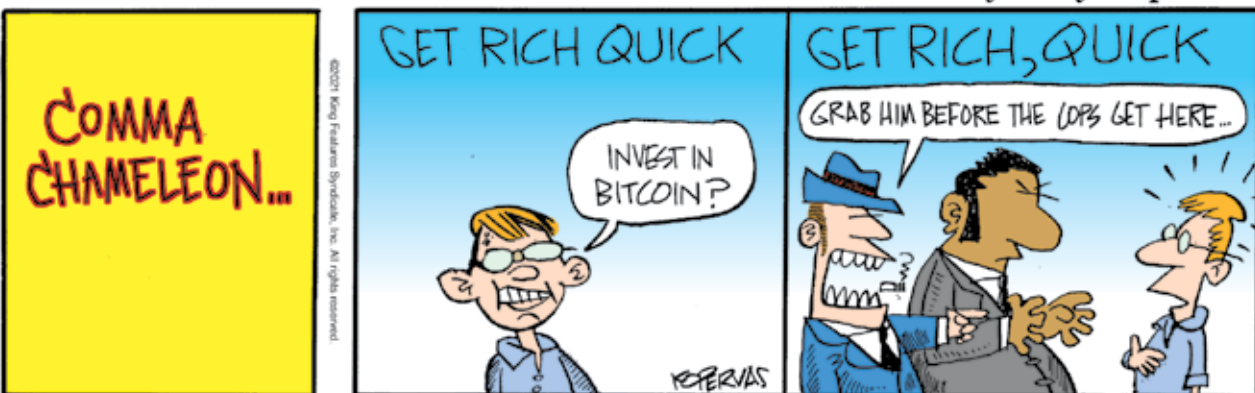
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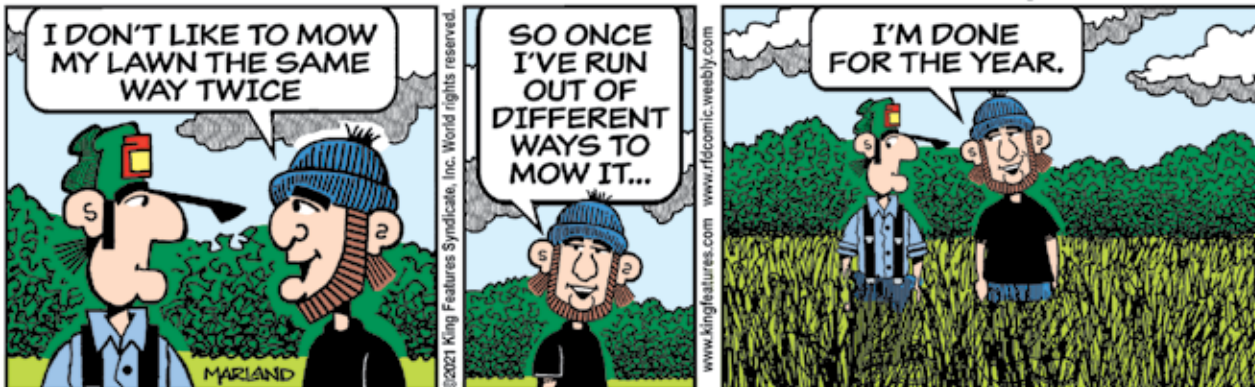
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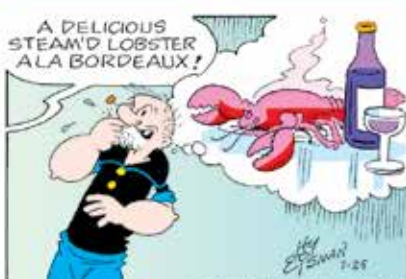
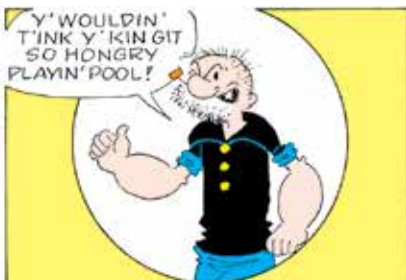
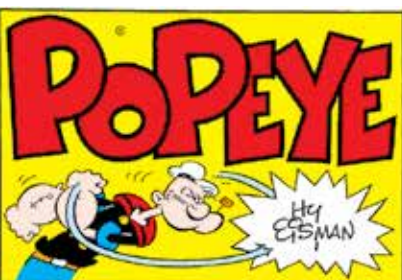
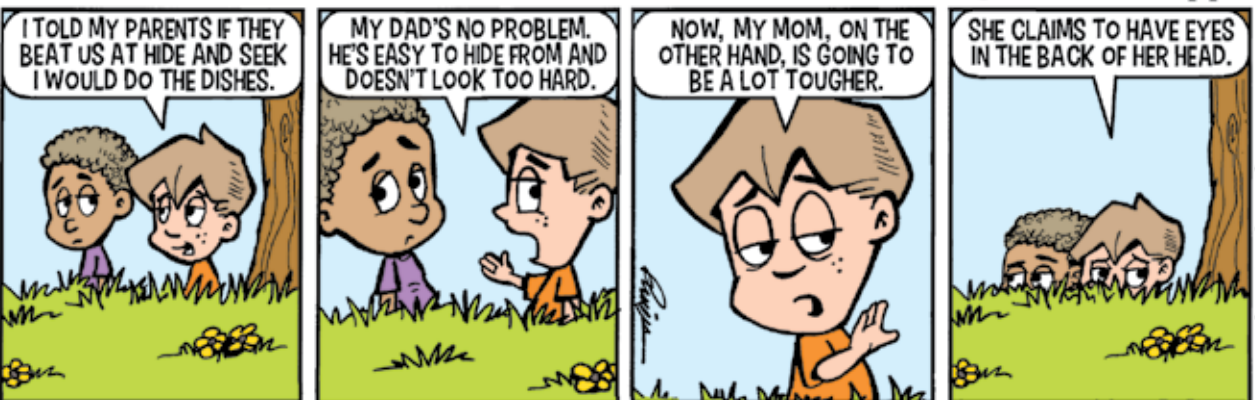
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by Mike Marland



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

August 4, 2011

Jillian Beaudry, an editor and reporter for the Daily World in Aberdeen, Wash., will become the new managing editor for the *Times* based in Waitsburg, the newspaper's publisher announced on Monday. She will replace Dian McClurg, the previous managing editor who left the newspaper in May. "We are lucky to be able to welcome someone of Jillian's caliber and enthusiasm to our small staff," *Times* publisher Imbert Matthee said. "She is well regarded in our state's newspaper industry and comes highly recommended by her peers and past employers. She'll be able to improve our news gathering organization and expand our coverage of the Touchet Valley."

Twenty-Five Years Ago

August 8, 1996



[Photo caption] Formerly Ginny's Grill and now the Farmer's Café, one of Waitsburg's downtown institutions recently underwent some remodeling and changes which, according to manager Jeff Hegardt, give restaurant employees glee in observing the surprised looks on people's faces as they notice the changes for the first time. Owners Ron and Brenda Irvin will mark their third year in business this November. Last year, improvements of a new grill and refrigeration was an unseen change, Hegardt said. Efficiencies realized with kitchen improvements enabled the new carpet in the dining area. The most noticeable change was removal of the counter and the new location of the service area. Booths are now situated where the counter and fountain once stood. Louis Gammon, who operated Ginny's Grill for years before retiring in 1976, was the owner when the last new flooring was placed in 1972, Hegardt said.

Fifty Years Ago

August 5, 1971

Mrs. E. C. Monfort, 87, was the honor guest at a family reunion, Saturday, July 31 at Waitsburg, Wa. where she is at home with her youngest son, Phillip E. Monfort. Those spending the weekend with her were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Monfort and Jane of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. F Neile Havens, Tulsa, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Merle Javaux and John, Caldwell, Ida.; Mr. and Mrs. E. Grant Monfort, Ellensburg, Wa.; Mr. and Mrs. Murray Baxter, Durkee, Ore.; Mrs. S. Max Brown, Tucson, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Merle Gilmour, Ray and Robbie, Ellensburg, Wa.; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Javaux, Meridian, Idaho; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Raley, Baker, Ore.; Mrs. Walter Jantz and son, Carl, of Walla Walla, Wa.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

August 9, 1946

Lowell Houtchens of Boeing Engineers has returned from Guam and spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Houtchens.

Henry Reimers and Albert Land of the local Camp Fire board, and Mrs. Reimers and Mrs. Land were guests of the Camp Fire Girls at Camp Kiwanis Thursday evening at a Spanish banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Powell of Reedsport, Ore. visited this week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Powell and Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Egelston.

One Hundred Years Ago

August 5, 1921

The bodies of two of our best known soldier dead are expected to arrive in this city within a few days. Samuel W. Southard was the first of Waitsburg to lose his life in action and in his honor the local Legion was named. Dallas Miller lost his life in action just a few days following Sammy Southard.

Will Vollmer who is farming some of the Hungate land and the W. B. Shaffer place in Spring Valley, has 500 acres of No. 128 wheat which is yielding fully 40 bushels per acre.

Frank Callahan, orchardist, has a very fine prospect for a bumper crop of apples this Fall. He has estimated that he will have fully 9,000 boxes of packed apples from his 15 acres of commercial orchard.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

August 7, 1896

Walter Shuham this week received a new Victor bicycle - a '96 model and a regular beauty.

Pat Dowling, who has many friends in this city, had a serious encounter with his brother-in-law, John Rorke, last Monday. Dowling was shot in the arm. Bad blood has existed between these two men ever since the night when Dowling was married to Rorke's sister several years ago, and occasionally it crops out.

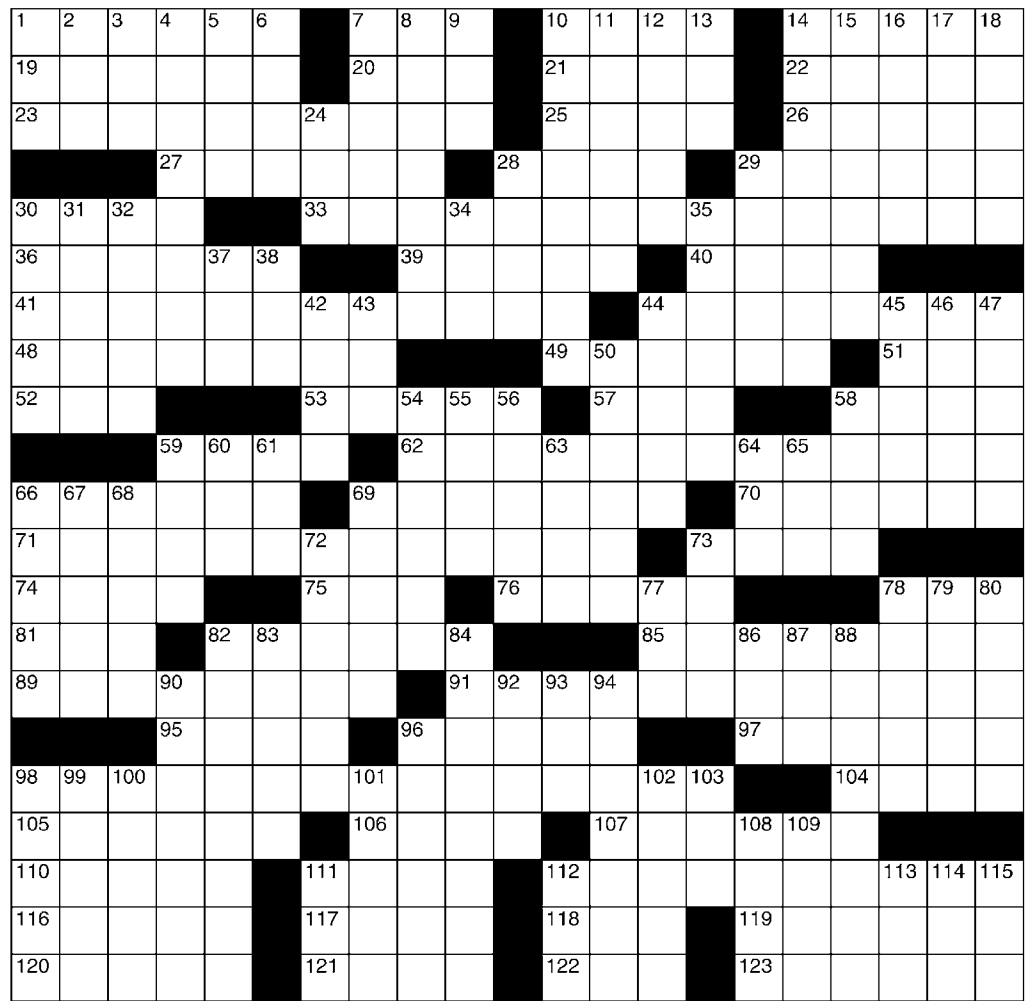
The Family of Mr. Tuttle, the electrician, arrived in this city from Ritzville on Tuesday morning and have moved into the Bert Preston residence on Preston Avenue. We are glad to welcome such pleasant people to our city.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

HIDDEN STAIRS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hindu monks
 - 7 Gorilla or gibbon
 - 10 Baby doll call
 - 14 Ignominy
 - 19 Wound antiseptic
 - 20 Nothing
 - 21 Chilled
 - 22 Tabloid VIP
 - 23 Long poems in which animals speak and act like humans
 - 25 Figure skater's jump
 - 26 Drizzles, e.g.
 - 27 Beethoven specialty
 - 28 Much-shared GIF, maybe
 - 29 Murmur continuously
 - 30 Bodega, e.g.
 - 33 Detecting of sweetness, flavor, etc.
 - 36 Spiny-crested lizard
 - 39 Place atop
 - 40 Not busy
 - 41 Installments of TV series that were not preserved
 - 44 Biology and ecology, e.g.
 - 48 It may be loose-leaf
 - 49 Clan carvings
 - 51 "— found it!"
 - 52 Pub. houses hire them
 - 53 One of the Judds
 - 57 Cannes' Palme —
 - 58 Actress Lena
 - 59 Iris' place in the eye
 - 62 Hindu social classes as they relate to government affairs
 - 66 Cherishes
 - 69 Taverns
 - 70 Lord's home
 - 71 1 Peter and 1 Timothy, in the Bible
 - 73 Armory stuff
 - 74 Sister of Luke, in sci-fi
 - 75 Seville cheer
 - 76 Masterful
 - 78 Fan noise
 - 81 In time past
 - 82 Dry gully
 - 85 Road part for cyclists
 - 89 "Huzzah!"
 - 91 Crusty, cheesy brand in the frozen food aisle
 - 95 Salinger's "love and squalor" girl
 - 96 Philosopher with a logical "razor"
 - 97 Surrendered
 - 98 It may result in landfills
 - 104 Get a look at
 - 105 ET and such
 - 106 Dried out
 - 107 Sea demigod
 - 110 Future pupa
 - 111 Pre-'91 world power
 - 112 Enter ... or what each of seven long answers in this puzzle has
 - 116 Prepare to pray, say
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 - 119 Conductor of impulses
 - 120 Composer Camille
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 - 123 Trees that tremble
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 - 8 Blue Period artist Pablo
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 - 11 Keen insight
 - 12 Rhythm
 - 13 Lumber tool
 - 14 High ethical standards
 - 15 Encourage
 - 16 Court excuse
 - 17 — Park (Edison's lab site)
 - 18 Jed Clampett player Buddy
 - 24 Singer
 - 28 Parcel (out)
 - 29 Make obscure
 - 30 Pooh creator
 - 31 Put up — fight
 - 32 Undergoes oxidation
 - 34 TV's Turner
 - 35 Orator of old Rome
 - 37 Neighbor of Colo.
 - 38 GI address
 - 42 Scottish isle
 - 43 Pop music of Jamaica
 - 44 Quits
 - 45 Eyelashes, anatomically
 - 46 Give the boot
 - 47 Awareness
 - 50 Danish port
 - 54 Irish playwright Sean
 - 55 Ale grain
 - 56 Capri, e.g., to a Capriote
 - 58 Filmmaker
 - 59 Stellar bear
 - 60 Dog healer
 - 61 Ending for journal
 - 63 Three- — sloth
 - 64 NASA moon lander
 - 65 Ending for journal
 - 66 Insurer with a duck mascot
 - 67 San — Bay
 - 68 Stellar hunter
 - 69 Grain storers
 - 72 Redcap, e.g.
 - 73 On the job
 - 77 "POV" airtel
 - 78 Fogs
 - 79 Open, as some jackets
 - 80 John Irving's "A Prayer for Owen —"
 - 82 Armories
 - 83 Freeway exit inclines
 - 84 Came to pass
 - 86 Tavern cask
 - 87 Green gp.
 - 88 Adds pep to
 - 90 Take revenge
 - 92 "Behold!" to Brutus
 - 93 Brutus' lang.
 - 94 Sent forth
 - 96 Ukraine city
 - 98 Goes on foot
 - 99 "George & —" (1990s talk show)
 - 100 "Yes, —!" ("For sure!")
 - 101 Actor Davis in many Spike Lee films
 - 102 Creme-filled cookies
 - 103 Puppy bite
 - 108 Funny Fey
 - 109 Wallet singles
 - 111 Internet ID
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 - 113 Fury
 - 114 Comedian
 - 115 USNA grad.



MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

Ratatouille



Every summer, without fail, I am surprised by how productive the zucchini plants are in our garden. With new zucchini sprouting up every night, there is always an abundance of the striped, green summer bounty in our kitchen. This leads to my annual exploration of creative ways to use this prolific garden ingredient. With options ranging from breads, fritters, pastas, and casseroles, the recipes, thankfully, seem endless. Last week, I looked for zucchini inspiration and found it in southern France, a sunny region famous for elevating seasonal homegrown produce into simple and elegant cuisine. Here I present a ratatouille that is as beautiful to look at as it is delicious.

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1 cup milk
- Pinch ground nutmeg
- 1 to 2 cups tomato sauce (see notes)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 sprigs fresh thyme, stemmed and minced
- 2 tablespoons fresh basil, minced (plus more)
- ½ teaspoon crushed chili flake
- 1 to 2 small eggplants (Asian varieties, see notes)
- 1 yellow summer squash
- 2 medium-small yellow or Walla Walla Sweet onions
- 1 to 2 zucchinis
- 1 sweet red bell pepper
- ½ pound white button or cremini mushrooms
- Olive oil
- Kosher salt
- Fresh ground black pepper

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Prepare all vegetables. Using a mandoline or very sharp knife (and steady hand), slice zucchini, squash, onions, and eggplants as thin as possible, into ⅛-inch-thick rounds. Thin slice mushrooms and bell pepper lengthwise.

Make Béchamel Sauce: Heat milk to just under a boil, without scalding, in small saucepan and set aside. In another saucepan melt butter over medium heat. Whisk in flour to make a smooth paste. Cook, whisking constantly for 2 to 3 minutes, as roux cooks through and bubbles. Pour in the hot milk, in a slow stream, while whisking rapidly to break up clumps. Season with nutmeg, a pinch of salt and pepper. Keep whisking for 3 minutes, until smooth and slightly thickened. Remove from heat and put round of wax paper or plastic wrap on surface to prevent skin from forming.

Lightly oil inside of a 10" round casserole dish. Cover bottom with a ½ to 1-inch layer of tomato sauce. Top sauce with minced garlic, fresh herbs, chili flake, and a pinch of salt. Gently stir together, keeping sauce evenly spread across casserole. Pour Béchamel evenly over tomato sauce.

Layer sliced vegetables over sauce. Make stacks of alternating vegetable slices (eggplant, zucchini, mushroom, pepper, onion, squash, etc.) and arrange standing on their sides, in concentric rings around the dish (see photo), from the edge to the center. The beautiful cut edges of the vegetables will make an attractive presentation. Drizzle, or brush, about two tablespoons of olive oil over the top and season to taste with salt and pepper. Cut a circle of parchment paper that fits perfectly over casserole and set on top of vegetables.

Place in oven and bake for 55 to 60 minutes, until vegetables are all tender and the tomato sauces is bubbling on sides. Remove from oven and let cool for 5 to 10 minutes. Garnish top with more chopped fresh basil and serve.

Notes:

Use your favorite homemade or store-bought tomato sauce, the simpler the better. I used my Magic Tomato Sauce recipe which was featured in the May 27th edition of The Times. (With a subscription readers have access to all my recipe archives on the website, waitsburgtimes.com.)

You want the diameter of your vegetables, particularly the eggplant and zucchini, to be similar so as to make uniform stacks. Thinner Asian varieties of eggplant work nicely, or small Italian eggplants. If you don't have any yellow summer squash, double the amount of zucchini.

Some versions of this classic recipe also include potatoes. Use Yukon gold or red potatoes, that will hold their shape when baked. Slice thin, like the other vegetables, and toss in boiling salted water for 3 to 4 minutes to par cook. Drain and lay potato slices on towels to cool and dry before assembling dish.

This dish is a celebration of beautiful produce, making a bright vegetarian entrée or a gorgeous side dish to a simple grilled meat. Serve with plenty of the sauce from bottom of dish scooped on plate, and perhaps some crusty bread on the side. A chilled glass of a dry rose from Provence would be a fabulous pairing. Bon appétit!

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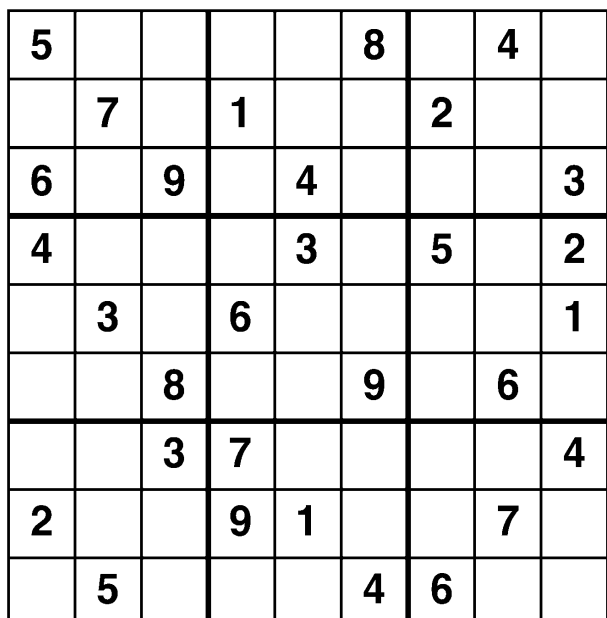
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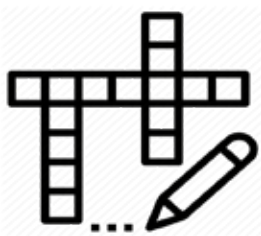


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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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Weekly SUDOKU

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THE LAST PAGE

AT THE LIBERTY:

The movie Black Widow, plus a five-day children's theater workshop with two live performances

THE TIMES

Natasha Romanoff, aka Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson), confronts her ledger's darker parts when a dangerous conspiracy with ties to her past arises in this new Marvel Studios' action-packed spy thriller. Pursued by a force that will stop at nothing to bring her down, Natasha must deal with her history as a spy and the broken relationships left in her wake long before she became an Avenger.

Rotten Tomatoes critics rate this film as 81% favorable, and the audience gives it a 92%. It is rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence/action, some language, and thematic material. This film will run August 6-10 and 15-17 (2 weeks) on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m., and Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Run time is 2 hrs, 21 minutes.

The Emperor's New Clothes – Missoula Children's Theatre

Pre-registration will be open August 2-6 for children to participate in this year's play. More information, and the registration form, are available on the theater website libertytheater.org or by emailing missoula-childrens@libertytheater.org or at the theater lobby on Tuesday or Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. There is no charge to participate. No experience or advanced preparation is necessary. Students, grades K-12, of any ability level, are encouraged to audition. The cast may include up to 50-60 children. Masks are required, and masks will be part of the costumes.

Pre-registration is required to give out information in advance, have the permission forms signed in ad-

vance, and be ready to start on Monday.

The first meeting will be an audition to choose roles, on Monday, August 9, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Liberty Theater in Dayton. Those auditioning should arrive by 10 a.m. and plan to stay for the entire two hours. Some cast members will be asked to stay for a 2-hour rehearsal after a 30-minute noon lunch break. Please bring a lunch.

Among the roles to be cast are the Emperor; Many Penny and the Money Council; the Royal Scholars Roxy and Red; Kings, Queens; Gem and the Royal Jewelers; Boots and the Royal Cobblers; Lid and the Royal Hatters; Stitch and the Royal Tailors; and the Royal Silkworkers. Assistant Directors (some of the older students) will also be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week and take on essential backstage responsibilities.

The Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions arrive complete with costumes, scenery, props, and makeup. MCT Tour Actor/Directors will conduct rehearsals throughout the week from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day, except the youngest will not have to stay for the afternoon rehearsals. Please bring a sack lunch. There are also optional workshops after rehearsal on three afternoons, for Acting or Behind the Scenes, described in the advance information.

The Emperor's New Clothes live performance will be presented on Friday and Saturday evening, August 13 & 14, at 7 p.m., at the theater. The Missoula Children's Theatre residency in Dayton is part of the Liberty Theater's Summer Cultural Enrichment Program (SCEP). It is made possible by generous support from Dayton Kiwanis, Dayton Lions Club, Skyline Juniors, The Club plus Delta, Warren Community Action Fund, Dayton/Columbia County Fund, and INNOVIA Foundation. The audience will be required to wear masks at all times, and there will be no concessions served for these live performances, so there will be no distancing requirements.

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Walla Walla DJ David Long was in charge of the tunes, and the photo booth.



Nina and Mae, of Dayton, tried their hand at the Dial 9-1-1 game, located in the Sheriff's Office booth Tuesday night.



Sheriff's Office Volunteer Liz Quigg, Civil Deputy Tim Quigg, Deputy David Walling, Sheriff Joe Helm, EMT/Firefighter Jasmine Helm, Janea Helm and David Fuller took the evening off and represented the Columbia County Sheriff's Office at the 2021 National Night Out.



Vicki Zoller and Deena Bell-Potter were all smiles at the Dayton City Park Tuesday night. The Friends of the Dayton Community Pool oversees fundraising efforts for the future of the pool, and has goals for a community center. If you would like to get involved, send them an email at friendsofthedaytonpool@gmail.com



Columbia County Public Health Program Coordinator Chelsey Eaton, Administrator Martha Lanman, and Health Educator Michelle Benavides braved the 107 degree August weather for fun, games and a little bit of education.

National Night Out in Dayton

Photos by Beka Compton



Walla Walla Valley BMX is getting ready for August and all for its races. Contact Lacy Nichols for more information at wwwbmx@gmail.com. The first race is free!



Registration is open for the 2021 Touchet Valley Soccer season. In-person registration dates are August 7 at Waitsburg Grocery and August 12 and the Dayton School District. Packets are also available by emailing touchetvalleysoccer@gmail.com. Volunteers refs and coaches are always welcome!