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ONE DOLLAR

Capital budget allocates over \$30 million to the 16th District

Taggart Road Waterline Project, The Club and Col. Co. Dental are among funded projects

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

OLYMPIA— A \$456,000 allocation to the Taggart Road Waterline Project and an \$80,000 allocation to The Club after-school-program in Dayton were among projects approved for the 16th Legislative District in the capital budget passed by Washington lawmakers

Sunday. Other projects include \$1.75 million to the Blue Mountain Action Council, \$122,000 for the restoration of the Columbia County Courthouse, \$2.1 million towards Touchet River restoration and \$1.5 million for floodplain restoration in the Wooten Wildlife Area. Rep. Skyler Rude (R-Walla Walla) was especially pleased with the \$250,000 allocation to increase dental services for the Medicaid population in Columbia County. "Among the projects I worked to get funded is \$250,000 for dental services in Dayton. Recently, one of the two dental practices closed in town, driving more Medicaid patients to the sole remaining provider. The next closest practice is in Walla Walla, which is a 70-mile

commute round trip. These funds will help expand space at Columbia County's Rural Health Clinic in order to accommodate dental services. The price tag for this project may seem small compared to some of the other projects receiving funding this year, but it will make a world of difference to Columbia County residents," Rude said in an April 30 media release. Sen. Maureen Walsh (R-Walla Walla) said she was especially proud to have obtained appropriations for the Blue Mountain Action Council which does so much for the community. Rep. Bill Jenkins (R-Prosser) credited strong community support and advocacy for the funding.

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MARK PICKEL IS NEW WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg School Board announced the selection of Garrison Middle Assistant School Principal Mark Pickel as the new District superintendent and elementary school principal on May 1. Pickel has accepted the position and will assume duties July 1, pending successful contract negotiations.



Mark Pickel

The District held preliminary interviews with four applicants and narrowed the field to two finalist, Pickel and Guy Strot of Kalama, Wash. Each candidate spent a day in the District, meeting with district staff, community members, students and board members, prior to the selection.

School board chair Ross Hamann said Pickel had the full support of the board.

"I'm very proud of the hard work the board put in to the selection process. I believe the community would be impressed with the level of examination and care the board members used to arrive at a decision. After all of the interviews, face-to-face meetings, and review of staff, student, and community input, the board did reach consensus that Mark Pickel was the best choice for our new Superintendent and gained the full support of the board. The final candidates both provided strong validation as a potential selection, but in the end Mr. Pickel stood out due to his research and understanding of the district challenges and the community makeup," Hamann said.

Pickel said he already considers Waitsburg home. He and his wife of 25 years, Kathy, make their home on Lewis Peak, outside Waitsburg. Mark is active in the Waitsburg Lions Club and the couple attends St. Mark's Parish in Waitsburg. Both were active in the Waitsburg Commercial until meetings were moved to the evenings and they were unable to attend.

The couple has two sons. The oldest attends Montana State University in Bozeman, Mont. and the youngest is a senior at Wa-Hi and attends Running Start. Kathy teaches 7th grade science at John Sager Middle School in College Place, Wash.

Pickel assumed his current position as assistant

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RIB FEED 2019



Photo by Lane Gwinn

The Waitsburg Lions Club pulled off another successful rib feed last weekend. Approximately 800 tickets were sold and 1100 pounds of ribs were grilled and served. All funds are returned to the Waitsburg community. Above: (l to r) Val Woodworth, John Kenney, Curtis Neal, Steve Ahler, Jesse Smitt (face hidden) and Dan Cole prep ribs for the crowd. See more photos on Page 8.

Waitsburg Celebration Days is May 17-19

Annual event promises fun for the entire family

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg Celebration Days Committee has been working for months to organize the city's annual Celebration Days festivities, which run May 17-19. The three-day event, held the third weekend in May, was organized as a placeholder for the former popular Days of Real Sport which featured horse racing at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds.

State spending cuts took horses off track, but Waitsburg Celebration Days brings another kind of rider to town. Participants come from near and far to participate in Karen's Ride, the popular mountain trail ATV poker run that con-

tinues to grow in popularity each year. The weekend promises fun for the entire family with a parade, food vendors, a classic car show, Brewfest, live music and dancing.

Friday

The weekend kicks off on Friday evening with an ATV Sunset Cruise that departs, in groups of 10, from the fairgrounds starting at 5:30 p.m. Riders will drive mountain roads, stopping along the way to hear about historical points of interest. The ride ends back at the fairground's bonfire.

Auto enthusiasts will want to be downtown at 6:30 p.m. for the auto show evening cruise which departs from Preston Park, makes its way down Main and ends up at the fairground's bonfire. Everyone is welcome to participate; just join the lineup at 6 p.m.

The entire community is invited to enjoy Bonfire, Brats & Brews with live

music by biGfONT at the Waitsburg fairgrounds from 5-9 p.m. The Waitsburg Commercial Club will serve up the brats for \$10/plate for tickets pre-purchased at Eventbrite.com (\$15 at the door) and the beer garden is close by the cozy bonfire.

Dry camping is available all weekend for \$15 for the first night and \$10 for subsequent nights.

Saturday

American Legion Post #35 will host a hearty all-you-can-eat breakfast at Waitsburg Town Hall from 7 to 10 a.m.

Festivities kick off on Main Street with a kiddie parade at 9:45 a.m. Kids may line up at the Main Street Bridge at 9:30 to participate; there is no need to register.

The annual WCD old fashioned parade, with the theme "Celebrating Waitsburg - The American Way," will make its way down Main Street at 10

a.m., led by Celebration Days Queen Rebecca Holderman.

Groups, families and individuals who would like to be in the parade can download an entry form at <https://www.waitsburgcommercialclub.org/events>. The old-fashioned parade features horses, old cars, floats and lots of town spirit.

Right after the parade, be sure to stop in at the Fire Department on Main Street where firefighters will be giving out free ice cream bars along with tours of the department and apparatus'.

The Annual Classic Auto Show will take place in Preston Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration forms may be found at <https://www.waitsburgcommercialclub.org/events>. Call Fred Gonzalez at (509) 301-9688 with questions.

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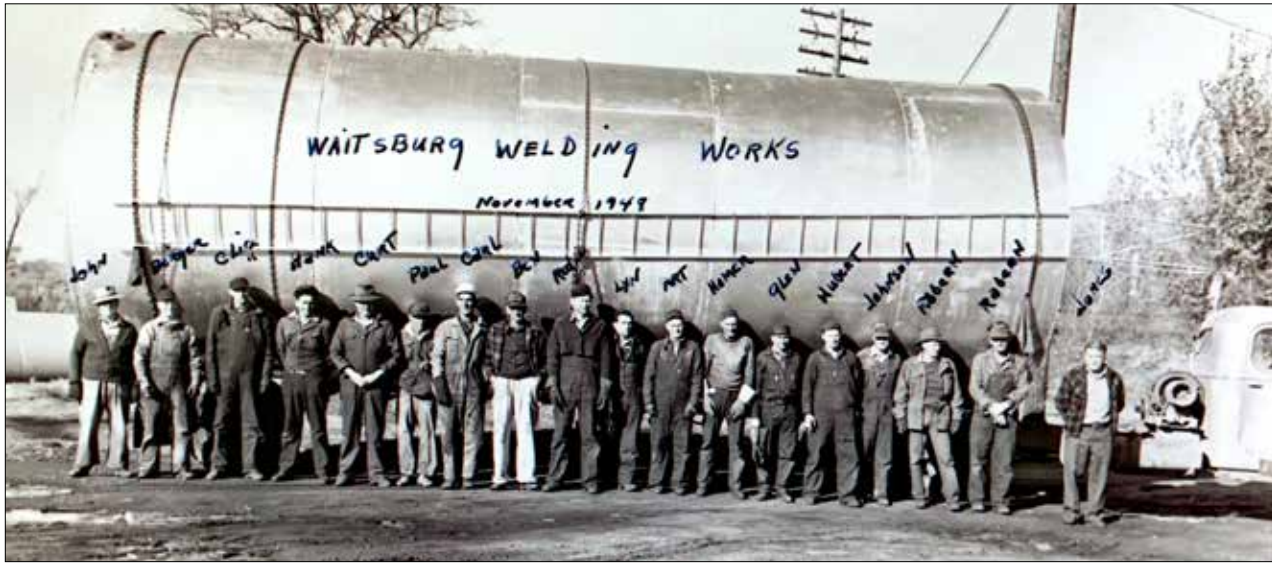
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Blast from the past



Former Waitsburg resident Sally Baker (daughter of Berger and Bettie Chase and wife of Glenn Baker) sent in a helpful response to the Welding Works photo that ran in the April 18 edition of The Times. The Times received the photo from Pam Goucher of College Place who thought it would be fun to share with our readers. Sally was able to identify several of the men pictured.

"I was surprised to see the picture of the Waitsburg Welding Works on page 2 of the April 18 edition. My dad worked there for many years so some of the names were familiar. I've seen pictures of the employees of the Welding Works in front of tanks they built that were particularly large. I don't, however, recall the picture that was in the paper. I can identify some of those pictured," Sally wrote.

John - was John Lloyd, my uncle. He used to live on Fourth Street. His wife was Dorothy Baxter and their daughter Jan now lives in Spokane.

Berger - was my dad, Berger Chase. He was married to my mom, Bettie Lloyd Chase. I live in Austin, MN and went all through school in Waitsburg. My husband is Glenn Baker.

Cliff - was Cliff Peters who worked at the Welding Works for many years and later owned it. He and Olga raised four kids in Waitsburg.

Carl - was Carl Williams who raised four kids in Waitsburg.

Red - I think this is Red Segraves, but I'm not sure.
Lyn - was Olin Florea. His wife Helen ran the office of the Welding Works.

Art - was Art Combs. His wife Aleta Combs taught first grade for many years.

Sally appears to follow in her mother's footsteps as unofficial town historian and followed up with a second email saying that she remembered the people who owned the Waitsburg Welding Works were named Barer, so she "poked around a little" and discovered a blog post written in 2007, by one of the owners' family members sharing their remembrances of the Welding Works. The post mentions Mr. Jones who is on the far right in the photo. Thank you, Sally.

Below is the highly interesting blog post by Alan L. Barer in its entirety.

"When Gil met Amy it was a match. Gil was a talented mechanic and Amy was a graduate engineer.

They met in France during World War I. Just to remind you that was "The War to End All Wars".

Actually, it became the parent and grandparent of many more wars. But that is not my story.

Gil and Amy married and settled in the hamlet of Waitsburg in the state of Washington. There they put their respective expertises to work establishing the Waitsburg Welding Works.

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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago
May 14, 2009

Morgan Baker, a senior at Waitsburg High School, has been named one of four finalists of Male Athlete of the Year at the 33rd Annual Blue Mountain Youth Awards, which will be presented at 7:00 tonight, Thursday, May 14, at the Walla Walla Elks Club. Another W, H, S. senior, Matt Leid, will be recognized with a Special Student Award.

Rebecca Brown and Wyatt Withers, both juniors at Waitsburg high school, were honored by the Masonic Lodges of Eastern Washington as recipients of the Masonic Junior Achievement Award.

Photo caption: Genesis Pearson gave a discus a toss good enough for first place in the preliminaries at the Sub District Meet in Colfax last Monday. Pearson's best throw of 100-2 won the prelims and got her second in the finals.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
May 5, 1994

A dispute over ownership of a one-acre park on Eckler Mountain has been settled out of court, one of the litigants reports. "I've got title to it and its going to stay that way" Vernon Marll of Dayton said, of Pioneer Memorial Park, 10 miles east of Dayton, a park he developed. Marll said he and Broughton Land Co had settled a civil lawsuit filed in Columbia County Superior last year. From the park's 3500-foot elevation, a person can see Steptoe Butte, the coastal ranges and bridges in Tri Cities. The land is in the middle of deer and elk country and hunters use the park as a base camp.

Photo Caption: Members of the Waitsburg High School baseball team are front row, from left, Brandon Clarke, Mike Zaharevich, Daniel Stanley and Josh Largent; and back row, from left, coach Mel McWhorter, Andy Samson, Ryan Jacoy, Robert Hinchliffe, Jeremy Leroue, John McCaw, George VanHorn, Bryan Schollenberger, Jonathan Abbey, Billy Clarke, and Gabe Hofer

Fifty Years Ago
May 8, 1969

A new well to serve the community of Dixie was finished last week, and its very inception is a tribute to that small town who took part. Up to this time, all home owners in the town had their own wells. Beside the obvious problems of sanitation and water purity, many of the shallow individual wells went dry in the summer.

A tour of the ranch and cattle facilities of the Don Thomas family will be held on Friday, May 9, beginning at 9:00 am. The tour and dinner is open to the public and all friends of the Thomas family are cordially invited to be there. The Walla Walla Cattlemen's Association recently names the Thomases as Cattlemen of the year for this county.

Ancient human remains discovered at the Marmes Rock shelter archaeological site in south-eastern Washington date from the waning stages of the ice Age 10,000 years ago, new scientific data reveals. The Marmes site has attracted international attention since its discovery of the great age of its early human skeletal remains, but also because of its unique sequence of human skeletal remains, artifacts, fossil animal bones, and geological record-all of which extend from the earliest levels of the site up to modern time.

Seventy-Five Years Ago
May 12, 1944

Six boys entered stock at the show in Spokane this week under the direction of J. W. Carson. They were James Archer, James Cresswell, Ellsworth Conover, Wayne Hinchliffe, and Wallace Winnett.

Dale Ford was elected president of the student body: Robert Estes vice president, Velma Mock Secretary, Elizabeth Danielson and Ruth Perry tied for treasurer: Carrol Smith, Cardinal editor, Jacqueline Alexander, yell queen, Elizabeth Bishop and Rosell Collins, yell princesses.

Waitsburg people desiring canning sugar, may sign up for it at the city hall each afternoon between 2 and 4.

One Hundred Years Ago
May 16, 1919

Clarence Smith lost a valuable team of work mares and a perfectly good team last Thursday evening when the team ran away and over a 70-foot cliff on the ranch

Miss Kathleen Corbett accidentally ran a crochet hook in her right hand, but it was removed without much trouble and she is getting along nicely.

The G. A. R. has nearly completed arrangements for celebration of Decoration Day on Friday, May 30. Next week the program and order of parade will appear in the Times.

Mrs. Lola Frazier of Los Angeles and Mrs. Byron Litcher and children of Walla Walla spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wiseman on Coppei Avenue

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago
May 11, 1894

Uncle Henry Ingalls was in the city from Spring Valley Thursday. He was wearing a Cleveland hat, but had taken half its crown off-says half of Cleveland is all he can stand now

There are plenty of fishes in the creeks, but owing to muddy water, it is difficult to catch them

On May 30th members of the M. E. Church will serve dinner at Bruce's Hall. Proceeds to apply to minister's salary Bill of Fare later. All favors shown for the above occasion will be highly appreciated.

Touchet Valley Weather

May 8, 2019

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy
High: 75 Low: 47	High: 77 Low: 52	High: 83 Low: 56	High: 87 Low: 60	High: 85 Low: 62	High: 83 Low: 56	High: 78 Low: 51

Weather Trivia

Are there any continents that do not have hurricanes?

Answer: Yes. Only Antarctica is immune to hurricanes.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	63	34	66/44	0.00"	0.00"
Wednesday	69	38	66/45	0.00"	0.47"
Thursday	65	42	67/45	0.00"	-0.47"
Friday	72	46	67/45	0.00"	57.9°
Saturday	75	50	67/45	0.00"	56.0°
Sunday	75	50	67/46	0.00"	+1.9°
Monday	78	54	68/46	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Weather History

May 8, 1803 - A freak spring storm produced heavy snow from southern Indiana to New England. The storm made sleighing possible in Massachusetts but also ruined shade trees in Philadelphia.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
First 5/11	5:29 a.m.	8:10 p.m.	8:25 a.m.	12:20 a.m.
Thursday	5:28 a.m.	8:11 p.m.	9:23 a.m.	1:59 a.m.
Friday	5:27 a.m.	8:12 p.m.	10:28 a.m.	1:14 a.m.
Saturday	5:25 a.m.	8:14 p.m.	11:40 a.m.	1:59 a.m.
Sunday	5:24 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	12:54 p.m.	2:38 a.m.
Monday	5:23 a.m.	8:16 p.m.	2:09 p.m.	3:10 a.m.
Tuesday	5:22 a.m.	8:17 p.m.	3:25 p.m.	3:40 a.m.

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May 4
Theft: A man was arrested for theft in the 500 block of Taggart Road in Waitsburg.

May 3
Warrant Service: Subject was arrested on a DOC warrant in the 100 block of Coppei Ave. in Waitsburg.

May 1
Theft: Deputies investigated a reported theft in the 200 block of B Street in Prescott.

April 26
Theft: victim reported two kid-sized motorcycles stolen from property on Biscuit Ridge Road.

EVENTS

WAITSBURG PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS MAY 20-23

WAITSBURG—Children who turn 5 on, or before Aug. 31, 2019 and live within the Waitsburg School District boundaries are eligible to enter kindergarten in the fall. Children who turn 3 on or before Aug. 31, 2019 are eligible to register for preschool. Families living outside the district are welcome to apply, but priority will be given to families living within the district. Out-of-district families will pay tuition, currently set at \$200 per month.

Registration will be held in the elementary office on Mon., May 20th – Thurs., May 23 from 9 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and on Fri., May 24 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Please bring your child's official birth certificate and immunization records. Copies will be made for your child's school records and the originals will be returned to you.

FLOAT RIDERS NEEDED

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg Alumni Association is looking for WHS graduates willing to ride in the alumni float in the Celebration Days parade. Any alumni willing to walk or ride on the float should gather at the float at the staging area before the parade on May 18.

LEWIS-CLARK WALK IS MAY 14

DAYTON—Dayton's annual Lewis-Clark Walk will take place on Tues., May 14 this year. Participants will depart from the Historic Dayton Depot (222 E. Commercial Ave.) at 5:30 p.m. and walk to the Lewis-Clark Patit Creek Campsite, approximately three miles from town.

Free dinner and entertainment by Switchgrass Delta will be at the campsite upon arrival. Free transportation is available back to town.

Call (509) 382-2181 for more information.

BIRTHDAYS

May 10: Walter Vennum, Mary Davis, Kristin Mock, Peggy Hall, and Justin Zuger.
May 11: Evelyn Ladd, Vance Price, Donna Hempel, Lynda Patton, Liv Leid, Ronald Leinbach and Melissa Ferrians.
May 12: Katy Leid, Erin Dutton, Kazmira Grende, Jonathan Abbey.
May 13: Lola Spirotas, Terry Bloor, Kevin Moormann, Jack Gawith and Lavina Meyer.
May 14: Daniel Thomas Reese, Marge Tabor, Maggie Pietila, Lynna Larsen, Lee Fisk, Marilyn Robert, Barbara Wood, Suzie Payne, Debbie Fisher, Brian McKenzie and Alison Huwe.
May 15: Pete Rohde, Charlie McCown, Tiffney Hawks, Bryce Scott and Ron Standering.
May 16: Gladys Cadruvi, Helen Hall, Bobbie Jean Thomas, Sherrie Land, Genny Menino.

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

The Town of Starbuck is accepting applications for the town's maintenance position. For more information or a job description; please contact Mayor Richard Ells, 509-399-2022 or Jan Ells, 509-399-2100 or e-mail townofstarbuck@gmail.com

school year. Washington State Teaching Certificate required. Interested applicants must submit a District Certificated Application Form (available at www.tucna.wednet.edu), Letter of Application, Resume, three letters of Recommendation, Placement File from

Degree-Granting Institution and copy of Teaching Certificate to Washtucna School District, Attn: Vance Wing, 730 E. Booth Ave., Washtucna, WA 99371. Open until filled. Washtucna School District is an equal opportunity employer.

Washtucna School District is seeking a full time 4th & 5th Grade Teacher for the 2019-20 school year. Washington State Teaching Certificate required. Interested applicants must submit a District Certificated Application Form (available at www.tucna.wednet.edu), Letter of Application, Resume, three letters of Recommendation, Placement File from Degree-Granting Institution and copy of Teaching Certificate to Washtucna School District, Attn: Vance Wing, 730 E. Booth Ave., Washtucna, WA 99371. Open until filled. Washtucna School District is an equal opportunity employer. Washtucna School District is seeking a full time 4th & 5th Grade Teacher for the 2019-20

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

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Nancy's Dream Garden Grand Opening
 503 W. 2nd, Waitsburg
 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Prescott Story Time
 Prescott Library
 11 a.m.

BINGO (every Friday)
 Eagles-222 E. Main, Dayton
 Doors open 4 pm, Bingo 6pm

"Peril On the High Seas"
 Liberty Theater
 7 p.m. on Fri.-Sat.; 3 p.m. on Sun.

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"Peril On the High Seas"
 Liberty Theater
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Karaoke (second and fourth Saturday)
 The Tuxedo Bar & Grill, Prescott
 8 p.m.

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"Peril On the High Seas"
 Liberty Theater
 7 p.m. on Fri.-Sat.; 3 p.m. on Sun.

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Waitsburg Story Time
 Weller Public Library

10:30 a.m.

Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Wrap-up Open House
 Dayton Fairgrounds Youth Building
 5:30 p.m.

Prescott City Council Meeting
 (Second Monday)
 City Hall
 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Annual Lewis-Clark Walk
 Depart at Dayton Depot
 5:30 p.m.

Starbuck Comprehensive Plan Wrap-up Open House
 Dayton Fairgrounds Youth Building
 6:00 p.m.

Waitsburg Lions Club Fair
 Waitsburg

grounds
 7 p.m. (Second and Fourth Tuesdays)

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Discovery Kids
 Dayton Memorial Library
 10 a.m.

Christian Women's Connection Luncheon
 Pataha Flour Mill (50 Hutchens Hill Rd., Pataha, WA)
 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Dayton School Board
 (Third Wednesday)
 School Admin. Building
 6 p.m.

Columbia County Health System Board Meeting
 Waitsburg Town Hall
 6 p.m.

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

Celebrate Recovery, Waitsburg
 Waitsburg Christian Church
 6:30 p.m.

Waitsburg City Council
 (Third Wednesday)
 Don Thomas Building, Waitsburg Fairgrounds
 7 p.m.

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Dayton Senior Round Table

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

Friday, 10
 B: Pancake on a Stick L: Un crustables, Chips, Baby Carrots, Cucumbers, Watermelon

Monday, 13
 B: Omelet & Bagel L: Hot Ham & Cheese, Green Beans, Cucumbers, Apples

Tuesday, 14
 B: Biscuit & Gravy L: Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Whole Wheat Roll, Broccoli, Grapes

Wednesday, 15
 B: Long John L: Turkey Ranch Wrap, Cherry Tomatoes, Fruit Cocktail, Snickerdoodle

Thursday, 16
 B: Breakfast Pizza L: Tacos, Black Beans, Cantaloupe

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 Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 382-2836 to RSVP by the day prior.

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

Waitsburg School Board
 (Third Thursday)
 Elementary School Library
 6 p.m.

Waitsburg Parks & Rec Board Meeting (first and third Thursdays)
 High School Band Room
 6:30

Do you have an event that you would like to see on our calendar?

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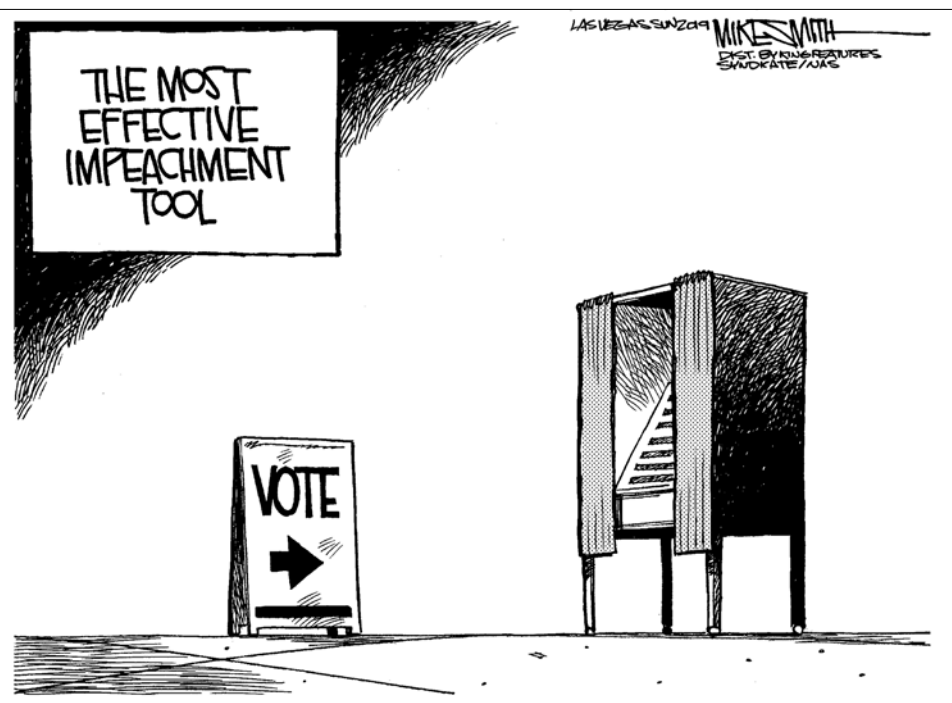
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Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
 504 Main
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 11 a.m.
 337-6589
 Rev. Bret Moser

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
 604 Main St
 Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Each Sunday
 337-8898
 Rev. Matthew Wyatt



New Montana law aims to keep people in their homes

By Don C. Brunell

Montana's legislature took the unusual step of exempting older, less-valued mobile homes from property tax as a way to stem homelessness.

The bipartisan legislation, which Gov. Steve Bullock signed into law last week, aims to keep people in their homes. It exempts mobile and manufactured homes worth less than \$10,000 and at least 28 years old from taxation starting next year.

In Montana, a state with just over a million people, there are more than 22,000 residences where owners are in danger of losing their homes and being evicted if they can't pay their taxes. Legislative staff in Helena estimates at least 45,000 people would end up homeless (figuring an average two people live in each home). The impact of taxes forgone is \$170,000 annually.

Proponents argued the state spends more money sending out delinquent tax notices and hiring sheriff's deputies to post those notices than the taxes collected, according to the Billings Gazette. Often mobile home owners who lose their homes have no place to go. Consequently, the state scrambles to find and pay for temporary shelter while those confiscated mobile homes are sold at auction to the highest bidders.

Missoula community activist Svein Newman told the Gazette many of those homeowners are single working parents and seniors living on fixed incomes. If they lose their home because of a \$70 tax bill, they cannot afford a security deposit on an apartment. The reality is replacement housing beyond their financial means.

According to 2017 research by Harvard University, almost 40 million Americans live in housing they cannot afford. Homeownership has gone down and rental prices keep going up, meaning that millions of residents are forced to pay more than they reasonably can.

For example, Zillow.com reports the median price of a 3-bedroom home nationally is \$226,700 (March 2019). In Seattle, it was \$334,000 and \$309,400 in Portland.

If you live in Helena, a two-bedroom apartment with washer and dryer rents for \$900 a month.

Comparatively, rent in Seattle for a two-bedroom without washer and dryer is \$1,600, according to the most recent National Apartment List Rent Report.

One-bedroom apartment rents in King County have climbed 53 percent over the last five years and for every five percent increase, 258 people in Seattle become homeless, a Zillow study found.

Finding replacement housing is expensive for taxpayers. In its award-winning 2017 report, the Puget Sound Business Journal (PSBJ) found that building one affordable apartment in Seattle costs \$300,000. The price for building 12,000 units is \$3.6 billion.

Washington's Dept. of Commerce, which manages statewide data on homelessness, calculated how much it cost for a homeless person in King County to exit to permanent housing for three types of programs: emergency shelter, \$14,207; transitional housing (temporary stays in a subsidized project), \$12,021; and, rapid rehousing (rental subsidies on the private market), \$7,351.

This situation is particularly hard on the working poor. Across the U.S., Harvard researchers found, 70 percent of lowest-income households face severe housing cost burdens. That means more than half of their income goes toward housing.

Addressing homelessness is complicated. The growing economic and human impacts are straining budgets at all levels of government, draining charitable organizations and impacting tourism, local merchants and open spaces.

PSBJ spent six months examining the budgets of dozens of nonprofits that work on the issue; city and county budgets; police and emergency calls to encampments and resource centers; hospital services; permanent and temporary housing; and drug treatment and outreach. In 2017, the estimate was \$1.06 billion. It now could be over \$2 billion.

Montana's new approach is worth tracking. Hopefully, it is a prototype which works.

Don C. Brunell is a business analyst, writer and columnist. He recently retired as president of the Association of Washington Business, the state's oldest and largest business organization, and now lives in Vancouver. He can be contacted at theBrunells@msn.com.

Correction:

Eulalie Shreck, who recently retired from her volunteer greeter position at Dayton General Hospital, was incorrectly listed as being 94 years of age in last week's issue of The Times. In fact, Eulalie's service is even more impressive, as she turns 98 years young on May 12.

Letters Welcome

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

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

NEWS BRIEFS

MAY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT AND COMP PLAN DISTRICT OPEN HOUSES SCHEDULED

COLUMBIA COUNTY—Meeting have been scheduled through the Month of May to discuss a proposed Flood Control Zone District and to wrap up the Dayton, Starbuck and Columbia County comprehensive plan updates.

Columbia Comprehensive Plan Wrap-up Open House

The Columbia County Planning staff and Planning Commission will review and discuss changes in the Comprehensive Plan that will be submitted to the state for review and adoption, at a meeting on Tuesday, May 13, at 5:30 p.m. at the County Fairgrounds Youth Building.

Starbuck Comprehensive Plan Wrap-up Open House

Planning Staff and the Town Council will review and discuss changes in the Comprehensive Plan that will be submitted to the state for review and adoption, at a meeting on Tuesday, May 14 at, 6 p.m. at the Starbuck Town Hall.

Dayton Comprehensive Plan Wrap-up Open House

Planning Staff and the Planning Commission will review and discuss changes in the Comprehensive Plan that will be submitted to the state for review and adoption, at a meeting planned for Tues., May 21 at the Fairgrounds Youth Building at 6:30 p.m.

Flood Control Zone District Open Houses

Learn more about the proposed Flood Control Zone District at an open house on May 23 from 2-6 p.m. in the Delany Building at 111 S. 3rd St. in Dayton. Columbia County Planning Director Meagan Bailey, County Engineer Charles Eaton and County Emergency Services Director Ashley Strickland will be on hand for one-on-one discussion and to answer public questions. No formal presentation will be provided. Light snacks will be available.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION LUNCHEON

POMEROY—The next Christian Women's Connection Luncheon will be held at the Pataha Flour Mill, located on 50 Hutchens Hill Rd. in Pataha, Wash., on May 15 at 11:30 a.m.

Mountain climber and world traveler Shirley Mozena, from Vancouver, Wash., will share secrets of love, both lost and found.

Alice Gwinn from Pomeroy will share about Quilts of Valor, a group that presents quilts to veterans and the Van Vogts will provide entertainment.

Contact Judy Jackson at 509-399-2005 by Fri., May 10 for reservations.

Americanisms



"It's not easy being a mother. If it were easy, fathers would do it."
— Betty White (Dorothy, "The Golden Girls")

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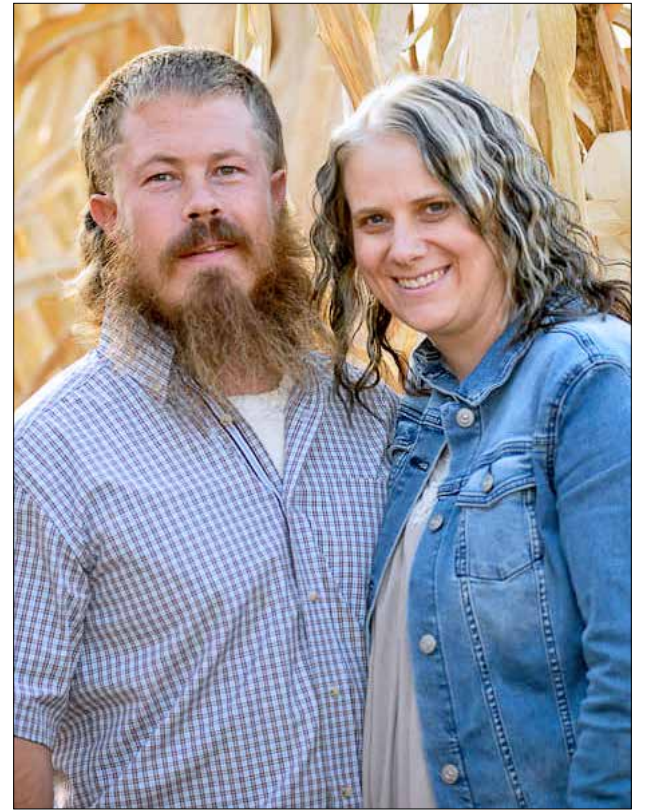
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Mahre - Elsey United in Marriage

WAITSBURG—Erin (Mahre) Elsey and Jeremy Elsey were married at the Waitsburg Christian Church on April 18, 2019 in front of immediate family and close friends. A reception is planned for later date.



Otterson's Celebrate 60th Anniversary

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg residents Nancy and Jack Otterson will celebrate their 60th anniversary on May 9. The couple will honor the milestone with a family celebration in Depoe Bay, Ore. in July.

Both Jack and Nancy moved to Waitsburg in the third grade and went through school together. Jack graduated from Waitsburg High School with the Class of '56 and Nancy with the Class of '57.

The high school sweethearts began dating when Nancy was a freshman. The couple was married at the First Methodist Church in Waitsburg (which later be-

came the First Presbyterian Church of Waitsburg) on May 9, 1959 and had three children: Tammy (1960), Laurie (1962) and Jack Jr. (1969).

The couple owned and operated a drive-in theater located between Waitsburg and Dayton for 20 years. Jack worked for the County Public Works Department, where he advanced to supervisor, and Nancy worked at Dingle's in Dayton for 29 years. Jack and Nancy have been tireless community volunteers and were honored as Waitsburg Celebration Days Parade Marshals in 2015.

LEXUS BENSON RECEIVES ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Recipient is selected by school staff

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—On Thurs., May 02, 2019 Lexus Benson, a senior at Waitsburg High School, received the \$1,000 Rotary Club of Walla Walla High School Scholarship. Lexus was chosen by the staff of Waitsburg High School as the recipient of this scholarship because of the great academic and personal growth she has shown over her high school career and the adversities throughout her life that she has overcome.

Lexus will complete a CNA program this summer and will attend Walla Walla Community College in the fall.



DAYTON MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Courtesy Photo

April middle school students of the month from left to right: Cecilia Acevedo (8th), Rachel Klein (7th) and Noa Tasker (6th).



Cheers!

Did someone do a good deed or somehow make your day? Email editor@waitsburgtimes.com with the subject line "Cheers" and we'll acknowledge them here.



Courtesy photos

****Cheers!** to David Long for replacing the door of the Blessing Box outside the Waitsburg Christian Church (top left)

****Cheers!** to Lupe Cardenas for his ongoing care and maintenance of The Green Giant outside of Dayton (top right)

****Cheers!** to Johnny Watts for an "immaculate" baseball infield that "looks better than it's ever looked."

****Cheers!** to the Waitsburg High School ag class that created this lamp from a 3D printer and donated to the Home and School Association carnival. (left)



DAYTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Discovery Kids - 10:00am to 11:00am - Every Wednesday

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

Open VR - 10:15am to 4:45pm - Every Friday

By partnering with Oculus and the Washington State Library, we are bringing the future of virtual reality to our rural community! Drop in on Fridays and play try out our state of the art "Rift" and "Go" systems.

Book Chat - 6:00ish to 8:00ish - May 18th

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

Kids Bike Decorating for the Parade - 3:00pm to Closing - May 20th to May 24th

Kids bring their bikes to the library throughout the week to decorate them for the parade. On parade day, they will ride down main street as part of the library float. PARTICIPANTS WILL REQUIRE PERMISSION SLIPS FOUND AT THE LIBRARY!

Summer Reading Kickoff - Library Hours - May 25th

Launching into this year's summer reading, we will be hosting an array of amazing events that follow theme of space.

10am - 2pm - Summer reading sign ups - At the library.

10am - Library float for the Dayton Days Parade

11am - 2pm - Pacific Science Center Exhibition - Delany Room

10am - 2pm - VR Space Exploration - At the library

Tuesdays at the Senior Centre - 10:00am to 11:30am - May 28th

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

TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

THE LOCAL WHO'S WHO OF PULP

Port of Columbia identifies the local pulp players in Columbia County

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

COLUMBIA COUNTY—With all the media attention surrounding the innovative Columbia Pulp mill, which is preparing to open near Starbuck at Lyons Ferry this spring, it would be challenging to find a local citizen unaware of its existence. As the first tree-free market pulp mill in North America, which has brought dozens of jobs to the area already, the facility is a regular topic of conversation both near and far.

But some folks are unaware of, or confused about, the other straw-related businesses in Columbia County. To help dispel the confusion, the Port of Columbia has created an informative video, which is hosted on the Port of Columbia Facebook page.

The video clearly identifies and delineates the three pulp-related companies that have made Columbia County their home in recent years.



The above graphic, created by the Port of Columbia, shows the locations of straw-related companies in Columbia County.

Columbia Pulp
Columbia Pulp processes waste straw into commercial grade pulp. The company has three locations, including a pulp mill at Lyon's Ferry near Starbuck, with more than 40 jobs, currently, a research and development mill

in Pomeroy, with approximately 20 employees, and administrative headquarters in Dayton with approximately 20 employees. It is estimated that the mill will create more than 100 family wage jobs, upon completion, which is anticipated in the very near future.

Columbia Straw Supply
Columbia Straw Supply sources straw from area suppliers to sell to Columbia Pulp. It is expected that it will purchase over \$15 million in waste straw from farms within 100 miles of its location, just outside of Starbuck. The company currently provides 10 family wage jobs and plans to add more.

Phoenix Pulp & Polymer
Phoenix Pulp & Polymer operates at the former Columbia Cut Stock facility researching and developing pulp technology and employing 10 people. It is an operating arm of Sustainable Fiber Technologies (SFT) which owns and licenses the cutting-edge Phoenix Process which has been licensed to six mills around the globe, one of which is Columbia Pulp. The SFT main office is in Renton.

According to the Port video, the three new companies mean an addition of more than 120 jobs and \$10 million in payroll in Columbia County.

To keep updated on economic development in Columbia County, visit the Port of Columbia page on Facebook or visit the Port website at www.portofcolumbia.com.

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION



Photos by Brianna Wray

Waitsburg School District staff celebrated the retirement of teachers Nancy Bickelhaupt, Jim Leid and Maddie Martin at a celebration in Bickelhaupt's classroom last Friday. Bickelhaupt was interviewed in the May 2 issue of The Times and an interview with Leid will run next week. Martin insists she wants to "leave quietly." All will be greatly missed. Above: Waitsburg School Board Chair Ross Hamman presents plaques to Leid and Bickelhaupt.

4-H FOOD DRIVE



Courtesy Photos
Waitsburg 4-H clubs joined together and spent Monday evening traversing Waitsburg to gather food for the Waitsburg Resource Center. 4-H members gathered 488 pounds of food in just one hour.

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BUDGET - FROM PAGE 1

"I'm proud our district was financially represented in the capital budget and these projects will receive much-needed funding. All of these projects were driven by local interest and advocacy. Without our communities' strong support, not one of these projects would have been included in this budget. It's an honor to represent a district that is so involved in our work in Olympia," he said.

The 16th District, which includes Walla Walla and Columbia counties, and parts of Benton and Franklin counties, received more than \$30 million in the capital budget, including agency requests. Projects funded by the capital budget include:

- Blue Mountain Action Council -- \$1.75 million -- Will help redevelop a Second Avenue office complex in Walla Walla to serve as a new community service center.
- The Club -- \$80,000 -- Will help develop Dayton's new youth center, which provides an after-school recreational gathering place for school-age children. Operated by Plus Delta After School Studios, a non-profit organization.
- Benton County Museum -- \$103,000 -- Will expand facility in Prosser and restore a leaking roof.
- Little Badger Mountain Trailhead -- \$464,000 -- Will help develop trail project linking mountain ridges in western Benton County.
- Pasco Farmers Market & Park -- \$154,000 -- Will help fund improvements to Peanuts Park, a focal point for the downtown area.
- Pioneer Park Fountain -- \$9,000 -- Will help restore the 109-year-old fountain in Walla Walla's Pioneer Park.
- Taggart Road Waterline project -- \$456,000 -- Will help realign Taggart Road, opening the door to new development in Waitsburg.
- Columbia County Dental -- \$250,000 -- Will expand and improve the rural health clinic, to accommodate dental services for the underserved Medicaid population.
- Port of Walla Walla -- \$1 million -- Will help develop a regional water system to supply drinking water in the Attalia Industrial Growth area, near the town of Wallula.
- Washington State Patrol Crime Lab -- \$400,000 -- Will pay for laboratory renovations and security improvements at Kennewick facility.
- Washington State Penitentiary -- \$3.6 million -- Will pay for renovations and improvements, including security-camera upgrades and roof replacement.
- Courthouse restoration -- The Columbia County courthouse gets \$122,000 through the state Courthouse Preservation Grant Program, and the Benton County Courthouse gets \$34,000.
- Walla Walla Watershed Management Partnership -- \$1.5 million -- Will pay for development of a comprehensive 30-year plan for all aspects of water management in the Walla Walla basin, in conjunction with the state Department of Ecology.
- Walla Walla lease -- \$1 million -- Will fund the continued implementation of the Columbia River Basin Supply program, to help provide alternatives to groundwater in areas served by the declining Odessa Aquifer.
- Stubblefield salvage yard -- \$500,000 -- Will fund cleanup of contaminated site in Walla Walla, formerly occupied by a fat-rendering plant and a salvage yard.
- Touchet River restoration -- \$2.1 million -- Will help pay for floodplain and habitat restoration on the North Fork of the Touchet River, through the state Floodplains by Design program. Overseen by Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.
- Mill Creek fish passage -- \$1.8 million -- Will provide for fish-passage improvements.
- Eagleson farmland easement -- \$285,000 -- Will help pay for a voluntary land preservation agreement on 652 acres of farmland overlooking Walla Walla and the Blue Mountains, though Blue Mountain Land Trust. The trust will contribute resources totaling \$284,000.
- Benton City sports complex acquisition -- \$582,000 -- Will help purchase 25 acres on Ki-Be Road, across the street from Kiona-Benton City High School. Sports complex will include fields for soccer, football, baseball and softball. Benton City will provide \$389,000.
- Benton City Riverfront Park acquisition -- \$82,000 -- Will help purchase 11 acres to create a riverfront park near Seventh Street, along the Yakima River. Benton City will contribute \$20,413 in cash and staff time.
- A Street Sports Complex -- \$350,000 -- Will help pay for the first phase of the sports complex project on A Street in Pasco, to build three multi-use sports fields, a parking lot and other facilities. Pasco will contribute \$221,113.
- Prosser Competitive Pool Improvements -- \$51,000 -- Will upgrade equipment, add new signage and public address system at the competitive pool in the Prosser Aquatic Center in E.J. Miller Park.
- Wooten Wildlife Area -- \$1.5 million -- Will provide matching funds for restoration of the Tucannon River floodplain.
- Pasco Local Improvement District -- \$4 million -- Will pay for the Department of Natural Resources' share of a local improvement district with the city of Pasco, to develop infrastructure, opening 110 acres to new development.
- Columbia Basin College and Walla Walla Community College -- \$11.2 million -- Will pay for maintenance, preservation and repairs, and provide \$3 million for a student recreation center at Columbia Basin College and \$1.5 million for a student recreation center at Walla Walla Community College.

New nursing legislation poses negative impact on hospital budget and care quality

A grant and donation will fund a new transit van

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—In his report to the Hospital Board of Commissioners on April 23, CEO Shane McGuire talked about how a recent legislative ruling limiting nurses to eight hour shifts in a twenty-four-hour day, and providing for mandatory breaks and meal times, could impact patient care as well as the Hospital District's finances.

McGuire told the commissioners, "Nurses work 12 hour shifts by design. That's what they want. They want to work three days and have four days off."

He said nurses are saying shift change is the riskiest point in time for patients.

"Now a nurse will have to hand off (a patient) for the break or lunch, three times," McGuire said.

Moreover, McGuire said under the new rules, radiology and lab technicians, who currently cover shifts by working on call, will no longer be able to do so.

"They're saying you need to staff that. We may have to staff Lab and Radiology twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week," McGuire said.

"I don't know what they're going to do, sitting there for twelve hours a night . . . and hope a call comes in. And if a call comes in its going to be one, or two calls, and it's going to be a plain film or a CT," he said.

"It's going to be incredibly expensive to staff those people, if we can find the resources," McGuire said.

"It got passed and we are going to have to deal with it, and it could be quite costly. It could jeopardize our ability to send nurses on ambulance runs," McGuire said.

"It's going to have a profound effect to the quality of care to our particular situation," he said.

McGuire said an amendment excluding rural critical access hospitals like Dayton General Hospital from the new rule was tossed out, and CCHS has only two years before they need to implement the new rules. McGuire said he is asking staff to join in on the discussion and begin strategizing going forward.

"That's just one of many things that have happened," said McGuire.

He said legislation also passed regarding lawsuits and who can sue. A person can be held liable in the case of accident or injury, even if only being "one percent" responsible.

"What it means is the deepest pockets are going to get sued," he said told the commissioners.

McGuire said the concern is that this



Photo by Michele Smith

Columbia County Health System has received an award in the amount of four thousand dollars from Bill Clemens, Regional Business Manager for Pacific Power (center), to help with the purchase of a new Ford Transit van, to shuttle patients back and forth from their homes to medical appointments. CEO Shane McGuire (right) said both of the District's vans have exhausted their useful life, and that hospital officials hope to avoid paying for a van out of the operations budget. President of the Hospital Board of Commissioners Bob Hutchens (left) said the new van will be purchased through a company specializing in mobility transportation. The van will be up-fitted to accommodate two wheelchairs, or one gurney, for an estimated total cost of around \$55,000.00.

legislation will drive lawsuits against health systems, which are considered to have "deep pockets."

Administrative report on outreach and business enhancement initiatives

CCHS has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$23,750 from the Greater Columbia Accountable Community of Health (GCACH) funding to improve health under Lack of Access to Care, as identified by the Local Health Improvement Network.

"This is great news for the Health System as we work towards the purchase of a new van," said McGuire.

McGuire said both of the District's vans have exhausted their useful life, and that hospital officials hope to avoid paying for one out of the budget for operations.

The award from GCACH will be added to funds received on April 30, from Pacific Power, to go toward the purchase of a \$55,000 Ford Transit van, to transport patients back and forth to medical appointments.

The van will accommodate two wheelchairs or one gurney, he said.

The grant application was reviewed by the Blue Mountain Community Foundation and a letter of award, outlining the terms of the grant and reporting requirements will be sent to the

hospital district soon.

McGuire said he met with a local dentist about working in conjunction with the hospital district to provide dental care to Medicaid patients, as well as the underserved population.

"When we looked at the demographics, only fifty percent of the adults had a dentist visit and check up in the past year. That's way behind the state average," McGuire told the commissioners.

McGuire said a business plan is needed.

The commissioners have signed agreements with Providence St. Mary's Hospital for tele-hospitalist services at Dayton General Hospital (DGH). The next step is to assign them with hospital privileges, he said.

McGuire said CCHS is being paid for participating, as a control group, in a University of Washington study on primary care, and CCHS will receive the actual interventions when the study ends.

McGuire attended the Association of Washington Public Hospital District's annual CEO Rural Retreat where he helped present a panel titled "Dealing with Challenge."

"It was well received," he said.

The health system is working with the county public health department

to provide cold lunches to Starbuck school students, twice a week, and is paying for pool passes for about fifty summer recreation youth to swim at the Prescott Pool.

"In my opinion keeping those kids active throughout the summer is a worthwhile cause," McGuire said.

He said with help from Providence St. Mary's Hospital in Walla Walla, medical staff at DGH could benefit from the possible use of that hospital's software to store EKGs, which will be beneficial when comparisons are made.

Also, the Waitsburg School District is seeking a contract with CCHS for speech therapy services, he said.

Finances

In March, an all-time high number of patients was seen in the emergency department, which represents a general trend for patient volumes.

McGuire said CCHS is \$92,000 over budget for revenue and \$96,000 under budget for expenses, so far this year.

Work continues on collecting older account receivables, he said.

Revenue received from active population health efforts are contributing to the positive financial position and bottom line numbers.

"Those efforts, while started ambiguously four years ago, are actually coming to fruition and helping the health system stay healthy," he said.

McGuire said an additional payment from the Washington Rural Health Access Preservation Program for behavioral health screening of patients is expected in the near future.

"We are ahead of the game because we started early on the integration models," he said.

In April, \$1.73 million was deposited, and McGuire is expecting an additional deposit from April tax revenues.

Accounts Payables have been paid down in April and days of cash should see some improvement, as well, he said.

New meeting days, times, and places

During the April meeting, the Hospital Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution amending their bylaws to reflect a new day and time for their regular meeting.

As of June 1, the meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p. m. at the Dayton General Hospital campus, with the exception of the months of May and September, when meetings will be held at the Waitsburg Town Hall.

For November, the regular meeting will take place on the first Tuesday following Thanksgiving. In December the meeting will take place on the 3rd Wednesday.

The next meeting regular meeting will take place at 6:00 p. m. on May 23 at the Waitsburg Town Hall.

Study shows Oregon and Washington among 2019's best states for nurses

WASHINGTON STATE—With the recent legislative discussion surrounding nurses work hours and conditions in Washington State, nursing has become a hot topic. Opponents of an amendment limiting nurses to working eight-hour shifts said the law would make it more difficult for Washington to recruit nurses who consider 12-hour-shifts a job perk.

Wallethub.com recently performed a study on the best places to work as a nurse and ranked Oregon first and Washington third in the U.S. It is unlikely the new legislation was factored into the results, and unknown if it would have affected the results positively or negatively.

While nurses deal with negatives such as mandatory overtime, overstaffing, unionization and disrespectful behavior, the occupation is among the most lucrative careers with the lowest unemployment rates, according to wallethub.com.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the job outlook for nursing is expected to grow 15 percent from 2016 to 2026, which is much faster than the average for all occupations. The increase is attributed to an aging population and the need for more nurses in home-care or outpatient facilities.

The study was designed to evaluate the nursing industry to help registered nurses, particularly new graduates, pick a place to live that will bring success, according to the Wallethub.com website. To do so, they compared 21 key metrics from the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Factors related to opportunity and competition account for 70 percent of the score with factors addressing work environment accounting for the remaining 30 percent.

More information regarding the main findings, comments from experts on the nursing industry and methodology can be found at <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-states-for-nurses/4041/#methodology>.

BEST PLACES TO WORK AS A NURSE *

Overall Rank	State	Total Score	Opportunity & Competition	Work Environment
1	Oregon	61.94	12	3
2	Minnesota	61.83	29	1
3	Washington	60.88	7	5
4	New Mexico	60.38	2	31
5	Maine	60.33	19	4
6	Montana	58.27	6	18
7	Arizona	58.14	5	21
8	Nevada	57.92	1	42
9	New Hamp.	57.08	42	2
10	Iowa	56.71	9	20

THE NURSING MARKET IN WASHINGTON

(1=Best; 25=Avg.)

13th – Monthly Avg. Starting Salary for Nurses (Adjusted for Cost of Living)

24th – Health-Care Facilities per Capita

5th – Nurses per Capita

24th – Average Annual Salary for Nurses (Adjusted for Cost of Living)

16th – Share of Best Nursing Homes

5th – Projected Competition by 2026

*Results per study performed by Wallethub.com

NEWS

IT'S A RIB FEED WRAP-UP



Photos by Lane Gwinn



The Waitsburg Lions Club (with help from their ladies) wrapped up another successful rib feed Saturday evening. "All the tickets were sold, which I think approaches 800. The weather was perfect and I think everybody had a great time and I expect our accounting will show that we again this year had a very successful event that makes a major contribution to what the Lions Club is able to do in our community. Lions Club crews were busy at all the various tasks, but everything went smoothly and efficiently thanks to the leadership and organization of the Rib Feed Committee members and the efforts of our dedicated members, spouses and friends that volunteer to make it happen," said club treasurer Kevin House. Clockwise from top left: Heat rises as club members man the rib-filled grills set up outside the Don Thomas building. Sheila McMillan and Marilou Smith stand ready at the seconds table. Chief Cook Ken Cole visits with Scott Rasely. Val Woodworth looks like he's dispensing some advice at the rib prep table. (l to r): John Kenney, Woodworth, Curtis Neal, Jesse Smit. "Me" makes a reservation. Todd Wood (l) and Neil Henze make a cheery parking crew. Erin Elsey is among the first in line at the serving table.

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Karen's Run Poker Ride will depart from the Waitsburg fairgrounds at 1 p.m., with check-in beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Riders will leave the fairgrounds and travel a 35-mile marked course through the scenic foothills of the Blue Mountains, drawing cards at seven checkpoints along the way. The ride ends back at the fairgrounds with an optional run through the mud pit for the final card. Awards and raffle items will be presented at 5 p.m., with wins for the best five cards out of seven. Riders may purchase an unlimited number of hands for \$10 each or 3/\$25. Hands are \$15 if purchased after May 10. Jackpots are: 1st place-\$500, 2nd place \$300, 3rd place \$200. Poker players must be 18 years or older, but participants can ride without playing poker.

Upon their return to the fairgrounds, riders will get down-and-dirty playing in the mud pit. The Lions Club Beer Garden will be open from 1 p.m. through midnight. Burgers will be available during Burgers, Band and Brews beginning at 5 p.m.

The annual Waitsburg Spirited "One-of-a-Kind" Brew Fest moves outdoors to Main Street this year, where tastings, entertainment and street dancing will be available from 12-6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person on Eventbrite.com or at the door.

The Bruce House and Wilson-Phillips House Museums will be open following the parade, and vendors will be selling their wares on the museum grounds. The Wilson-Phillips House will feature a special display on the history of floods in Waitsburg and surrounding areas.

Saturday night will wrap up with the popular PEO-sponsored Burgers, Band & Brews event at the Waitsburg fairgrounds. Enjoy an evening of dinner and dancing for only \$15. Minors can enjoy a burger dinner for \$7. Dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m., with local bluegrass band Switchgrass Delta providing the entertainment.

At 9 p.m., the ever-popular local favorite Frog-Hollow band will take the stage in the Don Thomas Building for an evening of dancing. Beverages will be available for purchase from the Lions beer garden.

Sunday

The weekend will wrap up with a cowboy church service in Preston Park at 9 a.m. led by Pastor Matt Wyatt.

A "Bet on Your Soapbox" Derby for kids in grades 3-6 will take place at 11 a.m. at the Main Street Bridge. Check in is at 10:30 a.m. Registration forms will be accepted through Thurs., May 16. Forms, event info and rules can be found at <https://www.waitsburgcommercialclub.org/events>

Tickets to most events are available at <http://www.eventbrite.com> under the individual event name or may be purchased at the door. Registrations may also be found at <https://www.waitsburgcommercialclub.org/events>.

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principal at Garrison Middle School in Walla Walla in 2015. He served as assistant principal/activities director at Walla Walla High School from 2011-2015, was interim CTE director of Walla Walla Public Schools in 2013-14 and was assistant principal/activities director at Kamiakin High School in Kennewick from 2004-2011.

Pickel was born and raised in Kennewick where he graduated from high school in 1980. He attended Spokane Community College before transferring to Dana College in Blaire, Neb. track scholarship.

He earned his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and General Science but said he didn't really have a direction upon graduation and came into education "through the back door." He was approached by the Director of Admission who offered him the position of Admissions Counselor at the college, which he took for one year.

"That's how I fell into education; because we made a lot of home visits . . . It was through that work that I was inspired to go into education because of the connections I was making with families and students. Knowing that I was helping a student with a choice to further their career after high school was fun, exciting, energetic - I liked it and it felt comfortable," Pickel said.

Pickel returned to Dana College where he completed his teacher certification in 1988. He would later receive a Master of Science in Environmental Science from WSU in 2000, and complete his principal certification coursework through Heritage University in Toppenish, Wash. in 2003.

After earning his teaching credentials, he returned to Kennewick High School, his alma mater, where he taught high school math for 14 years.

Pickel said he and Kathy both

love small towns and they decided, as a family that he should pursue a position at Walla Walla High School when it opened up.

"Every time we drove through Waitsburg it felt magical. When we found this house on Lewis Peak, we didn't realize our physical address would be Waitsburg . . . We fell in love with the view, the house, and living in the country. Seven years later, we're still there and I still love it. It's still surreal every time I drive home," he said.

Aside from his love of the community of Waitsburg, Pickel said he applied for the position as District superintendent because he felt the role of superintendent is an excellent way to have maximum positive impact.

"When you teach, there is something that gets under your skin that you want kids to succeed and you want to impact their lives. But as an administrator, you not only impact the lives of students, you really hope and aspire to support the teachers that are working with the kids, so you take it up one more level," he said.

Pickel said he always knew he wanted to be a superintendent or building principal in a smaller district.

"My heart and my soul are in the small town. There's something about a small town and being able to have an impact on not only the kids, the staff and the building, but to have a positive impact on the community because the school system is the life blood of the community in a small town. They're our future, they're our legacy," he said.

"The people that are in small towns believe in their communities, they love their community, warts and all. They are salt-of-the-earth people and we feel very at-home," he added.

Pickel said he is most looking forward to working with Waitsburg staff, students and families to help Waitsburg move kids in a positive direction, helping students grow academically, socially and emotionally.

He describes his leadership style as "collaborative" and said he plans to sit down with the school board and staff to find out where the District is, what they want to do, and plan out how they will get there.

"I believe in the power of getting the people that need to be at the table, at the table, and coming up with a plan together. There are going to be decisions that will have to be made that we may not be able to collaborate on, but I'm big on no surprises. I want to be as transparent as possible," he said.

Pickel said that recent legislation negatively affecting the budget, along with declining enrollment are top concerns for the District.

"It's going to mean brainstorming. We've got to figure out something. And we are not alone in this. It's heartbreaking is what it is," he said.

Pickel said that during his conversations with the students, they repeatedly brought up concerns about the Dayton-Waitsburg athletic combine. He said that students involved in sports overwhelmingly agreed that both the Dayton and Waitsburg students liked the combine.

"It comes down to this - they just want to be able to participate. They want to be able to play. We need to figure this out and give them the opportunity to play," he said.

Pickel will officially assume superintendent duties on July 1 but hasn't hesitated to jump right in. He manned a booth at last Friday's Home and School Association Carnival and has plans to sit in on meetings with the school board and superintendent Mishra regarding funding and budget.

Current Waitsburg School District Superintendent Dr. Jon Mishra has accepted a position with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in Olympia as Director of Title I and Learning Assistance Program.



Photos by Brianna Wray

Eighty-three-year-old Walla Walla artist Ikune Sawada will donate 30 bonsai trees to a professor of geology at Whitman College. The donation will free him up to travel. He plans to donate his antique collection to the Whitman College Sheehan Gallery following his death. Top left: Ikune tends one of his bonsais. Top right: Ikune feeds the fish in his pond that is in the shape of Chinese character that means heart and also the double gourd shape that means good luck. Sawada and his partner, Neil Meitzler created the garden as a living work of art.

Ikune Sawada donates bonsai collection

Sawada's garden is an artistic vision come to life

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—If life is an art, Ikune Sawada is a master. Sawada is a painter and collector of fine ceramics. For many years he has also practiced bonsai tree gardening.

Through the gate and down a path flanked by lamprocapnos spectabilis, also known as bleeding hearts for their flower petals' shape, the garden unfolds. Sawada and his partner, Neil Meitzler, before his passing in 2009, created the garden from scratch.

Meitzler was a landscape painter of the Northwest School and curator at the Seattle Art Museum for 20 years as an exhibition designer. The garden was a collaboration that showcased both of their artistic visions come to life.

"That area was previously a vegetable patch," explains Sawada, "but since the house was a rental property for many years, the weeds were high and [there was] nothing else. That's why we chose the place, so we could build this from nothing. I drew a line with the shovel and told Neil, let's build the pond here." It's in the shape of Chinese character that means heart and also the double gourd shape that means good luck.

The space is entirely natural, yet bears the knowing hand of a landscape architect. From the entry, the path widens to offer views of a pond with fish that jump for bread crumbs. A large, flat stone makes a perfect platform where Sawada can feed the fish and take in yet another outstanding view of an apricot tree.

Beyond that are tables at varying heights, where plants that can handle full sun sit in ornate ceramic pots. Bonsai is an artform that uses cultivation techniques in combination with curation to produce small trees in containers.

"In bonsai the tree and the pot have to live for long years together to become one," he said.

Further still is the pergola with a thin slatted roof that protects the more sensitive plants from a great deal of sun. Past that, sits a large greenhouse where all the plants live in winter.

As a visitor, it seems like each vignette is being stumbled upon for the first time, but that sense of wonderment is entirely intentional.

Nestled among the greenery is a remarkable number of huge boulders. Sawada explains the painstaking effort involved.

"There was no plan, but each rock has a face; a front and back. For instance, one rock sticks out like a peninsula, which hides the other side and it sort of gives you more scale. The whole thing looks bigger, but this also gives dynamic movement."

Placement of stones in Japanese gardens is associated with water and is very specific to the idea of movement.

"You can't just put rocks there," Sawada insists, "they have to be growing from the ground. They have to be buried."

Before they could be buried, they had to be brought to Sawada's Walla Walla home from Preston, Washington on a truck with a trailer that could only carry up to 35 tons at a time. On his first pass, Sawada selected 45 tons.

"So, I eliminated the medium sized and brought only the big and small ones. When the shipment came, we placed them around the pond and realized this is not enough. I ended up buying 60 tons of granite from this quarry in Issaquah because there is no granite east of the mountains," he said.

And that still wasn't enough. Sawada's team ended up bringing another dump truck full of stones from the Blue Mountains.

"I had a fifty-foot crane that came from Tri Cities to arrange rocks and they tried to set them down and they would tip this way and that way. So, every time I have to put one or two rocks below to protect the position."

The composition created is well worth the effort. Sawada says the best compliment he ever received was from the roofer who, looking down on the garden said, "Hey, you have a natural stream going through your yard."

In preparation for retirement, Sawada is donating thirty bonsai trees to a professor of geology at Whitman.

"It's a personal donation. Most of my antique collections will end up in the Sheehan Gallery at Whitman," he said.

The Sheehan Gallery is a visual arts resource created in 1973 to support Whitman College curriculum and to serve as an intellectual and cultural resource for the Pacific Northwest community and beyond, through the collection, preservation, exhibition, and interpretation of historical and contemporary art.

In 1987, with the acquisition of the Davis Collection, this mission was expanded to include an emphasis on Asian art. In 1999 a Japanese tea room was added to the Gallery to further this emphasis.

Sawada has arranged to posthumously donate his collection of rare ceramics to be housed alongside the Davis Collection of Asian Art in the Asian Studies Center. Its contents have been well catalogued in *The Collected Life of Ikune Sawada*, compiled by Daniel M. Forbes and will be available to students and faculty for research purposes.

Ikune Sawada studied art in Kyoto, Japan, graduating in 1960. This year he plans to attend the 59th reunion in late October.

"We get together every other year and we have a group show of our work. We keep saying we're getting too old. Last time we thought it would be the last time, but there are more people who want to do it one more time. I think the 60th would be nice. Maybe we should do one more," he said.

Sawada's journey is still unfolding. He's a great example of what asset planning can do to ensure one's life's work is preserved. Now that his bonsai are off giving joy to others he says he's free to travel.

For many years Sawada has battled a very rare disease with the help of a supportive medical team.

"I came to Walla Walla because my partner told me that he would take care of me until I died. I agreed to come and then he died of pancreatic cancer. He was 78, very young," Sawada said.

"When you go through that kind of experience, every minute, every moment is a very special gift. If I die tomorrow, I'll be happy. I'll be dying with a big smile because what I've achieved so far is unbelievable," he added.

It doesn't seem likely. Sawada appears to get healthier with age. The secret, besides the medical team, eating well and resting well is staying active.

"I am 83 this year and I still take power walks through Pioneer Park for 45 minutes a day. Once one of my friends said, 'I thought I saw you, but then I thought that couldn't be Ikune, he's walking too fast.'"

Every plant in his garden has a name, has a story, has a life and they are busy. If you want to catch up with Sawada, you'll just have to walk faster.



Through training, bonsai trees like this trident maple can be cultivated in ornate ceramic pots or on mossy rocks.



The Pears are one of Sawada's early works. It was painted with a watercolor technique that requires the building up of many layers of transparent paint without muddying the color. It was purchased by a woman who loved it so much that she called to say that every time she looked at it it looked different. Sawada remembers his friend, "she lived to be over 100, but after 80 she lost eyesight." She gave them back to the gallery so they could be appreciated again. Meitzler bought prized painting so Sawada has become a collector of his own work.



This kutani ware vessel came to Sawada's collection through mutual friend and fellow ceramic lover Daniel Forbes who reluctantly traded it to Sawada. "He agreed to sell it, but I had to promise that whatever happens to me, this piece will go back to Daniel." Sawada's promise is handwritten and stored inside the piece for safekeeping.



Bonsai plants in a variety of shapes and sizes are a work of love. "In bonsai the tree and the pot have to live for long years together to become one," Sawada explains.

SPORTS

DW GIRLS SLIDE INTO #2 SEED IN DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

RICHLAND, Wash.—Sat., May 4, the DW softball team played a doubleheader against Liberty Christian, securing the number two seed at districts. In game one, DW scored two runs in the top of the first inning to take the early lead. Liberty Christian came back to score three unanswered runs to take a 3-2 lead. DW would load the bases in the 4th inning but left runners stranded. Errors would allow Liberty Christian to add insurance runs and hold on to win 5-2 in a low scoring game.

The loss in game one made game two very important. Both teams entered the final game of the regular season in a tie for the #2 seed for the district playoffs. The district playoffs reward the #1 and

#2 seeds with a first-round bye. The #3, #4, #5, and #6 teams have to play an extra elimination game in the round robin style tournament.

Game two would start with DW scoring a single run in the first inning and then falling behind going into the third inning. It would be in the 3rd inning that DW's bats would come to life, batting around and scoring seven in the inning.

The big hits that inning were doubles by Mackenzie Dobbs and Kylee Laughlin. Mackenzie's double was hit deep into the outfield and for a brief moment she went into a home run trot before hustling into 2nd. From that point DW stayed comfortably ahead and scored four in the 5th and two big runs in the 7th to win 14-9.

They start the district playoffs on Fri. May 10 with games at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. in Pasco at the TRAC.



Photo by Eric Umphrey

Tatumn Laughery slides in ahead of the throw to score in game two vs. Liberty Christian on Saturday.

Game One DW - 2, LC - 5

	AB	H	BB	HBP	R
T. Laughery	2	1	0	2	1
K. White	4	2	0	0	1
M. Dobbs	3	2	1	0	0
N. Bryan	3	0	0	1	0
S. Seney	4	1	0	0	0
K. Laughlin	4	1	0	0	0
M. Forney	2	0	1	0	0
E. Steinhoff	3	0	0	0	0
T. Larsen	2	0	1	0	0
	27	7	3	3	2

2B - McKenzie Dobbs

Game Two DW - 14, LC - 9

	AB	H	BB	HBP	R
T. Laughery	5	3	1	0	2
K. White	4	1	2	0	2
M. Dobbs	6	5	0	0	2
N. Bryan	5	4	0	0	2
M. Forney	3	0	2	0	2
K. Laughlin	4	2	1	0	2
E. Steinhoff	5	4	0	0	1
S. Seney	5	2	0	0	0
M. Summers	3	2	2	0	1
	40	21	8	0	14

2B - McKenzie Dobbs, Tatumn Laughery, Kylee Laughlin

MACKENZIE FORNEY AND SADIE SENEY HOME RUNS PROPEL DW TO SWEEP OVER DESALES



Photo by Eric Umphrey

Mackenzie Forney is greeted by her team after her 3 run Homer

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Sat., April 30, the DW softball team played a doubleheader against DeSales. In game one, errors by DW led to a big four-run inning in the 2nd by DeSales. DeSales would lead 9-5 going into the bottom of the 6th before DW's bats would break out.

With two outs and two runners on in the sixth, Sadie Seney would step to the plate already having hit two doubles in three at bats. BAM! She slammed a three-run home run that cut the lead to 9-8. DeSales seemed to lose their composure after that, allowing the next four batters all to single, pushing in three more runs and completing the comeback and a 11-9 win.

Game two would also require heroics as DW committed seven errors to put themselves in a 10-2 hole after three innings. After finally holding DeSales scoreless in the top of the 3rd, DW put together a great rally.

Mackenzie Forney already had a single to lead off the 4th inning, and DW would bat around to give her another attempt. This time with a 2-0 count, she absolutely crushed a pitch over the left field fence for a three-run home run and the lead. You know that sound your driver makes when you hit it clean off the tee? It sounded like that.

DW would score eight more runs over the next two innings winning 21-13. The sweep puts them at 12-2 in the league and 13-3 overall in 2nd place going into a doubleheader at Liberty Christian.

"We struggled with errors in both games, but the girls stayed positive and with good base running and timely hits were able to pull off the victories. Sadie Seney had a three-run home run in the first game to give us momentum. Mackenzie Forney also had a three-run home run in the second game, which finally gave us a lead in the 4th inning," said Coach Shane Robins.

Game One

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	R	H	E
DeSales	0	4	1	3	0	1	0	9	14	1
DW	0	1	2	2	0	6	-	11	15	6

Battery
DeSales: T. Moon and L. Moon
DW: Sadie Seney and Mya Wood

HR -
DW: S. Seney

Hits -
Desales: L. Skaarup 1, T. Moon 1, S. Holtzinger 2, K. Hermann 2, E. Hamada 3, J. Kildegaard 2, M. Balof 3
DW: Tatumn Laughery 3, Kenzie Dobbs 1, Neylan Bryan 2, S. Seney 3, Kylee Laughlin 1, Elise Steinhoff 1, Mackenzie Forney 3, M. Wood 1.

Game Two

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	R	H	E
DeSales	5	2	3	0	2	0	1	13	20	2
DW	2	0	0	11	2	6	-	21	17	7

Battery
DeSales: L. Moon and T. Moon
DW: Makiah Summers, S. Seney and M. Wood, Olivya McFarland

HR -
DW: Mackenzie Forney

Hits -
Desales: L. Moon 3, M. Balof 2, T. Moon 4, S. Holtzinger 5, K. Hermann 1, E. Hamada 1, J. Kildegaard 2, A. Klein 1, N. Balderas 1;
DW: T. Laughery 3, K. White 2, K. Dobbs 1, N. Bryan 4, S. Seney 2, K. Laughlin 1, E. Steinhoff 2, M. Forney 2.



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SPORTS

DW BOYS LOSE IN EXTRAS DROP DOUBLEHEADER TO LIBERTY CHRISTIAN

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

RICHLAND, Wash.—The DW baseball team came very close to their third win of the season

in game one against Liberty Christian on Sat., May 4. After giving up three runs in the first inning they would take the lead 4-3 with back-to-back two-run innings, thanks to an Ashton Loper double in the 4th and a two-run RBI single by Tayven Seney in the 5th.

The score would remain 4-3 DW until

the bottom of the 7th when Liberty Christian would draw three walks and a ground out would score the tying run. DW would go ahead in extras in the top of the eighth when a single by C. Norris would score D. Johnson to go up 5-4. Unfortunately, the first two batters for LC would get on and score on a single to close out the game 6-5.

In game two, the boys would bang out 14 hits, but only an Ashton Loper double would go for extra bases. They would score one in the 2nd, two in the 4th and two more in the 6th but that would not be enough, falling 11-5.

Game One

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	R	H	E
DW	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	5	6	2
LC	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	6	8	1

Hits
DW: B. Miller 2, T. Seney, J. Willis, A. Loper, C. Norris
RBI: A. Loper, T. Seney 2, C. Norris

Game Two DW - 5, LC - 11

Hits
DW: J. Wyatt 3, A. Loper 3, J. Willis 3, B. Miller 2, C. Norris 2, A. Puckett, 2B: A. Loper

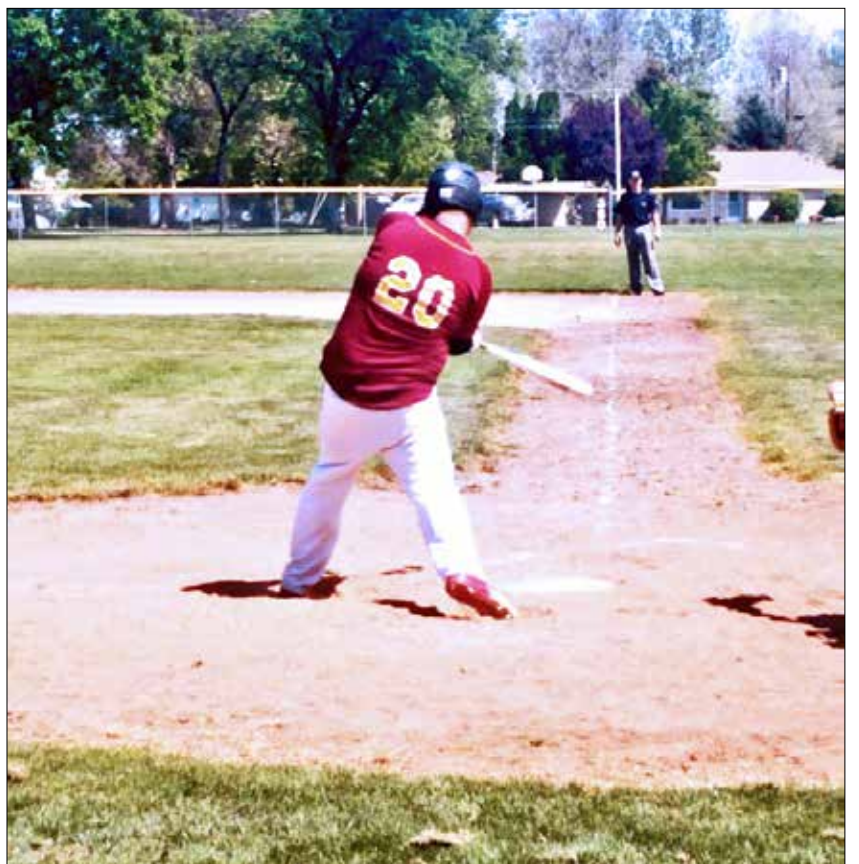


Photo by Shane Loper

Ashton Loper doubles against LC Saturday May 4th

DW Boys sweep White Swan in doubleheader

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

WHITE SWAN, Wash.—The DW baseball team had their best games of the year on April 27, taking a doubleheader on the road at White Swan. A balanced attack with contributions from everyone in the lineup put this one away quickly. White Swan

was no-hit, only managing three walks and a hit-by-pitch over five innings. DW would win 18-1.

The boys picked up where they left off in game two, scoring in every inning and batting around in the second, scoring a season high seven runs. They would finish this one 17-5.

Game One

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	R	H	E
DW	4	0	6	6	2	18	15	1
White Swan	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0

Hits
DW: A. Loper 3, K. Lindly 3, T. Seney 2, D. Johnson 2, J. Wyatt, B. Miller, J. Willis, C. Norris, G. Wade

Game Two

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	R	H	E
DW	5	7	4	1	17	11	2
White Swan	0	0	4	1	5	2	3

Hits
DW: A. Loper 2, J. Wyatt 2, J. Willis 2, T. Seney, B. Miller, A. Puckett, C. Norris, K. Lindly
RBI
DW: J. Wyatt 2, T. Seney, A. Loper, J. Willis, K. Lindly, D. Johnson

MLB American League Leaders

ERA

T. Glasnow	TB	1.47
M. Stroman	TOR	2.20
S. Turnbull	DET	2.31
D. German	NYN	2.35
M. Minor	TEX	2.40

Batting Average

H. Dozier	KC	.343
T. Mancini	BAL	.336
M. Brantley	HOU	.336
E. Andrus	TEX	.333
J. Reddick	HOU	.333

Wins

T. Glasnow	TB	6
D. German	NYN	6
J. Verlander	HOU	5
J. Berrios	MIN	5
M. Gonzales	SEA	5

Home Runs

J. Bruce	SEA	11
E. Rosario	OAK	11
J. Gallo	TEX	11
G. Sanchez	NYN	11
E. Encarnacion	SEA	10

Strike Outs

G. Cole	HOU	65
J. Verlander	HOU	60
M. Boyd	DET	57
T. Bauer	CLE	55
J. Paxton	NYN	52

Runs Batted In

J. Abreu	CHW	33
A. Mondesi	KC	30
D. Santana	SEA	30
G. Springer	HOU	27
L. Voit	NYN	27

Saves

S. Green	DET	13
B. Hand	CLE	10
K. Giles	TOR	8
A. Chapman	NYN	7
R. Osuna	HOU	7

Stolen Bases

T. Anderson	CHW	11
A. Mondesi	KC	10
D. Gordon	SEA	9
J. Ramirez	CLE	9
M. Smith	SEA	8

Mariners Hitting

	AB	R	H	2B	HR	RBI	BB	BA	OBP	OPS
D. Santana	142	16	38	7	6	30	14	.268	.331	.775
M. Haniger	138	30	34	12	8	20	15	.246	.333	.855
T. Beckham	124	20	35	11	7	20	11	.282	.346	.886
D. Gordon	124	12	35	3	2	17	6	.282	.308	.679
R. Healy 121	20	28	13	5	21	11	.231	.296	.759	
E. Encarnacion	116	24	28	1	10	23	21	.241	.373	.882
J. Bruce 104	17	19	4	11	22	10	.183	.259	.797	
O. Narvaez	97	21	29	3	5	13	14	.299	.389	.874
M. Smith 97	15	16	1	1	5	11	.165	.255	.502	
D. Vogelbach	84	18	24	6	9	18	23	.286	.440	1.119

AB – At Bats, R – Runs, H – Hits, 2B – Doubles, HR – Home Runs, RBI – Runs Batted In, BB – Base on Balls, BA – Batting Average, OPS – On Base Plus Slugging

AL West

	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	20	14	.588	-
Seattle	19	17	.528	2
Texas	16	16	.500	3
Los Angeles	15	19	.441	5
Oakland	15	21	.417	6

WALLA WALLA FAIR & FRONTIER DAYS ROYALTY GOLF TOURNAMENT AT TVGC



Photos by Lane Gwinn

DAYTON—These "losers" don't appear to be too upset. Perhaps posing with Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days royalty helped alleviate the sting of defeat. Above: Tournament losing team (l to r): Jim Wilson, Ron Standing, Cort Ruppenthal and Dave Chapman pose with Queen Katie Skramstad and princesses Bekah Longmire and Devon Harshman.

Below: Personal Touch Cleaning was the winning team with members: George Martinez, Ramon Motoya, Ryan Garton and Brandon Kubrock.



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owner with strong ties to the community.

He was a generous supporter of his church and found value in public service. He served on the Benton-Franklin County Fair board for nine years, and spent an additional eight years on the Washington State Fair Association. His love of the Fair stemmed from his passion for Rodeo and for his community. It culminated in becoming the President of the Washington State Fair Board, where he enjoyed meeting new people from all over the state.

Later in life, Neil's greatest pleasures included spending time traveling with his wife and friends in his RV or hitting the road on his "Harley" motorcycle with his buddy George. He was a fan of car shows and restoring old cars, and recently won two trophies in the "40's original category" at the "All Wheels Weekend" Car Show. Neil lived each day with a positive attitude that always included a beautiful smile. He could strike up a conversation with anyone and was a genuine person who all loved him dearly.

Neil will be dearly missed by his loving wife Sharon, their children Kami Borg, Alan Ste-

phens, Crystal Werner, Lisa Walker, Darin Stephens, Beau Bramble, Lynn Hollenbeck, Bambi Van Dyke, and Garland Bramble. He leaves behind ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and their families. He is also survived by his Aunt Agnes Stephens Markarian and his brother Phillip Stephens.

Graveside Services will be held on Friday, May 10, 2019 at 2pm at the Milton-Freewater Cemetery, 54700 Milton Cemetery Road, Milton-Freewater, OR

Memorial Services will be on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 12pm, potluck reception to follow at The United Brethren Church, 1106 South 4th Street, Dayton, WA

Greg Brownell, Presiding

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The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys, Telephone: 1-800-606-4819, Web site: <http://nwjustice.org/what-clear>

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PO Box 1475
Eugene OR 97440
Telephone: (541) 686-8511 TS #30057.31011
Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to Lisa M. Summers, Paralegal, at (541) 686-0344.

FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT NOTICE
This communication is from a debt collector.

The Times
May 9, 30, 2019
5-9-a

NO: 19-4-00083-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

In re the Estate of:
PATTSY J. HENRY,
Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: May 9, 2019.
Janice A. Boone
Personal Representative
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Jeremy Hyndman, WSBA #44320
Basalt Legal, PLLC
6½ N. Second Avenue,
Suite 200
Walla Walla, WA 99362
509-529-0630
The Times
May 9, 16, 23, 2019
5-9-b

Opening on City of Dayton Planning Commission
The City of Dayton Planning Commission is comprised of five members who hear

and make recommendations concerning amendments to zoning ordinances and various land use decisions. Members serve on a volunteer basis and must reside within the Dayton city limits. The open position to fill an unexpired term, ending March 1st, 2021.

The Dayton Planning Commission meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM in the Planning and Building Office at 114 South 2nd Street. If you are interested in supporting your community by serving on the Planning Commission, please submit a letter of interest with contact information for review.

Letters shall be submitted to: Meagan Bailey; Planner, 114 South 2nd Street, Dayton, Washington 99328. Letters may also be submitted via email to Meagan_bailey@co.columbia.wa.us. Letters will be accepted until filled.
The Times
May 9, 16 2019
5-9-c

Columbia County Planning Commission Opening COLUMBIA COUNTY -

The Columbia County Planning Commission is seeking to fill a vacancy for the District 2 seat, Chair 1. The planning commission addresses issues related to zoning, land use, and development regulations and is currently working on the county comprehensive plan update. This is an ideal opportunity for an interested individual to give back and have a voice in the community.

Regular meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Planning Department. A district map may be found at <http://www.columbiaco.com/DocumentCenter/View/4219>. The open term is to fill an unexpired term, with a term end date of 12/31/2022.

Interested individuals should send a brief bio and statement of interest to Planning Director Meagan Bailey via email at Meagan_bailey@co.columbia.wa.us or mail to: Planning Department, 114 South 2nd Street, Dayton, Washington. Please call the Planning Department at 382-4676 with any questions. Letters will be accepted until filled.

The Times
May 9, 16, 2019
5-9-d

No. 19-3-00061-36 Summons Served by Publication (SMPB)

Superior Court of Washington, County of Benton

In re:
TLL
Petitioners
Stephanie Sicocan And Respondents

Greg L. Lewis
Melody L. Lewis
Summons Served by Publication

To (name): Greg L. Lewis – The other party has asked the court to:

Give custody of the children to a non-parent.

You must respond in writing if you want the court to consider your side.

Deadline! Your Response must be filed and served within 60 days of the date this summons is published. If you do not file and serve your Response or a Notice of Appearance by the deadline: § No one has to notify you about other hearings in this case, and

§The court may approve the requests in the Petition without hearing your side (called a default judgment). Follow these steps:

1. Read the Petition and any other documents that were filed at court with this Summons. Those documents explain what the other party is asking for.

2. Fill out a Response on this form:
FL Non-Parent 415, Response to Non-Parent Custody Petition

3. Serve (give) a copy of your Response to the person who filed this Summons at the address below, and to any other parties. You may use certified mail with return receipt requested. For more information on how to serve, read Superior Court Civil Rule 5.

4. File your original Response with the court clerk at this address:

Superior Court Clerk, Walla Walla County
P.O. Box 836, Walla Walla, WA, 99362

5. Lawyer not required: It is a good idea to talk to a lawyer, but you may file and serve your Response without one.
Signature Date
Janell Waters, WSBA No 45063

I agree to accept legal papers for this case at
1313 N. Young Street,
Suite D, Kennewick, WA 99336

This Summons is issued according to Rule 4.1 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the State of Washington.
The Times
April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2019
4-4-g

Notice of fraud upon title

to the homestead known as 790 Smith Drive Walla Walla County, Washington title land Patent # 197 and all nonfamilial claim to such title by assumed authority of contractual obligation is affected by fraud. Inquire: beryl.c/o general post-office. College Place, Washington. Near (99324). Nondomestic.
The Times
April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2019
4-18-f

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Case No. 19-4-00072-36 (RCW 11.40.030)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

In Re the Estate of
MICHAEL D. ELLIS
Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified 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. 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(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

Date of filing copy of Notice to Creditors:

04/16/2019
Date of First Publication:
04/25/2019

/s/ Cara J. Ellis
CARA J. ELLIS

Personal Representative
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The Times
April 25, May 2, 9, 2019
4-25-c

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS No. 19-4-00071-36

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

In the Matter of the Estate of

JOAN E. PERRY,
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 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 NOTICE TO CREDITORS FILED: April 15, 2019
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: April 25, 2019

/s/

GAIL S. PERRY
Personal Representative
Bryan N. Ponti
Ponti & Wernette, P.S.
Attorneys at Law
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The Times
April 25, May 2, 9, 2019
4-25-d

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Grantor: REBECCA HANSON
Current Beneficiary of the deed of trust: UMPQUA BANK
Current Trustee of the deed of trust: COLUMBIA TITLE COMPANY

Current mortgage servicer of the deed of trust: UMPQUA BANK
Reference number of the deed of trust: 41161
Parcel number(s): 264329

I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Successor Trustee, NANCY K. CARY, will on June 7, 2019, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. at the front of the Columbia County Courthouse 341 East Main St, Dayton, Washington, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Columbia, State of Washington, to-wit:

Fraction of the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 29-10-39, EWM
Tax Account No.: 264329 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust described as follows:
Dated: January 6, 2017
Recorded: January 13, 2017
Recording No.: 41161
Records of: Columbia County, Washington
Trustee: COLUMBIA TITLE COMPANY
Successor Trustee: NANCY K. CARY
Beneficiary: UMPQUA BANK

II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed

of Trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust.

III. The defaults for which this foreclosure is made are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: Monthly payments in the amount of \$920.93 each, due the first day of each month, for the months of June 2017 through July 2017; plus monthly payments at the new rate of \$937.10 each, due the first of each month, for the months of August 2017 through December 2018; plus late charges in the amount of \$26.27 each, assessed the sixteenth of each month, for the months of June 2017 through November 2018; plus advances; plus any unpaid real property taxes, plus interest.

IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal balance of \$134,921.11, together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument secured from May 1, 2017, and such other costs and fees as are due under the note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute.

V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. The sale will be made without warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances on June 7, 2019. The Default(s) referred to in paragraph III must be cured by May 28, 2019, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time on or before May 28, 2019, the defaults as set forth in paragraph III is/are cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. The sale may be terminated any time after May 28, 2019, and before the sale by the Borrower, Grantor, any Guarantor, or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance paying the entire principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults.

VI. A written notice of default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following addresses:
Rebecca Hanson
724 S. 5th St.
Dayton WA 99328

by both first class and certified mail on November 7, 2018, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and Borrower and Grantor were personally served on November 9, 2018, with said written notice of default or the written notice of default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in paragraph I above and the Trustee has possession of proof of such posting.

VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale.

VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property.

IX. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale.

X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS. The purchaser at the trustee's sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060.

Washington's salmon fisheries set for 2019-20

THE TIMES

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife says 2019-20 salmon fisheries have been set and anglers can expect a "mixed bag." The Department expects a robust coho return on the Columbia River but expects depleted chinook and steelhead runs.

This year's fisheries were designed to take advantage of a higher number of coho salmon forecast to return to Washington's waters as compared to recent years, according to Kyle Adicks, salmon policy lead for the WDFW.

On the Columbia River, summer salmon fishery will be closed to summer chinook (including jacks) and sockeye retention due to low expected returns.

Fall salmon fisheries will be open under various regulation. Waters from Bouy 10 upstream to the Highway 395 Bridge at Pasco will open to fall salmon fishing beginning Aug. 1.

"While we anticipate a robust coho fishery in the Columbia River this year, we're taking steps to protect depleted runs of chinook and steelhead," Adicks said in a WDFW

media release.

He said steelhead fisheries in the Columbia and Snake rivers this season will be similar to those in 2017, when a similarly low run was projected.

In the Puget Sound area, fishery managers projected low returns of chinook and have closed several fisheries. Anglers will also have limited opportunities to fish for pink salmon in Puget Sound due to projected low returns.

More details can be found at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/north-falcon>

Annual Trout Derby is on

Prizes range from \$25 to \$1000

WASHINGTON—The 2019 Statewide Trout Fishing Derby started April 27 and is open to anyone with a valid 2019 fishing license and more than 1,000 prizes are available. Fish with a WDFW tag near their dorsal fin could make any size fish a catch-of-the-day.

No entrance fee or registration is required to participate. Simply visit a participating lake and catch a tagged trout rainbow trout in one of over 100 stocked lakes between April 28 and Oct. 31.

Winning derby trout will have a blue tag attached to their fin. Call the WDFW number on the tag to find out where to claim your prize. There are over 1,000 prizes totaling over \$39,000 with prize values ranging from \$25 to \$1,000.

Participating Walla Walla County lakes include: Bennington Lake, Hood Park Pond, Quarry Pond. In Columbia County, Blue Lake and Watson Lake are stocked with tagged fish. Visit <https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/Home/FishingDerby> for a complete listing of participating lakes.

What derby tags look like and placement on Rainbow trout



Image courtesy of gonefishingnw.com

UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST FIREWOOD PERMITS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH NOV. 30

PENDLETON, Ore.— Personal-use firewood permits for the Umatilla National Forest are available from, May 1 through Nov. 30 at Forest Service offices and several local vendors. Permits can be purchased for \$5 per cord with a minimum purchase of four cords for \$20. The maximum limit is 12 cords total of personal firewood cutting per household during the calendar year.

Permits may be purchased locally at the Dayton General Store, Pomeroy Foods, P.F. Express (Pomeroy), the Last Resort and the Walla Walla CHS Farmer's Co-op. A complete list of vendors is available on the Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/umatilla/passes-permits/forestproducts>.

Firewood cutters are required to carry an axe, a shovel, an 8 oz. capacity or larger fire extinguisher, and have their chainsaw equipped with an approved spark arrester when cutting wood. Much of the Umatilla National Forest is still not accessible due to mud, snow or snow drifts. As a result, the public won't necessarily be able to travel on all of the same roads that typically are accessible this time of year.

For more information on firewood cutting, please contact the Supervisor's Office at (541) 278-3716 or your local District Office.

- North Fork John Day (541) 427-3231
- Heppner (541) 676-9187
- Walla Walla (509) 522-6290
- Pomeroy (509) 843-1891

WDFW HOSTS VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

OLYMPIA – Kelly Susewind, director of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), will host a virtual open house on Mon., May 13 to give the public a chance to ask about the department's policies and direction. "I want to share some updates on the agency, but the main purpose is to have a two-way conversation with those who aren't always able to attend our in-person events," said Susewind.

Director Susewind said, "People care deeply about the work we do and we want to make it easier for them to tell us what's on their mind and what's important to them in their everyday live."

Introductory topics will include an overview of the department's work, a summary of legislative session actions that affect WDFW, and how the department is working to address long-term challenges affecting fish and wildlife in Washington.

will also be joined by a number of his staff who share wildlife, fish, law enforcement, and habitat expertise.

The online webinar starts at 7 p.m. The public can go to <https://player.inventus.com/?clientID=2836755451&eventID=2019051001> during the event to watch and submit questions. After the event the open house video will remain available from the agency's website, wdfw.wa.gov.

WELDING - FROM PAGE 5

Automobiles were proliferating in the 1920's and a network of service stations and bulk supply stations were needed to supply the gasoline to fuel the internal combustion engines. They designed and self manufactured the complex equipment to form the storage tanks that would eventually dot the fringes of communities within a 150 mile radius.

Along with tarred tanks to go underground at the service stations, they manufactured steel cylinders for a variety of uses including the then ubiquitous oil storage tanks seen behind almost every house as the area switched from wood and coal to oil for winter heat.

I believe I have already mentioned the B. Barer & Sons segue into steel and welding supplies and Waitsburg Welding Works was an early and faithful customer. As a young boy in the mid 1940's, I would spend a Sunday about once a month riding from Walla Walla the 18 miles to Waitsburg with my uncle to deliver a load of supplies.

Uncle Dave would cross the street to the American Legion Club where Gil would drink, play cards, and swap war stories with his buddies. Gil would unlock the office. The load was dropped on the sidewalk for the crew to put away the next day. I would wander around Waitsburg as Uncle Dave spent an hour or so schmoozing with Gil.

About 1945 or 6 Gil passed away, Amy took over the operations of the plant. While she was a smart engineer, many of her innovations were only adopted commercially a generation after she pioneered their use, she was not really effective as a business person.

An example, Amy lived in an apartment over the plant office. There was an intercom setup to contact her if needed. The crew became aware that she was leaving the switch open while they were at lunch break so they would take turns praising her and massaging her ego all the while laughing behind their hands.

But even worse, the operation was losing money at a time when they had a virtual monopoly on sales.

Rather than lose a prime customer,

B. Barer & Sons purchased the Waitsburg Welding Works in 1947. It was a brave venture for two guys who had never graduated grade school.

Uncle Dave was to be the managing partner. His education began with the office manager who could barely spell her own name hit him for a raise. He felt he needed her experience and granted it only to find she had received a similar raise from the departing Amy a few days before.

The plant manager was a Mr. Jones. Aside from the fact that Mr. Jones had an ex-wife in Lewiston, Idaho, who kept him at her beck and call causing him to disappear often at just the time a manager was needed.

Mr. Jones further incurred Uncle Dave's wrath by accepting an order for several extremely large tanks to be delivered to Southern Oregon. This not only required permits and negotiation with a variety of civic entities to be transversed but also tied up the capacity of the plant for several weeks causing the loss of a stream of orders for more profitable business.

Uncle Dave kept Mr. Jones on because Amy assured him that Jones was the only employee who had the arcane knowledge to design and price tanks.

One day in the course of a conversation with a steel salesman, the problem of designing tanks came up. The salesman asked if there was an A. M. Castle Co. catalog in the office. Uncle Dave produced one from his desk drawer.

Turn to the section marked common tables for welders. There was all the information needed to design most of the tanks WWW manufactured.

Mr. Jones was gone the next day.

Courtesy of <http://abarar.blogspot.com/2007/03/when-gil-met-amy-it-was-match.html>

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NEWS/GAMES

FUNDRAISING FUN



Photos by Lane Gwinn

Waitsburg's Home and School Association hosted its annual school carnival and silent auction to raise about \$3,500 to provide school supplies for all Waitsburg students, last Friday evening. Clockwise from top right: Logan Seal lobs a ball at the target. Jayson Barnhart seems more than satisfied with his face painting experience. Natalie Teal paints a moutache on Beah Karl. Lencil Flores appears pleased with his loot. Cedar Karl is liking her new facial hair. Jasper Morrow (r) mans a booth as Wyatt Parish prepares to take aim.



NEWS BRIEFS

SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT IS MAY 13

WALLA WALLA — The Walla Walla Symphony Youth Orchestra (WWSYO) will present its final concert of the 2018-19 season on Mon., May 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Chism Recital Hall in the Whitman College Hall of Music.

Under the direction of Dr. Paul Luongo, the WWSYO will perform pieces including *Celebration!* by Richard Meyer, *Aboriginal Rituals* by Elliot del Borgo, *In the Fading Light of Autumn* by Ralph Ford, *Into the Storm* by Robert W. Smith, *Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian* by Harry Gregson-Williams, and *Hopak* from *Sorochinsky's Fair* by Modest Mussorgsky.

This concert is made possible by Columbia Bank and is free with a suggested donation of \$2/person or \$5/family. All proceeds will benefit the WWSYO, which provides young musicians in grades 8-12 a unique and free opportunity to rehearse and perform in a full-symphonic ensemble alongside other musicians from across eastern Washington and northern Oregon.

Parents, musicians or music teachers interested in getting involved with and/or supporting the Walla Walla Symphony Youth Orchestra should contact Aiyana Mehtaataiyana at mehtaataiyana@wvsymphony.org or at 509-529-8020. For more information, visit the symphony's website at www.wvsymphony.org, call the symphony office at 509-529-8020, or visit at 13 1/2 E Main St, Suite #201.

SPRING FLING 2019 IS THIS WEEKEND

WALLA WALLA—Pioneer Park will be filled with food and fun for the annual Spring Fling event running Fri., May 10 – Sun., May 12. The event benefits the Julianna Sayler Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to raising awareness, supporting families and empowering researchers to cure Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma.

Food, booths, arts and crafts and a kidz zone will be on site. A Show & Shine Auto/Cycle show will take place on Sat., May 11 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. There is no entry fee to show a car or cycle.

Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – CALENDARS

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

3 Letters	MAY	Y
4 Letters	ONE	
4 Letters	HOUR	
4 Letters	JULY	
4 Letters	JUNE	
4 Letters	NOTE	
4 Letters	TASK	
4 Letters	WEEK	
4 Letters	YEAR	
5 Letters	EIGHT	
5 Letters	EVENT	
5 Letters	MARCH	
6 Letters	EASTER	
6 Letters	MINUTE	
6 Letters	PENCIL	
6 Letters	SUNSET	
6 Letters	TWELVE	
7 Letters	OCTOBER	
7 Letters	SUNRISE	
8 Letters	NOVEMBER	
8 Letters	TOMORROW	

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

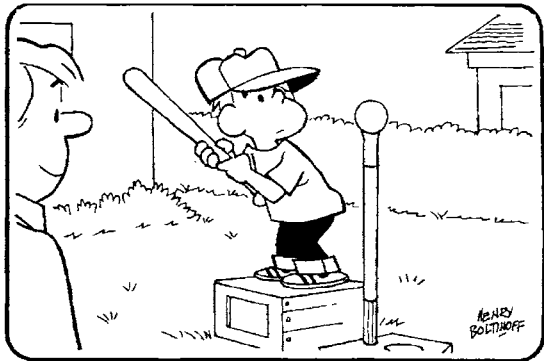
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1. Drop below 32 | F _ _ _ _ _ | Gentle wind | B _ _ _ _ _ |
| 2. Trench | _ I _ _ _ _ | From Holland | _ U _ _ _ _ |
| 3. Showy spring bloom | _ E _ _ _ _ | Fake | _ H _ _ _ _ |
| 4. Away from class | _ B _ _ _ _ | Agreement | _ S _ _ _ _ |
| 5. Sink | _ _ _ _ _ N | Rathbone's herb? | _ _ _ _ _ L |
| 6. Corroded | R _ _ _ _ _ | In need of a polish | D _ _ _ _ _ |
| 7. Fugitive | _ _ _ _ _ W | Expenditure | _ _ _ _ _ Y |
| 8. Rapid | _ _ _ _ _ C _ | Idiosyncrasy | _ _ _ _ _ R _ |
| 9. Sports trainer | _ _ _ _ _ A _ | Sofa | _ _ _ _ _ U _ |
| 10. Like a gloomy day | _ _ _ _ _ R _ | Starry-eyed | _ _ _ _ _ M _ |

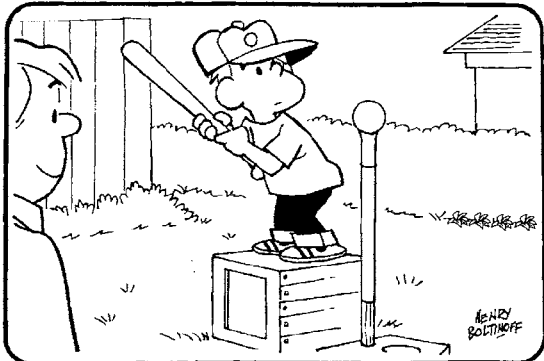
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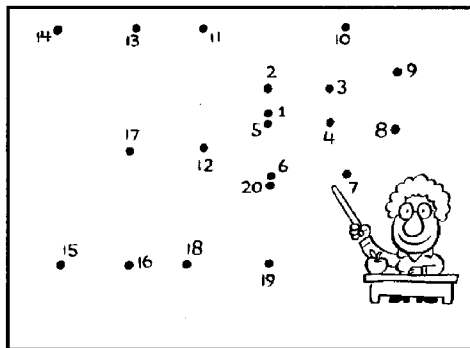
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy's hat is different. 2. Matt's nose is smaller. 3. Fence replaces house on left. 4. Box is taller. 5. Plants added on the right. 6. Window is missing.



WHAT TWO LETTERS of the alphabet have nothing between them? Connect the dots to find out the answer!

Answer: Letters N and P have O (nothing) between them.

AS EASY AS ONE, TWO, THREE!

See if you can rearrange the numbers in our square so that the sum of any row, column, or the two diagonals will total 6.

1	2	3
1	2	3
1	2	3

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

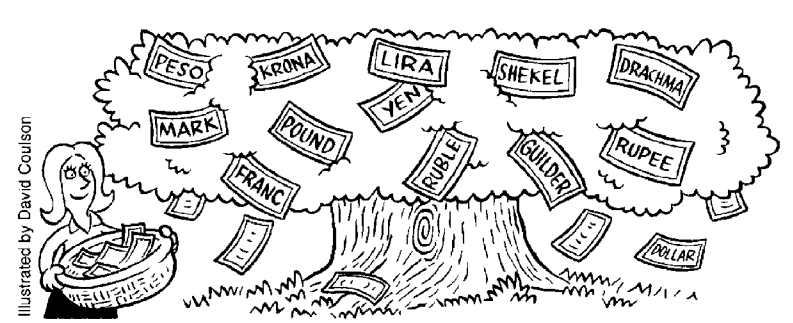
FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE! In the Word Square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "BRAKED." See if you can replace these letters in the square so that you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down.

B			E
R		E	
A			G
K			E

Answers: (Across) Are, bed, leg, eke, (down) Able, reek, edge.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



WHO SAYS MONEY DOESN'T GROW ON TREES?

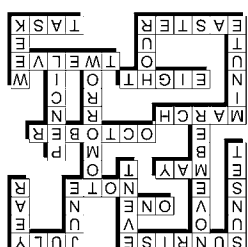
See if you can match the currencies with their countries of origin.

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|-------------|------------------|
| 1. Peso | A. Russia |
| 2. Mark | B. Netherlands |
| 3. Franc | C. Israel |
| 4. Krona | D. Greece |
| 5. Pound | E. Mexico |
| 6. Ruble | F. Japan |
| 7. Lira | G. India |
| 8. Yen | H. Sweden |
| 9. Rupee | I. Germany |
| 10. Gulder | J. Italy |
| 11. Shekel | K. France |
| 12. Drachma | L. Great Britain |

Answers: 1-E, 2-I, 3-K, 4-H, 5-L, 6-A, 7-J, 8-F, 9-G, 10-B, 11-C, 12-D.



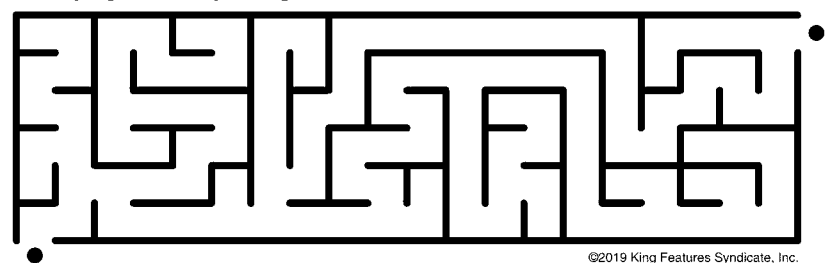
Kids' Maze Solution



Puzzles4Kids Answer

- Answers
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| 1. Freeze, Breeze |
| 2. Ditch, Dutch |
| 3. Peony, Phony |
| 4. Absent, Assent |
| 5. Basin, Basil |
| 6. Rusty, Dusy |
| 7. Outlaw, Outlay |
| 8. Quick, Quirk |
| 9. Coach, Couch |
| 10. Dreary, Dreamy |

Kids' Maze



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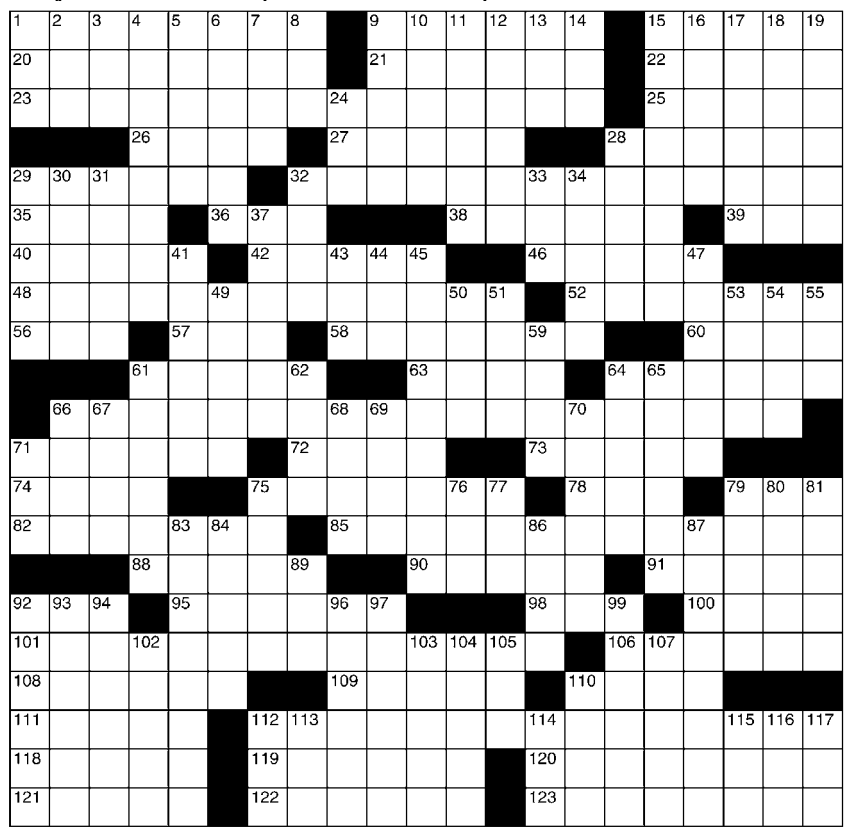
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Super Crossword

DIVIDING EXPERIMENT

- ACROSS**
- 1 Simulates, as an event
 - 9 Employ anew
 - 15 Barely visible
 - 20 Dirigible pilot
 - 21 Cuts into
 - 22 The "O" of TV's OWN
 - 23 Changing from one form of matter to another
 - 25 Unrestrained
 - 26 Hollywood's Harper
 - 27 2006 Supreme Court appointee
 - 28 Ballerina Alicia
 - 29 "Tapestry" singer King
 - 32 Eons ago
 - 35 Son on "Family Ties"
 - 36 —-fi movie
 - 38 Fund held in trust
 - 39 Cow's mouthful
 - 40 Kindled anew
 - 42 Linda of "Dynasty"
 - 46 Bongos, e.g.
 - 48 Of the study of the hair and scalp
 - 52 Mine transports
 - 56 Abbr. at the end of a list
 - 57 Road groove
 - 58 North Carolinian, informally
 - 60 Puts to work
 - 61 "Reward" for awful service
 - 63 French for "eye"
 - 64 Road
 - 66 Annual movie event in Lower Manhattan
 - 71 U.S. pres. George (#41 as opposed to #43)
 - 72 Lounge lazily
 - 73 Agatha Christie's "There Is —"
 - 74 Voting no occurs in six long answers in this puzzle?
 - 75 Loss of recollections
 - 78 Home for mil. planes
 - 79 Machines next to mice
 - 82 Actress Sarah of "American Crime Story"
 - 85 Starter or finish judge at a meet, e.g.
 - 88 "Woo-hoo!"
 - 90 Docking site
 - 91 Spanish wavy mark
 - 92 27-Across' first name, for short
 - 95 Kind of tire
 - 98 Pack animal
 - 100 Cooking fat
 - 101 Having depth as well as length and width
 - 106 Is abrasive
 - 108 Kiddie-lit "pest"
 - 109 Observed secretly
 - 110 Minnesota's state bird
 - 111 On top of
 - 112 Action short of a divorce ... or what
 - 118 More sage
 - 119 Red-brown next to mice
 - 120 Nullified
 - 121 Wound vestiges
 - 122 Sets foot in
 - 123 Exonerated
 - DOWN
 - 1 Traitor
 - 2 Suffix with cannon
 - 3 Piece of the past
 - 4 Not poisonous
 - 5 Actor Elgort
 - 6 Produces
 - 7 Bath locales
 - 8 Holy figures: Abbr.
 - 9 Sphere
 - 10 Bud of Bert
 - 11 Real good-looker
 - 12 Turns of phrase
 - 13 "Stuck" actor Stephen
 - 14 Class for U.S. aliens
 - 15 "Go where I go"
 - 16 "What — excuse for
 - 17 Paradoxical
 - 18 Capital of the Bahamas
 - 19 It's rung out on New Year's Eve
 - 24 Mai —
 - 28 Love, in Nice
 - 29 — blanche
 - 30 Advisory
 - 31 Piece of the past
 - 32 DVR brand
 - 33 Livy's 1,400
 - 34 Flynn of old movies
 - 37 Welsh, e.g.
 - 41 Is pounding
 - 43 Actor's rep.
 - 44 Hollywood's Vardalos
 - 45 Tool for cutting decorative spiral lines
 - 47 Snaky shape
 - 49 Not inner
 - 50 "Excuse me"
 - 51 Ericson of exploration
 - 53 On a cruise
 - 54 Line winder
 - 55 Old JFK jet
 - 59 Zeno of — (philosopher)
 - 61 Ex — (from nothing)
 - 62 Date tree
 - 64 Inflexible
 - 65 Morsel
 - 66 Fish that's a sushi staple
 - 67 Q-V link
 - 68 It might have serifs
 - 69 Robert of "The Sopranos"
 - 70 Groups of employees
 - 71 Protestant denom.
 - 75 Battery end
 - 76 I, in German
 - 77 Alias lead-in
 - 79 Rice-and-broth dish
 - 80 Training unit
 - 81 Lugos, e.g.
 - 83 Group associated with red fezzes
 - 84 McCain's 2008 rival
 - 86 Spoken
 - 87 Salsa herb
 - 89 — and yang
 - 92 Drink inserts
 - 93 Language of the Koran
 - 94 Brunch drink
 - 96 Help
 - 97 Fat-breakdown enzyme
 - 99 Goal getter
 - 102 Delaware's capital
 - 103 Ship of the Middle East
 - 104 Jays' homes
 - 105 Suffix with cannon
 - 107 Stockpile
 - 110 Liquid rock
 - 112 Two plus one, in Turin
 - 113 Trot quickly
 - 114 Mom's mate
 - 115 Ca++ or Cl-
 - 116 Lyrical verse
 - 117 Beatty of "Network"



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

6			1				2	
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★

- ★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
- ★★★ GO FIGURE!

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	x		-			18
10		15				9

1 2 3 4 5 5 6 7 8

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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Dill Pickle Soup

So who sat around and thought, I have extra dill pickles, I think I'll make soup out of them? I did not make this, and probably won't, but I'm hoping some reader will.



I was talking to a friend this weekend who lives in the Tri-Cities, laughing about putting this recipe in this week. She said, much to my surprise, that there is a restaurant in the Tri-Cities that serves it.

I Googled it and found it is common in areas in Canada. Russians have a name for it (Rassolnik) and some dill pickle soups are made with potatoes and carrots. It seems this recipe is a stock soup, of which one can add most anything or keep simple.

A recipe reader asked me about last week's recipe, the chicken with spinach and mushrooms. She said the recipe said to cut the chicken crossways. I guess that would be cutting it in half, which I didn't do. I copy the recipes as they are written. Sometimes they have odd instructions and then there are times I speed read and miss some important directions, like putting the strudel topping on the Blueberry Coffee Cake before it is baked.

The same reader said she made the Asparagus Quiche but used a Sweet Potato Crust. (Bake and mash sweet potatoes, add egg and salt, put into pie pan for a crust, bake at 425 degrees for about 30 minutes until crispy.)

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 Tbsp butter
- ½ c. all- purpose flour
- 7 c. chicken broth
- ½ c. finely chopped dill pickles
- 2 Tbsp dill pickle juice
- 2 Tbsp white sugar
- 1 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tsp minced garlic
- 4 tsp onion salt
- 1 tsp dill weed
- 1 tsp curry powder
- ½ tsp white pepper
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 c. warm milk

DIRECTIONS:

Melt butter in a large stockpot over medium heat. Whisk in flour, and cook until the flour begins to run from white to a pale beige, one or two minutes. Whisk in chicken broth until thickened and smooth. Increase heat to medium high, add dill pickles, pickle juice, sugar, Worcestershire sauce, garlic, onion salt, dill weed, curry powder white pepper and bay leaves. Bring to a simmer, then reduce heat to medium low and simmer for five minutes, whisking frequently. Remove from heat and whisk in milk. Remove bay leaves before serving.

MY NOTES:

A small pet peeve, but they could have shortened the directions and said, add all the ingredients except the warm milk. ☺ There are several different recipes for this soup so if it interests you, you might check them out. And please let us all know if you make it. ☺

ENJOY

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Super Crossword

Answers

A	G	O		D	A	D	S		A	S	A	R	U	L	E		E	R	I	C			
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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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2	5	1	4	6	8	9	3	7
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8	7	6	3	9	5	4	1	2

Go Figure!

answers

5	-	3	x	7	14
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THE LAST PAGE



Photos by Lane Gwinn
Far left: Milady Elizabeth of Akornebir (Lisa Holmes) learning how to make iron nails using a medieval forge. Left: Gallant Salvadore Rodrigo de Granada (Jozy Big Mountain), Honorable Lady Melike bin Mihail (Melissa Painter), Gallant James Elwyck (James Stearns) discuss the rapier tournament.

Newcomer's Encampment

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG (AN TIR)—The Society for Creative Anachronism met once more at Preston Park for their annual Newcomer's Encampment. The setup of pavilions, tents and flags began Friday afternoon.

Festivities kicked off at the Bardic Circle that evening. Bards and minstrels of the SCA performed a variety of music from the Middle Ages, from sprightly Renaissance dancing tunes to beautiful, medieval choral works. No Bardic Circle is complete without poems and storytelling around an open fire.

The Newcomer's Encampment is the perfect time for curious community members to encroach upon and learn about SCA activities. The group held Opening Court Saturday morning that was attended by the baron and baroness.

The SCA is an international non-profit education society that selectively recreates pre-seventeenth-century European life.

The SCA, as in times of the Renaissance, prizes education and offers several classes that teach useful survival skills and enduring fine arts. Torvald William-son was on hand to instruct citizens on starting fires with flint and steel as well as nail making.

Long before mass production textile printing was an option, embroidered fabrics added value to dresses and tapestries. Fiber artist Ciosa Leonara Fioravanti taught a new generation simple stitches that can create big results.

Ulrik Gimwolf de Montazure shared techniques for making chainmail jewelry. Chainmail, historically, may have been worn as armor for protection, but is today an attractive, and custom-made accessory, proving that Medieval skills are still

good ones to have.

In addition to classes, merchant stalls line the marketplace of such events. Magda McCraven's shop featured handmade period clothing and jewelry, feast gear and miscellaneous gift items.

Parties, (groups or individuals) interested in joining the SCA should pay heed to a particular time period and region.

"Anything before the 1600s," says Katherine of Akornebir (Kathy Carpenter) who teaches SCA etiquette. From there, an entire persona is created.

Once established, a member can participate in armored combat, in youth or adult heavy categories, or become an apprentice or page. There are also rapier and archery tournaments.

Winners of these tourneys are heralded for their successes and have the honor of being positively acknowledged by royalty.

One key difference between ancient battles and the SCA's contemporary versions is safety. It wasn't much a priority historically, but the SCA performs armor inspections before each tournament and fighters obey rules created to ensure a safe sparring match.

The SCA's compendium of kingdoms they call the *known world* spans the globe. There are even military-affiliated groups that do their rapier battles on aircraft carriers.

In short, these people know how to have fun. There's absolutely something for everyone and beautiful costumes to boot.

Our region, known as An Tir, encompasses Oregon, Washington, Northern Idaho, and British Columbia.

Already preparations are underway for the Kingdom of An Tir's West War event to be held July 3-7 in Gold Beach, Oregon. Find more information at antir.org.



A break from battle.



Society for Creative Anachronism events are a family affair.



Squire Ronan Mackay fights Squire Nicholas Belmont (Nick Carpenter).

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