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Terry Lawhead

Members of the Palouse Empire Threshing Association were operating their 1920-era draft horse and mule drawn threshing machines, the pre-cursors of modern combines, on Monday. They will be at the Palouse Empire Fairgrounds on SR 26 west of Colfax during the annual fair running from September 9-12. Officially named the Palouse Empire Threshing Bee, young and old observers marvel at the historical equipment put to beautiful and utilitarian use.

Masks required for Columbia County Fair

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON— County Commissioners approved a mandate that requires masks at the Columbia County Fair this weekend at a meeting on Tuesday, September 7. The mandate, signed by Dr. Lewis Neace, Columbia County Health Officer, will provide an added level of protection for exhibitors, guests, and facilitators.

“As our cases continue to go up, we are looking at the fair,” Lanman said. “We need to do something at the fair, to make it clear that we have additional cases in our communities.”

Lanman said that the mandate is out of awareness and caution. Three Columbia County residents are hospitalized, according to Lanman, and hospitalizations have been consistent.

“It’s contagious enough that we have whole families sick,” Lanman said about the COVID-19 virus and its variants. “We have some really, really sick people in our community.”

Commissioner Charles Amerein asked about reporting breakthrough cases in vaccinations, and Lanman said that there are some cases, but not many. She said the state has requested she not share breakthrough cases publicly for privacy reasons.

“If you are sick, stay home,” Lanman said. “If you have a fever, and the fever breaks, do not go to work the next day. If you need to test, do not test on day one—you might not have enough of the virus present to test accurately. By day three or five, if you are still sick, that’s when you need to test. If you have been exposed and start to get sick, assume you are positive and stay home.”

Lanman said that she does not want to discourage testing, however, a person may not have enough of viral load during the first couple of days to test accurately.

As of Tuesday morning, there were 33 active cases in Columbia County, but Lanman noted that the Public Health office’s phone had been ‘ringing off the hook’ since the start of the day with people requesting a COVID-19 test. The holiday will create a slight delay in testing.

Lanman described the overall atmosphere of Public Health as ‘hectic,’ and told Commissioners that they have been inundated with calls regarding COVID-19 testing. Up to five contract tracers, as well as Public Health staff, have been busy scheduling tests, contacting potentially exposed individuals, and checking in on people who have tested positive for the virus and are symptomatic. Lanman explained that for every positive test, four or five exposures could be anticipated.

At this time, Public Health is not contacting non-symptomatic positive people daily because the workload is too great for the current staffing levels. People who have tested positive and are experiencing symptoms are contacted daily.

She explained that the initial call, which includes online paperwork required for positive tests, takes an average of 45 minutes to complete, granted that the online system does not glitch during the call. This reporting is necessary for each positive in order to move forward with contact tracing.

She shared that Columbia County Health System broke its daily testing average last week. Seven to eight tests per day was normal, Lanman said, before it jumped up to more than 25 tests. Last week, CCHS had a record-breaking 46 tests in a single day.

Lanman said that the dedicated COVID-19 tester at CCHS was no longer em-

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New Dayton dental clinic open to those with state-funded insurance

The Columbia Family Dental Clinic is now open to all with state-funded insurance, including Molina, Apple Care, and Community Health Plan of Washington.

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—In November 2015, Norm Passmore’s dental practice closed in Dayton, and treatment options for Medicaid patients became slim. Realizing the importance of preventative dental care to whole-body health, the Columbia County Health System administrators got busy.

The result is the Columbia Family Dental clinic located on the Dayton General Hospital campus at 1012 South Third Street.

Since the grand opening on June 30, Audra Morgan DMD, Michael Strang DDS, Registered Dental Assistant Cherie Dean, and Dental Hygienist Randy Nemeth have provided their patients with quality care.

Dr. Morgan received a degree in Medical Dentistry from Oregon Health and Sciences University.

“The team here is very warm, welcoming, and caring,” she said about the Columbia Family Clinic and her partners at work.

Dr. Strang has practiced dentistry in the local community since 1997. He is also familiar with and has treated patients with state-funded insurance.

Cherie Dean has nearly 20 years working in Dentistry. She worked at the Alder Dental clinic for Norm Passmore just before the business sold. She has been instrumental in setting the Columbia Family Dental Clinic up for business.

This team is not above a bit of humor.

When asked about his background as a Hygienist, Randy Nemeth joked, “I scrape teeth for a living.”

Nemeth said he saw the ad for a Hygienist and thought the job sounded interesting, and so he applied. He lives in Lewiston but is at the ready on the three days the clinic is open.

CCHS CEO Shane McGuire pitched the case for the clinic to the state and the hospital district board of commissioners back in 2019:

Columbia County is a rural community with a population density of 4.7 people per square mile, 15 percent of whom live below the Federal Poverty Level. Adults living below 100 percent of the FPL are three times more likely to have untreated cavities, he said in his report.

Additionally, the American Dental Association reports an increase in costly emergency room visits for dental problems, particularly for the state’s Medicaid population, especially in areas where Community Health Centers or Federally Qualified Health Centers do not exist.

McGuire said dentists in private practice find it challenging to provide care to state-funded beneficiaries because low reimbursement rates don’t cover their costs. He went on to say that rural health clinics can provide dental care and receive reimbursement rates that are not based on costs, volume, or fees for services.

“This is not a profit-oriented service,” McGuire told the hospital district board

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NEWS BRIEFS

AT THE LIBERTY:

Free Guy

THE TIMES

Free Guy is an adventure-comedy. Ryan Reynolds plays a bank teller who discovers he is actually a background player in an open-world video game and decides to become the hero of his own story... one he rewrites himself. Now in a world where there are no limits, he is determined to be the guy who saves his world his way before it is too late.

Rotten Tomatoes critics consider this movie "frivolous fun" and rate this 82% "fresh" or favorable, while the audience reviews rate it 95% favorable.

This movie shows September 10, 11, 12, and 14 on Fri. & Sat. at 7:30 pm, Sunday at 3 pm, and Tuesday at 6:30. It is rated PG-13 for strong fantasy violence throughout, language, and crude/suggestive references. It has a runtime of 115 minutes.

The Liberty Theater is maintaining distancing and mask requirements. Please help us provide a relatively safe environment for all by complying with the mask requirement and maintaining social distancing. We appreciate your assistance and support.

Coming September 24, 25, 26, and 28 – the *Manhattan Short Film Festival* for 2021. The Liberty Theater in Dayton is one of 400 locations across the globe, showing this film festival for 11 days starting in late September. Dayton is the only location in eastern Washington showing this festival for more than one day (once in Spokane), and there are no showings in eastern Oregon. As a viewer, you get to help select the best film and actor from the ten nominated films (from 8 countries) out of the 960 short films submitted from 70 countries. Don't miss this opportunity to help the worldwide audience judge the selected films by viewing all ten short films shown each night at the Liberty Theater. See the Liberty Theater website for more information, and to reserve your seats, because seating is limited due to COVID distancing precautions.



TESTING PROGRAMS RAMP UP AS STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA —Soon, schools across Washington will be teeming with students for the first time in more than a year. Supporting the effort to get students back into schools, and formulating plans to help keep our schools open, has been a priority for the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) for months.

This year, back-to-school occurs amid a COVID-19 surge in all regions of the state. So, the strategy for a healthy return includes layered protections: encouraging vaccines for all eligible students, requiring staff to be vaccinated, near-universal masking, and regular COVID-19 testing at school.

Testing at schools is crucial to tracking and preventing disease spread, so DOH has partnered with the Health Commons Project to provide districts with end-to-end testing support, including a testing strategist to help develop the best strategy and tools.

Districts can choose from a menu of testing options at school via the Learn to Return (LTR) testing program. LTR offers testing options that make the most sense for each school, including screening testing that helps identify cases early to prevent potential outbreaks.

"School-based COVID testing should help give parents peace of mind," said Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, Secretary of Health. "It's part of a layered approach in our schools that will allow us to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Combining testing with broad vaccination, and then adding the four W's of washing hands, wearing masks, watching distance, and using WA Notify is the best possible approach as we restart full-time, in-person learning."

DOH worked primarily with Curative and Everlywell throughout 2020 but has expanded its partnerships to include Abbott, BD, CIC Health, and Atlas to provide screening and diagnostic testing options for the coming school year.

The LTR testing program has expanded over the past several months. It now has about 300 Washington state school districts enrolled, including public, private, independent, and tribal schools. LTR is voluntary and designed to be tailored to local needs; it also can offer staffing support when needed. Questions about enrollment to schools@healthcommonproject.org.

BMCF DISCRETIONARY GRANT APPLICATION OPEN

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA —Blue Mountain Community Foundation (BMCF) is now accepting applications for the 2021 Discretionary Grant Program. Public agencies, 501c3 nonprofit organizations and churches in Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield and Umatilla counties are eligible to apply. Applications must be submitted online by October 1.

Eligible organizations can apply for grants of up to \$35,000 for general operating or to support a specific program or project. Award announcements will be in December. For more information and to apply visit www.bluemountainfoundation.org.

CCRLD MOVING TO CURBSIDE SERVICES AS COVID-19 CASES SURGE

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in our area, the Columbia County Rural Library District (CCRLD) will be switching to curbside-only service effective Thursday, September 2, 2021.

The library and the Delany building will be closed to the public, but staff will still be available during normal business hours. Patrons wishing to check out materials are encouraged to place holds online or call the library directly. Holds placed by noon will be available for pick up the next business day. Please call to make an appointment to pick up your books or other materials.

A table will be placed outside the library for pick-ups every Tuesday and Friday from 11:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m beginning Friday, September 10, 2021. On Fridays, the library will have Take-and-Make crafts for families at the table and on Tuesdays, they will have similar crafts for adults to pick up. To return materials, please use the drop off slots for books, DVDs, Blu-ray discs, and audiobooks. All other items should be returned at the front door during business hours. Need to scan, fax, or make copies? Call the library to schedule an appointment. Laptops will be available for curbside use with a valid ID at checkout.

COLUMBIA COUNTY ANNOUNCES MASK MANDATE FOR FAIR

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The use of facemasks for everyone five years of age and above at large events is reasonable and necessary in Columbia County to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Effective September 10, 2021 through September 12, 2021, all participants and spectators over five years of age must wear a face mask at all times while present at the Columbia County Fair.

People exempt from this directive are people with a medical condition, mental health condition, developmental or cognitive condition, or a disability that prevents wearing a face covering. This includes, but is not limited to, people with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a facemask without assistance.

FOUNDATION TO AWARD \$20,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Providence St. Mary Foundation is making \$20,000 available in scholarships for locally employed Providence caregivers.

"The Foundation's board of directors is thrilled to offer another round of scholarships this year to support Providence St. Mary healthcare workers during this difficult and very busy time. Applications will be considered for courses and degrees that are either relevant to their current role or professional development," in a statement from the Foundation.

Scholarships are made possible by donations through the Foundation's scholarship fund at <https://give.providence.org/wa/stmary/>. The goal of offering the scholarships is to help local caregivers advance while investing in clinical expertise for the community.

Touchet Valley Weather

Sept. 8, 2021

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday Partly Cloudy Areas of Haze High: 90 Low: 62	Thursday Partly Cloudy Areas of Haze High: 87 Low: 57	Friday Mostly Sunny Areas of Haze High: 80 Low: 55	Saturday Partly Cloudy High: 81 Low: 56	Sunday Mostly Sunny High: 79 Low: 53	Monday Mostly Sunny High: 77 Low: 52	Tuesday Sunny High: 78 Low: 51

Weather Trivia

Can a person survive a lightning strike?
ANSWER: Yes. In fact, most lightning victims do survive.

Weather History

Sept. 8, 1988 - Eighteen cities in the south central and eastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Roanoke, Va. with a reading of 42 degrees.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	72	53	84/58	0.00"	0.00"
Wednesday	75	45	84/58	0.00"	0.11"
Thursday	76	49	84/58	0.00"	-0.11"
Friday	84	53	83/57	0.00"	67.5°
Saturday	84	56	83/57	0.00"	70.4°
Sunday	89	62	83/57	0.00"	-2.9°
Monday	86	61	82/57	0.00"	Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
First 9/13	6:23 a.m.	7:17 p.m.	8:09 a.m.	8:28 p.m.
Thursday	6:24 a.m.	7:15 p.m.	9:26 a.m.	8:50 p.m.
Friday	6:25 a.m.	7:13 p.m.	10:44 a.m.	9:15 p.m.
Saturday	6:26 a.m.	7:11 p.m.	12:04 p.m.	9:44 p.m.
Sunday	6:28 a.m.	7:09 p.m.	1:24 p.m.	10:20 p.m.
Monday	6:29 a.m.	7:07 p.m.	2:40 p.m.	11:06 p.m.
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	7:05 p.m.	3:48 p.m.	Next Day
Full 9/20				New 10/6

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Dayton loses two beloved community leaders

Port of Columbia Commissioner Earle Marvin and Ski Bluewood's Kim Clark passed away unexpectedly.

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The community of Dayton recently lost two leaders from their community. Port of Columbia Commissioner Earle Marvin, and Kim Clark, General Manager of Ski Bluewood Resort, passed away unexpectedly over the past two weeks.

The Port of Columbia announced the unexpected passing of Commissioner Earle Marvin on September 1, 2021. Marvin passed away on August 30 at a hospital in Portland after undergoing emergency surgery for a broken leg.

Commissioner Marvin was in his tenth year as the District 2 Port Commissioner and served as the commission's chair. Marvin had just over two years left in his term. He enjoyed his work as a Port Commissioner and provided leadership and commitment to the organization.

A background in Air Force and private sector engineering gave Marvin a solid ability to review and provide input on construction drawings and contracts required in much of the Port's work. Commissioner Marvin always encouraged his fellow commissioners to attend training and conferences sponsored by the Washington Public Ports Association to learn as much as they could about how Ports operate lawfully and efficiently.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Commissioner Marvin's family in this time of grief," stated Port Commissioner Shawn Brown. "We appreciate his long



Earle Marvin

and dedicated service to the Port of Columbia."

The two current Port Commissioners, Sean Milligan and Shawn Brown have 90 days to replace the non-partisan position.



Kim Clark

Ski Bluewood announced on Tuesday, August 31, that Kim Clark, the resort's general manager, passed away suddenly while on the mountain.

In a statement to *The Times*, the Dayton ski resort passed on the sad news that Clark had suffered an apparent heart attack while on the mountain, and significant rescue efforts were unsuccessful.

"Kim passed away doing what he loved, with people he loved, on the mountain he loved," the post said. "We are all heartbroken and in shock. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers during this time, especially for Kim's wife, Tracy, and the rest of his family, friends, and colleagues."

In the more than six years since taking over management, Clark applied his years of ski resort knowledge to improve the local resort by revamping yurts for lift operators, restructuring rentals and ticketing, and taking on a \$4.5 million improvement project. The project includes bringing a snow-making machine to the mountain, installing new and enhanced ski lifts, and a robust generator system.

He will be remembered by those who knew him personally and those who will know him through the many thoughtful things he accomplished.

OBITUARY

Randy Dean Lindquist, longtime Waitsburg resident, passed away suddenly on September 6, 2021 at the Dayton General Hospital. He was 67. A Memorial Service to celebrate his life will be held Sunday, September 12th, at 3:00 pm at Calvary Chapel in Walla Walla. Pastor Tom Rush will officiate.

The family suggests memorial gifts be made to the Young Living Foundation – hope for justice or to the Christian Aid Center in Walla Walla. Hubbard-Rogg Funeral Home of Dayton is caring for the family.

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Help Wanted: BARISTA
Ten Ton Coffee in Waitsburg is looking for a friendly and motivated individual to join our team as a part-time BARISTA. Must be available to work weekdays and mornings. Baristas are responsible for crafting and serving beverages to our guests while providing EXCELLENT customer service. Previous experience in food/customer service a plus. Drop off a resume at the café, 216 Main Street, Waitsburg

Help Wanted: The Columbia County Maintenance Department is hiring a full time, permanent Facilities Maintenance Assistant. This position is for 40 hours a week, wage DOE. Job description, application and salary schedule are available at www.columbiaco.com/jobs.aspx, or in person at the Columbia County Auditor's Office, 341 East Main Street, Dayton, WA 99328. Position will remain open until filled.

Help Wanted The Columbia County Rural Library District is seeking a reliable individual to provide cleaning services to the Library District for an average of two hours, three days per week for routine cleaning. This position also provides an additional four to six hours per month for deep cleaning. This is an independent contractor position and the pay is \$22.50/hour, paid monthly. Must obtain your own liability insurance. Send an email to francisco@daytonml.org with your name and contact information.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR:
PARA EDUCATOR (7 hrs./day). The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for Para Educator position for the 2021-2022 school year. Must hold an AA degree or equivalent.
SUBSTITUTES. Waitsburg School District has immediate openings for substitute teachers, substitute office staff, substitute classroom para-educators, substitute

custodians, substitute school bus drivers and substitute food service assistants. Application materials are available online @ www.waitsburgsd.org or by calling the District Office at (509) 337-6301. Please direct questions and inquiries to Mark Pickel, Superintendent. E-mail mpickel@waitsburgsd.org. Positions are open until filled. Waitsburg School District is an E.O.E.

PIANO INSTRUCTION:
Now accepting intermediate to advanced level students for instruction in piano performance, repertoire, and technique. Direct phone inquiries to (206)604-8301 or email Jonathan at mariacallas17@gmail.com



Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

Waitsburg City Council
Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

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

Stonecroft Christian Women's Group Luncheon
Wednesday, September 15, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Waitsburg Town Hall, 142 Main Street. \$15
Reservations and Cancellations by September 10th. 509-399-2005

Waitsburg Gun Club
Monday May 24 – General Membership / Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Walla Walla County Commissioners
Every Monday and Tuesday of the month at

10 a.m.
Call-in information is available at https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020_agendas.php

Friends of the Weller Public Library
Sept. 8, 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main St., Waitsburg

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

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

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

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

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

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting - Online
Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon
Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5598153650>

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

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH

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

Thursday, September 9

TBA

Tuesday, September 14

TBA

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

Tuesday, September 14

Chicken fettuccine Alfredo
Vegetable
Green salad
Roll
Fruit

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thurs., September 9

B: Breakfast pizza
L: Pizza
Baby carrots
Pineapple
Oranges
Cookie

Fri., September 10

B: Yogurt parfait
L: Uncrustables
Chips
Cucumbers
Apple slices

Mon., September 13

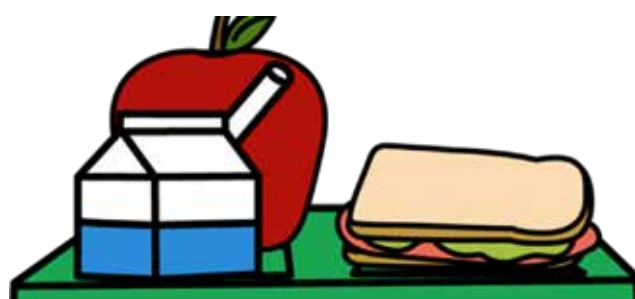
B: Omelet & sausage
L: Pulled pork sandwich
French fries
Snap peas
Oranges

Tues., September 14

B: Biscuit & gravy
L: Chicken drumstick
Pasta salad
Cucumbers
Mixed fruit

Weds., September 15

B: Breakfast round & yogurt
L: Lasagna
Garlic
Brussels sprouts
Peaches



Church Directory

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

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

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NEWS & COMMENTARY

LETTERS

VACCINATIONS HELP KEEP HOSPITAL BEDS, SCHOOLS AVAILABLE

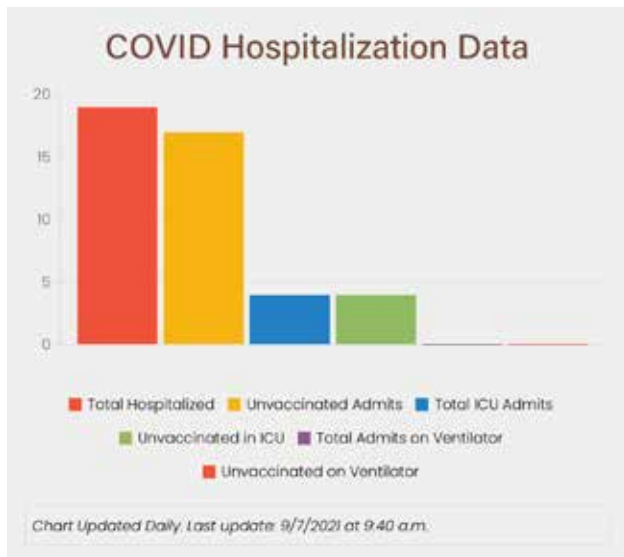
To the Editor:

Dr. James Worthy, a Texas physician addressing a shortage of hospital beds due to non-vaccinated covid variant patients, said that he dislikes the term "elective surgery" because it sounds like "a mere tummy tuck" issue rather than serious procedures that need to happen, even if they're not considered life-threatening.

Some people with pancreatic and cardio procedures have in fact died when a simple operation would likely have saved them. The unending selfishness of those who could safely get the shots, but who think that "freedom" equals irresponsibility, has created havoc in several school districts as well as medical institutions.

We have better things to spend our money, life, and resources on than fear-based notions. Our children and grandchildren depend on us to make sensible decisions, so that their survival is made more likely.

Michael Kiefel
Washington



BIRTHDAYS

September 9: Cadman Donovan, Trevor Johnson, Terry Ferguson, Melissa Christensen, Bob Rea, Amie Green, Brandon Miller, Lowden James Henze and Pierce Bradley Henze.

September 10: Bill Stonecipher, Lorna Zajac, Lana Salloum, Vanna Webber, Tom Duckworth, Rebecca Brown, Mandy McGee.

September 11: Kathleen Johnson, Roger Becker, Justin Bergevin, Jason Crawford, Bonnie Olson.

September 12: Jim Pearson, Glenn Hayes, Marshal McKinley, Mitch Gagnon, Chelsi Hermanns.

September 13: Dave McKenzie, Sr., Jeffrey Hofer, Joey Garcia, Nadine Scoggins, Helen Rich, Claudia Hevel-Doty, Jeffrey Liebermann, Nancy Bickelhaupt, Christine Jenks, Brook Rasmussen.

September 14: Jerry Harshman, Stan Pierson, Dan Jones, Doug Brown, Scott Ford, Mathew Kennedy, Bob Olson.

September 15: Brooke Hoon, Bessie Tate, Sharon Merrow, Lynn Piersol, Gini Clarno Walters, George Gagnon.



VACCINATIONS SHOULD BE PERSONAL CHOICE

Dear Editor,

On Wednesday, August 18, 2021 the Governor of Washington decided to make a decision for most workers residing in the state of Washington: mandating COVID vaccinations.

Vaccinations are an extremely personal choice, and they SHOULD be. It is a choice that should be up to the individual receiving the vaccine, and only the receiver. Some people may not have adverse side effects to a vaccine, but there is a large majority of individuals' who have had heartbreaking reactions from the vaccine that affect either themselves or a loved one, and it is an extremely real thing that should not be ignored or labeled false.

Many people's jobs are on the line due to this mandate set forth by our Governor, and I ask why? Why are we being forced into getting a vaccination that does not guarantee protection from the very thing you are getting vaccinated for? There is no guarantee you will not get the virus, there is no guarantee you will not pass the virus on, there is no guarantee you will not die from the virus after getting the vaccine.

I strongly encourage people to look at the raw data available (very easily) on the long list of extremely adverse reactions to this vaccine, and they ARE happening. All of these reactions are available for anyone to view on the VAERS website – note the over 6,000 deaths reported (please keep in mind these are only the reported ones, as most symptoms and deaths go unreported). The companies who have produced these vaccinations are NOT held liable or accountable for any reactions to the vaccine (including death).

The COVID-19 consent form is a very easy document to find online – notice how it says, "I have voluntarily chosen to receive the vaccination." How can anyone who is being mandated to receive the vaccine – but disagrees – sign that document? They are not voluntarily receiving the vaccine, they are receiving the vaccine because they want to keep their job, support their family, and eat. Coercion? Yes.

The time to stand up is now – YOU are the only one who gets to decide their medical choices. It's not easy standing up for what you believe in when everything seems to be crumbling around you, but never give up, never lose hope, and always have faith everything will work out in the end.

Savannah Henderson
Dayton, Wash.

WWCSO

August 29

A vehicle window was broken out by an individual who was then cited for malicious mischief in the third degree. Kohler Road, Burbank

August 30

Reporting party advised that sometime during the night of August 27-28, an unknown subject punctured tires on his personal vehicle and his company vehicle while parked on Farmland Road. Farmland Road, Walla Walla County

September 1

Made contact with the reporter on Farmland Road who advised that some time over the last couple of days that a rear license plate was taken from his vehicle. Farmland Road, Walla Walla County

Theft of construction equipment reported over the weekend. Old Highway 12, Walla Walla County

September 2

Recovered stolen vehicle. Bolles Road, Waitsburg

September 3

Male arrested for assaulting his former step daughter who had been staying at his residence for the last few days. Second Street, Waitsburg

Cell phone stolen from work. Dodd Road, Burbank

IN SUPPORT OF ZOLLER FOR DAYTON CITY COUNCIL, POSITION #5

To the Editor,

I am writing to express my support for Vicki Zoller as a write-in candidate for Dayton City Council Position #5. I've gotten to know Vicki pretty well, working with her on various projects and committees over the last few years. I've had ample opportunity to admire her leadership and character, and there are three things that I think make her a great choice for the Dayton City Council.

One is that she doesn't come into a project or decision with an agenda or preconception of what the final solution will be. She is open-minded and interested in what people from all sides have to say. She's intellectually rigorous and demands the same rigor from others on her team. She asks thoughtful and insightful questions, and does her best to consider the interests of everyone, always with eye toward how to best achieve the project's goal.

The second is that she's one of the hardest-working and most energetic people I've ever worked with. I've often marveled at how she's able to accomplish so many things in the same 24 hours everyone else has.

Lastly, she has a heart for service. She loves this community and the people in it. She understands that serving the whole community means listening to people she disagrees with, without letting our disagreements become barriers. She believes that our best work comes from listening to diverse perspectives. She values relationships over politics, the things that bring us together and move us forward, while understanding that we aren't all going to agree.

There are few people I admire and trust more than Vicki Zoller. She works hard everyday to serve her community. She would bring that same ethic of open-mindedness, hard work, and heart to serve all of us on the Dayton City Council, position #5.

Amy Rosenberg
Dayton, Wash.

CCSO

August 30

Suspicious activity. 2nd Street

Violation of court order. 5th Street

August 31

Theft, motor vehicle. Robinette Mountain

Welfare Check. Pataha Road

Malicious mischief at Dayton Elementary School. 2nd Street

September 1

Threats. Commercial Street

Theft. Rose Gulch

Burn complaint at Pioneer Park Dayton.

September 2

Disturbance. Clay Street

Missing person reported. 2nd Street

Attempt to locate. Dayton Ave.

September 3

Suspicious activity reported at Dayton Elementary. 2nd Street

Accident, non injury. Cottonwood Street

Domestic problem. 5th Street

September 4

Civil problem. Main Street

Found property. Wagon Road

Animal call. Hatley Gulch

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State lands honor Public Lands Day with a Discover Pass free day

Parking will be free on state recreation lands Saturday, Sept. 25.

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—In recognition of National and Washington Public Lands Day, Washington State Parks, Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will offer free entrance to state lands on Saturday, Sept. 25. On this day, visitors to Washington state lands will not need a Discover Pass to park. Discover Pass free days apply to all visitor parking on DNR and WDFW lands and in day-use areas at Washington state parks.

In 1994, National Public Lands Day was established as the fourth Saturday in September. The National Environmental Education Foundation coordinates the special day every year. In 2019, the Washington state Legislature passed a bill proclaiming the fourth Saturday in September as Washington Public Lands Day.

Visitors can help celebrate public lands by:

- Being prepared and having a Plan B if their destination of choice is crowded or closed,
- Packing out what they pack in and bringing their own health and hygiene supplies.
- Respecting the land, people and communities where they are recreating.
- Volunteering and being good stewards of public lands.
- Creating a welcoming environment for all who share our outdoor public spaces.
- Respecting all burn bans in place to reduce wildfire risk.
- The remaining 2021 State lands free days are:
 - Thursday, Nov. 11 — Veterans Day
 - Friday, Nov. 26 — Autumn Day

About the Discover Pass

State lands free days align with 2011 legislation that created the Discover Pass, which costs \$30 to \$35 annually, or \$10 to \$11.50 for a one-day visit, depending on point of purchase. The pass is required for vehicle access to state recreation lands managed by Washington State Parks, WDFW and DNR. The Discover Pass legislation directed State Parks to designate up to 12 free days when the pass would not be required to visit state parks.

The Discover Pass provides daytime access to state parks and day and overnight access to DNR and WDFW lands. Overnight visitors in state parks are charged fees for camping and other overnight accommodations and day access is included in the overnight fee.

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ployed with the system, which placed an even greater strain as hospital officials and caregivers struggled to balance daily caregiving and testing needs.

“When you hear of the shortage that is going on, trust me, it is in our community and it is affecting all of us,” Lanman said.

She did report that classified ads placed in local newspapers have been successful, and presented the commissioners with hire contracts for an additional contact tracer. She said that the department is continuing to search for more tracers, and she was hopeful that she could find a medical professional, such as a retired registered nurse, that would be willing to help out at vaccination clinics.

Commissioners approved a lease agreement for the former Public Health building, 270 E Main Street, for a vaccination clinic location. Lanman said that the new office, 112 N 2nd Street, is too small to safely and efficiently hold clinics. The lease included a \$50 half-day charge, a \$100 full-day charge, and paying power and utilities. The lease included a 30-day termination.

Dayton middle, high school extends remote learning

Dayton elementary students will remain in-person

THE TIMES

DAYTON—After closing the school's doors to in-person learning on September 1, Dayton middle and high school's remote learning has been extended through September 9. The district hopes to return to in-person learning on September 13.

Elementary students will remain in in-person instruction.

The announcement, made on the district's website www.daytonsd.org, was made following a continued rise in COVID-19 cases in Columbia County. As of September 7, there were 33 active cases in the county.

Public Health Administrator Martha Lanman told county commissioners that the public health's office was 'hectic' and that their phones were 'ringing off the hook' with testing requests. From August 24-26, there were 51 new cases reported.

On September 3, Columbia County Health System CEO Shane McGuire took to Facebook to share that, since August 15, the health system has performed 357 COVID-29 tests. Of the more than 350 tests, 98 were positive. The health system experienced a 27% positivity rate, jumping up from the 6% positivity rate that the county experienced prior to the Delta variant.

“Thank you to parents for keeping students at home who are showing symptoms of illness. It will help keep our elementary students in school,” said Dayton School District Superintendent Guy Strot.

Dixie Schools District goes to remote learning

THE TIMES

Dixie School District, which has a population of less than 20 elementary students, also made the switch to remote learning on Sunday, September 5, after one staff member tested positive. The announcement was made on the district's Facebook page over the weekend. The district plans to reopen on September 15.

Valley Giving Guide non-profit registration open for 2021 edition

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Valley Giving Guide, formerly the Charitable Giving Guide, is currently accepting registrations for the 2021 event. This month-long online giving event is open to all 501c3 non-profit organizations in Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, and Umatilla counties. The deadline to register is October 1, 2021.

Launching on November 30, the Valley Giving Guide will offer a one-stop shop for donors to select their favorite non-profits and make only one payment through a secure and trusted website. A bonus pool will add a match to all donations made during the event, increasing the amount of each gift the non-profits receive.

A print edition of the 2021 Valley Giving Guide will be delivered in local newspapers throughout the Walla Walla Valley the weekend of Thanksgiving. The event will run through the entire month of December.

“The Valley Giving Guide is a win-win-win,” according to Kol Medina, Blue Mountain Community Foundation CEO. “Donors have an easy way to donate and have bonus bucks added to their donation; non-profits get to work together to raise more money for themselves, and the community benefits from the work of our dedicated non-profits.”

There is no charge for participation in the Valley Giving Guide thanks to generous sponsors Cape Flattery Foundation, Wildhorse Foundation, Coffey Communications, Columbia REA, Patricia Benton, and the Walla Walla Union-Bulletin. There will also be a bonus pool available to provide prizes and matching funds to participating non-profits.

Eligible 501c3 non-profits can register online at www.valleygivingguide.org. Questions can be directed to Greer Buchanan, Grants Manager, at greer@blue-mountainfoundation.org or 509-529-4371.

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of commissioners in Jan. 2020. “Reimbursement is meant to cover the costs of delivering care and will require an annual cost report process similar to what we do in the clinics, now, as well as at Booker Rest Home and the hospital, as Critical Access Hospital.”

The overarching goal for adding this new treatment modality to the menu at CCHS is to move dental care into the already integrated clinic model, where behavioral health specialists work alongside primary care physicians to treat their patients.

Construction on the \$428,868.50, 1200 sq. ft. clinic began in January 2021. Most of the funding was secured from the Washington State Legislature with the help of state Rep. Skyler Rude. Additional funds came from a grant through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) which is affiliated with the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. That grant had stipulations on use but covered some of the start-up and labor costs and some of the cost of the dental equipment. The remainder came from hospital operations.

Residents of Dayton, Waitsburg, and Garfield and Walla Walla counties with state-funded insurance are welcome at the clinic by scheduling an appointment by phone at (509) 382-3200.

Hours of operation are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Michele Smith

Dental Hygienist Randy Nemeth (rear) looks on as Dr. Audra Morgan (left) and Dental Assistant Cherie Dean prepare their “patient,” Ashley Trevino, for an exam.



Prescott School District

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Walla Walla County Auditor's Office (509) 524-5249
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Velocity Tour coming to Kennewick September 10

THE TIMES

KENNEWICK—For the first time in league history, PBR's (Professional Bull Riders) Pendleton Whisky Velocity Tour will buck into Kennewick, Washington, with the Toyota Center slated to welcome fans Sept. 10-11 for the PBR Tri-Cities Classic.

For two nights only, some of the best bull riders in the world will attempt the sport's rankest bovine athletes in one of the most exciting live sporting events to witness. For more information on the event, visit <https://tinyurl.com/rww4kx-pw>.

The Kennewick tour stop will tentatively mark the 19th Velocity Tour event of the year. So far in 2021, the 2021 PBR Pendleton Whisky Velocity Tour Championship race is off to a fierce start, with the Top 5 riders in the series standings separated by a mere 36 points.

Michael Lane currently holds the No. 1 rank, winning two Velocity Tour events and registering five additional Top-10 efforts. The 31-year-old veteran leads No. 2, Conner Halverson, by 22 points, No. 3 Adriano Salgado by 33.5 points, No. 4 Austin Richardson by 34.5 points, and No. 5 Manoelito de Souza Junior by 36 points.

In addition to the competitors above, it is anticipated that the Kennewick event will include Washington's own Cody Casper. While Casper's 2021 season was briefly derailed by injury, he began recapturing his winning ways last weekend in Fresno, California, where he finished 6th.



Wheelin' Walla Walla celebrates 25th anniversary

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Wheelin' Walla Walla returns for its 25th Anniversary on September 10 and 11 of this year. The annual car show brings over 500 vehicles to the streets of Downtown Walla Walla. The event begins on Friday, September 10th at 6 p.m. with the Classic Cruise. In celebration of the 25th anniversary, the cruise will end with a parade cruise down Main Street. Event attendees are invited to stop by host restaurant Big House Brew Pub after the cruise and enjoy their Dual Carb Kolsch, specially crafted for the event.

The Show and Shine will be on Saturday, September 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The award ceremony at 3 p.m. will be at 1st Avenue Plaza and will include a memorial honoring the 20th anniversary of 9/11. All events will take place outdoors. The use of masks and social distancing is encouraged.

For more details and to register your vehicle, please visit downtownwallawalla.com/wheelin-walla-walla or call Cindy Frost at 509-529-8755. Registration and check-in will also be available on Friday, September 10 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Walla Walla County Fairgrounds.



Courtesy photo

Green Ridge Fire over 41,000 acres

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Green Ridge Fire, burning just thirty miles east of Walla Walla in the Blue Mountains, tipped over 41,000 acres of burned land during the weekend. Firefighting efforts have secured 40% containment as of Tuesday, September 7.

On Monday, firefighters continued to knock down flare-ups that have popped up with assistance from helicopter water drops. Firefighters continue to patrol established fire lines and conduct mop-up operations, and will continue to monitor hotspots as the fire enters its third month of activity.

On Tuesday, firefighters continued to extinguish flare ups, using air support and helicopter buckets. The fire area is being closely monitored for hot spots, or areas of fire activity. Fire line patrols and ongoing mop-up operations are being implemented, as well.

Air quality index on Tuesday was 37 (good), according to Washington Smoke Information. The AQI is expected to move to moderate conditions. Further information regarding air quality may be found by visiting <https://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>.

Fire officials would like to remind area residents to stay clear of firefighting operations and drive safely! The public should watch out for fire crews and equipment while traveling on forest roads. Some roads remain closed with barriers. Barriers are in place to protect firefighters and the public, so please respect the closed areas.

Stay clear of fire-blackened areas for the many unseen hazards that exist, including live green, fire-weakened, trees which may fall without warning, and scalding hot stump holes.

Forest visitors should maintain situational awareness of your surroundings when traveling and hiking in fire-damaged forests.

Know before you go! Before going hunting, hiking or camping, be sure to check the forest, grassland or ranger district for fire restrictions or area closures. For a checklist of fire-safe actions when enjoying the outdoors, visit the USDA Forest Service by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/4smd5k2h>.

Level-1 evacuations (be ready, stay aware) remain in place in Garfield, Columbia and Asotin counties. For more information on evacuations, please visit your local county government webpages for full information.

The Green Ridge Fire is currently being operated by the Southern Area Incident Management Gray Team.

Information Office: (509) 542-7964
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 PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT, a nonprofit corporation
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 PENTACOSTAL CALVARY TABERNACLE OF WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, a dissolved nonprofit corporation, and its SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS unknown persons
 Defendants.
 THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO PENTACOSTAL CALVARY TABERNACLE OF WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, and the SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF PENTACOSTAL CALVARY TABERNACLE

OF WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON:
 You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this Summons, to wit, within sixty (60) days after the 5th day of August, 2021, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court and answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for the Plaintiff, at their office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demands of the Complaint in this action, which has been filed with the Clerk of said court. The object of this action is to quiet title for real property.
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 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: THELMA M. SACKLIN, Deceased.
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Horsin' around before the Columbia County Fair

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

In just a few days, cows, curly fries, and farm critters will take over the Columbia County Fairgrounds for a "Blue Ribbon A-Fair."

For the young horsewomen from Rocking D Riders 4-H club, the fair began early after the Columbia County Fair Horse Show was moved to an earlier weekend to solve time and space constraints. Having the show held on a weekend before the fair allowed fans and riders to distance themselves during the COVID-19 pandemic safely.

Under the guidance of 4-H leader Shelli Bryant, members Ashlyn Brooks, Dia Adkins, Dori Adkins, and Hope Adkins breezed their way through western gaming, showmanship and halter classes, and various riding classes.

The youngest in the group, Dori, is in the Cloverbud program for kids in Kindergarten through Grade 2, who aren't quite old enough to have their own projects according to 4-H rules. Showing Maria, a palomino mare, Dori competed in leadline classes and showmanship. She explained that leadline classes mean that the horse is led by an older 4-H'er or adult (her big sister Hope helped) for rider safety. Dori took home a Grand Champion ribbon that was nearly as big as she is!

"You can't get Dori off of a horse once she gets on!" Dori's mom, Alicia, said.

Ashlyn Brooks showed her horse, Koda, for her very first show. It was an excellent day for Ashlyn, who took home reserve grand champion in showmanship in the Junior division. She had a lot of fun with gaming and trail courses, as well.

"When we did the flag race, my horse was terrified of the flags," Ashlyn said. "But I made him do the race."

For Hope Adkins, the 2021 horse show was full of triumphs. Last year, she took a tumble from her horse during the gaming events. She came back with the tenacity of a true horsewoman this year, gaining speed with each new event. Her mom, Alicia, added that Hope rode her new horse for less than 10 minutes before taking on barrel racing, pole bending, and other gaming events.

"I was just proud of her for getting out there and just, well, doing it," Alicia shared.

Hope said that the first obstacle in the trail course included moving a grain bucket from one barrel to the next. In between giggles, she said her horse had to make sure there weren't any treats in the bucket before allowing Hope to pick it up and continue through the course.

Dia Adkins said she decided to start showing horses earlier this year after seeing how much fun her sister, Hope, has riding. She showed her horse, Autumn, and said that she loved her showmanship classes.

"I was proud of Autumn in showmanship," Dia said. "We won grand champion!"

Preparing for a horse show starts months in advance. The girls shared that they regularly attended riding lessons with 4-H leader Bryant, practicing haunch turns for showmanship, picking up the correct lead while loping their horses, and overall saddle posture. General horse education, including knowing equine anatomy and basic care-taking practices, are essential parts of 4-H horse projects, and the members of the Rocking D Riders are up to speed. Members will have their knowledge on display this weekend, so be sure to stop by the barns and learn something new.

Rocking D Riders began in 1974 when Bryant's mother asked Dr. Kennie Reeves to start a 4-H club. Between 1974 and 1990, club leaders included Darla Smith and Barbra Phinney. Reeves resumed leadership in 1990 with assistant leader Darby Yates. The 4-H club had been inactive for a couple of years before Shelli took over, assisted by volunteer Dawn Rodriguez. She said that all the parents had been wonderful additions to the 4-H club.



Courtesy photos

TOP: Dori Adkins, with the help of big sister Hope, won a blue ribbon in leadline classes, riding Maria.



LEFT: Ashlyn Brooks with just a couple of the awards that she won during the 2021 Columbia County Fair Horse Show, which took place two weekends before the fair.

The club would like to extend a special thank you to Carolyn Laib, the Columbia County Fair Horse Superintendent, and Bonnie Laib and Cathy Flemming for volunteering their time to help put the show on, as well as Columbia County 4-H Program Coordinator, Donna Hanger.

Though the horse show took place already, the girls have plenty of fun activities planned, including groom squad and judging at the Columbia County Fair. The 4-H horses will be stalled at the Columbia County Fair, just west of the cattle barns, so stop by and say "hi" this September 10-12.

AT THE WALLA WALLA FAIR & FRONTIER DAYS



Makaelyn and Makayla Mikesell tending their market hogs.



Monte Richie, of Dayton, received a blue ribbon in the heavyweight market class.



Levi Boudrieau with his award winning hog.



Megan Forney, Waitsburg FFA, won Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat.



Waitsburg was well represented by the city's FFA and 4-H club members.

Breaking down the Wildcard Race

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

With about four weeks left in the regular season, the Mariners are still within reach of a playoff spot. Although the Mariners front office claimed that this team could compete for a wild card spot at the beginning of the season, few fans likely believed them. Now the Mariners are one of five teams in the American League playing for two wildcard spots. The teams in contention are the New York Yankees (78-59), Boston Red Sox (79-61), Seattle Mariners (75-63), Toronto Blue Jays (74-62), and Oakland A's (74-63).

The Yankees currently hold a half-game lead for the first wildcard spot. After winning thirteen straight games, they were closing in on the American League East leader Tampa Bay. Since then, they have lost seven of the last nine games. Their top relief pitcher Jonathan Loaisiga has been placed on the ten-day IL, and the offense looks lost. Fifteen of their last twenty-five games will be against teams in their division. The Yankees are currently 28-33 against their division.

Boston holds the second wildcard spot and has a challenging schedule for its last twenty-two games. They recently lost several key players, including their closer Matt Barnes to the COVID-19 list. He will be out no fewer than ten days when they are scheduled to play Tampa Bay and Chicago, both division leaders.

Toronto's twenty-six games are a series of home and away games against the same four teams New York, Baltimore, Tampa Bay, and Minnesota. Toronto is a strong young team that is getting healthy at the right time. In a world without Shohei Ohtani, Vladimir Guerrero Jr. would be running away with the American League MVP. Guerrero is tied for first in hitting with .321, third in home runs at 40, and fourth in RBIs with 98. With a strong finish, he still has a shot



at winning the triple crown. Throw in Marcus Semien, who is having a career year, and Telstar Hernandez with twenty-five home runs and ninety-three RBI's makes this team dangerous down the stretch.

Going back to August 13, Oakland has been in free fall. They've lost fifteen of their last twenty-two games. Oakland's remaining twenty-five games don't look to get any easier. They will play nine games against Houston and Chicago. They have seven games against Seattle, which they've already lost eight

games to in twelve meetings. Also, Oakland's ace Chris Bassitt was injured on August 17 when he was hit in the head by a line drive traveling 100 mph. He was treated for a fracture in his right cheek and is unlikely to return this season.

That leaves the Mariners, who have games left with Houston, Arizona, Boston, Kansas City, Oakland, and Los Angeles. The Mariners are 36-25 in the division, and the three games against the Red Sox on September 13, 14, and 15 will likely determine if they make it to the playoffs.

The only notable free agent signed by the Mariners in the last offseason was James Paxton. He only played in less than two innings before the Mariners lost him for the season with an injury. Ty France, Abraham Toro, and Jake Bauers have all been hitting well since August. Recent pitching acquisition Tyler Anderson has won four of his last five starts. Only three games behind Boston with twenty-four games left to play, a strong finish could get them into the playoffs for the first time since 2001.

MLB AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

Wins			Batting Average		
G. Cole	NY Yankees	14	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	.321
C. Bassitt	OAK	12	Y. Gurrriel	HOU	.316
H. Ryu	TOR	12	M. Brantley	HOU	.313
Z. Greinke	HOU	11	C. Mullins	BAL	.307
D. Cease	CHW	11	T. Anderson	CHW	.302

ERA			Home Runs		
R. Ray	TOR	2.60	S. Ohtani	LAA	43
G. Cole	NY Yankees	2.73	S. Perez	KC	41
C. Bassitt	OAK	3.22	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	40
C. Mize	DET	3.51	M. Semien	TOR	37
J. Berrios	MIN/TOR	3.55	K. Seager	SEA	33

Strike Outs			Runs Batted In		
G. Cole	NY Yankees	215	S. Perez	KC	103
R. Ray	TOR	212	J. Abreu	CHW	101
D. Cease	CHW	197	R. Devers	BOS	101
L. Giolito	CHW	180	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	98
F. Montas	OAK	174	A. Meadows	TB	97

Saves			Stolen Bases		
L. Hendriks	CHW	32	W. Merrifield	KC	38
R. Iglesias	LAA	30	C. Mullins	BAL	26
A. Chapman	NY Yankees	25	M. Straw	HOU/CLE	24
M. Barnes	BOS	24	S. Ohtani	LAA	23
R. Pressly	HOU	23	B. Bichette	TOR	21

MARINERS HITTING

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

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	BA	OBP	OPS	WAR
M. Haniger	521	95	132	30	76	47	.253	.321	.793	+2.0
J.P. Crawford	518	74	138	6	40	48	.266	.332	.689	+2.9
K. Seager	515	66	109	33	93	52	.212	.286	.736	+2.0
T. France	483	71	141	16	60	36	.292	.364	.814	+3.9
D. Moore	291	32	50	11	39	35	.172	.269	.595	+0.5
L. Torrens	274	30	61	14	39	26	.223	.290	.721	+0.8
J. Kelenic	253	24	40	8	26	25	.158	.238	.519	-2.0
T. Murphy	230	30	47	9	28	32	.204	.301	.657	+0.8
J. Fraley	178	23	38	9	30	40	.213	.359	.747	+1.6

STANDINGS

AL West	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	80	57	.584	-
Seattle	75	63	.543	5.5
Oakland	74	63	.540	6.0
Los Angeles	68	70	.493	12.5
Texas	49	88	.358	31.0

AL East	W	L	PCT	GB
Tampa Bay	87	51	.630	-
New York	78	59	.569	8.5
Boston	79	61	.564	9.0
Toronto	74	62	.544	12.0
Baltimore	43	93	.316	43.0

AL Central	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	79	58	.577	-
Cleveland	68	67	.504	10.0
Detroit	65	74	.468	15.0
Kansas City	62	75	.453	17.0
Minnesota	60	77	.438	19.0



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One year recognition ceremony for Malden recovery efforts



Photos by Terry Lawhead

THE TIMES

MALDEN—Residents, family, friends and supporters of the town of Malden in Whitman County held a day of Remembrance and Celebration on Monday honoring a year of recovery efforts to rebuild their community. Pictured here are local youth and adults retiring the flag that survived the devastating 2020 Babb Road Fire, including members of the volunteer Pathfinders from the Upper Columbia Academy who gave hundreds of hours of work helping residents.

Numerous other volunteers, donors and agencies have contributed to the recovery effort in Malden and neighboring Pine City including approval of FEMA funding by President Biden. Visit <https://www.pinecreekcommunityrestoration.org/our-mission-info/> for more information.

As Usual, Mother Nature Wins

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

When I walk through town, I see flags of all sorts waving in the wind; they celebrate with “Small Town, Big Heart,” support the Cougars, Seahawks, and of course, Old Glory. Recently, I noticed a flag holder on our front porch post and deliberated joining the flag fliers. Deciding what flag to fly became a small project. Should I fly the California flag, maybe the Italian or European Union flag for Daniel, or a Go Dodgers or Lakers banner. How about designing a Weinhard Café flag so we can advertise too?



After working (bemoaning) in our garden this morning, it occurred to me that the most appropriate flag I could fly this year is the white flag of surrender. I am not usually a defeatist, but this spring, I have been brought to my soiled and dirty knees by Mother Nature. After the death of my zucchini to squash bugs, the brussels sprouts to aphids, tomato plants with only a few green tomatoes, and my mint lost to something I know not what, it's time to forget this year's crop.

People have tried to console me with: “It's been an unusual year, the early summer heatwave, no water, too much sun, not enough sun, etc.”

I am now resigned that the unusual is now usual, and I may just have a very confused garden. I unexpectedly have lavender and deep purple Petunias growing in my front yard. I have never planted a petunia anywhere. I decided not to plant Morning Glories this year, but they planted themselves, are taking over my side



garden, and have entangled themselves through the large Irises in the front yard.

Somehow, garlic chives have sprung up amongst the Day Lilies in the front of the house and my small Irises are still blooming! Don't they know they are spring flowers, and it's getting close to Halloween?

I did manage to grow three, yes three whole bell peppers and a bumper crop of Shishito peppers. Although this year's cucumber crops were pitiful compared to last year's bounty, we did have enough to serve in salads at the café. After I bugged Daniel to check the cucumber plant

in the back garden, he found three eight-pound cucumbers. Pickles for the year!

Yesterday, Daniel was physically and mentally exhausted and needed a day to do nothing, except watch mindless television and put together some Lego projects his sister sent from Italy. I need to move, so I played tennis went to run some errands and taste some wine in Walla Walla, (for the café of course), and finished the day with some good whiskey, and conversation on a friend's patio. When I finally walked through the front door, Daniel was asleep on the couch and there was a bouquet of Lego flowers on our front table to greet me.

Thankfully, after his “day off” he was refreshed this morning. He cooked us shakshuka for breakfast, with tomato sauce I made from our meager tomato crop, our shishito peppers, cucumbers, basil and parsley. Unfortunately (or fortunately), we don't have chickens, so we had to use store bought eggs. Sitting on the deck, while enjoying our garden-based breakfast, I didn't feel defeated, but happily satiated. I was especially grateful that as meager and frustrating as our garden was this summer, I didn't have to eat Lego vegetables for breakfast.

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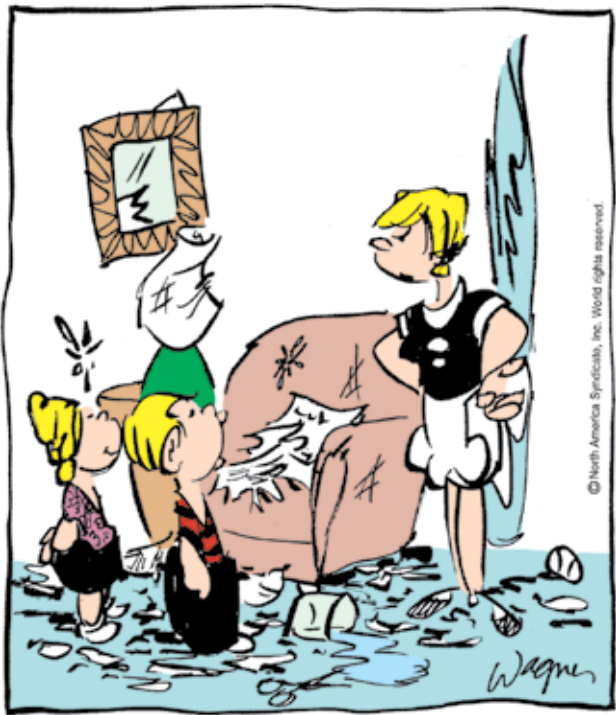


Several of *The Times* readers have sent in photos of their thriving tomato plant harvests to either gloat or to support Vicki after her less than stellar fruit yield this year.



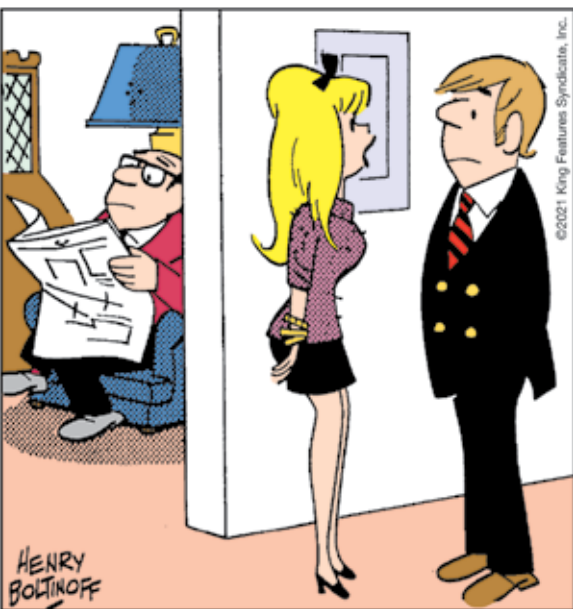
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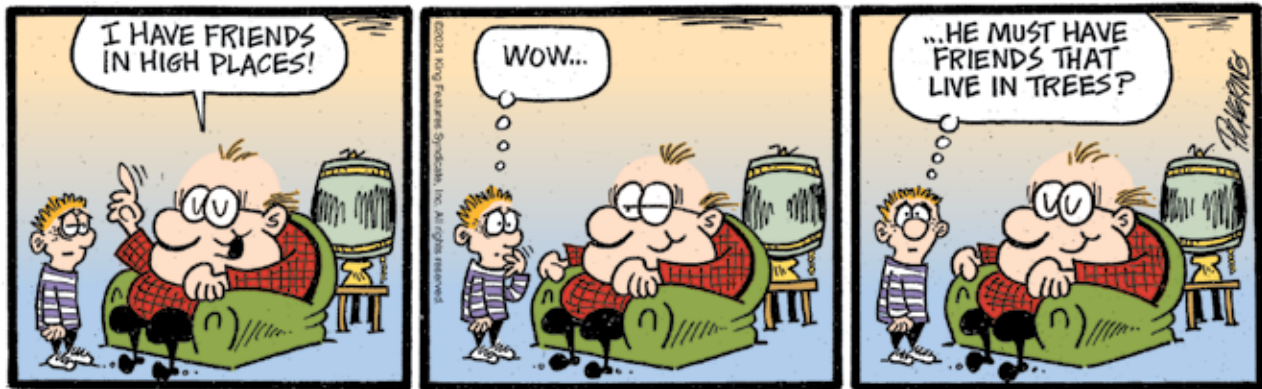
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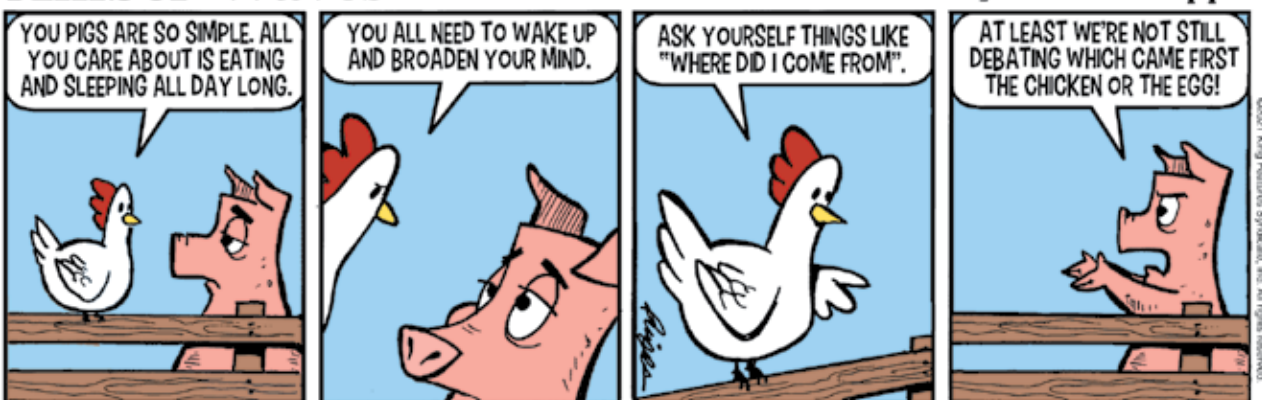
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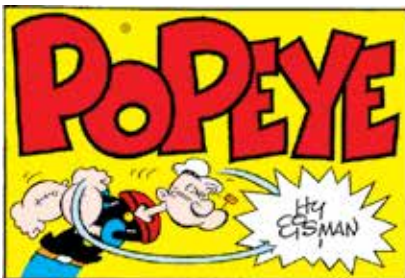
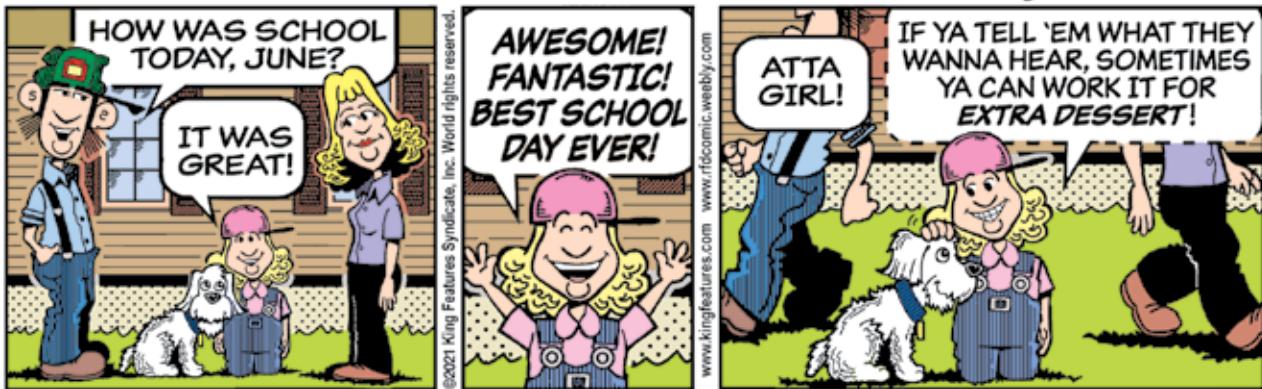
Out on a Limb



Amber Waves



R.F.D.



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

September 8, 2011

The new face behind the counter at the Weller Public Library is likely one you have seen before. Rosie Warehime, the new library manager, has lived in Waitsburg for 44 years. Her husband Walt found his first teaching job in Waitsburg. "We planned to stay 2 years and we never left," she said. Warehime hadn't ever worked at a library before, but she had been employed at the Cenex station and at local grain growers, making her a recognizable face in the community and the perfect person to lead the library, said Jim Leid, the chairman of the library board.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

September 12, 1996

Dorothy Mays' roots run six generations deep in Columbia County's soil. For 68 years, this benevolent octogenarian has maintained her home in Columbia County. For over half a century she has lived on the Starr homestead three miles east of Waitsburg on Highway 12. Honoring her rich historical background, the Waitsburg Historical Society has named her "Pioneer of the Year." The award took Mays by surprise. "I said to Bettie Chase, (vice president and historian of the Historical Society), 'Why me?'" Mays, 86, recalled. "We're very common people, we've never put on the dog."

Fifty Years Ago

September 9, 1971

Wait-Hi poets had several works published in international anthologies during the past school year, Sandy Jetton, English instructor announced this week. Jeff Peterson had one poem published and Sharon Sprankel two in "Young America Sings," an anthology of high school poetry. Debbie Lingle and Jill Zuger each had poems published in the spring edition of this same work. Circulation for this magazine is national as is the competition, and it is considered quite an honor to have work printed there.



[Photo Caption] Orin Walker, retired Walla Walla County Commissioner was Parade Marshal at the SEW Frontier Days Parade last Saturday morning, September 4. Orin, a native of the valley, farms land on the Coppei south of Waitsburg. Several Waitsburg residents took part in the parade and in the activities of the Labor Day Weekend Fair.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

September 13, 1946

Howard Carson showed the champion short-horn bull calf in the open class at the Southeastern Washington Fair and won first prize.

Vegetables, flowers, grains and other produce as well as hobbies and industrial displays will be shown at the annual Fair and Pet parade sponsored by the P.T.A. on Friday and Saturday.

Miss Betty Stovall of Prescott and Edward Mason of Dixie were united in marriage at the home of the brides' parents Monday evening.

The new minister of the First Methodist Episcopal Church is Rev. Aubrey M. Winsor. Rev. Winsor comes here from the pastorate in Sunnyside.

One Hundred Years Ago

September 9, 1921

The Preston-Shaffer Milling Co. under the personal direction of Mr. W. B. Shaffer has just about completed the new dam across the Touchet River at the intake of their mill race.

The Sunday chicken dinners at the Bradley Inn are served family style and are 50 cents. A good investment. Try them. Sanitary baths, 25 cents. Women's baths a specialty; see Mrs Bradley. Hot water all the time.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

September 11, 1896

Charley Thompson caught 12 of the finest trout we have seen this year, one day this week.

The Huntsville public school commences Monday with Prof. J. N. Taggard and wife as teachers.

A \$3,000 cut in teachers' salaries has been made at North Yakima, and the term of school reduced to six months.

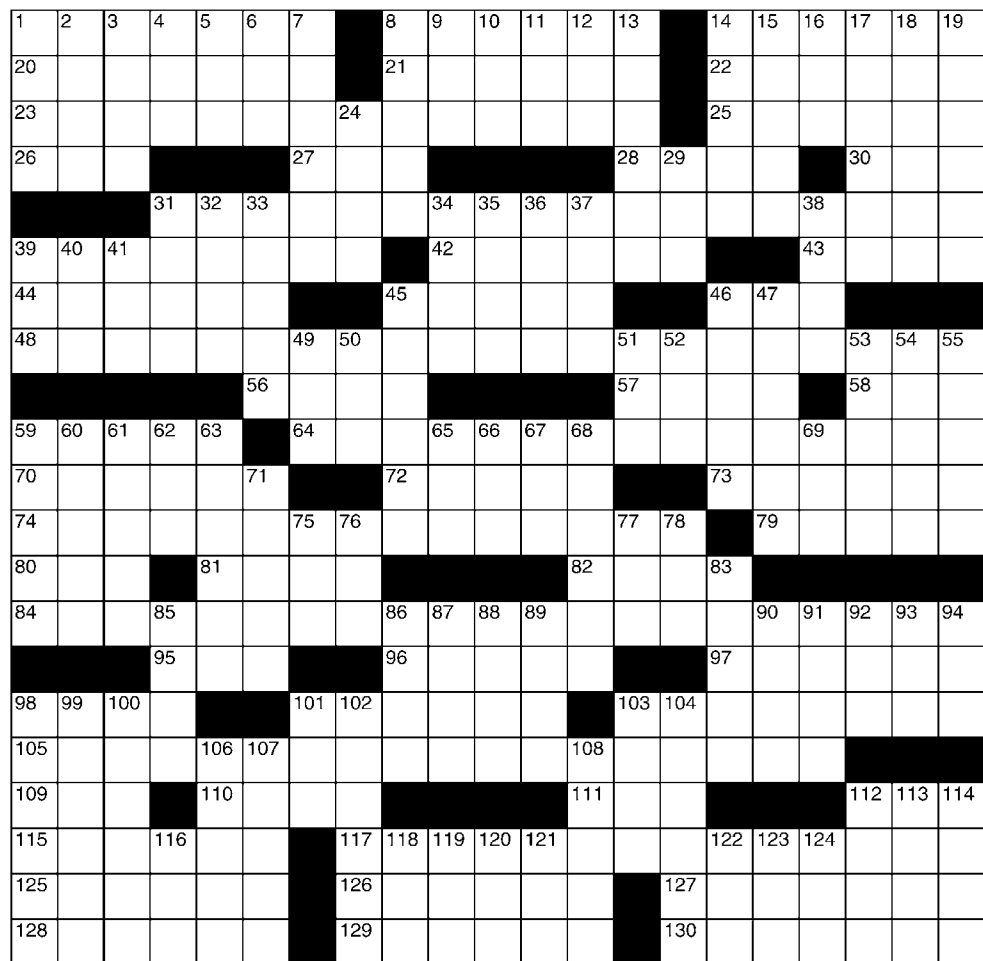
The electric light power house has been completed and the plant is being rapidly placed in position. Soon Waitsburg will be lighted by electricity and at a very reasonable rate.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

VISITING THE ISLE OF WIT

- ACROSS**
- 1 Earns back, as losses
8 Study of vision
14 One who's not stingy
20 Shrunken Asian lake
21 Disperse from a central point
22 Spacecraft segment
23 Will soon obtain U.K. citizenship?
25 Like Peru's mountains
26 Revered Fr. nun, maybe
27 Motorist's crime, for short
28 Soccer icon
30 "Phooey!"
31 "That louse just hatched a few hours ago?"
39 Aim at
42 Styling sites
43 Hilarity
44 Book after Song of Solomon
- 45 "To recap ..."
46 Swiss river
48 Hairy pollinator's movement?
56 Hairstyle
57 On — streak (lucky)
58 "Hamilton" composer — Manuel Miranda
59 Watch over
64 Partial mending of a paper cut?
70 Excited pointer's cry
72 Diner
73 Pink pencil tip
74 Siblings who compose legal orders?
79 Spacek of film
80 Dude's prom duds
81 "Now, Voyager" actress Chase
82 In — (as first placed)
84 "My career as a tailor will start soon?"
95 Tee lead-in
96 Chris of tennis
- 97 Certain pizza chain logo
98 Depletes
101 Major road
103 4 p.m. social event, maybe
105 Interweave while wearing a lustrous
109 Omelet need
110 Get up
111 Hockey hero Bobby
112 Historical unit
115 Headwear for Fred Astaire
117 Occupy a chair to apply Visine drops?
125 Invent
126 Like green bananas
127 Filthy place
128 Closet staple
129 Mini and midi
130 Orthodontic separators
- DOWN**
- 1 Rally cheers
2 "QED" center
3 Costco unit
4 Suffix with schnozz
5 Kind of PC port
6 For each
- 7 Declined the offer
8 "Come —!" ("Get real!")
9 NBAer Gasol
10 Blasting stuff
11 Debtor's note
12 Mongrel
13 Get involved
14 Teeny
15 Sweetie pie
16 Tack (on)
17 Very sorry
18 Paige on a stage
19 Backpedal
24 Lookalike
29 High rollers?
31 End-of-workweek cry
32 Make whole
33 Moral tenet
34 Lacks life
35 Kimono belt
36 Swivel
37 Burial locale
38 Ugly fairy-tale figure
39 — for tat
40 Silver-gray
41 "Norma —"
45 Less sure
46 Outranking
47 Fiddles with
49 Talking- (scoldings)
50 With
51 Egypt and Syr., once
52 Conductance unit, once
53 Hallow
54 German indefinite article
55 See 113-Down
59 Mafioso John
60 "Yep"
61 Siri's Amazon counterpart
62 Ticket info
63 Fishing boats
65 Asian ideal
66 "Addams Family" cousin
67 "Eh, so-so"
68 Determine beforehand
69 — tai (drink)
71 Ruling ovens
75 Ruling from a boxing ref
76 Ball swatter
77 See 50-Down
78 Actor Gilliam
83 Allow to flow again
85 Life jacket, e.g.
86 Himalayan humanoid
87 Fifty-fifty
88 Actress Polo
89 — Mawr College
90 Hurly-burly
91 Epps of "House"
92 Fish feature
93 "Ltd." cousin
94 Boot tip
98 Brief outline
99 Longhair cat
100 Filthy place
101 Horse's kin
102 Monkey used in research
103 Fills with black gunk
104 Slip-ups
106 Fuming mad
107 Gunpowder stuff
108 Stabs
112 "Jane —"
113 With
114 Some cobras
116 Ugly fairy-tale figure
118 Signing stuff
119 Prefix with cycle or color
120 Holiday tree
121 Make a pick
122 Jay-Z's genre
123 Ticket info
124 List abbr.



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

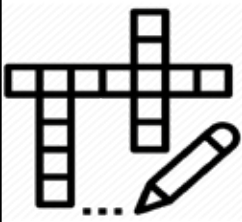
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

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

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MY RECIPES
 Luke Chavez

French Onion Soup Gratinée



When I lived in Seattle, one of my favorite spots for relaxed dining was Le Pichet on First Avenue, just up the hill from Pike Place Market. Watching traffic pass by, while enjoying refined bistro fare, I felt transported to a Parisian sidewalk café. This time of year, as late summer moves into fall, I would anticipate the return of a favorite menu item, their French Onion Soup. With sweet, caramelized onions melded into a rich stock topped with country bread and melted cheese, this comforting dish is a classic. Recently, with the cooler nights, and maybe a tinge of missing city living, I found myself craving this soup.

Ingredients:

- 2 pounds yellow onions, cut in half lengthwise and sliced thin (about 8 cups)
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 teaspoon salt (plus more to taste)
- ¼ teaspoon sugar
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 3 tablespoons sherry vinegar
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 2 quarts beef stock
- Fresh ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons cognac, or good quality brandy
- Baguette or crusty French bread
- 2 cups grated Gruyère, Comté or Swiss cheese

Directions:

In a Dutch oven, melt butter with oil over medium-low heat. Add onions, thyme sprigs and bay leaf, stirring into butter. Cover pot and cook for 15 minutes, stirring once halfway. Uncover, raise heat to medium, then add salt and sugar. Caramelize onions, stirring frequently, until they turn a deep golden brown. This will take anywhere from 40 to 60 minutes. Regulate temperature, and keep an eye on the pot, to make sure onions evenly caramelize without scorching or burning. Meanwhile, in separate stockpot, bring the beef stock to a boil then cover and keep hot.

When onions are caramelized, add the flour and cook for 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Add sherry vinegar and stir briskly to cook off vinegar. Next, add the wine, stir, and scrape the bottom of pan. When fully mixed in, take off the heat and pour in the hot stock. Stir and make sure any clumps of flour are fully dissolved. Return pot to burner, bring to a boil, then reduce heat to maintain a simmer. Taste, adjust seasoning by adding more salt and plenty of fresh ground black pepper to taste. Cook for 40 minutes, partially covered, skimming off foam and stirring occasionally. When done, remove bay leaf and thyme stems, then allow to cool uncovered off heat.

While the soup is simmering, preheat oven to 325 degrees. Slice baguette into 1-inch-thick rounds and place in a single layer on a baking sheet. Toast in oven for 20 to 30 minutes, turning once, allowing to evenly dry out and toast to a light golden brown.

Raise oven to 375 degrees. When ready to serve, return pot of soup to a boil on stove top. Stir in the cognac, and taste for seasoning one last time, adjusting if necessary. Pour soup into large oven-proof serving dish. Place rounds of toasted bread decoratively across the surface, then top each with a clump of grated cheese. Drizzle a few drops of olive oil over the top of cheese. Place in hot oven and bake for about 20 minutes, until sides are bubbly, and cheese has melted and browned. Final browning can also be done under the broiler. Ladle soup into serving bowls, with 1 or 2 bread rounds each. Serve with extra bread on the side.

Notes:

Some things in the kitchen cannot be rushed. Taking time to carefully caramelize the onions is crucial to the flavor of this soup. Caramelizing slowly results in sweet and evenly browned onions. Keep a close eye and periodically scrape up the browned bits from bottom. During the last 10 minutes, raise the heat slightly to encourage browning, but don't step away from the pan, and keep stirring! You will be amazed at how much the onions reduce.

While Le Pichet uses chicken stock, in my version I opted for the traditional beef stock. Either will work or try a mix of the two.

After an appetizer of duck pâté with John's homemade baguette, I served this soup with a bright kale and grain salad on the side, for a chic French bistro inspired meal. This soup pairs beautifully with structured floral whites such as Viognier or lightly oaked Chardonnay, or with lean and fruit forward reds like Pinot Noir or Gamay. Bon Appétit! Enjoy.

Super Crossword

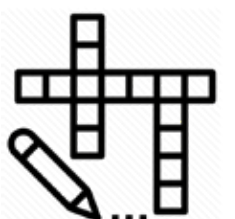
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THE LAST PAGE



Makaelyn Mikesell showing her market hog.



Caleb Barron and Brayden Mohney received Swine Sportsmanship Awards.



ABOVE: Akeyden Mikesell and buddy Griffen Hinchliffe.



Daylan Marlow was awarded Champion FFA market Hog



LEFT: Amy Bly, of Waitsburg, after winning her first demo race at the Thursday night demolition derby

FAR LEFT: Ethan Elsey, of Waitsburg, with professional bull rider Derek Kolbaba, of Walla Walla.

All photos submitted

LEFT: Garrett Palmer maneuvering his tractor. The team won 2nd High Individual Tractor Driving

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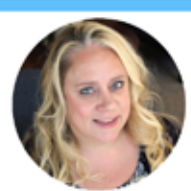
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