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A red-tailed hawk takes flight against smokey skies on August 10. Air quality in Waitsburg is expected to reach unhealthy levels on Thursday and Friday, before clearing up a bit for the weekend.

Policing reform lacks clarification from State

New legislation was discussed by Columbia County officials at the August 2 meeting

By Beka Compton & Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Washington state’s legislation on police reform went into effect on Sunday, July 25, and has left many police officials across the state without needed clarification. Concerns over changes to police response based on House Bill 1054 and House Bill 1310, sponsored by State Representative Jesse Johnson, were discussed at an August 2 Columbia County Commissioners meeting.

The State Legislature passed the police accountability measures in response to national, state, and local calls to reform policing after the deaths of unarmed Black Americans, including George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and, more locally, Manuel Ellis killed in Tacoma in March 2020. According to an article by NPR, lawmakers worked closely with advocates and families who have lost loved ones to police violence.

The new legislation addresses many aspects of policing, including banning the use of chokeholds and neck restraints by officers, limiting the use of physical force, changes in training and background checks for new officers, governance around peace officers, and requiring officers to intervene if a fellow officer uses excessive force and requiring officers to report misconduct.

At the Columbia County Commissioners meeting, Emergency Management Director Ashley Strickland asked for clarification for dispatch, stating he was worried that a misunderstanding of the new laws could potentially place the Columbia County Sheriff’s Office in a bind. He asked how operators are to respond to calls if Columbia County deputies cannot respond due to a lack of appropriate resources, based on the new legislation.

The County Prosecutor Dale Slack said it should be handled on a call-by-call basis.

“There was a meeting this last Thursday morning of all 37 elected prosecutors in the state, and no two of us can agree on what the laws say,” Slack said. “At this point, we are not even 100% sure that the Terry stop, which is kind of the cornerstone of law enforcement, exists anymore because you can’t use force or restrain somebody. If you stop someone or pull them over, and they say, ‘I don’t want to talk to you,’ you can’t stop them without probable cause.”

A Terry stop allows officers to detain a person briefly, based on reasonable suspicion of their involvement in criminal activity.

Slack went on to say that reasonable suspicion used to be reason enough for police to keep someone stopped long enough for questioning. He said now police could not stop someone from leaving the scene unless they have probable cause. Using a domestic violence scenario as an example, Slack said that probable cause is not determined until the victim tells police that a specific person harmed them.

“We have risen to the level where we cannot make someone talk, at least until we have probable cause,” said Slack.

Slack also said there are changes to how police handle mental health crises.

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Vaccinating health care workers a slow process in Columbia County

Only half are fully vaccinated

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—A question on the minds of many in our community is why the Columbia County Health System (CCHS) does not require its employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Back in January, CCHS employees took an internal survey to assess their receptivity to the vaccine. According to Stephanie Carpenter, COO, one-third said yes, they would. One-third said probably, but not now, and one-third said they would not get the vaccine.

Last week, Carpenter said that currently, only a little over half of all CCHS employees are fully vaccinated.

At the hospital district board meeting in May, Commissioner Jim Kime pointedly asked Katie Roughton, Director of Nursing Services at the Booker Rest Home, if staff there were fully vaccinated and, if not, why not. She replied that there was no requirement from the state, but if the board pressed her, she would look into it. There were no further comments from other board members or administrators at that meeting.

Kime’s question is essential, as COVID-19 cases in the area have increased, and the Delta variant is becoming more prevalent. Intensive Care Units (ICUs) at area hospitals are filling to capacity.

Last week, the Columbia County Board of Health Medical Director Lewis Neace, M.D. told the board, it had taken him six hours to find a bed for one patient infected with Covid-19.

Washington State Hospital Association CEO Carrie Sauer said the hospital association’s board of directors urges hospitals and health care providers to require their employees to get the vaccine.

“This is a big deal,” Sauer said at an Aug. 2 briefing. “We understand vaccine requirements are controversial, but we think it is the right thing to do.”

Providence St. Mary Medical Center and Providence Medical group announced on Thursday, Aug. 5, that caregivers employed at their facilities must be vaccinated against COVID-19 by Sept. 30.

When asked about requiring vaccines for CCHS employees, CEO Shane McGuire said they could be required from state or federal governments at some point in time, and when that happens, CCHS will comply.

“We currently have not made them required, but we are working on policies and procedures to keep everybody, vaccinated and not, healthy and safe. Healthcare workers have to manage infectious illnesses as part of their jobs,

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NEWS BRIEFS

VACCINATION CLINICS EXPANDED DUE TO RISING CASES

WALLA WALLA, WA—In response to the recent surge of COVID-19 cases in Walla Walla and the emergence of the Delta variant, the Walla Walla Department of Community Health (DCH) and community partners are staging a Vaccine Blitz. DCH will open several vaccine clinics around the county throughout the next week to make the vaccine more readily available to the community. The dates and times of each clinic are listed below, and on the county vaccine clinic website.

- Wed., Aug. 11: Walla Walla Community College, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Wed., Aug. 11: Providence Southgate Campus, 3-7 p.m.
- Thurs., Aug. 12: HAPO Credit Union – Eastgate, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Thurs., Aug. 12: Providence Southgate Campus, 3-7 p.m.
- Fri., Aug. 13: HAPO Credit Union – College Place, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Fri., Aug. 13: Providence Southgate Campus, 3-7 p.m.

All clinics will offer both the Pfizer-BioNTech and, Johnson & Johnson (J&J) Janssen vaccines. Both first- and second-dose appointments are welcome as are walk-in appointments.

Anyone going to the Providence Southgate clinic for a vaccine should use the main entrance of the building and not the urgent care entrance of the facility.

Children under age 12 years old are not eligible to receive a COVID vaccine. Those interested in receiving the J&J vaccine must be 18-years old or over. People younger than 18-years old will only be eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine and must have written parental consent or bring a parent or guardian with them to their vaccine appointment.

To schedule an appointment:

- Step 1: Go to <https://www.covidwvc.com/clinics>.
- Step 2: Scroll through the list of first-dose clinics and click the “Schedule an Appointment,” button after confirming eligibility under the selected clinic.
- Step 3: Select an appointment time and complete the registration process.

Residents who are homebound or without Internet/computer access can call the DCH helpline (509) 524-2647 and leave their name, date of birth, phone number, and a message stating that they are homebound or do not have access to the internet or a computer.

DCH encourages all residents to visit the County COVID website or text COVIDWW to 888777 for information on upcoming vaccination clinics.

HARMFUL ALGAE BLOOMS FOUND IN WASHINGTON LAKES AND RIVERS

THE TIMES

Blooms can be toxic to humans, pets, and wildlife

OLYMPIA—Washington State Department of Health advises the public to take precautions while enjoying water recreation this summer. Harmful algae blooms have been found in some Washington lakes and rivers. Algae blooms can vary in appearance but commonly look like pea soup or are blue-green or turquoise in color.

Harmful algae bloom occurs when algae with toxic strains start to grow in freshwater or saltwater. Freshwater algae blooms caused by cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) are most common in lakes but can occur in rivers and streams with warm, slow-moving, and stagnant waters.

DOH, Washington State Department of Ecology, and Spokane Regional Health District are investigating Spokane area water sources following the deaths of three dogs after swimming in the Little Spokane River near Chatteroy and illness in one dog after swimming in the Spokane River near Harvard Road Bridge. While cyanobacteria blooms in rivers are rare, the hot, dry weather and low water flows have led to confirmed blooms in both areas where the dogs had been swimming.

The toxicity of each bloom can vary and is difficult to predict. Toxicity can change from one day to the next. It isn't possible to determine how dangerous a bloom is to people and animals by looking at it. Only testing can tell if it is dangerous.

This summer's extreme heat and lower than normal water levels can create an ideal environment for organisms to easily grow and multiply. “Due to ongoing drought and warm temperatures in our state, lakes, rivers, and streams are under tremendous stress right now,” said Acting Chief Science Officer Scott Lindquist, MD, MPH. “As a result, we are receiving reports of toxic algae blooms in areas we have not seen before.”

Dogs and other animals are often exposed by drinking contaminated water, swallowing water while swimming, or licking cyanobacteria from their fur. If you suspect your pets or livestock have been exposed

to a toxic algae bloom, immediately wash them off with clean water to keep them from licking the bacteria off their fur. Possible signs that your pet might have been exposed to a harmful algae bloom may include vomiting, diarrhea, loss of coordination, tremors, and seizures.

The public is encouraged to take the following precautions when choosing a body of water for recreation:

Look for signs of toxic algae blooms and pay attention to signage. When in doubt, stay out!

Do not swim in and limit exposure to water that is under a health advisory or is listed as having a toxic algae bloom on the Washington State Department of Ecology toxic algae tracking site.

Individuals who swim or play in the water should shower with soap and water when done.

Contact a healthcare provider immediately if you become ill or have symptoms after suspected exposure to algae bloom.

Report suspected toxic algae blooms online at the Washington State toxic algae tracking site or contact your local health jurisdiction.

The DOH website is your source for a healthy dose of information. Find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. Sign up for the DOH blog, Public Health Connection.

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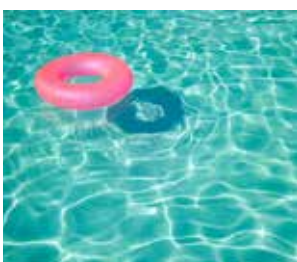
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Contact Jana Eaton at the District office (509-382-2543) or learn more from the District website @ <https://www.daytonsd.org/page/employment> page. EOE

Touchet Valley Weather Aug. 11, 2021

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Wednesday	Sunny Areas of Haze	101	71
Thursday	Sunny Areas of Haze	103	72
Friday	Mostly Sunny Areas of Haze	102	73
Saturday	Mostly Sunny Areas of Haze	104	74
Sunday	Partly Cloudy Areas of Haze	95	66
Monday	Partly Cloudy	85	52
Tuesday	Sunny	83	49

Weather Trivia
What state leads the nation in tornado touchdowns?
Answer: Florida.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	104	72	92/64	0.00"	0.00"
Wednesday	97	73	92/64	0.00"	0.08"
Thursday	94	70	92/64	Trace	-0.08"
Friday	88	67	91/64	0.00"	78.4°
Saturday	91	67	91/64	0.00"	77.7°
Sunday	76	59	91/64	0.00"	+0.7°
Monday	85	54	91/64	0.00"	

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	5:48 a.m.	8:07 p.m.	9:09 a.m.	10:03 p.m.
Thursday	5:49 a.m.	8:06 p.m.	10:24 a.m.	10:24 p.m.
Friday	5:50 a.m.	8:04 p.m.	11:39 a.m.	10:47 p.m.
Saturday	5:51 a.m.	8:02 p.m.	12:56 p.m.	11:12 p.m.
Sunday	5:52 a.m.	8:01 p.m.	2:14 p.m.	11:43 p.m.
Monday	5:54 a.m.	7:59 p.m.	3:33 p.m.	Next Day
Tuesday	5:55 a.m.	7:57 p.m.	4:47 p.m.	12:22 a.m.

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Sherman George Thomas

Nov. 8, 1948—July 26, 2021

Sherman was born in Chewelah, Washington, to Robert R. Thomas and Anna C. Thomas. He lost his fight against brain cancer on July 26, 2021, at the Booker Rest Home in Dayton, Washington. He peacefully went to sleep in his bed.

Sherman attended school in Colville, Washington, until 1963 when the family relocated to Dayton, Washington. He graduated from Dayton High School in 1967. Sherman spent two years at the Yakima Valley Community College. In 1970 he enlisted into the Army Reserve. He received his basic training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and Fort Sam Houston Army Hospital in Texas. Upon his return, he married Donna Trump. Together they returned to Cheney, Washington, and continued in college. After graduating, Sherm did his student teaching at Shadle Park High School in Spokane.

He was hired by Pacific Power as a meter reader, then as a line crew truck driver, then as a warehouseman, and retired as an estimator. Never shy of hard work, they built a beautiful home on the South Patit Road where they raised three sons, Andy, Ben, and Mathew. Sherm and Donna later divorced.

He enjoyed all sports, especially baseball. He played many years of slo-pitch softball. He was active in helping coach his sons in baseball, shooting baskets, and golfing. Sherm and his loving wife of the last 23 years, Robin, enjoyed their trips to the mountains mushrooming and cutting firewood. Robin and Sherm opened Lavender's R-US in Waitsburg. They enjoyed taking crafts from the business to swap meets and flea markets. Making new friends all along the way. Everyone that Sherm met or worked with seemed to like him, and he received no higher praise than that.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter Jessie Lea Thomas and by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Robin, at home in Dayton; son Andy and his wife Joanna with grandson Gavin in Makawao, Hawaii; son Ben and wife Bethany with grandsons Oliver and Charlie and granddaughter Emma of McCall, Idaho; son Mathew of Clarkston, Washington, his first wife Donna, also in Clarkston and his brother, Norm Thomas of Dayton.

A graveside service will be announced at a later date. The family suggests donations be made to the Nysoe Foundation, c/o Dain Nysoe, 216 S. 1st St., Dayton, WA. 99328. The family especially wants to thank the staff at Booker Rest Home.

Hubbard-Rogg Funeral Home in Dayton is in charge of the arrangements.



Sherman George Thomas



Jay E. Thomas

February 23, 1954-August 1, 2021

Jay Edward Thomas, 67, of Waitsburg, Wash., died at his home on August 1, 2021, due to natural causes.

He was born in Walla Walla on February 23, 1954, to Donald M. and Wilma Waggoner Thomas, of Waitsburg.

As a youngster, he showed beef cattle as a 4-H member and later, Future Farmers of America (FFA).

He attended Waitsburg Schools, graduating in 1972. After graduation, he joined his father in the family farming operation.

He met Donna Anderson of Ellensburg, Wash., at a plowing bee and they married on January 3, 1981. The couple set up housekeeping in Waitsburg. They divorced in 1999.

Jay took over farming operations in 1985. He and Donna swapped houses with Don and Wilma, moving them to the house at the corner of Sixth and Orchard, and Jay and Donna moving to the ranch house on the Middle Waitsburg Road, the moves taking place at the same time.

He was a member of the Waitsburg Lodge, F. and A. M. No. 16.

Jay shared a passion for mule power with his father, accompanying him to mule shows with a matched set of eight sorrel mules, in the 1970s and 1980s. Initially, farmers around the region would host "plow days," and Don and Jay hosted one in Waitsburg for several years. They also appeared in innumerable parades in the region.

In the early 1980s, they restored a John Deere 36B pull combine, and put together a 27-mule hitch of all-sorrel mules to demonstrate mule-powered wheat harvest in 1982, 1983 and 1985. Jay and Don also appeared in a Rainier Beer commercial in 1977, their mules pulling a wagon made to look like a cold pack of beer, pulling a smaller wagon with a giant pretzel. The video is viewable on YouTube.

Camping via horseback and pack mules in the mountains was another passion Jay enjoyed, leading summertime and elk-hunting excursions to Trout Creek in the Blues with brother Dwight, cousin Joe, Carl Nelsen, Pat Mohney and others. Jay and Donna especially enjoyed a 10-day trip in the Pasayten Wilderness in the North Cascades with a string of pack mules.

He also enjoyed flying radio-controlled airplanes, which he did with his characteristic gusto.

Jay will be remembered as being a friend to lots of people, and for his ability to tell jokes and recite lengthy poetry, in his distinctive voice. You always knew where you stood with Jay: he told it like it was. He will be a sorely missed member of the Waitsburg community.

He is survived by two brothers and a sister, Donna (Ron) Thomas Manley of Puyallup, Wash.; Gary (Jill) Thomas of Waitsburg; and Dwight (Cindy) Thomas, of Cheney, Wash.; numerous nieces and nephews, and grand nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A private family burial is planned at the Waitsburg City Cemetery. A Celebration of Life is being planned in September at Waitsburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 911 W. 5th Ave., Spokane, WA 99204; Waitsburg Historical Society, P.O. Box 341, Waitsburg, WA 99361; or Waitsburg Christian Church, 604 Main St., Waitsburg, WA 99361; or a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are in the care of Herring-Groseclose Funeral Home, 315 W. Alder St., Walla Walla.



Jay E. Thomas

Bobby Darrel McGhee

December 3, 1940 — July 18, 2021

Bob Darrel McGhee passed peacefully at his home in Waitsburg on July 18, 2021. He was 80 years old.

Bob was born in Walla Walla, to parents Fawn and Robert McGhee on December 3, 1940, at the family home. He attended grade, middle and high school in Walla Walla. After high school, he joined the Army. Upon leaving the Army, he returned to Walla Walla where he met and married the mother of his children, Gail McGhee (Clayson). He then moved his young family to Pasco, Washington to attend Columbia Basin College. He graduated CBC with a degree in diesel mechanics.

After returning to Walla Walla, he was hired on at Frontier



Bobby Darrel McGhee

Machinery as a mechanic. Bob became one of the top John Deere technicians. In 1972 he made a career change and went to work for Don Johnson plumbing where he became one of the best journeyman plumbers in the Walla Walla valley. He worked as a plumber for the next 35 years, until an on-the-job injury caused him to fully retire.

Bob had a great passion for anything to do with the outdoors and animals. A trait he passed on to his children. He loved riding and training horses. He was a long-time member of the Walla Walla Wagon Wheelers and the Waitsburg Gun Club. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He had many hobbies, including building horse drawn buggies, gun restoration and working on hot rods. His greatest love was spending time with friends and family at his property on the mountain. He was a friend to anyone that he met and was quick to offer a lending hand without expecting anything in return. He will be missed greatly by everyone that knew him.

Bob is survived by his long-time companion, Cindi Dishon; his children, Craig Mauer, Kerry McGhee (Bunch) husband James and Kyle McGhee, wife Tiffany; grandchildren: Whitney Mauer, Levi Kelly and Trinity Bunch; his sisters: Patsy Budau, Nancy Page, Billie Merson, and Mickie Gardner; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH

Dayton Senior Center
403 E. Patit St.
12 p.m.
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Thursday, August 12
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Diced carrots
Broccoli salad
Dinner roll
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Roll
Sunset gelatin
Milk

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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Garlic bread
Fruit
Bread
Fruit
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Frustration remains among Dayton City Council members

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton City Council human resources and financial committees met Monday, August 9 for a work session. Due to the nature of the meeting, no action was taken on any agenda item. The council will meet for a regular monthly meeting on August 11, at 6 p.m.

Frustration was a shared feeling across the attendees, as requests for specific financial paperwork have continued to go unfulfilled.

Council members said that they have been requesting clear, concise line items regarding salaries for city employee positions for years. After the sudden firing of three city positions earlier this year, the frustration was heightened yet again as council members do not feel comfortable accepting recommendations to fill the now-vacant positions without a thorough understanding of salaries and how they are paid.

During the work session on Monday, council member Delphine Bailey expressed that the Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System (BARS), currently used by the City of Dayton, is difficult to read, even with years of experience.

"A line item would make it clearer for the whole council to look at it, and say 'this is where we are at, this is what we've got, this is what we can do,'" said Bailey. "It makes it very difficult to make a decision."

The termination of the three senior employees has cost the City of Dayton nearly \$220,000 in severance packages alone. An interlocal agreement with Co-

lumbia County to help bridge staffing gaps has procured additional costs for the city.

One option that the city had explored, according to Mayor Pro Tem Dain Nysae, was hiring a Chief Financial Officer to handle and maintain the budget, format the budget so that it was easily understood, and other financial responsibilities, in lieu of a city clerk. Bailey added that contracting with a company had also been discussed. Deb Hayes, Deputy City Clerk, shared that she had researched CFO contracts and had found two individuals in the area. Both individuals were committed for two years to other contracts. The least of the charges, Hayes explained, started at \$162.00 per hour for a contract.

Bailey also expressed concerns with a statement that was made 'a few months ago,' claiming that the City of Dayton was in 'dire straits,' and the 12% utility tax increase would be 'just enough to get them through December.'

"Now, all of the sudden, we are being told that we are okay financially and we can go ahead and hire people? I don't understand how that works," she said.

Hayes tried to offer clarification, explaining that the city administrator had prepared the budget for the 'worse case scenario.'

"Meaning, this was the high-end of the scale, the high-end of the pay, the high-end of the budget for insurance," Hayes said, explaining what was shared with her a couple of years ago. "It was explained to me that there was room in salaries and benefits to move that money into a separate salaries and benefits category."

Hayes offered to research the information and report back to the council at a later time.

Misty Yost led discussions about the proposed job descriptions for the City Clerk, Public Works Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, and Building & Planning Director Associate. Upon review, council members had some questions about certain job duties, and various verbiage, but did not feel comfortable moving forward with the search until salary concerns were addressed and fully understood. According to the agenda packet released on August 9, the council is anticipating receiving recommendations for the Interim City Clerk and Interim Assistant Public Works Director.

Waitsburg City Council meets at 106 Main for first time

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—It was a balmy Waitsburg City Council workshop on August 9, but members were happy to meet for the first time at the future home of City Hall. Due to the nature of a council workshop, no action was taken on agenda items.

The City of Waitsburg now owns the property at 106 Main, after approving the purchase in July. During the workshop on Monday, the council began the discussion about the need to remodel the building to make the space work for city employees and the public. Part of the proposed remodel would include installing a counter in the front room to greet people and installing ADA-approved bathrooms on the main floor. Councilmember Jim Romine suggested that two unisex bathrooms be installed, as opposed to gendered rooms.

The building has plenty of office space to accommodate the city administrator, public works director, and the city's deputy clerk. There is also shop space that all but one piece of equipment owned by the public works department will fit into.

Hinchliffe said he discovered that the condenser coil in the HVAC unit needs replacing. He will be reaching out to the former owners, as it will be a \$3,000 fix.

"At some point, we need to have a conversation about what we want to do with the old City Hall," Hinchliffe said. "The current process to surplus the building will take a few months."

Councilmember Karl Newell expressed that the

city should hold off on the sale or surplus process of 147 Main, where City Hall currently resides, and that the city should take the necessary steps to clean the building, including removing old office furniture and cleaning windows, prior to sale.

Hinchliffe shared a bid that the city received for the splash pad, to be installed at Preston Park, from ESFSolutions, operating out of Walla Walla. The bid was for \$64,690.00, and included the costs for sod removal, grading, concrete work and drain system installation. Hinchliffe said that he would like to wait to accept the bid until 2022, so that the city can continue exploring contractors.

Hinchliffe said that he is aiming for a Memorial Day weekend opening, and that the pad will be open through Labor Day weekend or longer, depending on the weather. He estimated that the project would take less than two weeks to complete.

The council also discussed the Waitsburg pool, and the leak information provided by American Leak Detection after an inspection in July. The pool has significant cracks, many run the entire depth of the pool along the sides. There is also cracking along the floor. Hinchliffe said that it took 500,000 gallons of water to fill and keep water in the pool for the inspection. The pool has a 100,000-gallon capacity.

He said that the council would have to start considering what to do with the pool and provided various suggestions. One option would be moving the pool to an area of town with less impact from the water table. Beyond the initial decision of what to do with the pool, the council must also consider future staffing and maintenance needs, and how to fund them.

The city council discussed COVID-19 vaccination status for city employees. The council was unanimously supportive of requiring employees to get the vaccine if they have not already.

The city received three bids for the Millrace Grade Project. Colbert Construction was the lowest bidder however the bid is \$30,000 above the engineer's estimate. According to Hinchliffe, the construction company said it was above the estimate because it will be necessary to 'dig into the hill a little bit', requiring blasting. The project is being funded through grant money from Washington State. Hinchliffe said that it is on the August agenda to award the project to a bidder, and that construction will not start until after harvest.

The council received updates on ongoing flood control projects, including dredging underneath the Preston Avenue Bridge and dike repair along the Coppei River.

Stop the spread! Mask up, vaccinate, care.

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REFORM - FROM PAGE 1 Departments are waiting for clarification from the Attorney General on how to proceed with these situations legally.

“Law enforcement is really going to change, unfortunately,” said Slack. “The public needs to know about it and be ready to be told, ‘I’m sorry, we cannot enforce the laws the way we used to because of the new legislature.’”

An example of how different jurisdictions are interpreting the new laws comes from James Schrimpsner, a vice president of the Washington Fraternal Order of Police. He is also the police chief in the south King County town of Algona. He has directed Algona officers responding to domestic violence calls to tell everyone on the scene to stay put because police are investigating a crime. If a suspect then flees, the officers could arrest that person for obstruction, which would be a crime in progress that allows the use of physical force under the new law, said Schrimpsner.

Other law enforcement departments have issued statements that they will not be responding to a variety of calls based on their reading of the new laws. This includes the Walla Walla Sheriff’s Office (WWSO), which listed the following changes in response to the new legislation in a letter to The Times, published in the July 29, 2021, edition:

“Welfare checks - generally, local law enforcement will not respond; however, a supervisor may give approval if it is determined there is no other alternative, e.g., A person lives in Kansas and hasn’t heard from a relative in over a week and there is no one else local who can check.

Involuntary Treatment Act - A DCR must have completed an evaluation and signed the DMHP form prior to law enforcement response. Officers will still verify the ITA requirements (a danger to themselves, a danger to others, gravely disabled) prior to taking action.

Mental health calls - Generally law enforcement will not respond. Community members should call Comprehensive Mental Health’s Crisis Response Team (CRT) at 509-524-2999 for assistance with a mental health issue. If a supervisor determines a crime has occurred an officer will respond.

Civil calls - Generally law enforcement will no longer respond. If an actual crime has occurred, a supervisor will determine if law enforcement response is required. Law enforcement will continue to serve no contact orders, orders for protection, etc.

Suspicious person calls: Dispatch will broadcast for information. Law enforcement will drive by if available to be a visible deterrent but will not make contact unless a crime is observed.”

On August 2, the Attorney General of Washington office sent a memorandum to members of the state legislature addressing many of law enforcement’s concerns about Bill 1310, including those listed in the WWSO letter.

The memo states that the Washington courts and law recognize something called the “community caretaking doctrine” and cited a 2019 Washington Supreme Court opinion from State of Washington vs Michael Clifford Boisselle, that called police officers “jacks of all trades” who “frequently engage in community caretaking functions that are unrelated to the detection and investigation of crime.”

“Bill 1310 does not prohibit peace officers from responding to community caretaking calls, including mental health calls,” the memo concluded.

The memo also says that, except for certain provisions, a peace officer may use physical force against a person when necessary to protect against criminal conduct, to effect an arrest, prevent escape or protect against imminent threat of bodily injury to the officer, another person, or the person who the force is being used.

A disclaimer noted that it did not constitute a formal legal opinion from the AGO, but instead represents the authors’ carefully considered legal opinion.

The entire memo can be read at <https://housedemocrats.wa.gov/tmp/2021/08/Attorney-Client-Privilege-Bill-1310-002.pdf>

Some law enforcement officials have embraced some of the changes and said they share the lawmakers’ goals. But uncertainty about how to comply, combined with a greater possibility of being decertified or held personally liable in court, puts officers in a tough position, they say.

“The policing reforms may have the positive impact of reducing the number of violent interactions between law enforcement and the public,” Steve Strachan, executive director of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, said in a statement. “However, we owe it to the public we serve to be candid and share that we are deeply concerned that some policing reforms may have unintended outcomes that result in increased levels of confusion, frustration, victimization, and increased crime within our communities.”

For example, the restriction on military-grade weapons inadvertently bans some less-lethal impact weapons, including the shotguns police use to fire beanbag rounds. Washington State Representative Jesse Johnson said the context makes clear the intent was to embrace, not ban, less-lethal weapons. He expected the state attorney general to clarify that until the Legislature can fix the wording next year.

While the intent of the legislation is to address excessive force and add more accountability, it has been criticized for being poorly written leaving frustration and confusion for police and prosecutors as they wait for formal legal opinions and guidance from the state. This will take time and coordination between local governments and the state to resolve inconsistencies and unintended consequences from the legislation.

THE BILLS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

HB 1054 bans the use of chokeholds and neck restraints by officers, restricts the use of tear gas by police, and prohibits police agencies from acquiring military equipment. The bill also requires uniformed officers to be identifiable to citizens, bars vehicle pursuits except in certain urgent circumstances, and bans the use of no-knock search warrants. Additionally, the bill creates a workgroup to develop a statewide policy on the training and use of police dogs.

HB 3010 creates a reasonable care standard that requires officers to employ de-escalation tactics, use the least amount of physical force necessary, and limit the use of deadly force to situations where there’s an imminent threat of serious injury or death. The bill requires the Attorney General’s office to publish model policies on the use of force and de-escalation by July 1, 2022, and by December 1 of that year, all law enforcement agencies adopt policies consistent with that guidance.

HB 1267 establishes a new Office of Independent Investigations within the governor’s office to investigate police deadly force incidents after July 1, 2022. The office will have the authority to investigate earlier incidents if new evidence comes to light. The office will have a director, a team of non-law enforcement investigators, and be overseen by an 11-member advisory board. In addition to training on how to conduct criminal investigations, the investigators will also receive training on topics such as the history of racism in policing and implicit and explicit bias.

HB 5051 includes sweeping changes to the state’s Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) which trains and certifies peace officers in Washington. Under this bill, CJTC’s mission will expand to focus broadly on the integrity, effectiveness, and professionalism of police officers to promote public trust and confidence. To that end, the commission itself will expand from 16 to 21 members and add civilians so that the majority of the membership is made up of non-law enforcement representatives. CJTC’s authority will also be expanded to give it the ability to temporarily suspend a police officer’s certification and make it easier to decertify an officer for misconduct. The bill also expands background checks for would-be officers and creates a publicly searchable database of complaints and disciplinary actions against officers. One of the goals of the legislation is to prevent problematic officers from moving from department to department.

SB 5066, requires that officers intervene if they witness a fellow officer using excessive force and render first aid to the victim if needed. The bill also requires officers to report to a supervisor any wrongdoing they witness on the part of another officer. While individual departments may already have such policies, this creates a statewide mandate for all officers.

Governor Jay Inslee called the reforms a “moral mandate,” however, local police and sheriff departments have voiced concern over the inconsistencies in the new legislation.

Things will be different when school begins in Dayton on Aug. 24

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON--Guy Strot sat down with me last week to talk about his first year as the Dayton School District Superintendent and Elementary School Principal and his thoughts about the upcoming 2021-22 school year.

Just days after completing a 390-mile bike ride in California, from Crescent City to San Francisco, he said his legs were still a little sore.

“It was a lot hillier than I thought. And of the 390 miles, there were 300 miles with no shoulder, ranging from a six-inch shoulder, and 100 miles, and no shoulder. There was a white line and then a drop-off.”

He could have been speaking about his first year in Dayton schools, which was all but completely dominated by the Covid-19 situation.

“When I look back, Covid was there, but you just never thought it would impact everything to the degree it did. Covid just took over everything,” he said.

He wasn’t able to meet with parents and community members in their homes, as planned, and he couldn’t even meet with the school board in person.

None of it was what he wanted. He was more focused on meeting the requirements for having students on campus, working on the logistics of social distancing in classrooms and in the cafeteria, and working with teachers who were making plans for the probability school would need to be taught remotely.

“Everything else went by the wayside.”

Even though it was a crazy-making time, Strot said he was hugely pleased by the tremendous amount of support from students, parents, and staff and how adaptive they all were to the circumstances.

Strot is a lot less apprehensive coming into the next school year.

“It’s a known thing, now,” he said. “We have a year under our belt in terms of how to do things.”

With the first day of school just around the corner, Strot was feeling cautiously optimistic.

He said all students and staff will wear masks while inside. While he would like to be able to dispense with masks or for them to be optional, the State has taken that off the table. Work will continue meeting cleaning protocols and to meet the three feet guideline for social distancing.

On the day I sat down with him, new cases of COVID-19 in the county had risen to their highest number yet, at 25, and he and the staff were just beginning work on contingency plans if the schools closed because of a surge in the rate of infection.

“Overall, there is a willingness to move forward, and a willingness not to let masks or the procedures we had to go through define how we feel,” he said.

Strot said some pretty big things happened over the summer months.

He is somewhat concerned about the number of new teachers coming on board this year. Staff who retired or have resigned include a second-grade teacher, a kindergarten teacher, the HS Business teacher, the HS English teacher, the Spanish/Social Studies teacher, and both Special Education teachers.

The administrators are scrambling to hire replacements for them.

Jamie and Daniel Rushing have been hired to teach Title I and Fourth Grade, respectively.

Secondary Principal Kristina Brown was currently in the process of interviewing for teachers in the MS/HS.

One good piece of news, the newly hired Business teacher has a background in art. Art hasn’t been formally taught in Dayton Schools in several years, he said.

The administrators are looking at the master class schedule and hoping to create additional class offerings this year.

Strot said there would be more professional development offerings for staff, and because the district hasn’t had a Strategic Plan in a decade, the school board will begin work on that.

Last year, there were many challenges in student behavior and discipline, and steps have been taken to meet those challenges.

“I don’t think we gave the teachers as many tools as they needed last year,” Strot said. “This year, we will have a very established structure. We’re going to empower the teachers to help manage classrooms.”

Lunch detentions and after-school detentions in the HS Library and Saturday school are all options for teachers to use as they see fit. Any discipline measures will be done in partnership with parents, and there will be better notification to parents about behavior problems.

Additionally, a Behavior Specialist has been hired, along with a K-12 Counselor and a Prevention Intervention Counselor.

As we were speaking, a crew was stringing ten thousand feet of cable for 50 video cameras to be placed around the campus and outside every restroom. Chemical sensors are going to be installed as well. This will send a clear message to students about vaping, in general, and vaping on the school campus.

It is not meant to be punitive. Strot said there would be an emphasis on education.

Strot talked about the criticism he received from parents about the lack of communication coming from his office last year, which he characterized as “fair.” He is promising to do better this year.

He will now have more time for the duties of superintendent because the Dayton Elementary School has a new principal, Amy Cox.

“Being both superintendent and principal was tough,” he admitted.

He said he is looking forward to seeing students on campus again when school begins on Aug. 24, and any further challenges or obstacles will be met head-on.

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every day, and at this time, we are reluctant to make people’s healthcare decisions for them,” he said.

McGuire said education and messaging from CCHS is continuing around the vaccine’s efficacy in preventing most people from getting COVID-19, becoming symptomatic, or ending up in the hospital.

Editor’s Note: On Monday, August 9, Governor Jay Inslee announced that all state employees and workers in private health care and long-term care settings must be fully vaccinated by October 18. Employees who refuse to be vaccinated will be subject to dismissal from employment for failing to meet legal job qualifications.

Author’s note: There are two Airborne Infection Isolation Rooms at Dayton General Hospital, and CCHS CEO Shane McGuire said patients infected with COVID-19 are generally placed in them out of an abundance of caution.

The Administration had hoped to build a hallway connecting Dayton General Hospital to a wing of the Booker Rest Home, creating two more Airborne Infection Isolation Rooms. The \$2.4 million project was to have been paid for with CARES Act Provider Relief Funds. McGuire said construction documents were submitted to the Department of Labor and Industries and the Department of Health’s Construction Review Services. However, the June 30 deadline for that funding was not extended, delaying the project as CCHS administrators look for other funding options.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No. 21 4 00148 36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(RCW 11.40.030) IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DUKE O'DELL MORROW, SR., Deceased.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No.: 21-4-00140-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(RCW 11.40.030) IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: NANCY J. HERRES, Deceased.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

No. 21 2 00348 36 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT, a nonprofit corporation

Plaintiff, vs.

PENTACOSTAL CALVARY TABERNACLE OF WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, a dissolved nonprofit corporation, and its SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS unknown persons

Defendants.

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO PENTACOSTAL CALVARY TABERNACLE OF WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, and the SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS of PENTACOSTAL CALVARY TABERNACLE OF WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON:

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

DATED this 28th day of July 2021

Minnick - Hayner, P.S. By: /s/ Kathryn Unbehaun, WSBA #53579 of Attorneys for Plaintiffs

P.O. Box 1757 Walla Walla, WA 99362 (509) 527-3500 The Times August 5, 12, 19, 26, September 2, 9, 2021 8-5-d

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF WAITSBURG ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE CITY'S CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular meeting of the City Council, City of Waitsburg, WA will be held in Lions Club Memorial Building at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds, Waitsburg, WA at 7:00 p.m. or soon thereafter on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, in accordance with RCW 36.70A.070, to consider and adopt a revision of the Capital Facilities Plan for the City of Waitsburg for the 2022 fiscal year. In the event that the City has to hold the hearing virtually through a conference call, information on how to testify will be posted to the City website www.cityofwaitsburg.com on or around August 13, 2021.

City Council City of Waitsburg By Randy Hinchliffe, City Clerk The Times August 12, 2021 8-12-d

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 21-4-00159-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(RCW 11.40.030) In re the Estate of: KEVIN SCOTT WALKER, Deceased.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO. 21 4 00170 36 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(RCW 11.40.030) In the Matter of the Estate of AVA JEAN GAGNON, Deceased.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA No. 21-4-00019-7 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(RCW § 11.28.240) In the Matter of the Estate of: GARY D. GRIFFEN, Deceased.

The persons named below have been appointed as Co-Personal Representatives of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW § 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Co-Personal Representatives or their 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.

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Co-Personal Representatives: Grant D. Griffen and Danon C. Griffen Attorney for the Personal Representative: Matthew R. Johnson, WSBA #47821 Address for Mailing or Service: Gravis Law, PLLC 350 E. Main Street Dayton, WA 99328 Court of Probate Proceedings: Columbia County Superior Court Cause Number: 21-4-00019-7 Dated this 29th day of July, 2021. GRAVIS LAW, PLLC By: /s/ Matthew R. Johnson, WSBA #47821 Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives The Times August 12, 19, 26, 2021 8-12-c

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 21-4-00165-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(RCW 11.40.030) In re the Estate of: H. LOUISE OVERTURF, Deceased.

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WAITSBURG GUN CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AUGUST 15TH

The meeting will begin at 4 p.m

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This meeting will cover the adoption of amendments to the Bylaws and will change name back to Executive Board not Executive Committee. Memberships, including the approval of membership, NRA surcharge for non-NRA members, life membership and honorary life membership.

Other topics will include:

Water Update

Range Updates

Elections of President, Treasurer and Range Safety Officer (Vice President and Secretary will be next year)

Range Work Days

Trap Range

Addition for the good of the order

Gun Club members are in the final month of their 2020-21 membership. The club's year concludes August 31st.

The board has approved for the rate to remain at \$60 for this next year. To renew, members must complete the membership form and payment (available both paper copy / online) so the board knows of your interest to remain a member.

To renew visit www.waitsburggunclub.org/membership

Membership cards for next year will not be sent until after August 20th. The club hopes to have the new gate installed, but cannot guarantee it, in place by the end of the month!



WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401-100

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR:

CERTIFICATED MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER – The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for middle level teacher for the 2021-2022 school year; applicant must hold an 'Elementary Education' endorsement or 'Middle Level – Primary' endorsement. The teacher will be expected to teach primarily middle school level mathematics as well as one elective course during the 2021-2022 school year with the understanding that schedule changes may occur as the needs of our students evolve. Please direct questions and inquiries to Mark Pickel, Superintendent. E-mail mpickel@waitsburgsd.org.

FOOD SERVICE ASSISTANT (8 hrs./day). The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for a food service assistant for the 2021-2022 school year. Preferred: Experience working in a school setting, experience with customer service, experience with food prep for large groups; experience with commercial food service equipment, and ability to be dependable, including good habits in attendance and punctuality. Please direct questions and inquiries to Susan Wildey, Food Service Supervisor. E-mail swildey@waitsburgsd.org.

PARA EDUCATOR (7 hrs./day). The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for three Para Educator positions for the 2021-2022 school year. Must hold an AA degree or equivalent. Please direct questions and inquiries to Mark Pickel, Superintendent. E-mail mpickel@waitsburgsd.org.

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

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

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

Evening at the Depot a cool summer success



Teeny McMunn

Sylvia Buehler (left) and Amy Rosenberg (right) selling tickets and taking donations from auction.



Teeny McMunn

Rich and Nancy Monacelli provided music at the event.

EVENING AT THE DEPOT

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The smoke cleared, and the weather cooled down just in time for the annual Evening at the Depot on August 7. Raising more than \$39,000, Depot Event Coordinator Shellie McLeod said that the event was the most successful fundraiser to be hosted by the Historic Dayton Depot.

The event included dinner, a silent auction, and a live auction. This year, McLeod said that the items were available for online bidding before the event.

“Something new this year- we included a Murder Mystery Dinner Party for eight couples,” said McLeod. “It did so well that we were able to sell two of them, and they each sold for \$2,700.”

The Murder Mystery will take place at the Depot in the future, with McLeod facilitating the private event for the lucky winners.

Other successful auction items included a seven-night stay at the winner’s choice location around the world, donated by Coldwell Banker of Walla Walla, sold for just under \$2,000, McLeod said.

“Mary Luce donated a hand-done flower arrangement from her garden,” McLeod shared. “Next year, the winners will receive a flower arrangement each month from April through September. That sold for \$750.”

The winners of the floral arrangements had visited the Depot in June for the first-ever Garden Tour and toured Luce’s garden.

“We had a fabulous event. People were ready to get out



Teeny McMunn

Mike Himmelburger, the event’s auctioneer (left) enjoying a chat with Jay Takemura (right).



and get together,” she said. “I think because it was outdoors, people felt a little bit better about gathering.”

McLeod said that the Historic Dayton Depot is grateful for the support it received for the event.

“We had wonderful people who donated, wonderful people who purchased,” McLeod said. “It was wonderful from every aspect!”

Streaming Review:

The Pursuit of Love

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

Amazon Original

The Pursuit of Love, based on the 1945 novel by Nancy Mitford, is set in the short period of time between World War I and II. Tensions and prejudices were still ripe amongst older adults, but young women were eager and ready to start their own lives.

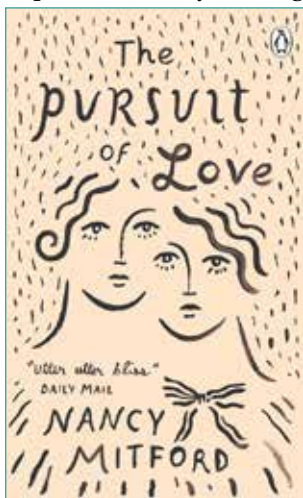
Cousins Fanny (Emily Beecham) and Linda (Lily James) are as inseparable as they are opposite. Fanny is well-educated, reserved, and content with a stable, steady life, going on to marry the scholarly Alfred and starting her own family.

Linda, however, believes that love should be a fairy tale and will do anything to pursue such a feeling, including marrying banker and politician Tony Kroesig



Therodora Films

Cousins Fanny and Linda on the way to the hospital for delivery.



(Freddie Fox), running away with communist Christian Talbot (James Frenchville), before eventually falling for French diplomat Fabrice de Sauveterre, all the while unknowingly breaking the heart of dear family friend, Sir Merlin.

Through all of Linda’s travels, she knows she can rely on her cousin for support and help, blissfully unaware of how exhausted Fanny is. After years of living an eccentric life, Linda returns home to Alconleigh, pregnant at the same time as her cousin. Linda and Fanny give birth at the same time, but only Fanny returns home.

The Pursuit of Love was slower-moving than my typical choice, but I multitasked and looked up the inspiration of Mitford’s original characters. As it turns out, each character is based on people who were involved with the author’s life, which made the development of each character that much more interesting. This was a fun, husband-was-out-of-town kind of watch.

Since the miniseries is based on a novel, I’ll be hunting it down and giving it a read! A comparison will come soon!



Theodora Films Limited

Andrew Scott as Lord Merlin

Columbia County COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Schedule

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

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

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

Times traveler and musician, Homero Oryace, posing with the Times in Seattle as he and his family make their way home to San Jose. Come back soon!



SPORTS

Brief History of Men's Olympic Basketball

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

The U.S. Men's Olympic basketball team won its fourth straight gold medal at the Tokyo Olympics last week. They beat France 87-82 for the gold medal, avenging their opening game loss in pool play. Aside from Kevin Durant team USA didn't have top NBA players on the squad as we've seen in the past. Hopefully, it is a reminder that basketball has become an international sport, and the NBA is filled with players from all over the world. The team for France had five active NBA players on it; fortunately for the U.S. team, none were among the top players in the league.

For much of its history, Team USA has been dominant. It has won a medal in all nineteen Olympic Games it has entered. Sixteen of those were gold medals, one silver and two bronze. The silver medal happened in 1972, and it was the first time the U.S. didn't win the gold medal. It represented the first loss for the U.S. had in Olympic basketball following sixty-three straight wins. With the U.S. ahead 50-49 against the Soviet Union, the Soviets failed to score on their last possession with three seconds left to play. However, the Soviet coach claimed he had called a timeout before the two foul shots American Doug Collins made to make the score 50-49, and the clock was reset to three seconds. The Soviets inbounded the ball, and the buzzer went off after one second because the timer hadn't been reset cor-

rectly. Again, the clock was reset, and this time the Soviets completed a pass as time expired, giving them the win over the United States 51-50.

In the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games, the U.S. team, under the coaching of Dean Smith, won all seven of its games, reclaiming the gold medal. In 1980, the U.S. boycotted the games in Moscow due to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. In 1984, the U.S. again won the gold medal after winning all eight games with then top college player Michael Jordan leading the team in scoring. The 1988 team was led by future NBA Hall of Farmer David Robinson. It fell short, losing to the Soviet Union in the semi-finals an had to settle for the bronze medal. This would be the last U.S. team to have all college players.

For the 1992 Olympics, the U.S. team featured a team of NBA greats led by Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, and Magic Johnson called "The Dream Team." All the games were blowouts, with the Croatian team coming closest, losing by thirty-two points. The average margin of victory for the Dream Team was over forty points per game. Other teams were in such awe of the U.S. team that they frequently posed for photographs with the U.S. team before the games. In 1996, the U.S. again rolled out another star-studded lineup of NBA players. Again, they won the gold medal and all their games by an average of over thirty points. The 2000 team also won the gold medal, but the games were much closer this time, and the U.S. nearly lost to Lithuania in the semi-finals. The 85-83 score was the closest they had come to defeat since 1988.

Of the twelve players selected for the 2004 games in Athens, nine withdrew. The team lost two games in pool play and was defeated in the semi-finals by Argentina. The U.S. again had to settle for the bronze medal. Since 2004 the U.S. has won the gold medal in basketball in each of the following Olympics 2008, 2012, 2016, and 2021. However, the rest of the world has caught up and features NBA players of their own. In years that we don't send our top NBA talent, we don't just coast through the tournament anymore.

MLB AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

Wins			Batting Average		
C. Bassitt	OAK	11	M. Brantley	HOU	.329
H. Ryu	TOR	11	Y. Gurrriel	HOU	.324
G. Cole	NYY	10	C. Mullins	BAL	.320
Z. Greinke	HOU	10	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	.317
C. Flexen	SEA	10	D. Fletcher	LAA	.308

ERA			Home Runs		
L. Lynn	CHW	2.04	S. Ohtani	LAA	37
K. Gibson	TEX/PHI	2.87	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	35
R. Ray	TOR	2.90	M. Olson	OAK	28
G. Cole	NYY	3.11	R. Devers	BOS	27
C. Bassitt	OAK	3.19	S. Perez	KC	27

Strike Outs			Runs Batted In		
G. Cole	NYY	176	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	87
C. Rodon	CHW	160	J. Abreu	CHW	83
R. Ray	TOR	159	R. Devers	BOS	82
D. Cease	CHW	159	S. Ohtani	LAA	82
L. Giolito	CHW	153	A. Meadows	TB	77

Saves			Stolen Bases		
L. Hendriks	CHW	26	W. Merrifield	KC	31
M. Barnes	BOS	24	C. Mullins	BAL	21
R. Iglesias	LAA	24	M. Straw	HOU/CLE	19
A. Chapman	NYY	22	B. Bichette	TOR	17
R. Pressly	HOU	18	D. Moore	SEA	17

MARINERS HITTING

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	BA	OBP	OPS	WAR
M. Haniger	427	75	111	25	65	32	.260	.316	.803	+2.0
J.P. Crawford	416	57	113	5	35	38	.272	.334	.699	+2.5
K. Seager	416	46	91	24	71	42	.219	.292	.732	+1.4
T. France	384	54	106	11	48	28	.276	.352	.779	+2.4
D. Moore	256	31	47	10	36	30	.184	.278	.626	+0.4
L. Torrens	211	26	44	12	25	21	.209	.282	.704	+0.8
T. Murphy	195	26	39	8	22	24	.200	.288	.647	+0.3
J. Kelenic	164	16	24	5	16	17	.146	.231	.493	-1.0
T. Trammell	156	23	25	8	18	17	.160	.256	.615	-0.3

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

STANDINGS

AL West	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	66	46	.589	-
Oakland	64	48	.571	2.0
Seattle	59	54	.522	7.5
Los Angeles	56	56	.500	10.0
Texas	39	73	.348	27.0

AL East	W	L	PCT	GB
Tampa Bay	68	44	.607	-
Boston	65	49	.570	4.0
New York	62	50	.554	6.0
Toronto	60	50	.545	7.0
Baltimore	38	72	.345	29.0

AL Central	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	67	46	.593	-
Cleveland	55	55	.500	10.5
Detroit	54	60	.474	13.5
Kansas City	48	63	.432	18.0
Minnesota	48	65	.425	19.0

Eighth Annual SWIM the SNAKE

Paddling and open water swim event planned for August 14, 2021. Online registration open now.

THE TIMES

LYONS FERRY—The eighth annual SWIM the SNAKE event will be held at Lyons Ferry Marina and Lyons Ferry State Park on Saturday, August 14, 2021, beginning at 11 a.m.

In addition to the non-competitive, open-water swim, event organizers continue to hold a two-stage, competitive (or non-competitive) relay, paddling in a kayak or paddleboard (only) from Lyons Ferry Marina to Lyons Ferry State Park, across Lake Bryan on the Snake River. After arriving at Lyons Ferry State Park, paddlers can enter the water or tag-team with their "paired swimmer" and swim back to Lyons Ferry Marina.

The non-competitive, open water swim will commence ten minutes after the last "paired swimmer" leaves the State Park. Better swimmers may return to the State Park upon arrival at the Marina, and transportation will be provided for those who wish only to swim the channel, 0.7 miles. All participants are expected to be out of the river channel by 1 p.m.

Online pre-registration is required. Event information can be found at www.swimthesnake.org. The required registration is at the Eventbrite website, <https://tinyurl.com/py6tbpym>, including links to a waiver of release of liability and event registration forms.

The cost for the event is \$33.67 per participant (including a \$3.67 required registration fee). Registration costs support the Dayton and Regional Youth Summer Swim Teams programs and the Blue Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Council. The fee includes a commemorative T-shirt (if ordered before July 30), a bottle of water, a required numbered swim cap, chilled melon slices at the end of the event, and transportation for swimmers back to the State Park following the swim.

Paddlers can check-in at Lyons Ferry Marina and swimmers should check-in at Lyons Ferry State Park from 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. All participants MUST sign a release of liability waiver, complete an event registration form, and be in good physical health. All required documents are available on the Eventbrite website.

Participants parking at Lyons Ferry State Park are required to have one day

(\$10.00/day) or an annual Discover Pass (\$30.00/year) authorizing parking within the State Park. Participants may also call (509) 386-6021 for additional event information.

Coast Guard Kennewick Auxiliary, Columbia, and Franklin County Sheriff's patrols will be on the river with numerous volunteers, Washington State Parks, and US Army Corps of Engineers personnel to provide assistance and ensure participant safety.



Swim the Snake

This Saturday, August 14th, 2021 11:00 a.m.

Visit www.swimthesnake.org for pre-registration and details

Paddle Swim to Lyons Ferry State Park to Lyons Ferry Marina

SWIM the SNAKE 2021

When the Impossible becomes Possible

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

I recently heard an interview on one of my favorite National Public Radio shows, *Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me*, with Dr. Ellen Stofan. She is currently the Under Secretary for Science and Research at The Smithsonian Institution and was previously the Mars Director of the National Air and Space Museum. The “panelists,” who are comedians, were quizzing her with their space related questions. They asked, “did Matt Damon return from Mars?” and “did we really land on the moon?” along with other profound comedic questions.

She had an interesting response, after laughing off the inane, comic questions of the panelists: “Don’t scoff at science fiction, remember it had to be imagined before it could be invented.”

I remember the first manned (monkeyed?) space shot, John Glenn’s first orbit around the moon, the moon landing, and eventually the space shuttle and space station. All seemed impossible when President Kennedy announced the nation’s goal toward space exploration, crewed space flight, and an eventual moon landing. We learned it was not impossible, and now we have rovers on Mars.

On an earthlier note, I thought it would be impossible to kill my zucchini plants, but I did! I also noticed two pots of mint, both of which are dead! If I can kill zucchini and mint, maybe I ought to start on cockroaches next. If I imagine a cockroach, yellow jacket killing machine, someone will invent it.

Last week I had to make a run to Los Angeles. Doctor, dentist and my usual sushi gorge, a visit with my sister, cousins, and some tennis with friends. On my way to the airport for the 6:00 a.m. flight out of Walla Walla, it finally happened, a deer in the road. Somewhere before Dixie, I slammed on the breaks to avoid the deer



Graphic by Lane Gwinn

meandering in front of me. I stopped, the deer stared me down, and casually strolled to the other side of the highway. My heart skipped a few beats; I took a deep breath and never blinked again until I pulled into the airport parking lot.

After my deer encounter, I’ve decided to start putting effort into imagining a deer sensor with lights or a mini-siren. It would alert drivers to a deer in the road, keeping it from becoming roadkill if the driver blinks, changes radio station, or takes a quick look at an incoming text. If I continue to imagine it, maybe someone will invent something that fits nicely on my cute little Mustang convertible. Impossible?

I recently purchased a new computer, which arrived a few days ago. I dreaded the impossible task before me, the smooth transfer of programs and applications from the old to the new. I am moderately “tech-savvy” but wanted to be sure I didn’t transfer the same problems from the old to the new machine. And would Eric be available to help me set up the printer from my old computer to the new one?

On a fluke, just for fun to see just how frustrating setting up the printer would be, I hit “print” after completing a test document. It printed! My computer found the printer, and I didn’t need to call Eric and have him google which drivers I needed to add, subtract, or change! Thankfully, someone at Apple imagined and implemented what I refer to as the “miracle printer program.”

Ok, agreed, my computer bar is set somewhat low. I can quickly and efficiently find my documents, my email, and I can print! But, to me: this was the impossible becoming possible. The imagined becoming reality.

Coyotes near Waitsburg’s fairgrounds raise safety concerns

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—A perk to living in a small town like Waitsburg is being able to walk your dog in safety. However, the downside to living in a farming community is the inevitable encounters with wildlife.

Recently, Waitsburg resident Laura Tolman has seen coyotes close to the Waitsburg Fairgrounds, where she brings Callie, her 80-pound Labrador/Malamute/Husky mix, to run off energy.

“One stalked my dog and got within 10, 15 feet. Really close-scary close!” said Tolman. “It looked at me and wasn’t a bit afraid of my dog or me. When I started calling for my dog, the coyote simply side-stepped into tall weeds.”

On another occasion, she said she saw a coyote on the dike that runs along the fairgrounds and a neighboring wheat field. After reviewing pictures of the event, she noted that a second coyote was just out of sight, lying down.

On Monday, August 9, Tolman observed what appeared to her as an adult male, female, and two pups in the same area. One of the coyotes came down the hill towards her dog and did not change course until she recalled Callie.

“The legend is: Coyotes are more afraid of us than we are of them,” Tolman said. “But the day that coyote stalked my dog and got that close... it looked at me, and it wasn’t a bit afraid of me.”

Tolman said that she is worried about someone’s dog or child being harmed by the coyotes. Attacks are rare, but they are not impossible as coyotes may see large dogs as threats to their territory or pups.

Tolman is concerned that someone else, their kids, or pets could be at risk if they get too close to the dike at the end of the fairgrounds.

Tolman said. “You don’t know that there is a den there until it’s too late. A small animal, a pet, or a child could be killed.”

According to the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), there were no recorded coyote attacks on humans until 2006, when two young children were bitten in Bellevue. Wildlife officers had to euthanize two coyotes and later dealt with adults being injured by coyotes in the same area. Officials believe that the attacks were the result of humans feeding the coyotes.

Tolman’s story is not the first to surface from that area of town. In July, residents posted on Facebook, warning 4-H and FFA students that they had observed coyotes near the pig barns while walking. Others have posted hearing almost nightly howls and yips from coyotes in areas surrounding town.

Unfortunately, Tolman’s story of bold coyotes approaching dogs is not unique. In February, Times reporter Beka Compton intervened when a coyote attempted to attack her dog, Mack, a 70-pound German wirehaired pointer, through her property’s back fence. The next day, the coyote returned with a second coyote in tow, which stayed just barely out of sight, a common luring tactic the predators use.

City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe said that the city would be placing warning signs up in the area. He shared that city employees have seen coyotes near the wastewater treatment plant recently, as well.



Laura Tolman

Multiple coyotes have been observed in the field and along the dike at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds. Be alert and use extra caution when in the area.

COYOTE PREVENTION METHODS

Prevention is the first step to chasing coyotes away from human populations. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife recommends:

- Don’t leave small children unattended where coyotes are frequently seen or heard.
- Never Feed coyotes. Feeding coyotes can cause them to lose their natural fear of humans and develop territorial behavior that may lead to aggression.
- Don’t provide access to coyotes. Tightly close garbage bin lids by securing them with ropes or clamps if coyotes have been around your cans.
- Prevent access to fruit and compost.
- Feed dogs and cats indoors
- Do not feed feral cats. Coyotes prey on feral cats as well as any food they leave behind.
- Keep dogs and cats indoors from dusk until dawn.
- Build coyote-proof fencing.
- Enclose poultry in a secure outdoor pen and house
- Keep livestock and small animals that live outside confined in secure pens during periods of vulnerability
- Remove or bury dead livestock
- Consider a livestock guardian animal such as a llama, donkey, or Livestock Guardian Dog for large properties.

If all efforts to dissuade a problem coyote fail and it continues to be a threat to humans and pets, the coyote may have to be euthanized. Coyotes can carry canine distemper, parvovirus, and mange, which can be fatal to pets. If a coyote bites you, immediately scrub the wound with soap and water and liberally flush the wound with water. Contact your physical and local health department immediately. If your pet is bitten follow the same procedure and immediately contact your veterinarian.

Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

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

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

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

Walla Walla County Commissioners
Every Monday and Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.
Call-in information is available at https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020_agendas.php

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

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

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

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

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

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

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

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

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting - Online
Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon
Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650

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

FUN & GAMES

GRIN and BEAR IT



"HA-HA-HA-HA-HA! ... Man, I hate to shred this!"

LAFF - A - DAY



"I keep remembering her age and forgetting her birthday."

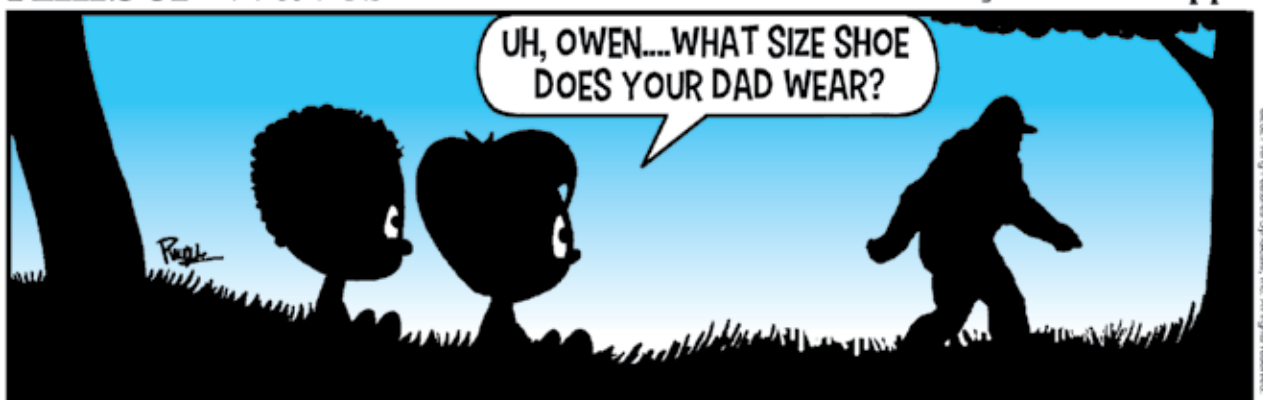
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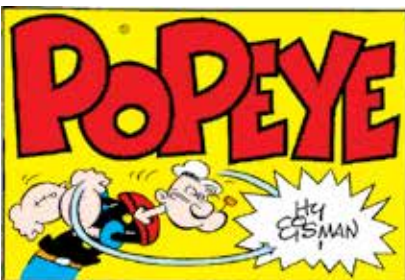
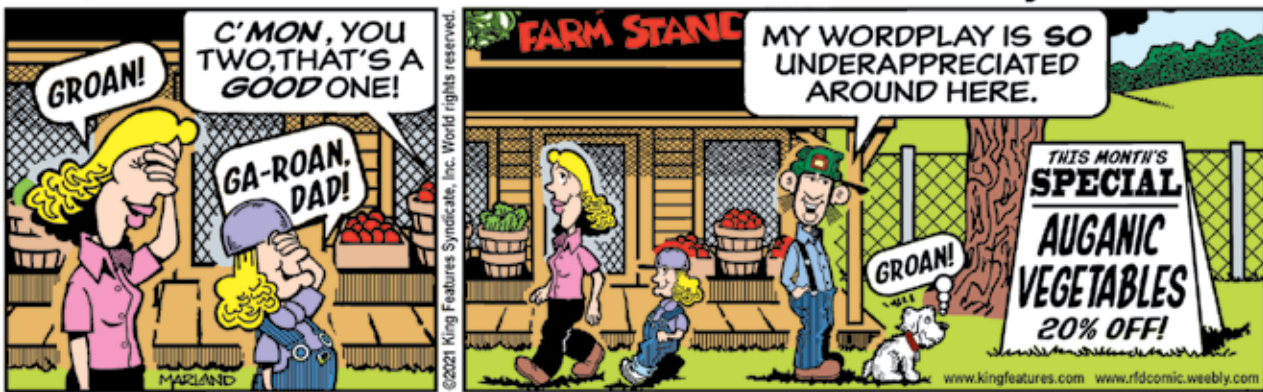
Out on a Limb



Amber Waves



R.F.D.



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

August 11, 2011

The Green Giant has a hole, a giant hole. It's squarely in the center of his tunic, which the jolly big guy dons with wreath and leafy boots on the steep hill overlooking the edge of Dayton like the town's own "Hollywood" sign. Gary Lowe wants to fill the hole and if you're a strapping high schooler, he'll want your help late next month to complete the green tunic on the football field-sized figure, marking the last phase of a project that started almost two decades ago. "We'll finally be done," said Lowe, an optician and former Green Giant cannery worker who initiated the construction of the current sign in 1992, after the first Jolly GG began to fade and disappear under the weeds. He had help from his friend Wilson Irvine of Sarasota, Florida.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

August 15, 1996

In a Waitsburg City Council meeting recently, councilman Mark Lambert brought up the subject of skunks, which members of his family, on invigorating evening walks around town, were noticing in higher-than-usual numbers. Lambert stated that he feared the possibility that someone in town might be exposed to rabies, of which skunks, bats, foxes, and racoons are known carriers.

Waitsburg Joint Fire District No. 2 firefighters responded Saturday afternoon and again Sunday afternoon to the Ken Jantz place on the Middle Waitsburg Road to tackle a wind-aided fire in standing barley and stubble. Lost were a total of approximately 250-300 acres of standing barley and about 100 acres of stubble, said Ken Jantz. The Sunday fire, which included higher winds than the previous day, also consumed an adjoining field of about 90 acres of standing grain and another 75-100 acres of stubble which was on DeWitt Ag Corporation ground to the east of Jantz's ground.

Fifty Years Ago

August 12, 1971

Green Giant had a pea pack of sweets this summer that hit 170% of budget according to Waitsburg Superintendent Bob Jamison. "It was probably one of the longest packs in this area," Jamison said, "and Waitsburg found that they could handle both peas and beans at the same time." Bean pack started on July 29th and pea pack was not done until August 2nd.

Doyle Kellar has retired after 28 years of carrying mail on Route 2, Walla Walla, which includes serving everyone east of Lowden. Kellar has a 27-year expert driver award from the National Safety Council and has won the award every year since it was given. He has carried mail over 500,000 miles having stered with 4 years of service in Arkansas. Kellar recently remarried after losing his first wife to cancer some months ago. She was a member of the Lowden Homemakers Club. He plans to return to Arkansas with his new wife, a retired Arkansas teacher, and work part time in his brother's supermarket.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

August 16, 1946

Elmer Chichester delivered a truck load of hogs to a dealer in Spokane Monday morning and left Tuesday afternoon with a second load. He was accompanied by Mrs. Chichester.

On Sunday, August 11, Miss Mary Loundagin became the bride of Andrew Eaton Weir at a double ring ceremony at the presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herring and daughter, Mary Susan, of Seattle visited in Waitsburg Monday. He attended high school in Waitsburg and was later affiliated with KUJ in Walla Walla. He is now news announcer of the ABC station in Seattle.

One Hundred Years Ago

August 12, 1921

The combine harvester of Henry Vollmer was completely destroyed by fire Wednesday evening about 5 o'clock.

Born at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Leid, Friday, July 29th, a daughter. The little Miss has been named Margaret Roberta.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Teeters had as their guests last week Mr. Teeters' uncle, Mr. Wm. Braly, and two cousins Jasper and Morris Hunsaker of California.

Joe Moors, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Moors arrived Wednesday, from Leahy in Douglas County. He says the grain is an entire failure in that section, this making the fourth year of the drouth.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

August 14, 1896

Mrs. J. W. Morgan entertained a number of ladies at tea Monday evening.

M. Weller arrived home on Friday evening from Craig Mountain where he has a sawmill in operation. He will return in a few days and take his family with him for a mountain outing.

Studies will be resumed in Waitsburg Academy on Monday, Sept. 21. It has a splendid building now in course of construction, of brick, to cost \$15,000.

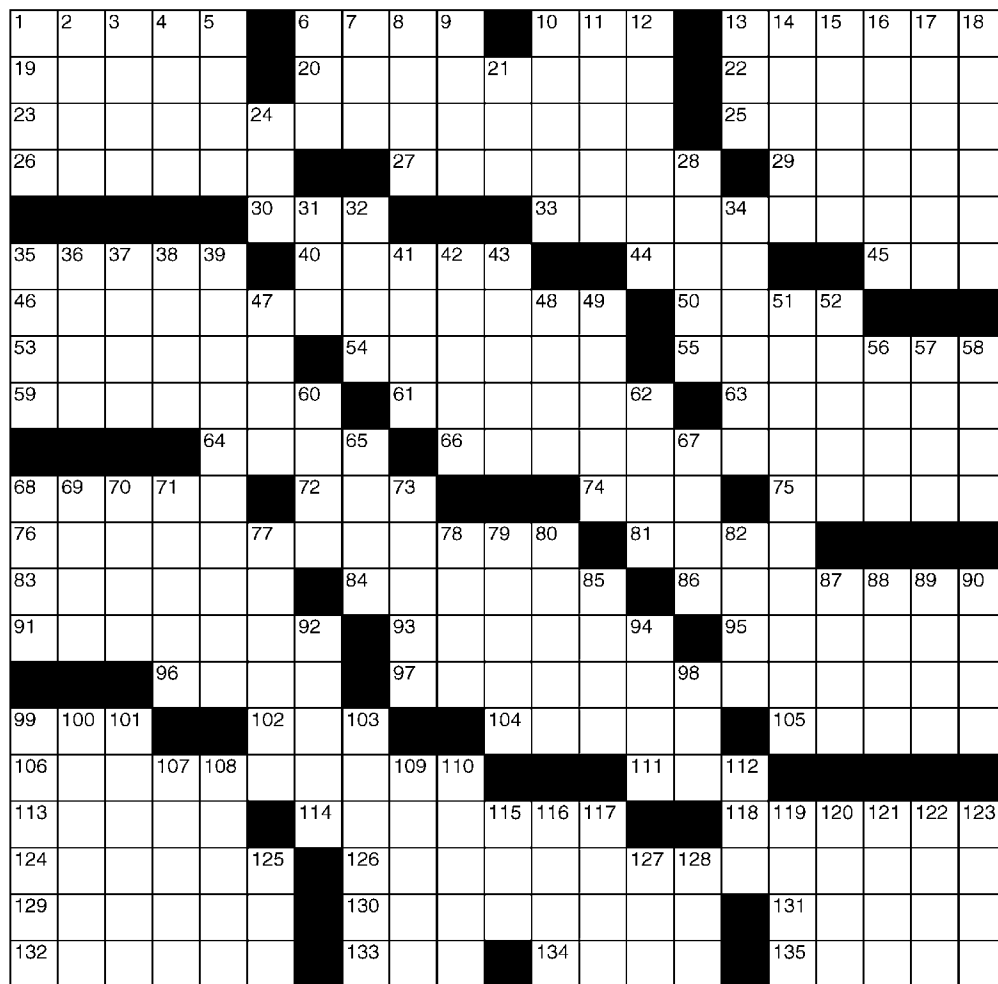
William Philips and a number of other men left on Thursday for north of the Snake to harvest. Harvest is later there by a month than it is here, hence those so inclined can do lots of harvest work.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

E-Z DOES IT

- ACROSS**
- 1 Not dozing
 - 6 Rock band boosters
 - 10 Make of the XK-E, in brief
 - 13 Leading nun
 - 19 Adage
 - 20 Irrational suspicion
 - 22 Dark-haired man
 - 23 Cracker consumed to become a fraternity member?
 - 25 Against: Prefix
 - 26 Dry stretch
 - 27 Sessions with mediums
 - 29 Vidalia, e.g.
 - 30 Cochlea site
 - 33 Comment when pointing out your aunt's child?
 - 35 Ducky insurance company?
 - 40 Bloody — (cocktails)
 - 44 Wee child
 - 45 Spanish pronoun
 - 46 German poet who founded a ketchup company?
 - 50 — Minor (Little Bear)
 - 53 Keyless, in music
 - 54 Marilyn of old movies
 - 55 Was a snitch
 - 59 Kindly
 - 61 Shoplifts or embezzles
 - 63 Three-horse wagon
 - 64 Lead-in to byte
 - 66 Cap required to be worn to gain entry?
 - 68 Author Nin
 - 72 Be liable to
 - 74 Big antelope
 - 75 Teal relatives
 - 76 Impudent
 - 86 Hybrid citrus
 - 91 Perilous stuff to skate on
 - 93 Lethargy
 - 95 Nomadic sort
 - 96 Iraqi, say
 - 97 Walk just beyond a northern Austrian city's border?
 - 99 Pick, with "for"
 - 102 Stir-fry tidbit
 - 104 Dumbbells
 - 105 Many-time golf champ
 - 106 Small squirt of a zero-calorie drink?
 - 111 With 37-Down, fin-footed mammal
 - 113 "Tiny Dancer" singer John
 - 114 Road show groups
 - 118 Uncrowded
 - 124 Sadness
 - 126 Classic figure-skating painting?
 - 129 Sculpted torso, maybe
 - 130 White rat's condition
 - 131 Chavez of labor
 - 132 "Plus" qualities
 - 133 Vote "for"
 - 134 The whole nine yards
 - 135 Additional
 - DOWN**
 - 1 In amongst
 - 2 Lose power
 - 3 Allies' foe
 - 4 Eagle cousin
 - 5 Persian Gulf ruler
 - 6 Fitting 7 — tai
 - 8 Whizzes
 - 9 Of right mind
 - 10 Wrist or hip
 - 11 Letter after G, spelled out
 - 12 Eye steadily
 - 13 It airs "The Conners"
 - 14 Witch's "vehicle"
 - 15 Bugs is one
 - 16 Lure
 - 17 Watery, as a membrane
 - 18 Unit of lyrics
 - 21 Gp. backing guns
 - 24 Had a bite
 - 28 Heavily built
 - 31 "Better Call Saul" aier
 - 32 Chicago mayor — Emanuel
 - 34 Some low clouds
 - 35 Melville captain
 - 36 Grand party
 - 37 See 111-Across
 - 38 Oscar winner Hathaway
 - 39 Event for artisans selling wares
 - 41 They follow pis
 - 42 Gossip spreader
 - 43 Fathered, as a foal
 - 47 Nastase near a tennis net
 - 48 Chomsky of linguistics
 - 49 1983 Woody Allen role
 - 51 Beef dish in a sour cream sauce
 - 52 Make right
 - 56 Spirit
 - 57 Wrings (out)
 - 58 Astonish
 - 60 Gator cousin
 - 62 IRS form info
 - 65 Spin — (emulate Spider-Man)
 - 67 Raw beef fat
 - 68 Assist in evil
 - 69 Have a bite
 - 70 High peaks, in Italian
 - 71 Menzel who voiced Elsa in "Frozen"
 - 73 Fixes text
 - 77 He drew L'il Abner
 - 78 Rioter's haul
 - 79 How a loss may be marked
 - 80 Nada
 - 82 Root for poi
 - 85 "Far out!"
 - 87 Grand party
 - 88 Old film actor Jannings
 - 89 Give for a bit
 - 90 Tiny pasta
 - 92 Roger of film review
 - 94 Dull routines
 - 98 Mao — -tung
 - 99 City in west Texas
 - 100 Aviators
 - 101 Aquarium favorites
 - 103 Windpipe
 - 107 Rich dessert
 - 108 Animal nose
 - 109 Actor Peter O'—
 - 110 Fitness program with Latin music
 - 112 Hearth waste
 - 115 — gow (casino game)
 - 116 City of central Sicily
 - 117 Actress Loretta
 - 119 Tempo
 - 120 TV's Trebek
 - 121 Corrode
 - 122 Sky twinkler
 - 123 Biblical prophet
 - 125 Craven of horror films
 - 127 Prefix like "equi-"
 - 128 Celebrity gossip site



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MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

Green Chili Bison Burger



America has a love affair with cheeseburgers. From fast-food to fine dining, there are different versions of this national favorite in every region. Inspired by the bounty of green chilis ready for picking in my back yard, I found myself craving a burger with flavors of the desert Southwest. Opting for flavorful ground bison spiced with garlic and coriander, I created a green chili "special sauce" to compliment with just the right amount of heat. Creamy pepper jack cheese and smokey bacon were the final touches on a unique and satisfying burger.

Ingredients:

- ½ cup mayonnaise
 - 2 tablespoons roasted green chilis, diced (see notes)
 - 1 teaspoon ketchup
 - ½ teaspoon ground cumin
 - ¼ to ¼ teaspoon cayenne
 - Kosher salt
 - ½ teaspoon ground coriander
 - ¼ teaspoon ground chipotle pepper (optional)
 - ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
 - 8 slices thick cut bacon
 - 1 ½ pounds ground bison
 - 2 garlic cloves, minced
 - ½ small onion, finely chopped (about ¼ cup)
 - 1 ½ tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
 - 4 slices pepper jack cheese
 - 4 burger buns, toasted
- Optional for serving:
 Sliced tomatoes, onions, avocado, and leaf lettuce

Directions:

Make green chili burger sauce: In small bowl mix mayonnaise, green chilis, ketchup, cumin, and cayenne. Season to taste with salt. Cover and chill in refrigerator.

Make dry seasoning mix: In bowl mix 1 ½ teaspoons salt with the coriander, chipotle and ¼ teaspoon black pepper. Set aside.

Place bacon slices in a cold large skillet or griddle. Turn heat to medium and fry bacon to desired crispiness. Transfer to plate lined with paper towels. Drain and reserve bacon drippings.

In large bowl, gently mix ground bison, garlic, chopped onion and Worcestershire sauce. Form into 4 patties, about 6 ounces each. Place patties on plate and let rest for thirty minutes at room temperature.

Heat 2 tablespoons of the bacon drippings in a large cast iron skillet over medium heat. When pan is hot, generously season both sides of the patties with the dry seasoning mix and place in pan. You should hear a good sizzle when they hit the pan. Cook for 3 to 4 minutes on first side without moving to form a nice crust. Flip burgers and cook for another 2 to 4 minutes. Check temperature on burger with meat thermometer for desired doneness:

- Medium-rare 135 degrees F (about 6 minutes total cooking time)
- Medium 145 degrees F (6 to 7 minutes total time)
- Well done 160 degrees F (8 to 9 minutes total time)

Add cheese and 2 slices of bacon each, when you have about one minute of cooking time left, and cover skillet with lid to melt cheese. When done place burgers on warm platter and allow to rest for a minute while you toast the buns.

Assemble burgers with a generous dollop of green chili burger sauce, and other favorite burger toppings. Have extra burger sauce on table for passing.

Notes:

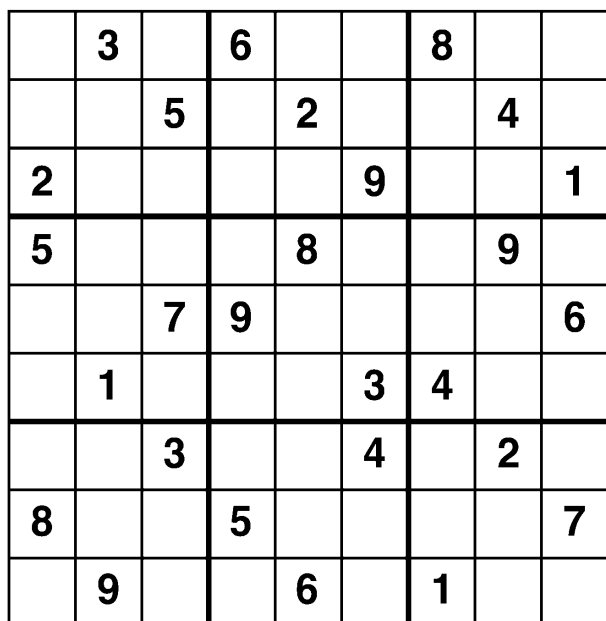
Bison is a very flavorful lean meat that can easily dry out if overcooked. In this recipe, cooking the burgers on the stovetop in a skillet with bacon drippings helps retain moisture that would otherwise be lost from grilling. At the Waitsburg Grocery, I was able to find some lovely bison meat from local producer, Eckler Mountain Bison. If you can't find bison meat, this recipe could easily be made with ground beef, or even ground turkey.

Canned diced fire-roasted green chilis are readily available in grocery stores, from mild to hot. If using canned, drain excess liquid before adding to sauce. If you want to make your own gather 2 to 4 nice sized fresh green chilies, such as Anaheim, poblano, hatch, jalapeño, or even serrano (if you like extra heat). Place chilies in hot dry skillet or over a hot grill, and using tongs to turn frequently, char evenly on all sides. Don't worry if they look burnt. When done, place in a bowl and cover with plastic for ten minutes. Then with a pairing knife, gently peel off all the skin, which should easily come off. Then cut off stems, discard seeds, and chop chilis.

This past week I topped this burger with tomatoes, sweet onions, and watercress, all from our garden. Only after finishing dinner did I remember the avocado sitting on the counter. Oops. Try serving this flavorful burger with any of your favorite toppings. Enjoy!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

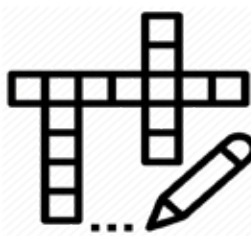


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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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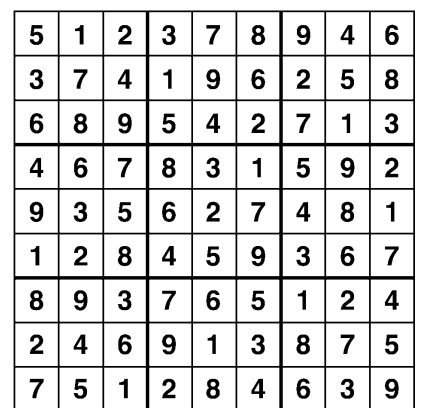
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My Kitchen Library:

Viva La Cocina Mexicana

By Luke Chavez | THE TIMES

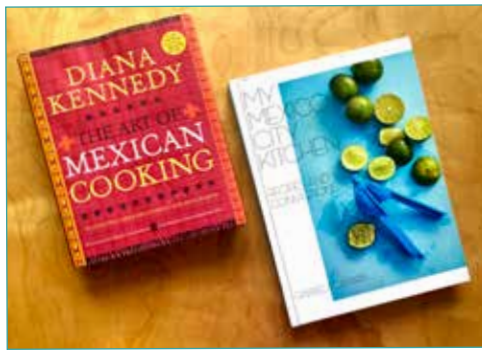
Included on my cookbook shelf is a small well-worn paperback copy of *Elena's Secrets of Mexican Cooking* by Elena Zelayeta. Originally published in 1958, this 1973 edition of the cookbook was a gift to my recently married parents from my father's sister, Vicki. The recipes inside are brief, easy to follow, and clearly designed for a mid-century American audience using mild, often canned, ingredients that were readily available in the grocery stores of the time. As an adult, my interest in the culture and cuisines from the land where my paternal grandparents were born has grown. Seeking out authentic recipes has been an exciting and delicious journey.

Unfortunately, many in the United States have a limited, Americanized view of Mexican food, missing out on a rich and diverse culinary tradition. The roots of Mexican cuisine are made up of ingredients native to Mexico such as corn, beans, chili peppers, avocados, tomatoes, cacao, and vanilla, all of which were first cultivated by ancient Mesoamerican cultures. Modern Mexican cuisine is a blending of these indigenous components with colonial culinary influences from the Spanish and French. With deserts, rainforests, mountains, and miles of coast, there are countless regionally specific dishes to be explored across Mexico.

The Art of Mexican Cooking, by Diana Kennedy

Born in The United Kingdom, Diana Kennedy first moved to Mexico City in the late 1950's, shortly after meeting and marrying her husband, Paul, who was a Latin America correspondent for The New York Times. Immediately, she became infatuated with the food and people of Mexico. She would spend the next fifty years traveling to all 32 Mexican states, meeting with women in their homes, and in market squares, learning regional recipes firsthand. She has also carefully researched and catalogued indigenous wild ingredients unique to Mexico that have been foraged or cultivated since pre-Columbian times.

In *The Art of Mexican Cooking*, first published in 1989, Kennedy brings these years of research together into a thorough and vibrant collection of recipes.



The beginning of my Thanksgiving mole, made up of over thirty ingredients, including 4 different types of dried chilis.

These are recipes and techniques that have been passed down over generations, a gastronomic retelling of Mexican history. Often her recipes make note of the village or state where she learned it, and many give specific named credit to the woman who passed it on to her. From the simple to complex, there are recipes in this book for cooks of all skillsets.

Last year, to celebrate a paired down Covid-era Thanksgiving for two, I decided to take on an ambitious recipe I had scanned over countless times, Mole Negro Oaxaqueño. The rich, complex sauce, which is traditionally made in many regions of Mexico for special holidays, sounded like a perfect pairing with a roast turkey breast (another food native to Mexico). For two days, I carefully followed Diana's recipe which has over thirty ingredients and ended up with a bubbling pot of beautifully layered flavors, making a memorable holiday feast. We were thankful for the journey that recipe had taken to end up on my bookshelf.

My Mexico City Kitchen, by Gabriela Cámara



A colorful batch of Almejas a la Mexicana enjoyed on the Washington coast.

While rooted in humble village kitchens, the modern Mexican food movement is centered in the sprawling cosmopolitan capital, Mexico City. Home to over 9 million people within the city proper (21 million in the greater metro area), Mexico City is the most populous city in North America, as well as the oldest capital city in the Americas, having been founded by the Aztecs in 1325. Recently, a new generation of chefs have expanded on an already established eclectic restaurant culture, cementing the city's place as a culinary hot spot. Gabriela Cámara is one of these celebrated chefs, who

in 1998 opened her pivotal seafood focused restaurant, Contramar. Since then she has continued to expand, opening several more restaurants in Mexico, and eventually, in 2015, bringing her talents to the United States by opening San Francisco's Cala.

Published in 2019, *My Mexico City Kitchen* is a beautifully designed cookbook that captures the energy and colors of the city through Cámara's recipes. She invites the reader into her home kitchen, sharing the traditions and flavors unique to her family. Born to an Italian mother and a Mexican father, the blended cultures of her family felt right at home in the diversity of Mexico City. There are recipes for salsas, small plates called antojitos, and an array of gorgeous main dishes. Like her restaurants, the book features many fresh and inspired recipes for seafood, which inspired me to try her recipe for Almejas a la Mexicana (Mexican Style Clams), during our last trip to the coast. With Roma tomatoes, fresh jalapeños, and tequila for the steaming liquid, the resulting bowl of clams was a revelation.

Tucked between the wonderful recipes and delicious photographs, there is a little section titled "What would Diana do?" Here Cámara pays tribute to her friend and mentor, Diana Kennedy, whose iconic cookbooks were an indispensable resource to her own family over the years. From her collected wealth of knowledge to her down-to-earth honest critiques, Kennedy continues to be an amazing resource to younger chefs, like Cámara. Exploring time honored history while propelling the possibilities of the future, these two women are exciting chapters in the long timeline of Mexican food culture.

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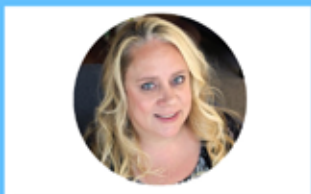


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