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A WHOPPER OF A WALLEYE!



Courtesy Photo

Virginia Schmidt, of Dayton, proudly displays the massive walleye she caught on a guided trip with a Hells Canyon Sport Fishing guide out of Lyons Ferry at the end of March. The business is one of several fishing guides that operate out of the marina. Get a full update on the marina and campgrounds on Page 9.

Fish and wildlife habitat improvement plan is underway for Touchet River

Walla Walla and Columbia Conservation Districts are lead agencies for the two- to three-year project

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Walla Walla and Columbia Conservation Districts are the lead agencies for a restoration and improvement plan for fish and wildlife habitat on the Touchet River, from the SR 125 bridge at Waitsburg, upstream, into the upper reaches of the North and South Touchet River and Wolf and Robinson Forks.

Landowners potentially impacted by the plan were provided with an overview of the process at meetings held last week in Waitsburg and in Dayton and they were invited to help shape the plan.

Speaking in the Youth Building, at the Columbia County Fairgrounds, Columbia Conservation District Manager Terry Bruegman said the process for the Touchet River will be the same as that undertaken for the Tucannon River in 2011.

Ben Floyd of White Bluff Consulting and Tracy Drury PE for Anchor QEA, presented a geomorphic assessment and habitat prioritization report for the Touchet River, which was prepared for the Conservation Districts, and Drury also discussed the qualities that make river habitat ideal for fish.

"We are really early in the process," Drury said.

"We're trying to mimic the Tucannon process. We identified some places where we could remove levees where they weren't protecting anything, and we found some places where we could set back a levee and provide a farmer with better protection to the area they really wanted to work and give the riv-

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COLUMBIA COUNTY 'OPPORTUNITY ZONE' DESIGNATION OPENS DOOR TO DEVELOPMENT

Planning Director Meagan Bailey says status opens door to opportunity

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

COLUMBIA COUNTY—In April of 2018, Governor Jay Inslee approved 139 census tracts in 36 counties for Opportunity Zone status. One of those designations included the majority of Columbia County and allows the county to offer special federal tax breaks to encourage development and job creation.

The Opportunity Zone program was a bipartisan proposal in Congress incorporated into the U.S. Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. It allows the governor of every state to designate up to 25 percent of eligible census tracts as Opportunity Zones – areas that are struggling economically.

Investors can defer paying taxes on capital gains – money made from sales of assets such as a home or business – that are invested in Qualified Opportunity Funds which are in turn invested in "distressed communities." Investments are intended to provide a boost to economic development by supporting projects that bring affordable housing and businesses that offer living-wage jobs.

Columbia County Planning Director Meagan Bailey sees the program as a big win for the county.

"Columbia Pulp, wind turbines, expansions at Seneca and developments at Blue Mountain Station have all brought new developments and contributed to an overall increase to our tax base, but we're still falling short," Bailey said.

"While some may consider this designation insulting and say that it paints Columbia County in a negative light, especially considering the progress the county has made in recent years, I think it is a good thing. The Opportunity Zone designation may prove to be a much-needed economic boost the county needs," she added.

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Grim budget outlook forces staff cut considerations

Projections show reserve being depleted in four years under current funding model

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Three Waitsburg teachers will be retiring with the end of the 2018-19 school year but the District is currently only advertising for two teaching position openings. The unpopular option of not filling the spot vacated by Family and Consumer Science Teacher Nancy Bickelhaupt is being considered to compensate for the potential impacts of McCleary decision funding changes.

At the March 21 school board meeting, Superintendent Dr. Jon Mishra presented the Waitsburg School Board with potential scenarios resulting from the enactment of the McCleary Decision which was intended to "fully fund" education.

"There is not enough overall revenue to fund all priorities. The state has got to do something to fix it. And maybe they will, but right now, they're not," Mishra said.

He shared some of the challenges that Waitsburg, like many smaller districts, must consider when building next year's budget, which must be approved in July.

Waitsburg faces a steep levy cliff. The new levy cap on property tax of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value being a drastic drop from the \$3.55 per \$1,000 currently collected. Even with the state/county tax increase of \$.90 per \$1,000, which brings collections to \$2.40 per \$1,000, there is still a shortage of \$1.15 per \$1,000.

Waitsburg has a high percentage of special needs students which have been funded by local tax dollars. These funds have not been replaced with state dollars.

The new funding model does not consider staff mix. Previously, the state paid districts for teacher salaries based on the mix of experience, not just one rate. With an experienced staff, this is a detriment for Waitsburg.

"We are not going to hire based on salary. We are going to hire the best person for the kids," Mishra said.

Mishra said that districts pick up 50% of classified staff funding through levies and grants. With the levy

dropping and grants uncertain, the district could be left with a shortage of approximately \$200,000 in classified staff funding.

District administration is funded at 1.016 with actual administration of 2.0, leaving the district short approximately \$100,000.

Districts are now required to pay into the School Employee Benefits Board (SEBB) program for any employee working 630 hours a year. That means the District must pay into the pool for any staff member that works 3.5 hours per day for 180 days, even if the employee opts out of the program. Mishra said the requirement also applies to coaches and will be implemented with substitutes on January 1, 2020.

Mishra said that the current reserve fund is \$828,000. Expected funding shortages are estimated to cut into reserves by \$280,000 this year and even more next year.

"I projected out to year four, but we didn't make it that far," said Mishra, pointing to a graph showing a negative \$218,000 balance by 1920-21.

In a discussion of possible solutions, school board chair Ross Hamann described potential cuts as the "harsh realities of the post-McCleary world."

"We have had to RIF (cut staff) in the past and that has been difficult. It's been easier when we've been able to not fill a position after a retirement, rather than laying a person off. It's easier on everyone, the staff and the district. We have notifications of three retirements, and I do believe we need to consider taking advantage of that situation," Hamann said.

Retiring teachers include middle school science and math teacher Maddie Martin, high school math teacher Jim Leid and family and consumer science teacher Nancy Bickelhaupt. The board is considering not replacing Bickelhaupt's positions because several of her classes are electives.

Bickelhaupt spoke strongly about the importance of a strong health program and instructing students in financial literacy and life management skills.

"This is a district that has prided itself on providing students what they need to be successful long beyond high school. I think that because we are so weak in health in other stages of the district, they really need a strong health program in high school. I feel the same with the financial literacy piece. That is the piece

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

COPPEI IN FLOOD



Photo by Bill Rodgers

Waitsburg photographer Bill Rodgers took this photo at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning as Coppei Creek explored a small side channel across a field south of the Fairgrounds. The National Weather Service issued a flood warning for southeastern Walla Walla County and southeastern Columbia County on Monday evening cautioning that creeks, rivers and streams are likely to flood from rain and runoff.

EAGLE'S AUXILIARY DONATES \$9600



The Dayton Eagles Auxiliary wishes to thank donors who made it possible to raise \$9,600 at this year's annual Jimmy Durante Funday. The proceeds were split between The Club and the local 4-H Endowment Fund.

Right: Linda Zavala, Ginny Butler, Barb Fullerton (The Club)
Above: Linda Zavala, Donna Hanger, Barb Fullerton, Paul Carter (4-H)



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago April 16, 2009

Waitsburg and the surrounding country roads will again play a big role in the 2009 Tour of Walla Walla bicycle stage race and some changes in play this year promise to boost the excitement level and foster strategizing in the final laps of the road race, organizers say.

Two member Wheatland Wheelers Cycling Club, Clint Froke and Bryan Lubbers, are certified League Cycling Instructors (LCI;s) for this year's bike race. They join two other LCI's in the community, Patty Froke and Michelle Musia

Photo caption: These lucky Easter Egg Hunters were fortunate enough to have found special eggs entitling them to a plush toy at the Waitsburg Community Easter Egg Hunt, held at Preston park last Saturday. Front: Adan Scott Brunner, Lexi Brannock, Derrick Thomas and Eli Williams. Back Row: Thom House, Destiny Kinyon, Honesty Alexander, Laney Crow and Nicole Best.

Twenty-Five Years Ago April 7, 1994

Fisheries experts say this has been a pretty good season for steelhead trout fishing, Mark Schuck, Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist in Dayton, said that the catch rate for steelhead trout on the Touchet River this season has been four hours."That is really quite good," he said. Noting that rate has been as high as 35-hours a fish in past seasons during cold weather. Any time it is less than 10 hours-fish it is really pretty good fishing.

If you're one of the fans of the CBS-TV soap opera, "The Young and the Restless" you've probably seen "Steve" the piano player accompanying "Gina Roma", a singer on the show, in scenes from Gina's restaurant. The piano player, Steve Haberman, a recent resident of Waitsburg and who now lives in Walla Walla, makes regular appearances on the daytime soap opera.

The Golden Ambassadors are spreading goodwill in Dayton. Recently a group of retirees from the Green Giant Co. in Dayton got together at the Bob Budig ranch to build park benches that will be placed along the path at the dike. Photo caption: Bob Budig, Dick Daggett and Reydond Richter work on park bench project of Golden Ambassadors.

Fifty Years Ago April 10, 1969

The Don Thomas Family of Waitsburg has been selected by the Walla Walla County Cattlemen to be the "Cattleman Family of the Year".

Don and his wife Wilma, live with two of their sons, Dwight and Jay, on Preston land just south of Waitsburg on the middle road. They have a grown daughter, Mrs. Ronald (Donna) Manley who lives in Puyallup and a son Gary who works for Boeing in Western Washington and four grandchildren..

Photo caption: Don Thomas, Walla Walla County Cattleman of the Year, proudly displays some of the Red Australian Cattle Dogs that he raises as a sideline on his ranch near Waitsburg.

Two hundred sports minded Waitsburgites turned out for the community Athletic Banquet Saturday night. Tom Baker, acting as master of ceremonies, introduced all senior athletes and gave a recap of the year's events.

Seventy-Five Years Ago April 14, 1944

Miss Mary Loundagin has been named May Queen this year. Her attendants will be Ellen Gagnon, Myra Wardrip, Harriet Nilsson, Jo Ann Dorr, Ruth Wolfe, Jacqueline Alexander, Roselle Collins and Jacqueline Weller.

Phyllis Anderson has been named valedictorian of her class and Coleen Collins, salutatorian. Commencement will be May 25.

Supt. Homer Reed will talk on the "New Process of Education" at the Wednesday meeting of the PTA.

One Hundred Years Ago April 18, 1919

Barnes Bros., who recently purchased the Palm Club, owned by F. C. Hutchison, will conduct both the Palm Club and Stub's Place in their present locations.

Giles Callahan last week received his "sheep skin" from the State Board and in now a full-fledged attorney, entitled to practice in this state.

Walla Walla businessmen have made great preparation for the coming tractor demonstration next Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Charles B. Preston, a former Waitsburg boy, living in Portland, has presented a handsome trophy in the form of a large silver cup to the Waitsburg Gun Club to be shot for in the tournament. The trophy must be won three times for permanent possession.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago April 13, 1894

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shaffer and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bonsell will give a progressive razzle-dazzle party at the home of the former on Saturday evening.

C. W. Wheeler this week planted out 200 roses in his garden. This swells his collection to near the thousand line and will make his suburban home a home of blooms and he thinks of christening it Rose Glen.

J. N. Todd this week sold his interest in the mercantile business to Frank Parton and the firm is now Maxwell and Parton.

Owing to the very stormy weather the ice cream social at the Christian Church last Friday night was not as well attended as it would otherwise have been.

Touchet Valley Weather April 10, 2019

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Few Showers	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy
High: 56 Low: 41	High: 57 Low: 38	High: 61 Low: 43	High: 59 Low: 42	High: 62 Low: 45	High: 58 Low: 41	High: 55 Low: 38

Weather Trivia

When was the first weather satellite launched?

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Answers: On April 1, 1960.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	65	45	60/40	0.00"	1.24"
Wednesday	67	51	60/41	0.08"	0.46"
Thursday	62	47	60/41	0.01"	+0.78"
Friday	68	45	60/41	0.19"	54.5°
Saturday	58	39	61/41	0.10"	Average normal temperature
Sunday	60	48	61/41	0.33"	50.6°
Monday	57	51	61/41	0.53"	Departure from normal

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
First 4/12	6:16 a.m.	7:33 p.m.	9:39 a.m.	12:21 a.m.
Thursday	6:14 a.m.	7:34 p.m.	10:30 a.m.	1:24 a.m.
Friday	6:12 a.m.	7:36 p.m.	11:30 a.m.	2:23 a.m.
Saturday	6:10 a.m.	7:37 p.m.	12:38 p.m.	3:14 a.m.
Full 4/19	6:08 a.m.	7:38 p.m.	1:51 p.m.	3:58 a.m.
Monday	6:07 a.m.	7:40 p.m.	3:08 p.m.	4:35 a.m.
Tuesday	6:05 a.m.	7:41 p.m.	4:25 p.m.	5:08 a.m.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

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- April 7**
An unknown suspect stole gasoline from the victim's fuel tank on Main Street in Waitsburg.
- April 5**
Illegal dumping reported on neighbor's property on Taggart Road.
- April 3**
A safe of unknown origin was found on the shoulder of Preston Avenue.
- April 2**
Four tires with rims were stolen from the victim's driveway in the 100 block of Murphy Street in Waitsburg.
- March 29**
Deputies arrested a man for theft of a vehicle, after a pursuit, at 9724 E. Highway 12.

NEWS BRIEFS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TALENT SHOW

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg elementary students will showcase their talents and the annual Waitsburg Elementary School talent show at 6:30 p.m. on April 17 at the Waitsburg High School auditorium. Admission is free and the community is encouraged to attend.

FREE DENTAL CLINIC

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg Resource Center will sponsor a free mobile dental clinic on Fri. May 24, 2019. The clinic will visit at the resource center (behind Banner Bank) from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Appointments are required in advance. Please contact Pam Conover at (509) 337-8876 to reserve a spot.

WAITSBURG COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg's annual Community Service Awards dinner will take place at Waitsburg Town Hall at 6 p.m. on Tues., April 16. Both the Business of the Year and Employee of the year will be recognized. Dinner will be catered by the Q Wood-Fired Grill. Dinner will include glazed pork loin, roasted potatoes, salad, garlic bread, asparagus and dessert. Tickets are \$30 per person and are available on Eventbrite.com or contact Joy at waitsburg-cc@icloud.com to have an invoice sent to you.

MAYOR GEORGE RETIREMENT PARTY, APRIL 16

DAYTON—The community is invited to join in celebrating Mayor Craig George's commitment to Dayton at a retirement party on Tues., April 16 at the Delany Building from 4-6:30 p.m.

Club Notes

EASTERN STAR

Submitted by Patricia Wilson
The Waitsburg Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star is very excited to sponsor two applicants for the Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership (ESTARL) scholarship. Applicants are Lucas Kulhanek-Arenes and Catherine Lyle who are currently completing their 2nd year of instruction. Dan Dills is also being sponsored for the Alexandra Schenking Nursing Scholarship. Mr. Dills is completing his nursing pre-requisites at WWCC this spring. These scholarships are awarded each year by the Grand Chapter of Washington.

BIRTHDAYS

- April 12:** Carla Nordheim, Nathan Bartlow, George Pulliam, Doug Long, Kelly Lambert, Clarece Newbury, Lynn Fenton, Andrew Chase Baker, Andrea Jacoy, Molly Baker, Betty Katsel and Jennifer Cooper.
- April 13:** Kris Halley, Teresa Abel, Charie Flanigan, Teresa Allen, Justin Land and Jocelyn Leid Erikson.
- April 14:** Marnie Ng, Jason Kenney, Robert Hernandez, KC Price and Trac Katsel.
- April 15:** Eric Collingwood, Sharon Morris, Carla White.
- April 16:** Lynne Jones Simpson, Dora Loveall, Sandy McCaw, Taryn Chromy, Christina Page, Naomi Kulp, Kelsey Alleman and Butch Peck.
- April 17:** Daniel Baker, Melissa Huwe, Martin Huffman, Joseph Wood, and Drew Herion.
- April 18:** Doris Saunders, Wayne Boyles, Margaret Baird, Tylor Abel, Dick Peterson, Jeff Presler, Emily Jansen, Russ Knopp and Josh Hunter.

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Northwest Grain Growers, Inc is accepting applications for **summer elevator workers** in the Dayton area. Applications are available at the Dayton office, 210 E. Main. Call 509-382-2571 with any questions.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

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- Review strategic plan for CCHS 4th) 6:30 p.m.
- Prescott Story Time**
Prescott Library
11 a.m.
- Waitsburg Senior Round Table**
Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
11:30 a.m.
- BINGO (every Friday)**
Eagles-222 E. Main, Dayton
Doors open 4 pm, Bingo 6pm
- Celebrate Recovery, Waitsburg Christian Church**
6:30 p.m.
- Waitsburg City Council (Third Wednesday)**
Don Thomas Building, Waitsburg Fairgrounds
7 p.m.

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- Smith Craft Pop-up Shop**
Waitsburg Town Hall
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- “Love America Tour” Kick-off**
Waitsburg Main Street
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Dayton Senior Round Table**
Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.)
12 p.m.
- Retirement party for Dayton Mayor Craig George**
Delany Building (111 S. 3rd St., Dayton)
4-6:30 p.m.
- Dayton Senior Round Table**
Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.)
12 p.m.
- Love Heals Free Clinic**
Walla Walla County Fairgrounds
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Waitsburg Resource Center**
106 Preston Avenue (side of Banner Bank)
2-4 p.m.

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- American Legion Post #42 BINGO Fundraiser**
Dayton Elementary School multipurpose room
3-7 p.m.
- Waitsburg Community Service Awards**
Waitsburg Town Hall
6 p.m.
- Columbia County Commissioners Meeting (Third Monday)**
Commissioners' Chambers
311 E. Main St., Dayton
9 a.m.
- Waitsburg Story Time**
Weller Public Library
10:30 a.m.
- Discovery Kids! (Toddler Story Time)**
Dayton Memorial Library
10 a.m.
- Prime Time Story Time**
Dayton Memorial Library
6 p.m.
- Waitsburg Elementary Talent Show**
Waitsburg High School Auditorium
6:30 p.m.

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- Col. Co. Flood Control Zone District Public Meeting**
Dayton Fairgrounds Pavilion
6 p.m.
- Waitsburg Christian Church Youth Group (first and third Monday)**
Waitsburg Christian Church
6:30-7:30
- Waitsburg School Board (Third Thursday)**
Elementary School Library
6 p.m.
- Waitsburg Parks & Rec Board Meeting (Third Thursday)**
Waitsburg HS Band Room
6:30 p.m.
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Elementary School Library
6 p.m.
- Waitsburg Christian Church Youth Group (first and third Monday)**
Waitsburg Christian Church
6:30-7:30
- Col. Co. Flood Control Zone District Public Meeting**
Starbuck Town Hall
6 p.m.
- Waitsburg Elementary Talent Show**
Waitsburg High School Auditorium
6:30 p.m.
- Celebrate Recovery, Dayton**
Catalyst Church (311 S.

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- CCHS Board Special Meeting**
Tucannon River Room, Best Western Plus, Dayton
8 a.m.
- Waitsburg Christian Church Youth Group (first and third Monday)**
Waitsburg Christian Church
6:30-7:30
- Col. Co. Flood Control Zone District Public Meeting**
Starbuck Town Hall
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Waitsburg High School Auditorium
6:30 p.m.
- Celebrate Recovery, Dayton**
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WHITMAN COLLEGE RENAISSANCE FAIRE, APRIL 20

WALLA WALLA—Whitman College will present its annual Renaissance Faire on Sat., April 20, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Whitman College campus on the corner of Beyer Ave. and South Park Street. The festival includes Renaissance-themed costumes, performers, music and crafts. Admission is free and families are encouraged to attend.



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

- Friday, 12**
B: French Toast L: Mozzarella Sticks & Marinara Sauce, Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Pineapple
- Monday, 15**
B: Omelet & Bagel L: Chicken Patty on a Bun, Jojos, Pasta Salad, Apples
- Tuesday, 16**
B: Biscuit & Gravy L: Turkey Ranch Wrap, Cucumbers, Garden Salad, Oranges
- Wednesday, 17**
B: Long John L: Chicken Crispito, Spanish Rice, Roasted Veggies, Garden Salad, Kiwi
- Thursday, 18**
B: Breakfast Sandwich L: Ham & Potato Casserole, Garlic Bread, Broccoli, Pears

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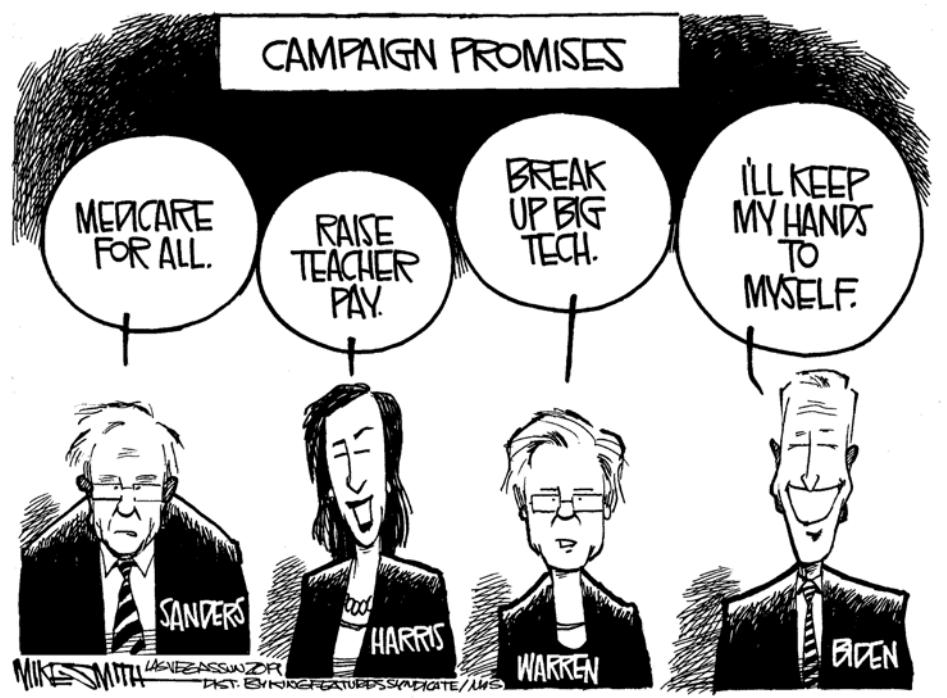
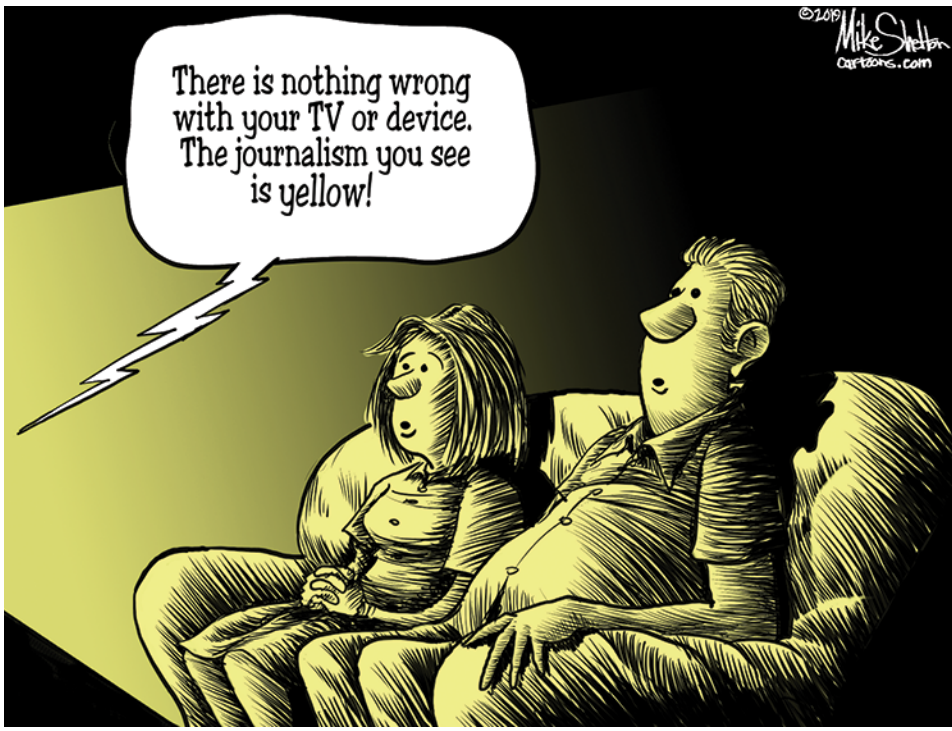


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Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
504 Main
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337-6589
Rev. Bret Moser

Waitsburg Chapel
320 W. 2nd
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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



LAWMAKERS NEED TO RE-EXAMINE BUDGET BEFORE ADJOURNING

By Don C. Brunell

Before lawmakers wrap-up their work in Olympia, they should re-examine their hefty new state spending plan. The budget may not be sustainable even with a substantial increase in taxes. It may force legislators to return to the State Capitol to cut workers, programs and services; or, even hike taxes yet again.

It has happened in the past. For example, in the early 1980s, Gov. John Spellman (R) and a Republican legislature were forced to meet in special session continuously to deal with rapidly dropping revenues. They had to raise existing taxes and add new ones to bail out the inflated budget.

In 1979 before leaving office, Gov. Dixy Lee Ray (D) and Democrat legislators insisted on implementing state-wide funding for basic education ahead of schedule. There was added revenue coming from a prosperous economy, but the economy quickly tanked a year later.

State spending jumps by 18 percent (\$8.150 billion) over the next two years and \$1.4 billion in new taxes are required to balance it. This increase comes on top of a nearly 17 percent hike in the current budget.

The new \$52.6 billion budget requires a new 9.9 percent “extraordinary profits” capital gains tax, a two-thirds increased business and occupation taxes on service-sector employers, with an even higher rate on large tech companies, and a graduated real-estate excise tax.

Critics say the spending plan for the next two years is too high and existing revenues provide plenty of money to meet state services. They point to the most recent state Economic and Revenue Forecast Council (ERFC) report

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Dayton Memorial Library History

By Friends of the Dayton Memorial Library President Pearl Dennis

I go into my library and all history unrolls before me. - Alexander Smith
Maintaining a thriving library within a rural community relies on committed individuals who are driven by a desire to improve their communities. Dayton has been blessed with a long line of civic-minded individuals dedicating their time, energy and resources towards developing and building the Columbia County Rural Library District.

The history of the Dayton library dates back to 1919 when a small “self-improvement” club, the Elizabeth Forrest-Day Club, dedicated their efforts to establishing a public library within the town. These ambitious women never wavered in their dedication to the Dayton community while they raised funds, stocked and staffed a reading room on Main Street, eventually purchased a vacant lot and acquired the personal libraries of two predominant Dayton citizens.

Finally, after gaining further support from the state governor and a generous personal donation, the Dayton Memorial Library opened in October 1937. With the public library organized and funding established thru the city, the members of the Elizabeth Forest-Day Club turned their attention to supplying furnishings and books along with volunteering librarian hours. The dedication of these women provided the foundation for the public library that outlived them all.

In 2005, history repeats itself when another small group of women dedicate themselves to the betterment of the larger community by addressing the issue of a low-funded public library. The formation of a countywide library district, funded by the citizens of Columbia County, was the objective goal.

After much hard work driven by a passion for a dynamic public library, success was achieved in 2008, with the creation of the Columbia County Rural Library District (CCRLD); in 2009, the Dayton Memorial Library annexed from the City of Dayton to Columbia County. To quote Diane Longanecker, a member of the aforementioned group, “A page in history has been turned. Finally, the library has been set on a secure, stable track, and the work of all who came before us has been honored.”

The library work continues today with the support of a new group of dedicated citizens, still passionate about providing dynamic services to the community. The Friends of the Dayton Memorial Library (FOL) group engages in fundraising activities to support important programs, such as the Summer Reading Program, and to improve the facility, including Delany Building enhancements and the outside access ramps. The group provides treats for programs, for inclusion in the Binge Boxes, and sometimes to the random, lucky patron.

Just as the good works of those earlier women live on, the benefit of the library support and enhancements made today will live on for future generations. You can help carry on that legacy for the benefit of the whole community. The Friends of the Dayton Memorial Library group invites all interested community members to join them, meeting in the Delany Room at 10 a.m. on the second Friday of each month.

Additionally, a “Friends of the Friends” list is being created for those community members that would like to support the work of the group but cannot be at the monthly meetings. Leave your name and contact information at the library front desk to keep updated.

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which found the state should collect \$307 million more in the rest of the current two-year budget, and an additional \$553.5 million in 2019-21; the budget legislators are tackling during this session.

The new expenditure plan is also based on unusually long period of economic prosperity. One of the brightest segment has been aerospace led by Boeing

An updated study by Aerospace Works for Washington (AWW), a coalition of business and elected officials, shows Washington’s aerospace industry is responsible for more than 83,000 direct jobs, 224,000 total jobs and total revenue of \$94.4 billion. That’s 10 percent of the state’s economy.

AWW estimated in 2018, the aerospace industry made estimated direct tax payments—including B&O, sales & use and other tax categories—of \$192.3 million. The total fiscal impact of the aerospace industry, including taxes paid by businesses associated with aerospace through indirect and induced impacts, summed to an estimated \$567.1 million last year.

Unfortunately, there are signs the economy is weakening and the AWW study was completed before the 737 Max 8 crashes in Indonesia and Ethiopia and the subsequent grounding of all Max aircraft until software and sensor equipment is modified.

That grounding is having a dramatic impact of Boeing’s production at the Renton plant. It is expected to be extremely costly. Already, 737 output has been reduced to 2014 levels dropping from 52 planes per month to 42. The financial impact will trickle down to state and local revenue collections.

While Boeing engineers are working feverishly to make modifications and get approval from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and other government regulators across the world, the company sales team is attempting to prevent order cancellations and additional delays. No one knows how much it will cost or when the Max will go back into service.

Before heading home later this month, lawmakers should do an 11th hour reassessment of the budget and the revenues which they plan to balance the new budget. It would be better to adjust it now, rather than later in special session.

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BIG DAY AT THE BARN



Photos by Lisa Morrow

Waitsburg FFA and 4-H members spent a rainy Sunday cleaning and prepping the livestock barns at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds. Members readied the pens in the new barn for hogs and goats; rototilling, cleaning, and installing water nipples.

John Gleason is forming and pouring concrete for new wash pens that members can wash their animals prior to showings.

"This lets the kids and animals practice and not be stressed out when they are actually at a show or fair. It really helps keep them both calm and more confident because they have done it before and know what to expect. There is nothing worse than a scared animal," said 4-H leader Lisa Morrow.

"The first animals will arrive on Friday evening of this week so we are getting pretty excited," Morrow said.

Left: John and Jayce Gleason lay forms for future washing pens.

Above center: Jasper Morrow (l) and Amy Bly move hay.

Above left: Maissee Peralez (l) smiles for the camera with Logan Seal.

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING UPDATE MARCH 21, 2019

Board members present: Ross Hamann, Christy House, Randy Hinchliffe, Jason Kaehler, Lisa Morrow

Presentation (Pam Beasley)

Beasley gave a presentation on the WaKIDS program and Waitsburg results. (See story at right)

Secondary Principal Report (Stephanie Wooderchak)

- District staff has been participating in "staff dares" which are dares from the Character Strong curriculum. Response has been positive.
- SBAC testing will take place April 15-May 21
- WHS Knowledge Bowl traveled to state competition in Yakima on March 23.

Athletic Director Report (Stephanie Wooderchak)

- Spring sports numbers:
- High school softball – 9 Dayton, 9 Waitsburg
- High school baseball – 8 Dayton, 3 Waitsburg
- High school track & field – Dayton: 8 boys/9 girls, Waitsburg: 1 boy/3 girls
- High school golf – 6 Dayton, 2 Waitsburg
- Middle school softball – 8 Dayton, 8 Waitsburg
- Middle school baseball – 10 Dayton, 5 Waitsburg
- Middle school track & field – TBA

Facilities/Maintenance/Transportation (Colter Mohney)

- Transportation was arranged to provide transportation for sports practices during spring break
- The 25% bus inspection went well; 100% inspection will be on May 6
- The Request for Proposal for access control upgrades is finished and will be advertised
- Several roof leaks are being addressed
- Work is ongoing on the athletic fields
- Arrangements for the Mat Birds tournament have been ironed out
- The board supported the use of astroturf to make the softball field into a baseball field. Approximate cost to the district will be \$1,400.

Elementary Principal Report (Dr. Jon Mishra)

- Elementary students celebrated Dr. Suess Day
- 5th graders participated in the Ski Program at Ski Bluewood
- DARE graduation was March 6
- 2nd and 3rd grade students received a Kid's Heart Challenge pizza party
- An administrator and teacher from Waterville, visited the elementary school on March 1. They discussed and observed Professional Learning Communities, intervention, collaborative work, peer observation and the use of School Improvement Funds to invest in job-embedded professional development.

- Dr. Mishra got "mummified" as a reward for top earners in the Kids Heart Challenge
- The elementary school talent show is April 17
- SBAC testing for grades 3-5 begins in April
- Certificated staff evaluation took place on Mar. 6
- Peer observations continued

Superintendent Report (Dr. Jon Mishra)

- The new District website and app rolled out on March 8
- The SafeSchool Reporting App rolled out on March 1
- The Professional Development Committee is focusing on vision and mission statements
- Superintendent Advisory Committee is continuing to work on an action plan
- The District is still waiting to hear from the state about funding. Most likely scenarios involve belt-tightening. District will need to evaluate budget, staffing and programming moving forward.

Old Business

- Enrollment Update – Enrollment is 271 with a full-time equivalent of 261.6 students. This is down approximately 10 students from September.
- Combine Update
- ECEAP and Preschool Update – The ECEAP program will most likely move to Prescott as only five of the 20 students are from Waitsburg and Waitsburg has a free levy-approved preschool program.
- Discussion on high school graduation requirements and program offerings
- The Board unanimously approved the District mission statement update. The mission statement is: "We prepare lifelong learners academically, socially, and emotionally."
- Superintendent Hiring Process – The board will review applications on April 8 to select interview finalists.

New Business

- Lisa Morrow will present diplomas at WHS graduation on May 31 at 8 p.m. in the gymnasium.
- Discussion on a potential reduction in force (See story on Page 1)
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon is May 3, 2019
- Board approved a 2019-2020 school calendar with two snow days
- Board voted unanimously not to approve refunds for six missed preschool snow days
- Approved District office closure during spring break, April 1-5
- Appointed Duke Morrow as middle school assistant baseball coach.
- Appointed Justin Gleason as District-wide Food Service Assistant

Data draws concerns for kindergartners

Waitsburg students are entering school with low social/economic, counting and alphabet skills

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg Kindergarten teacher Pam Beasley presented the WaKIDS program and an update on resulting data to the Waitsburg School Board at their March meeting. Beasley said resulting data shows deficiencies in several areas.

WaKIDS (Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills) was piloted in the 2010-11 school and became mandatory in state-funded full-day kindergarten programs in 2012-13.

The program assesses students in six areas of development and learning: social-emotional, physical, language, cognitive development, literacy and math. WaKIDS research shows that when students enter school with the skills expected of a kindergartner, they are substantially more likely to meet math and ELA standards at third grade level.

Beasley said the program includes three components: a family connection, an early learning connection with preschools, and a whole-child assessment. Beasley said the program, while time-consuming, forces her to know her students well as each child is assessed on 31 different objectives. She noted that it is a benefit that she has been the sole instructor assessing and recording data for the last seven years.

Beasley said that collected data shows that Waitsburg students are entering kindergarten with low scores in social/emotional skills. She said that, of the last five classes, one class had only 40% of students meet the social/emotional objective, another had 54%, one had 55% and two had 75% of students meet the objective.

"That has been one area that has been really, re-

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Photo by Cindy Standing

Left: Novack heads out after spending time with Ron and Cindy Standing in Waitsburg.

Courtesy Photo

Above: Novack posted this photo with Ron and Cindy Standing on his Facebook page saying, "I keep meeting the nicest people out here! Thank you Cindy and Ron Standing with the Waitsburg American Legion for your hospitality."

Retired vet stops in Waitsburg on his trek across the U.S.

Jimmy Novak is walking to help himself and fellow vets

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Ron and Cindy Standing had a special guest last week when they played host to Jimmy Novak, a retired veteran who is walking across the United States to raise awareness for PTSD and suicide prevention. Ron is American Legion Post #35 Commander and Cindy is the Legion Adjutant/Finance Officer.

Novak is walking from DuPont, Wash. to Disney Land in Orlando, Fla. He began his walk on March 23 and, by the time he landed in Waitsburg, he had covered approximately 212 miles over 13 days, with eight days of actual walking. He estimated his average distance as 25.6 miles per day.

Novak, who is retired in January, after 21 years in the army, is walking to show support and raise awareness for fellow military that struggle with anxiety and

depression. The walk is both a therapeutic endeavor for his own emotional wellness and a way to encourage fellow veterans.

Novak wears the number 22 on his wrist, which is the roughly the number of veterans that the Veterans Administration says lose their lives, every day, to suicide.

The Standing's said that Novak enjoyed the food and hospitality from the Tuxedo in Prescott as well as in Dayton and Waitsburg.

"He didn't leave here hungry!" Cindy said. "He had much trouble with the baby buggy he was pushing. He will need to rethink his load. Oh boy! It's a heavy one!" she added.

Cindy said Novak has a wife and three kids and plans to be a history teacher when he returns to DuPont.

"He expressed a heart for veterans with PTSD and the horrific rate of suicide," she said.

Novak crossed into Idaho on Saturday and will follow US95 and ID55 across the state. Follow Novak's journey on Facebook at JLNovak. Options for supporting Novak on his journey are at the top of his Facebook page.

SON OF JOE PATRICK, OF WAITSBURG, MADE HIS OWN PATRIOTIC JOURNEY IN 2013

Joe "Tiger" Patrick II, son of Waitsburg's Joe Patrick, made a similar cross-country journey in 2013 when he walked across America to honor the fallen heroes of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars.

Patrick began his journey at Imperial Beach, the southernmost point in America and made his way to Arlington Cemetery in Virginia. He carried a 25'x 8' memorial panel containing pictures of the 6,654 men and women who were lost in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. More would die after his journey began.

Patrick made his first patriotic walk for the 10-year anniversary attacks of 9/11 when he walked from the Pentagon to the Fight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, Penn. and finished at Ground Zero 9/11 Memorial for the Sept. 11 commemorative services. "Tiger's mission did not end with his tour in Desert Storm. It was just the beginning of a lifelong dedication to his fellow service members," said Tiger's father, Joe Patrick.



Courtesy Photo

Joe "Tiger" Patrick carries the U.S. flag during his cross-country walk in 2013

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Investors who keep their money in the fund for five years can avoid paying taxes on 10 percent of the gains they invested. That exclusion increases to 15 percent for investors leaving their money for seven years and those that maintain the investment for 10 years or more can avoid paying any taxes on capital gains earned from the fund.

To qualify for Opportunity Zone status, a tract must have an individual poverty rate of at least 20 percent and median

family income up to 80 percent of the area median. A total of 555 census tracts in Washington met eligibility criteria, though only 130 could receive the designation, according to the Department of Commerce.

Bailey said the designation allows Columbia County to offer multiple financial and intrinsic selling points to developers looking at the county.

"New industry is driving an increased need for residential units and we need someone to invest in new housing for the community. Existing and new incentives offer financial gain to inves-

tors who contribute to private investments in the county, with straightforward, bottom-line financial advantage. The county offers a comfortable and beautiful living opportunity where local business is still supported, the great outdoors abounds, and farmers are still local. And permitting is relatively easy, with our approachable and active planning department," she said.

A map of designated Opportunity Zones can be found at <https://go.bakertilly.com/contactbtc0618>

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when students come back and say, 'that has saved me. I'm so glad you taught us that . . . they may not be the most attractive electives, but they are so, so important,' Bickelhaupt said.

Several audience members spoke in agreement. High school Administrative Assistant Denise Winnett said that she had conducted a survey asking alumni what their current jobs were and what classes they took at WHS that they felt were most important.

"It always came back to life management skills, personal choices, and accounting, which we no longer have any business classes. And then if you look at what they majority of graduates are now doing; they are those kinds of jobs. They are computer-oriented jobs or nursing jobs. I personally hate to see the CTE classes disappear any more than what we have," she said.

"The only reason I know how to sew on a button or bake a loaf of bread is because of Nancy," said board member Randy Hinchliffe.

Other budgeting options presented included:

- Spend down the reserve – a finite fix since once reserves are spent, they are gone.
- Reduce department allocations – al-

locate less for classroom needs, make strategic technology purchases

- Delay preventative maintenance such as fertilizing, winterizing, painting, pressure washing, roof replacement
- Delay curriculum/textbook adoptions
- Reduce extra and co-curricular clubs, activities, sports and transportation
- Reduce supplies and operating costs – use utilities sparingly, delay replacement of equipment
- Reduction in force

Waitsburg is far from alone in struggling to address the looming budget shortfall. Dayton School District will hold a special board meeting on April 10 to address legislative news, financial projections and to review required Reduction in Force and layoff procedures. The Richland, Wash. school District is holding a series of community forums to address budget cuts and special education.

"It's hard to have this discussion when the state said the revenue forecast is unexpectedly high," Hamann said.

Waitsburg School District budgeting discussions will be ongoing. The next school board meeting is April 18 at 6 p.m. at the Waitsburg Elementary School library.

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Legionnaires have a long history in Col. County

The American Legion and Auxiliary are actively involved in community service

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON-- The Frank E. Bauers American Legion Post No. 42 was organized in 1919, which was the same year the national organization was chartered and incorporated by Congress, according to Carla Rowe who has written a history of the Dayton organization based on the material published in various issues of the Columbia County Dispatch.

She writes, "The Post is named after Frank Ernest Bauers, of Company M, 361st Infantry, ninety-first Division, wounded October 2, 1918 in the battle of Argonne in France. He died October 11, 1918."

According to Rowe's research, the local American Legion got its start when soldiers began returning home to Columbia County from World War I.

A portion of the Dantzsch building was rented as a post headquarters in January of 1920. In 1921, the headquarters were moved to rooms on the second floor of the Weinhard building. The Legion headquarters were moved to the current site at 211 E Clay Street in 1948.

"Nationally, the American Legion is the largest veterans service organization committed to mentoring and sponsorship of youth programs in communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security, and continued devotion to fellow service members and veterans," writes Rowe.

Over the years Frank E. Bauers American Legion Post No. 42 has raised money for the Soldiers Memorial Library Fund, contributed funds for the needy at Christmas, gathered firewood for the elderly, pro-

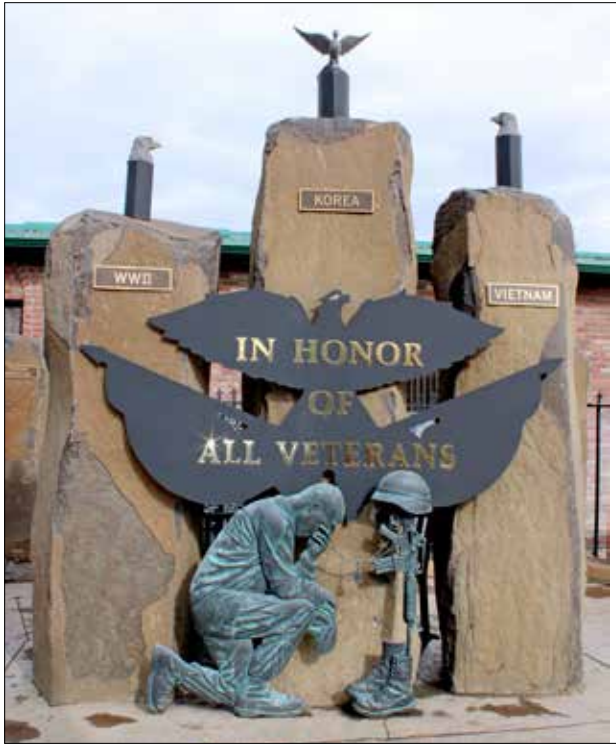


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The American Legion Veteran's Memorial is adjacent to the Home Street Bank on E. Main St.

vided a footbridge over the Touchet River, provides color guards at parades, contributes to local youth programs, established the Veteran's Memorial at the corner of 4th Street and Main Street, participates in Operation Comfort Warrior, and mows Dayton's Pioneer Cemetery.

"We're busy," said Brian Black, a former Post Commander.

Black said Legionnaires recently partnered with Dayton High School students to create 900 crosses to mark veteran's graves in the Dayton City Cemetery, and veterans' graves in the Starbuck cemetery, over Memorial Day weekend.

Black spoke about items currently on display at the Palus Museum.

He said many of them came out of the basement of the Legion's headquarters.

"There are records from the early 1900s and some from Civil War times. If you are a history buff, you can get lost in there," Black said.

Legion Post No. 42 meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month at 7 p.m. at the 211 E. Clay Street headquarters.

Terri Schlachter is the Vice Commander of Legion Post No. 42 and she has been spearheading an effort to increase membership in the Legion's Auxiliary.

She said the Auxiliary added fifteen new members at their last meeting on March 21.

The Auxiliary strives to provide comfort and aid to the relatives of veterans and active duty military personnel through a variety of fundraisers and activities.

She said the main fundraiser is the sale of poppies. Proceeds from their sales help send high school juniors to Boys and Girls State, which is an Americanism and government training program.

The Auxiliary also operates a free-to-veterans Christmas gift shop, at the Walla Walla Veterans Administration.

Schlachter invites the public to the Spring Bingo fundraiser on April 13, in the multi-purpose room at Dayton Elementary School from 3-7 p.m. Proceeds from Spring Bingo will help support relatives of veterans and active-duty personnel.

The next meeting of the Legion Auxiliary is on May 23, at 5:30 p.m., at 211 E. Clay Street.

BLUE MOUNTAIN HERITAGE SOCIETY HONORS COLUMBIA COUNTY VETERANS

Palus Museum and Smith Hollow Country Schoolhouse are now open

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The patriotic display honoring Columbia County veterans has been moved from the Smith Hollow Country Schoolhouse to the Palus Museum, at 426 E. Main Street.

"The display was popular and deserved a more permanent location," said Paula Moisio, president of the Blue Mountain Heritage Society (BMHS).

Moisio said the BMHS is collaborating with the Frank E. Bauers American Legion Post # 42 to honor local veterans who have served the nation. The expanded collection of items from local veterans range from the Spanish-American War to the Vietnam War, and includes uniforms, medals, pictures, and more.

The display originally started as a gesture to mark the 100-year anniversary of the inception of World War I.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Frank E. Bauers American Legion Post No. 42.

"We wanted to honor the American Legion, along with the men and women who have served our country," Moisio said.

Other items of interest at the Palus Museum are the Palus Indian Display, Lewis and Clark items, and displays depicting pieces of Columbia County history, which are housed in an adjoining section of the Palus Museum building.

At the Smith Hollow Country Schoolhouse, located at 113 Front Street, visitors can write or draw on genuine slate chalkboards, pump the pedals and hear a tune on the player piano, or type a few lines on a manual typewriter, Moisio said.

Moisio said the first schoolhouse was built in 1875 and that structure was replaced by the current structure in 1900.

In 2010, it was moved from its original location in the Smith Hollow School District, about eight miles north of Dayton, to its present site, and restoration was begun.

The Dodge Quarantine Cabin is also located on the Smith Hollow Country Schoolhouse property site.

The Dodge Quarantine Cabin was built in 1898 by John and Mary Dodge for use by their son, returning Spanish-American War Veteran Pvt. Wesley Dodge, as he convalesced from illness.

It was located in the backyard of a home on Richmond Street and the BMHS had it moved to the Smith Hollow Country Schoolhouse property in 2017.

Both museums will be open to the public from 1-4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays through November.

More information can be found at the Blue Mountain Heritage Society website at www.bluemountain-heritage.org



Photos by Michele Smith

Patriotic displays honoring local veterans have been moved from the Smith Hollow Country Schoolhouse museum to the Palus Museum at 426 E. Main Street to make the popular display more visible to the public.

Left: Vintage uniforms from the Spanish-American to Vietnam wars are hanging in the Palus Museum.

Above: Newspapers, medals and pictures are part of the patriotic display.



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Columbia Straw Supply is stockpiling massive amounts of straw in preparation for the Columbia Pulp plant to begin production in the near future.

David Eller is new Columbia Straw Supply general manager

Company places high priority on employee care and community involvement

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

STARBUCK, Wash.—Columbia Straw Supply, a Starbuck-based company that procures wheat straw for Columbia Pulp, welcomed David Eller as its new general manager on Feb. 18.

Eller most recently served as the plant and operations manager at Ash Grove Cement Company in Olathe, Kansas. He served in the Marine Corps before working in the paper and manufacturing industry where he served in various roles from plant engineer to mill superintendent. Eller has a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial engineering from Southern Illinois University.

Eller said he sought the position with Columbia Straw Supply because he had worked for one of the owners previously in his career and their career and management styles are similar.

“The ability and freedom to attract, develop and retain employees while treating them like family was a big motivation,” Eller said.

“We are extremely pleased to add David to our local team. Besides bringing tremendous experience to this company, he brings an innovative spirit and desire to drive us forward,” said Columbia Straw Supply CEO Phil Farm-

er.

Eller is living in Starbuck and says he enjoys the area and the people.

“I am adapting well. The people in Starbuck and the surrounding communities have been very nice. I was raised in a small community, so it really reminds me of my youth,” Eller said.

“I am enjoying myself here very much. I really enjoy seeing all of the wildlife and the peaceful countryside. I enjoy not having the traffic and the stress of living near a large community,” he added.

Columbia Straw Administrative Team Leader Heidi James said that Columbia Straw started the procurement of straw in 2015 for the financial closing of Columbia Pulp to show investors that they could procure large quantities of straw. She said that in 2015, the company procured roughly 20,000 – 30,000 tons of straw.

The Columbia Pulp facility, which is nearing completion, is an innovative straw pulp processing plant, located on 449 acres near the Lyons Ferry Bridge in Columbia County.

Columbia Straw procures and stores straw and is currently delivering to “P3,” the Columbia Pulp Pilot Plant, located in Pomeroy.

“Right now, we’re ramping up and storing large quantities so that when the pulp plant opens, we are ready to supply them with all of their straw needs,” James said.

Early statements from Columbia Straw estimated that the plant would use a bale-a-minute and Columbia



David Eller

Straw is preparing for that max capacity at 24-hour operation, James said.

She said that Columbia Straw is currently contracted with about 10-15 suppliers, who work with multiple producers.

James said Columbia Straw currently has 10 employees and that most of the employees, including office staff, are certified to run the telehandler, a rough-terrain forklift.

“We are very proud of the fact that we have well-rounded employees,” James said.

Columbia Straw also prides itself on being community-minded.

“We really look at us being a small business in a small community. Our

goal is to support sustainable agriculture. We want Columbia Pulp to succeed and we want to support farmers in a way that supports generation after generation of farming practices,” James said.

“Especially as a farmer’s wife, I want my great, great grandkids to still be working the farm and supporting what Columbia Pulp is becoming,” she said.

James said that Columbia Straw makes a practice of supporting area youth by supporting 4-H and FFA.

“The best way to support our local ag community, is to support their children at fairs,” James said. “We don’t just buy animals, we talk with the kids and walk through the barns and ask questions,” she added.

James said that, in just the next few days, Pomeroy’s FFA Ag Issues team would be visiting Columbia Straw to give a practice presentation on the Columbia Pulp Facility, in preparation for state competition and that Columbia Straw would hold their next staff meeting at My Dad’s Place, in Dayton, during a Parent-Teacher-Student Organization fundraiser.

When asked what he is most looking forward to, Eller said he looks forward to getting to know the people in the community.

“It’s too early to really understand what challenges await us in the near future. The staff here is extremely talented and motivated to make Columbia Straw successful,” Eller said, when asked about the challenges facing the company.

Northwest Farm Credit Services predicts varied agricultural outlook

THE TIMES

SPOKANE, Wash.— Northwest Farm Credit Services, the Northwest’s leading agricultural lending cooperative, has released its quarterly Market Snapshot reports that look at the state of major agricultural commodities in the region. Northwest FCS industry teams working throughout Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington monitor conditions and report outlooks for commodities financed by the co-op.

Northwest FCS’ 12-month outlook for the agricultural commodities most common in the Northwest are summarized below.

Cattle

Northwest FCS’ outlook suggests slightly profitable returns throughout the beef industry, bolstered by strong domestic and foreign demand. Stagnant growth in the national cow herd favors higher prices. Additional winter feed costs will hinder profitability.

Dairy

Futures markets suggest unprofitable prices through the first half of the year. Higher prices in the latter half are expected to offset first-half losses. Northwest FCS anticipates break-even returns for dairy in 2019.

Fisheries

Fisheries should realize profitable returns over the next 12 months, according to Northwest FCS. Healthy biomass for halibut and sablefish means higher harvest levels. Demand for pollock is strong, and so are prices. Bristol Bay sockeye salmon should see another highly profitable year.

Forest Products

Log and lumber prices are expected to increase slightly and remain stable throughout 2019. Northwest FCS anticipates profitable returns for timberland owners and slightly weaker margins for processors over the next 12 months, even with price declines from record log and lumber prices in 2018.

Hay

Northwest FCS’ 12-month outlook suggests alfalfa and timothy hay producers will be profitable. Low supplies across the Northwest are setting the stage for strong profitability in 2019.

Nursery/Greenhouse

Prices remain strong. Still, some indicators point to a softer housing market, which could negatively affect demand. Northwest FCS expects nursery and greenhouse operations will be profitable in 2019.

Onions

Northwest FCS foresees profitable returns to onion producers in the next 12 months. Wet weather in February and March provided ample water for the 2019 growing season, but delayed planting.

Potatoes

Northwest FCS anticipates lower production and inventory, leading to higher prices. Contracted potatoes will likely be profitable, and uncontracted potatoes are projected to be slightly profitable. Delayed planting foreshadows a smaller crop in 2019.

Sugar Beets

Northwest FCS predicts profitable returns to sugar beet growers for the 2018-19 crop. Northwest sugar beet producers should benefit from lower ending stocks.

Wheat

USDA projects the 2018-19 all-wheat price will be between \$5.10 and \$5.20 per bushel. Northwest FCS predicts this price should allow slightly profitable returns for producers.

Apples

Northwest FCS expects slightly profitable returns over the next 12 months for apple producers. Prices have increased, and producers anticipate modest returns for the remaining 2018-19 crop. With no trade resolutions in sight and more fruit expected, next season’s margins could be thin.

Cherries

Cherry growers could see compressed returns if Chinese tariffs remain in place for the 2019 season. Northwest FCS predicts early and late season cherries will capture higher returns due to lower supply. However, supply gluts are anticipated mid-season, which will subdue producer returns.

Pears

Lackluster consumer demand leads to Northwest FCS’ 12-month outlook of slight profits. Subdued shipments result in soft pricing despite high quality. Labor and disease management continue to increase costs.

Wine/Vineyard

Northwest FCS’ 12-month outlook calls for profitable wineries and slightly profitable vineyards. As more consumers reduce their alcohol consumption and turn to substitute beverages, growth in wine consumption is slowing. Still, consumers continue to trade quantity for quality, which is increasing the value of wine sales. Increased labor costs and abundant grape supplies challenge the vineyard industry.

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ally low of kids entering,” Beasley said.

She said that scores on alphabet and counting have also been very low.

Beasley said the data “blew our theories out of the water” in regard to preschool attendance.

“You would assume that kids going to preschool would have higher scores. And that’s not necessarily true because it depends on what preschools the kids went to,” Beasley said.

She said that students who attended play-based preschools did not show an advantage and said that it is important that play be balanced with academics.

Beasley said she has ideas on programming to increase future scores and that she is excited to be working with preschool teacher Marcie Martinez.

“We have things we are doing to try and close the gap for the kids who come unprepared because there is a lot of research that kids who enter behind in kindergarten don’t catch up. That worries us a lot. We lose sleep over it,” she said.

KNOUFFS START FIRST SEASON AS KOA OWNERS

Camping, boating, fishing season is underway at Starbuck/Lyons Ferry Marina KOA

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

STARBUCK, Wash.— Wally and Joanne Knouff are starting their first season as owners of the Starbuck/Lyons Ferry Marina KOA. The couple purchased the business in November after realizing they were here to stay.

“Our kids make fun of us because we sold our home in Wenatchee and downsized to an RV with plans to camp in the north in the summer and head south in the winter. This was our first stop and we never left. We fell in love with it and stayed,” Joanne said.

The Knouffs came to Lyons Ferry four years ago as work campers for Jim and Angela McArthur. The Knouffs became assistant managers when the McArthurs sold the business to Steve and Teri Klonz of Seven K’s Enterprises in 2017.

The Knouff’s warm and playful attitude is evident even on their name badges where their nicknames, Wingnut and Squirrel, are shown in parenthesis.

“My neighbor’s niece in Wenatchee started calling me Uncle Wally Wingnut and it stuck,” Wally said.

“And I have so many things going on in my head that I bounce from one subject to the next, so my kids jokingly say ‘squirrel!’ as I change topics,” Joanne said.

The Knouffs say the KOA is already fully staffed. The store, which offers fishing licenses, groceries, boating, camping and RV accessories, and clothes is open from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Mon. – Sat. and from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Sunday.

“We have new shipments coming in and are expanding our toy section with kids toys, cards and camping games,” Joanne said.

The Snake River Grill is currently open from 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. but Joanne expects that they will be open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

Joanne said that they are looking at the possibility of opening early in the morning once Columbia Pulp begins operations, if workers would stop in for coffee and donuts.

“I know the fishermen would like it, we just have to have enough business to make it work,” she said.

The KOA currently offers three camping cabins – two studios and one deluxe one bedroom unit, a full laundromat, RV and tent camping spaces, a playground, and three boat docks, with 84 covered and uncovered boat slips.

The campground, marina and store are located at the historic Lyons Ferry crossing near the nearly three-quarter mile-long Joso Bridge. The spectacular 200-foot Palouse Falls waterfall is nearby and fishing is abundant.



Photo by Ray Brown



Photo by Dena Martin



Courtesy Photo



Photo by Ray Brown



Courtesy Photo



Photo by Dena Martin

The Starbuck/Lyons Ferry KOA continues to add upgrades and improvements to the facility. Clockwise from top right:

Wally and Joanne Knouff purchased the KOA after four years as camp workers, then assistant managers. The campground includes fenced tent camping, two levels of RV camping, and new cabins. A gorgeous sunset over the Snake River. A playground is located just above the campground. New cabins make overnight stays simple. A laundromat is a welcome recent addition to the facility.

Guided fishing trips are available with Hells Canyon Sport Fishing, Ache’n Arms Guide Service and Captain Z’s Fishing Adventures all offering trips out of Lyons Ferry.

Upcoming events include a catfish derby that runs from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day, a Kid’s Camp Fundraiser on May 10-11, Swim the Snake on the first weekend in August and KOA Value Card Member Appreciation Sept. 13-14.

During Care Camps weekend, campers can stay on Fri., May 10 as paying guests and camp for \$20 on May 11. Funds raised from May 11 camping

support KOA Care Camps which are medically supervised summer camps for kids with cancer.

The land the campground is situated on is owned by the Army Corps of Engineers and leased by the Port of Columbia, while the Knouffs own the KOA business and inventory.

Joanne said that the Port has plans for expanding the campground to include an area for pull-throughs and is looking at adding a second boat dock as well as another dock for bigger boats.

“They’re also looking at adding more cabins. But those projects are a couple

of years out,” she said.

When asked what they like most about operating the KOA, the Knouffs agree it is the people.

“We love the area, the campground and the people. When we first came, we got to know a lot of the regulars and locals. We love the people and enjoy being here, and that’s why we’re staying” Joanne said.

Find out more at Starbuck/Lyons Ferry Marina on Facebook, by visiting the KOA website at Koa.com/campgrounds/starbuck or calling directly at (509) 399-8020.

Chris Janson Headlines Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days

Jackson Michelson is opening act.

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA— Tickets are on sale now for tickets to Chris Janson who will headline the 2019 Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days concert on August. 28. Jackson Michelson, of Corvallis, Ore., will open for Janson.

While his name may not be widely known, Janson’s songs are. His hits include “Buy Me a Boat,” “Fix a Drink,” and “Take a Drunk Girl Home.” His new song, “Good Vibes,” is the de-



Courtesy Photo

Chris Janson

but single from his forthcoming third studio album. Janson holds the distinction of being the youngest member of the Grand Ole Opry.

Michelson has played more than 150 shows and has opened for Blake Shelton, Lady An-

tebellum and Zac Brown Band.

Tickets may be purchased online at the www.wallawallafairgrounds.com website or at the fairgrounds box office. The 2019 Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days runs Aug. 28-Sept. 1, 2019.

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er more room to work,” Drury said about the Tucannon River project.

“That’s where I think we’re going to end up by the time we end this process,” he said.

Drury said there is limited data on the Touchet River and that is where performing a geomorphic assessment comes in, after which, project areas for restoration will be identified.

“We’re going to look at the system, look at what makes sense, and work with people who are willing, and want to get involved with some conceptual restoration projects,” he said.

Drury said the Bonneville Power Agency has a requirement to mitigate for their impacts by pro-

viding for restoration in the tributaries.

“They are looking for opportunities to fulfill that requirement. What that means is they’re looking for people to work with, and if they don’t find them in this room, they are going to find them in another room,” he said.

“We’re not doing anything without the cooperation and inclusion of the people living in the valley,” Drury said. “We’re reaching out to you. If you want us to come out and look at your property, make it known tonight.”

“We do value your knowledge of the river, your knowledge of how the river has worked in the past and what the risks are. What is happening up and down and on your property, because that’s import-

ant information for us,” Floyd said.

Landowners at the meeting expressed concerns about flood risk from dike removals, impacts to their property from work that is done upstream, costs to BPA ratepayers, the economic impacts on farmers, and the need for good communication with each other.

Floyd said a conceptual restoration plan should be in place by the end of the year. In the meantime, meetings will take place with landowners and a series of public meetings will follow. The best early opportunities for improvements on the river will then be established and funding will follow, he said.

Floyd said the whole process could take between two and three years.

Are the Seattle Mariners for Real?

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

After series wins over the A's, Red Sox, Angels, and White Sox, the Seattle Mariners find themselves at the top of the AL West with the best record in baseball at 9-2. The hot start has been punctuated with a record number of home runs (27) through the first eleven games. Looking at the American League leaderboard will help you become familiar with some of the new players the Mariners picked up in the offseason.

Tim Beckham and Domingo Santana are all over the hitting leaderboards. Jay Bruce may only have seven hits, but five of them are home runs. The offense has been averaging a mind blowing 7.73 runs per game during this stretch.

However, before getting too excited about the season you should consider a few things. While the offense has been off-the-charts-fantastic, the defense and pitching have not. With third baseman Kyle Seager on the injured list, Dylan Moore committed three errors in a single game. Tim Beckham has five errors at shortstop and Ryon Healy has four at first base in the early going.

The pitching staff is giving up 5.09 runs per game. Playoff teams tend to score around five runs per game in offense while allowing around four runs on defense. While the pitching staff could improve a little, it is also likely the offensive will slow down considerably.

The next three opponents for the Mariners are the Royals, Indians, and Astros. While the Mariners are favored to win in each of the games against the Royals, they aren't favored in any of the matchups against Houston or Cleveland. Both Houston and Cleveland are expected to be playoff teams this season and are giving up 3.2 runs per game. These should be the first real tests of the season as the combined records of teams the Mariners have played so far are 16-26.

If the Mariners are still playing at a high level after fifty games into the season, I'll be cautiously optimistic about their outlook this season. Projection systems at both Fangraphs and FiveThirtyEight have already upwardly revised the number of wins they expect from the Mariners. FiveThirtyEight even gives them a 34% chance to make the playoffs which is up considerably from the start of the season. That's great when you consider this is supposed to be a rebuilding year.



Photo by Howard Umphrey

Howard Umphrey, brother of Times sportswriter, Eric Umphrey, visited the Mariners during spring training and snapped this back-shot of Kyle Seager (#15) stretching out with the split squad.

MLB AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

ERA			Batting Average		
M. Clevinger	Cle	0.00	T. Anderson	Chi	.560
M. Moore	Det	0.00	D. LeMahieu	NY	.429
M. Shoemaker	Tor	0.00	C. Santana	Cle	.419
T. Bauer	Cle	0.64	T. Beckham	Sea	.400
J. Zimmerman	Det	0.66	M. Trout	Ana	.393

Wins			Home Runs		
M. Gonzales	Sea	3	G. Sanchez	NY	6
V. Alcantara	Det	2	J. Bruce	Sea	5
B. Anderson	Oak	2	K. Davis	Oak	5
J. Anderson	Ana	2	M. Trout	Ana	5
Y. Chirinos	Tam	2	T. Beckham	Sea	4
			D. Santana	Sea	4
			D. Vogelbach	Sea	4

Strike Outs			Runs Batted In		
M. Scherzer	Was	28	D. Santana	Sea	15
M. Boyd	Det	23	M. Trout	Ana	12
M. Clevinger	Cle	22	T. Beckham	Sea	11
J. Berrios	Min	21	J. Gallo	Tex	11
G. Cole	Hou	19	R. Healy	Sea	11
			Y. Moncada	Chi	11

Saves			Stolen Bases		
S. Greene	Det	7	D. Gordon	Sea	5
J. Alvarado	Tam	4	M. Smith	Sea	4
B. Hand	Cle	4	W. Merrifield	Kan	3
B. Treinen	Oak	3	T. Pham	Tam	3
R. Brasier	Bos	2	D. Santana	Sea	3

MARINERS HITTING

	AB	R	H	2B	HR	RBI	BB	BA	OBP	OPS
M. Haniger	49	9	13	5	2	8	2	.265	.327	.817
D. Santana	45	10	14	2	4	15	8	.311	.415	1.037
R. Healy	43	9	11	7	3	11	4	.256	.313	.940
T. Beckham	40	13	16	5	4	11	7	.400	.489	1.314
J. Bruce	38	9	7	1	5	10	5	.184	.289	.894
D. Gordon	36	5	10	1	0	6	2	.278	.300	.606
O. Narvaez	34	7	9	0	2	6	1	.265	.286	.727
M. Smith	32	8	8	0	1	3	6	.250	.359	.765
E. Encarnacion	30	8	9	0	2	5	6	.300	.447	.947
D. Vogelbach	15	5	7	2	4	8	3	.467	.579	1.979

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

INTERVIEW PANEL APPLICATIONS EXTENDED

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg School District has extended the deadline for accepting applications for individuals to sit on the Superintendent Search Interview Observer Panel. The board plans to select approximately 12 community members, representing a cross-section demographics to sit on the panel.

The panel will observe preliminary interviews of six to eight selected candidates for the position of Superintendent of the Waitsburg School District and will, individually, provide input to the Board on each candidate.

Interviews will be held on Mon., April 22 and Wed, April 24, starting at 3:30 p.m. and ending

as late as 9 p.m. Panel members must be available for the entire session each day.

Applications are available at the elementary school office or on the waitsburgsd.org website under News. Applications must be turned in to the Superintendent's Office at 184 Academy Street by 3 p.m. on April 17.



Spring Sports Schedules

DW Track & Field

Tues. April 9 3:00
Pomeroy Track
Fri. April 12 3:00
Kittitas High School
Sat. April 13 8:30 a.m.
Spokane Falls Community College
Sat. April 20 10:30 a.m.
Art Fiker Stadium, Prosser
Thur. April 25 3:30 p.m.
Mabton
Sat. April 27 11:00
Lind-Ritzville High School
Tues. April 30 3 p.m.
Pomeroy

DW Baseball

Tues April 9, 5:00
Milton-Freewater
***Sat. April 13, 11:00**
Lyle/Wishram/Klickitat Dbl.
Tues April 16, 3:00
Burbank Dbl.
***Sat. April 20, 11:00**
Kittitas Dbl.
Sat. April 27, 11:00
White Swan Dbl
***Tues. April 30 3:00**
DeSales
Tues. May 7 - District 5/6 Tourney
May 17-18 - Regional Tourney
May 24-25 - State Tournament

DW Softball

Tues April 9, 5:00
Milton-Freewater
***Sat. April 13, 11:00**
Lyle/Wishram/Klickitat @ Dayton Dbl.
Tues April 16, 3:00
Burbank Dbl.
***Sat. April 20, 11:00**
Kittitas @ Dayton Dbl.
Sat. April 27, 11:00
White Swan Dbl
***Tues. April 30 3:00**
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Sat. May 11 - District 5/6 Tourney

DW Golf

*** Thurs. April 11, 1:00**
Sun Willows, Pasco
*** Thurs. April 18, TBD**
Columbia Point, Richland (tentative)
*** Wed. April 24, 12:30**
Wine Valley, Walla Walla (top golfers)
*** Mon. April 29, Noon**
Palouse Ridge, Pullman
***May 1 or 2, TBD**
Tri Cities Invite (tentative)
***Wed. May 8, Sub-Districts, TBD**
Location TBD
***Wed. May 15, Districts, TBD**
Location TBD
***May 20-22 WIAA State**
Tumwater Valley Golf Course



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TOUR OF WALLA WALLA HITS WAITSBURG THIS WEEKEND

The 21st Annual Tour of Walla Walla is April 12-14

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG & WALLA WALLA—The Tour of Walla Walla cycling weekend kicks off April 12-14. This is the 21st year of what has become a spring classic in the local road racing community.

The competition consists of four stages, beginning with the Wilson Hollow time trial in which cyclists in eight categories race solo against the clock.

This 6.8 mile circuit leaves from the Waitsburg Fairgrounds staging area heading east on Wilson Hollow Road. It begins with a short kicker, then settles into the rolling terrain before heading to a fast return.

Stage two is the Waitsburg Road Race that both begins and ends on Waitsburg Hill and goes southwest of town. Even professional cyclist Kaler Marshall agrees Waitsburg Hill is known as the “Temple of Pain.”

The Saturday downtown criterium is flanked by historic Walla Walla architecture and an enthusiastic and cheering crowd. The route consists of seven corners made up of right- and left-hand turns.

The racing ends with Sunday’s Kellogg Hollow Road Race. With a loop distance of 27 miles and 2,010 feet of climbing, cyclists will be challenged to multiple loops, depending on their category.

The stretch from the end of the circuit loop to the finish line is 2.9 miles with 28 feet of climbing but is mostly downhill.

This is Marshall’s seventh time competing. “It’s one of the premier stage races regionally in Oregon, Washington and Idaho and there’s a lot of racers that come from Canada to do it,” he said.

Besides bragging rights, racers compete for about \$7000 cash (across all categories) and merchandise prizes.

Michael Austin and his wife, Kathryn, own Allegro Cyclery, one of the event’s sponsors. Being the owner means Austin has had his hand in all aspects of the business since its inception in 2005.

The Austin’s also lend their organizing know-how to the event, working tirelessly as race directors. They handle the planning and administrative details of the



Photos by Lane Gwinn

Top left: Visitors to Ten Ton Coffee in Waitsburg last month, got a front-seat view of cyclists preparing for next week’s Tour of Walla Walla stage race.

Above: Cyclist Kaler Marshall shared his experience in past races.

Left: Cyclists head out for a trial run.



event. “We’ve been involved with the race since year one,” says Austin who appreciates that “Waitsburg gets behind the race in a big way. The community is so supportive. This year the Rotary has partnered up with us,” he said.

Cycling isn’t just for the riders. Spectators will have some thrilling spectacles to enjoy.

“Last year our average speed was 30 mph. If you

stand on the edge of the course, you can feel the wind come off it,” Marshall said.

The Tour of Walla Walla is a just one part of the larger Pacific Northwest Stage Race series. The cycling continues with the Tour de Bloom, May 3-5, in the Wenatchee Valley, followed by the Mutual of Enumclaw, May 18-19.

More information can be found at tofww.raceday-websites.com.

Painting for Passage

Event raised funds for homelessness

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Painting for Passage show debuted in the grand lobby of the Marcus Whitman hotel featuring the watercolor and acrylic paintings of Leigh Anne Adkins.

Adkins’ artworks favor the abstract expressionist style popularized by artists like Jackson Pollock and were at auction during the Spring Barrel Crush event.

Collectors circled the bidding table to the gentle strummings of harpist Chelsea Carter. Carter’s original composition, “Heavenly,” filled the great hall right up to its vaulted ceilings with ethereal sounds fit for a cherub.

The silent auction was held for

the benefit of the Walla Walla Alliance for the Homeless, a non-profit organization dedicated to recognizing and resolving the unmet needs of the homeless population of Walla Walla.

The Alliance’s Sleep Center, which houses about forty people nightly, will receive the proceeds.

The event was well-attended by a seemingly endless stream of art enthusiasts traveling between adjacent wineries.



Photos by Brianna Wray
Clockwise from top right:

Artwork stands on display on the grand lobby of the Marcus Whitman Hotel during the Painting for Passage show.

Harpist Chelsea Carter entertained with her original composition, “Heavenly.”

Watercolors and acrylic paintings by artist Leigh Anne Adkins were on display during the event.



New Legacy Project Concert, April 29

Group’s breakout single “I’ll Stand” honors veterans

THE TIMES

STARBUCK, Wash.—Cutting-edge Nashville based Christian artists, New Legacy Project (formerly known as Blackwood Legacy), will be in concert in Starbuck on Mon., April 29 at 7 p.m. at the Starbuck Community Church (110 Main Street.) This is a non-denominational, community-wide event and admission is free.

The band blends an edgy Southern-Gospel sound with contemporary worship, while staying true to their Gospel calling.

Early this year Daywind Records released the band’s newest breakout song “I’ll Stand,” to radio. *I’ll Stand* was written by tenor Paul Secord and was inspired by the growing number of U.S. veterans and their families who aren’t able to find support as they struggle through illnesses and mental health issues as a result of their service.

The group’s single “I’ll Stand” is being placed in the hands of our Veterans, along with a letter of thanks, a Bible, and other valuable resource information. New Legacy Project is working with churches across the U.S. to deliver these “thank you” packages into Veterans Hospitals and care homes.

“We just want to express our love and appreciation for the men and women who have defended us without thought of their own comfort or safety. They are the ones who give us the freedom to do what we do every day -- worship with complete freedom in our great Nation. You can’t give enough to out give their sacrifice,” said New Legacy Project founder Rick Price.

Starbuck Community Church is located at 110 Main Street. Admission is free and a love offering will be received for the group. It is recommended to arrive early for best seating. Call the church at 509-399-2259 for more information, or visit the group’s website at newlegacyproject.com/tour.

Talk about Art

By Carolyn Henderson

There is a joke – more true than funny – that most people who graduate with a particular degree never use it in their eventual career. Kennewick photographer John Clement, who graduated from Central Washington University with double degrees in geography and geology, sort of kind of uses his degrees because he takes photos of landscapes from all over the world.

But what really factored in his eventual career was the one elective class he took in photography.

“I had to borrow a camera to get through the class because at that time I didn’t own one,” Clement remembers. From that point on, however, he was hooked.

“I believe God has given each one of us a gift to share with others, and I believe my gift is seeing his wonderful creation in a unique way, one that communicates his love for all of us through what he has created for us to see,” Clement says.

For nearly 45 years, Clement has been photographing the Pacific Northwest and beyond, garnishing during that time more than 65 regional, national, and international awards for his fine art and commercial work. Seventeen of his images are installed as murals at the Century Link Field, home of the Seattle Seahawks and Sounders. Another 17 are on 4 x 8 panels at the newly remodeled Pasco Airport, and more than 200, ranging in size from 24 inches to 35 feet,



Left: Morning by John Clement Above: WinterLandscape by John Clement
Courtesy Images

form the décor for the Othello Medical Clinic.

His work is in books, on calendars, and has been published in magazines. One print, Red Dawn, was named one of the top photographs in the U.S. and entered into the permanent collection of the International Hall of Fame of Photography in Missouri. And he’s still going strong, having recently returned from a trip to Europe, with images of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France, taken from his own unique perspective.

“My studio is the Eastern Washington landscape and its weather, my production area is at my home, and the Lord has blessed me beyond my wildest dreams.”

Through May 4, Wenaha Gallery (219 E. Main, Dayton) is showcasing a selection of Clement’s landscape photography. Clement will be at the gallery in person Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the gallery’s Spring Art Show. Also on hand will be Dayton jewelry and nostalgic journal artist Dawn Moriarty, and Milton-Freewater steel sculptor Anne Behlau. To all visitors who fill out a short survey naming their favorite works of art by each artist, the gallery is giving out a free Spring Bingo paper flimsy, to be used at Spring Bingo later that day, sponsored by the American Legion Frank E. Bauers Post 42 of Dayton.

STATE PARKS ANNOUNCE TWO FREE DAYS IN APRIL

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Visitors to Washington State Parks will not need Discover passes on Sat., April 20 and Mon., April 22. The first free day is a springtime free day and the second is in honor of Earth Day.

A Discover Pass costs \$30 for an annual pass and \$10 for a one-day permit and is required for vehicle access to state recreational lands managed by Washington State Parks, the Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and the Dept. of Natural Resources. Discover Pass legislation allowed parks to designate up to 12 “free days” each year.

Remaining 2019 free days include:

- Sat., June 1 – National Trails Day
- Sat., June 8 – National Get Outdoors Day
- Sun., June 9 – Free Fishing Day
- Sun., Aug. 25 – National Park Service Birthday
- Sat., Sept. 18 – National Public Lands Day
- Mon., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
- Fri., Nov. 29 – Autumn Free Day

The Discover Pass provides daytime access but overnight visitors are still charged for camping and overnight accommodations. Learn more at www.DiscoverPass.wa.gov.

CORP BEGINS SPRING FISH SPILL OPERATIONS

THE TIMES

SNAKE and COLUMBIA RIVERS—The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will begin implementing its 2019 Fish Operations Plan at the four lower Snake River Dams on April 3 and at the lower Columbia River dams on April 10.

The 2019 plan includes spill and transport operations for the spring and summer juvenile fish passage seasons at these dams. Operations include new flexibility to benefit fish and hydropower.

Read details at <https://bit.ly/2uXjwag>

LEGAL NOTICES

In the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the County of Walla Walla
Christina Laura Almazan,
Case No. 19-3-00010-36
Jose Almazan-Herrera,
Respondent.

The State of Washington to Jose Almazan-Herrera
You are hereby summoned to appear within 60 days of the date this petition for a dissolution of marriage summons is published, after the March 14, 2019, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, Christina Laura Almazan, and serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address stated below; and in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the petition for a dissolution of marriage, which has been filed with the clerk of stated court. If you do not serve your written response within 60 days after the date this summons was served on you, exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a final order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final order until at least 90 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response on Christina Laura Almazan at 1658 Discovery Street, Walla Walla, WA. 99362
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March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2019
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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA
NO. 19-4-00003-7
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In the Matter of the Estate of:

SARAH LOUISE LITERAL,
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. 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent’s probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of Filing Notice to Creditors
with Clerk of the Court:
March 26, 2019
Date of First Publication:
April 4, 2019
Administrator: Lester Literal
Attorney for the Personal Representative:
Julie E. Karl, WSBA #45950
Address for Mailing or Service: Karl Law Office
PO Box 66
Waitsburg, WA 99361
The Times
April 4, 11, 18, 2019
4-4-a

Case No. 19-4-00057-36
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
ROBERT MICHAEL COOK
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: 03/25/2019
Date of First Publication: 04/04/2019

/s/
RICHARD M. COOK
Personal Representative
R. Gary Ponti
Ponti & Wernette, P.S.
Attorneys at Law
103 E. Poplar
Walla Walla, WA 99362
The Times
April 4, 11, 18, 2019
4-4-b

No. 19 4 00062 36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
In re the Estate of:
FRANCES E. ELLIS,
Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative, or

the Personal Representative’s attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of:

1. Thirty (30) days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the Notice to the Creditors as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or
2. Four (4) months after the date of first publication of the Notice.

If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent’s probate and non-probate assets.

Personal Representative:
Mary Cleveland
Attorney for Personal Representative: Mona J. Geidl, Minnick-Hayner
Address for Mailing or Service:
Mona J. Geidl
Minnick-Hayner
P.O. Box 1757
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Walla Walla County Superior Court, Cause No. 19 4 00062 36

/s/ Mary Cleveland
Mary Cleveland, Personal Representative
The Times
April 4, 11, 18, 2019
4-4-d

LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR LETTER OF INTEREST
FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OF CITY OF DAYTON

The City of Dayton is seeking to fill the upcoming vacant position of Mayor for the City of Dayton. The City is a non-charter code city with a Mayor-Council form of government as prescribed by Chapter 35A RCW. The Mayor position is open to a registered voter at the time of declaration of candidacy and has been a resident of within the boundaries of the city of Dayton for a period of at least one (1) year.

Interested parties shall submit a Letter of Interest or may request additional information by contacting the City of Dayton, 111 S. 1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328, (509) 382-2361 or by email at tcoole@daytonwa.com. Letters of interest will be accepted through April 30, 2019.
The Times
April 4, 11, 18, 2019
4-4-e

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.

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April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2019
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CITY OF WAITSBURG
2019 SWIMMING POOL SEASON

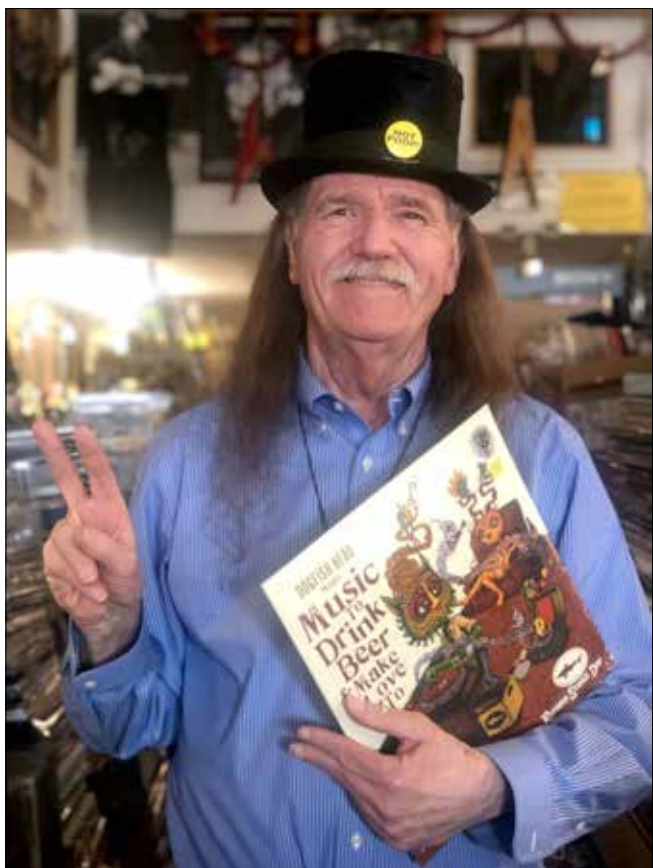
The City of Waitsburg is currently accepting applications for the position of Certified Lifeguard and Pool Office Manager. Duties for lifeguards include but are not limited to general lifeguard duties, and maintenance and operation of pool. Lifeguards must be 15 years of age or older and possess Lifeguard Certification and CPR/First Aid card. WSI preferred but not required. Office manager duties will include but are not limited to supervising pool office, cleaning, interacting with the public, and handling money and paperwork. These positions will be seasonal, and hours will vary.

Qualified applicants may pick up and return applications at Waitsburg City Hall, 147 Main Street, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361. All applications must be received by 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

For more information, call (509) 337-6371.

The City of Waitsburg is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Photos by Brianna Wray

Above left: Hot Poop owner Jim McGuinn's favorite record changes from day to day. His current squeeze is Dogfish Head Brewery and Legacy Recordings' "Music To Drink Beer & Make Love To" produced especially for Record Store Day. Center: Matt Wray couldn't possibly pick a single favorite, but he loves the Beatles, especially offbeat vinyl with alternate takes on the classics. Above right: Pat Mcilvaine remembers the first album she ever bought: The We Five's 1965 remake of Ian and Sylvia's "You Were on My Mind," which reached #3 on the Billboard Hot 100. Still a favorite after all these years.

HOT POOP CELEBRATES RECORD STORE DAY

Audiophiles rejoice, discount vinyl abounds

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Hot Poop will join forces and lock tonearms in solidarity with independent record stores and worldwide music fans in celebrating the twelfth annual International Record Store Day this Sat., April 13 with an in-store performance by Diego and The Detonators at 2 p.m.

Diego Romero studied music at McLoughlin High School in Milton-Freewater, Ore. and is a star graduate of the Walla Walla Symphony Free Rock Camp program. He provides vocals and lead guitar for the blues rock band.

The Detonators are drummer Mike Hammond and seasoned bass player Walt Ponti. Occasionally, the band brings in a horn, also played by Romero.

The event is free for all ages and music lovers will find discounts on limited edition albums from both independent and major record labels and various promotional products made exclusively for the day. Festivities include a performance and a meet & greet with the artists.

According to Hot Poop Assistant Manager Pat Mcilvaine, the once-final vinyl format has been respectfully resurrected and just might sail on to become the sonic savior of the music industry.

Record Store Day "has encouraged a lot of newer and older artists to start releasing more vinyl, not just CDs and streaming. People who are streaming and not using CDs," continues Mcilvaine, "are missing, besides the artwork, are missing out on the other fifteen songs, creating one-hit wonders

of artists who you may or may not ever hear from again."

Record Store Day was conceived of in 2007 as a day for the people who make up the world of the record store—the staff, the customers, and the artists—to come together and celebrate the unique culture of a record store and the special role these independently-owned shops play in their communities.

For over thirty years, Hot Poop has proudly carried on the spirit of independent music. What began with an inventory of a few albums, 8-tracks and tie-dyed shirts has expanded to include both car and home audio equipment, televisions, DVD players, and stereos as well as the musical instruments, cards, collectibles, and custom art.

Not only are new artists creating new vinyl, older, more established artists are getting their masters back as their big-label contracts are ending. Record Store Day provides an outlet to fans who can hear all-new renditions and reworkings of classic hits.

"Years ago, they made music, and somebody edited it. Now they can remake and re-release it the way they wanted to make in the first place," Mcilvaine said. "They're the ones that lead the way on vinyl because analog vinyl sounds a lot better than even a CD which is subject to compression. But if you're only going to listen on an mp3 or mp4, who cares? They just missed forty percent of the sound of the music right there."

Audiophiles around the world can prepare for the highest quality sound in live performances in an intimate setting.

On the first Record Store Day, April 19, 2008, Metallica spent hours at Rasputin Music in San Francisco meeting their fans and now, each year, hundreds of artists, internationally famous and



Photos by Brianna

Above: The Hot Poop storefront is an icon on Walla Walla's Main Street.



Left: Hot Poop carries much more than music. Inventory includes custom guitars, sound systems, instruments, cards, art, collectibles and more.

from the block, flock to record stores around the world for performances, signings, and to fill their own shopping bags with music.

While there's only one Record Store Day each year, the organization works with both independent and major labels to create contests, special releases and promotions in order to spotlight the benefits of supporting these inde-

pendent, locally-owned stores like Hot Poop with purchases throughout the year.

The Record Store Day organization is currently managed by Michael Kurtz and Carrie Colliton, in coordination with Michael Bunnell and Eric Levin. Folks wanting to contact Record Store Day are encouraged to email information@recordstoreday.com.

Laht Neppur joins 28 breweries at Tri-Cities Craft Beer Festival

Brewfest is Sat., April 27, in Kennewick

THE TIMES

KENNEWICK—Twenty-eight craft breweries will participate in the Washington Beer Commission's 3rd Annual Tri-Cities Craft Beer Festival on Sat., April 27 from noon-6 p.m. at the Southridge Sports and Events Complex located at 2901 Southridge Blvd. in Kennewick, Wash. Breweries come from all over Washington state and will be pouring more than 90 uniquely brewed craft beers. The festival takes advantage of spring with an indoor/outdoor element. Local food trucks and music will be on site.

Advance tickets are \$25 and include a commemorative tasting glass and eight 4 oz. tastes. Tickets

are \$30 at the door. Additional tokens may be purchased and designated driver admission, which includes free water and soda, is \$5.

All proceeds get reinvested in the marketing and promotion of Washington state craft beer and its 402 statewide breweries. Purchase tickets at <https://washingtonbeer.com/festivals/tri-cities-craft-beer-festival.php>

2019 Tri-Cities Craft Beer Festival participants include:

- Badass Backyard Brewing - Spokane Valley
- Bale Breaker Brewing - Yakima
- Berchman's Brewing - Yakima
- Big Barn Brewing - Mead
- Brothers Cascadia Brewing - Vancouver
- Burwood Brewing - Walla Walla
- Elysian Brewing - Seattle
- Fremont Brewing - Seattle
- Georgetown Brewing - Seattle

- Ghostfish Brewing - Seattle
- Gig Harbor Brewing Company - Tacoma
- Ice Harbor Brewing - Kennewick
- Icicle Brewing - Leavenworth
- Iron Goat Brewing - Spokane
- Laht Neppur Brewing - Waitsburg
- M.T. Head Brewing - Walla Walla
- No-Li Brewhouse - Spokane
- Paradise Creek Brewery - Pullman
- Silver City Brewery and Taproom - Bremerton
- Single Hill Brewing - Yakima
- Stormy Mountain Brewing - Chelan
- Sumerian Brewing - Woodinville
- Ten Pin Brewing - Moses Lake
- Varietal Beer Co. - Sunnyside
- Waddell's Brewpub & Grille - Spokane
- Wandering Hop Brewery - Yakima
- Wenatchee Valley Brewing - Wenatchee
- White Bluffs Brewing - Richland

SUNDAE & MR. GOESSL AT LIBERTY THEATER, APRIL 26

"Peril On the High Seas" plays over Mother's Day weekend

DAYTON—Tickets are now on sale for the stage production of "Peril On the High Seas" and a performance by Sundae & Mr. Goessl, both upcoming at the Liberty Theater.

Sundae & Mr. Goessl, a vintage jazz duo out of Seattle, will appear for their third visit on Fri., April 26 at 7 p.m. Wine pours will be available and tickets are \$20 per person.

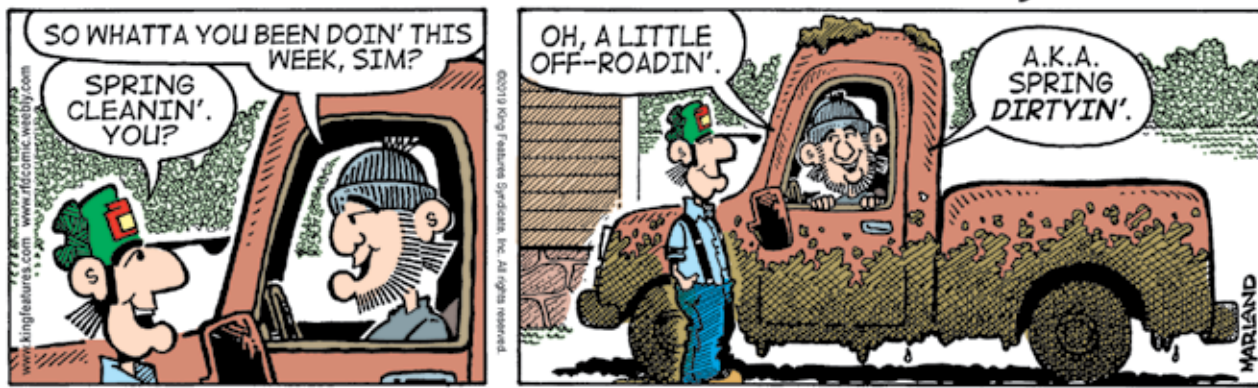
Meghan Bromley makes her directorial debut in the ritzy-ditzy melodrama "Peril On the High Seas," playing Mother's Day weekend at the Liberty Theater, May 10-12. The play is set aboard the ocean liner HMS Majestic at the height of the roaring 20s. Will the heiress Merry Ann Sweet fall victim to Snively Swine's kidnapping plot? Not if Mary Pickaxe, Hedda Hooper and detective Willy Ketchum have anything to do with it!

Showtimes are 7 p.m. on Fri., May 10 and Sat., May 11 and 3 p.m. on Sun., May 12. Tickets are \$10 to \$15 and can be purchased at www.libertytheater.org or at the Liberty Theater box office.

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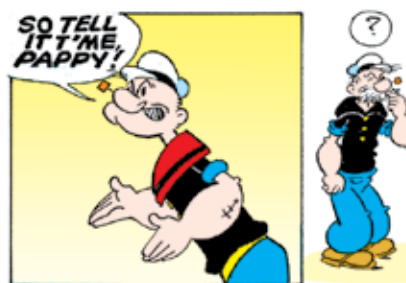
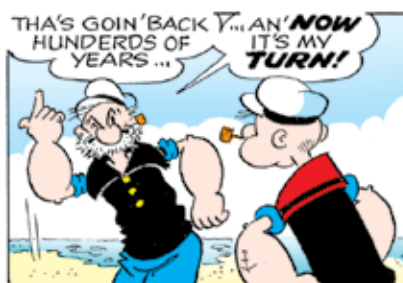
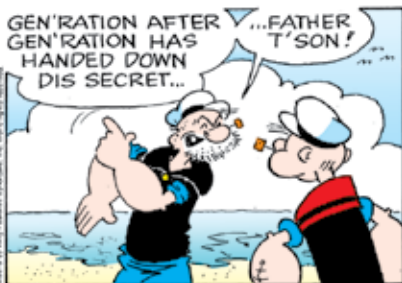
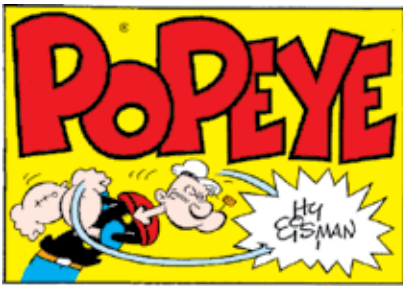
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF - A - DAY



Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS - SPRINGTIME

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
EGG
MAY
SUN

4 Letters
BULB
IRIS
JUNE
NEST
THAW

5 Letters
APRIL
EARTH
FEAST
GRASS
HEDGE
MULCH
TULIP

6 Letters
BREEZE
EASTER
FLOWER
NATURE
RABBIT
SEASON

7 Letters
BLOSSOM
RAINBOW

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

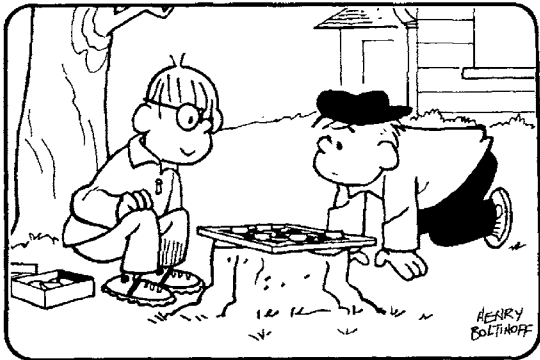
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| 1. Shaving foam | ___ H ___ | Last one mentioned | ___ T ___ |
| 2. Correct | R ___ | Taut | T ___ |
| 3. Item from abroad | ___ O ___ | Communicate | ___ A ___ |
| 4. Harriet Beecher | ___ W ___ | Kitchen appliance | ___ V ___ |
| 5. Of first importance | ___ M ___ | Arrogance | ___ D ___ |
| 6. Carnival employee | ___ R ___ | Financier | ___ N ___ |
| 7. F. ___ Fitzgerald | ___ T ___ | Pathfinder | ___ U ___ |
| 8. Bumper | F ___ | Caring and gentle | T ___ |
| 9. ___ Dane | ___ A ___ | Hail | ___ E ___ |
| 10. Soft color | ___ L ___ | Applied glue | ___ D ___ |

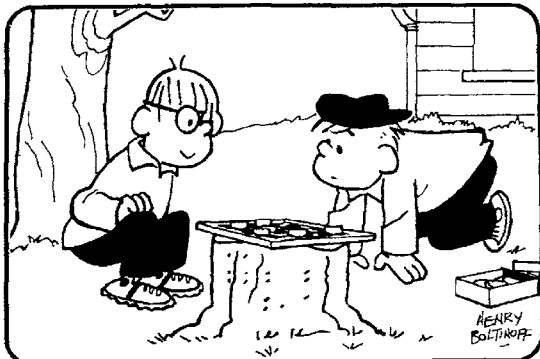
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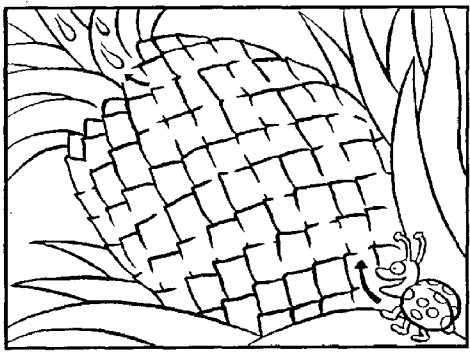
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy's pants are black. 2. Box has been moved. 3. Garage is gone. 4. Shirt zipper is missing. 5. Tree stump is taller. 6. Boy's left arm can't be seen.



A JUICY JOURNEY! Can you help this little bug find his way across the mazy surface of this sticky pineapple to the nectar oozing from the stem?

ODD MAN OUT! To the right is a list of five words. Can you figure out which word doesn't belong on the list?

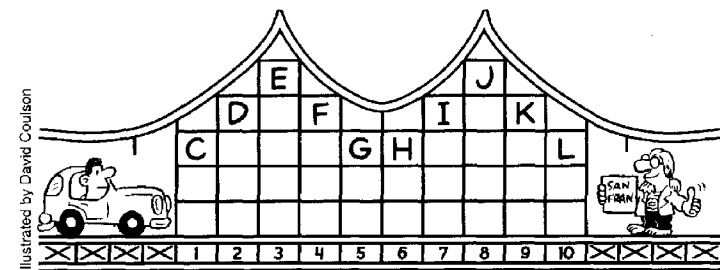
1. STONE
2. STENO
3. FREIGHTER
4. ABRASIVE
5. DRIFTWOOD

LINK-UPS! Here's a list of 12 one-syllable words that are divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from a word in the left column to a word in the right.

- | | |
|---------|-------|
| 1. BET | ICE |
| 2. TAPE | GET |
| 3. COW | RAYS |
| 4. CORN | RED |
| 5. MID | FEARS |
| 6. END | LED |

Answers: 1. Cad. 2. Dart. 3. Easel. 4. Faro. 5. Gigg. 6. Ham. 7. Ibis. 8. Jiffy. 9. Keel. 10. Lob.

Junior Whirl by Charles Barry Townsend



A WORD BRIDGE! The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word plus plenty of hints.

1. An unprincipled man.
2. A pointed missile.
3. An artist would use one.
4. A western card game.
5. What a musician looks for.
6. An actor who overacts.
7. A stork-like wading bird.
8. A short space of time.
9. Found under a ship.
10. To throw something in a high arc.

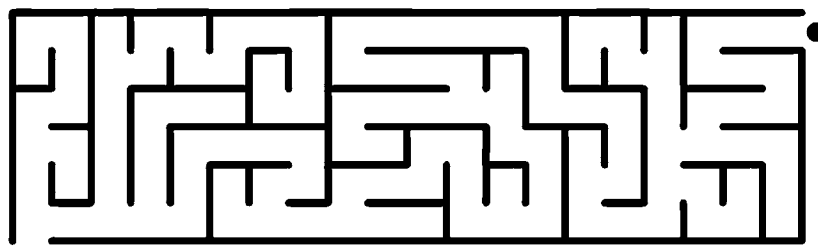
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Kids' Maze Solution

- Answers
1. Lather, Letter
 2. Right, Tight
 3. Import, Impart
 4. Stowe, Slove
 5. Prime, Pride
 6. Barker, Banker
 7. Scott, Scout
 8. Fender, Tender
 9. Great, Greet
 10. Pastel, Pasted

Kids' Maze



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Answers

1. EASIER
2. FLOWER
3. RABBIT
4. SEASON
5. NATURE
6. FEAST
7. EARTH
8. APRIL
9. THAW
10. NEST
11. JUNE
12. IRIS
13. BULB
14. MAY
15. EGG
16. SUN

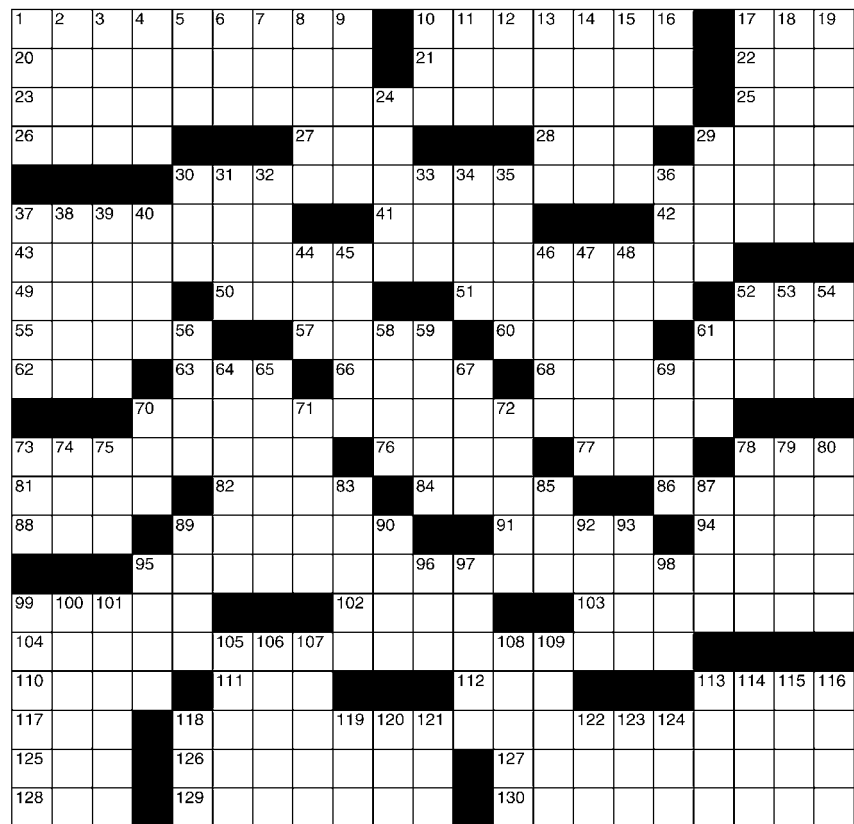
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LITERATURE
FIEND

- ACROSS**
- 1 Of Christian ritual immersion
 - 10 Fish also called a "jack"
 - 17 Ship for ETs
 - 20 Work partner
 - 21 Everlasting
 - 22 Edge
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 Log cutter
 - 26 Reply to "Shall we?"
 - 27 Bruins legend Bobby
 - 28 A dieter may try to lose it
 - 29 Obstruction
 - 30 Riddle, part 2
 - 37 Decline to vote
 - 41 Earsplitting
 - 42 Alleviates
 - 43 Riddle, part 3
 - 49 Cat sound
 - 50 Make fun of
 - 51 Seemly
 - 52 Zig's reverse
 - 55 Archie's sitcom wife
 - 57 Name on an elevator
 - 60 Minor error
 - 61 Bicycled, e.g.
 - 62 Rock singer Snider
 - 63 Epitome of easiness
 - 66 3/15 or 4/13, day-wise
 - 68 315 or 413, phone-wise
 - 70 Riddle, part 4
 - 73 Roget's references
 - 76 "Taken" star Neeson
 - 77 China's Lao- —
 - 78 "Blue Bloods" ainer
 - 81 Cat sound
 - 82 Tide type
 - 84 Scissor cut
 - 86 For only the case at hand
 - 88 Rest house
 - 89 Player getting a goal
 - 91 Hourglass fill
 - 94 Plus
 - 95 Riddle, part 5
 - 99 Part of Iberia
 - 102 Crab part
 - 103 Plush
 - 104 End of the riddle
 - 110 Go offstage
 - 111 Geologic span
 - 112 Lennon's lady
 - 113 Cuisine with tom yum
 - 117 Jar coverer
 - 118 Riddle's answer
 - 125 Flying geese formation
 - 126 Stud farm owner, e.g.
 - 127 Waterproof sheet
 - 128 Suffix with govern
 - 129 More lathery
 - 130 Got testy with
 - 13 Pasta sauce brand
 - 14 Actress — Aimée
 - 15 U.S.-Can.-Mex. treaty
 - 16 Schnozz suffix
 - 17 Planet with 27 moons
 - 18 Focus one's gaze
 - 19 Final Greek letters
 - 24 Vocal quaver
 - 29 Really rise
 - 30 Slugger Ripken
 - 31 Raise
 - 32 From scratch
 - 33 British runner Sebastian
 - 34 Jostle
 - 35 Scents
 - 36 Heady brew
 - 37 Really longed
 - 38 Wedding party?
 - 39 "Wake Up Little —" (1957 hit)
 - 40 Trial balloon
 - 44 "O Sole —" (Italian song)
 - 45 High storage room
 - 46 "Memento" director
 - 47 Soul
 - 48 Conical homes
 - 52 Wildlife park
 - 53 Stir in, e.g.
 - 54 "You don't say!"
 - 56 "Funny joke!"
 - 58 Joss or tiki
 - 59 Hauling trucks
 - 61 Panasonic alternative
 - 64 Like pogo sticks
 - 65 Mailer's "via"
 - 67 Arch across the shore
 - 70 ENE's reverse
 - 71 One-named singer with the 2005 hit "Oh"
 - 72 Simple-living sect
 - 73 "I didn't need that level of detail," in texts
 - 74 Cackling bird
 - 75 Geologic span
 - 78 Signify of "Kids"
 - 79 Officer over deckhands
 - 80 Actor Wolf
 - 83 Lake fish
 - 85 Golf number
 - 87 "The BFG" author Roald
 - 89 Reasonable
 - 90 Depend
 - 92 Twelve p.m.
 - 93 Bamboozle
 - 95 Droop
 - 96 British rule in old India
 - 97 — more (greater than one)
 - 98 Bloke
 - 99 Postpone
 - 100 Fairies
 - 101 Stage actors' whippers
 - 105 India's first prime minister
 - 106 Gluttony, e.g.
 - 107 Records on a cassette
 - 108 Army outfits
 - 109 Like Livy
 - 113 "That's right"
 - 114 Embraced
 - 115 Korea locale
 - 116 "— that right?"
 - 118 "American Dad!" ainer
 - 119 Meanie Amin
 - 120 Singer David — Roth
 - 121 Hound sound
 - 122 Madrid Mrs.
 - 123 Antonym: Abbr.
 - 124 Disparity



TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Blueberry Buttermilk Coffeecake

This is the recipe I needed to come up with something for our church morning potluck and clean-up day. And I needed to use the buttermilk I had. I have plenty of frozen blueberries from last summer. Google makes it so easy to find recipes. I have decided I could go into business called "Potluck Café." I do like to bake and I do like to share. This recipe makes a large 9" x 13" pan, so as I have mentioned before, bake and share with someone, or anyone and they will appreciate it.



I did another "Teeny" thing. I put together all the ingredients and put it in the oven. I decided to put the Streusel topping together while it baked, then thought, hmmm, it has flour in in and that isn't going to work with unbaked flour on top. Sure enough, it was to go on top of the batter but it was too late. The cake already had formed a nice crust. What I did was to put a very thin layer of frosting on top, more of a glaze, and it was great. But now I have this crumble topping made. I think I will make another blueberry coffee cake and do it right this time. It was a big hit at the church.

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 c. flour
 - 3 tsp baking powder
 - 1 tsp baking soda
 - 1 tsp salt
 - 1 1/3 c. white sugar
 - 1/2 c. butter
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 tsp. vanilla extract
 - 2 c. buttermilk
 - 2 c. blueberries
- CRUMBLE TOPPING:**
- 2/3 c. all-purpose flour
 - 2/3 c. white sugar
 - 8 Tbsp. butter, softened

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 340 degrees. Grease and flour a 9" x 13" inch pan. Sift flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt together in a bowl. Set aside.

In a large bowl, cream together sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs one at a time, then stir in the vanilla. Beat in the four mixture alternately with the buttermilk, mixing just until incorporated. Stir in blueberries. Pour batter into prepared pan.

In a small bowl, combine flour and sugar. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle over the top of batter.

Bake in the preheated oven for 45-60 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean. Allow to cool.

MY NOTES:

I put in more like 3 1/2 cups of blueberries. For me, this is a keeper. It wasn't too sweet and anything with buttermilk makes it light. When I make the next one to use up the topping that now sits in a plastic bowl glaring at me, I'll probably freeze half of it or gift it away.

ENJOY

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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
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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.

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DIFFICULTY: ★★

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

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Go Figure!

answers

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Eggs to Dye For: Egg Decorating Hacks

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

Are you gearing up for egg hunt season? How's your egg coloring game? Do you dominate, or do you opt to leave it to the pros?

As the wheel of the year turns we have an opportunity to revisit traditional activities, to keep what serves us and dump the rest. Pastel colors in spring are classic, we'll keep those. How we apply those colors to eggs, however, could use an update.

Not to say that it isn't a great way to spend a day, if you have a day. Let's say dyeing eggs is right for you if you answer yes to any of the following:

- Is my house too clean?
- Would I like to clean it more, again?
- Am I looking for an opportunity to create unintentional abstract paintings on everything and everyone around me?

If you cannot answer in the affirmative but are obligated to produce colorful eggs by the dozen for an event, skip ahead to the Extreme Hack. Otherwise, charge forth.

Dyeing eggs

Basics

Surface design is chemistry at its core. The mixing of careful ratios of dye can yield beautiful results, or catastrophic failures. From each, we learn. You will need 1 tablespoon vinegar, ½ a cup of water and liquid dye per color mixed.

Spenny

Egg coloring kits are pretty easy to find and provide some handy tools such as egg holder whisks, stencils, wax crayons and mixing cups.

Thrifty

There are all sorts of alternatives to using chemical dyes. Kool Aid works especially well for blues and reds. Turmeric and curry powders simulate yellow and amber.

Last One Found is a Rotten Egg!

Olfactory senses strongly relate to memory. Have you ever smelled a rotten egg? The smell stays with you. Sure, you can wash your hands or change your clothes, but you can always smell it in your mind-nose.

If you've never smelled it, consider yourself blessed and take this hack to heart: get fake eggs for egg hunts. Buyer beware, dye colors don't adhere to artificial D-I-Y eggs in the same way they do the real thing.

Get Creative

That said, if you're using a fake egg, why use dye at all? Break out the non-toxic acrylic paints and (Van Gogh for the gold. Recreate classic artworks like the Starry Night. Use your eggs to create dinosaurs. Drop painted eggs in salt, rice, or oatmeal to create a speckled effect.

Extreme Hack

If you absolutely positively must get color on every egg in the room, accept no substitutes. You can buy already artfully designed watercolor eggs for about \$3 a dozen.



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Clockwise from top right: Lay out your supplies, whether you use a purchased kit or pull items together yourself. A whisk can be used to dye an impressive gradient-colored egg. Leave the bottom of the egg in longer, to get a dark-to-light effect. Use paper to embellish eggs like this Stegosaurus egg. Pre-colored eggs can now be purchased right from area grocery stores. Let your creativity flow like the artist did with this Van Gogh-style Starry Night egg.

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