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Volunteers help check tasks off the flood cleanup list



Beka Compton

Becky Harshman jumped in to clean up sandbags near Preston Park last Saturday.

Community members helped clean the dike along Preston Park

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg community members were slinging sandbags again over the weekend, but this time, there was no threat of flooding. Volunteers were busy removing the last bit of flood devastation from Waitsburg's Preston Park on Saturday.

Matthew and Krystal Wyatt were walking through Preston Park last week and had to climb over a sagging wall of sandbags and weeds to get to the river to

go fishing.

"We have this motto that we've lived by for a long time, 'if you see a need, fill a need.' We went fishing and had to climb over the bags. Other people were also enjoying the river, so we thought- let's get this cleaned up!" Wyatt said.

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Columbia County courtroom will look different to prospective jurors

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Jurors are seeing some changes in the county courtroom layout, practices, and procedures, now that trials are resuming in Superior Court, and in Municipal Court, after a long recess due to the COVID-19 shut-down.

Jury Coordinator Jessica Atwood said Superior Court Judge Gary J. Libey has visited the courtroom and taken measurements to make certain social distancing requirements will be met. The state's Chief Justice Debra Stevens has appointed Libey to Presiding Judge for the Columbia, Garfield, and Asotin county Superior Court circuit. He will fill the remainder of Judge Scott Gallina's term, which will expire at the end of 2020.

Atwood said 27-percent of the population in Columbia County is over the age of 65 and Judge Libey is particularly concerned about that population. She outlined actions being taken to protect people from COVID-19:

- The pool of potential jurors will be divided into two smaller groups during the jury selection process. Only fifteen jurors can be seated inside the courtroom.
- Jurors will sign in, daily, on their own sheet of paper, keeping the pen they use.
- Hand sanitizer, handwashing stations, gloves, masks, and face shields are available to them. Visitors will have their temperatures taken daily, and the doors of the courtroom will remain open for better air circulation.
- The courtroom is also being cleaned daily.
- Jurors will remain inside the courtroom for breaks and lunch. Snacks will not be provided to them, but bottled water will be.
- During deliberations, the judge, counsel, defendant, and the clerk will be moved from the courtroom and jurors will remain sequestered inside the courtroom.

Atwood said she has been attending virtual meetings with other court personnel, working on issues related to trials and COVID-19. It was from that group that the idea to remove fabric cushions from chairs inside the courtroom was floated.

"There is a lot of communication about the best practices," Atwood said. "I feel we have a really good handle on trials, and how this is going to go."

The following are conditions or circumstances under which the court is planning to excuse jurors or postpone their date of service if so requested:

- People over the age of 60, those reporting underlying health problems or who are autoimmune compromised



Michele Smith

An X marks the spots where potential jurors are being seated in the Columbia County Courtroom. Jessica Atwood (pictured) is the Jury Coordinator for Superior Court.

- People reporting symptoms of illness, or those providing care for someone in isolation or quarantine.
 - People who are in isolation or quarantine themselves and anyone who indicates a reasonable fear or discomfort of contacting COVID-19.
 - Essential workers can also be excused or rescheduled for jury duty.
- "The last thing I want is anybody to panic or be stressed out because of a jury summons," she said. Atwood said to reach out to her with any concerns at the Columbia County Clerk's office at (509) 382-4321.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

PORT ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY BUSINESSES

DAYTON—The Port of Columbia will once again serve as the conduit for grant funds for Columbia County businesses that have suffered financial harm due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Four different funding sources have provided or promised a total of \$229,639 in financial aid to be allocated through a grant program coordinated by the Port.

"The first grant program we coordinated helped 25 local businesses with grants totaling more than \$154,138," stated Jennie Dickinson, executive director of the Port of Columbia. "But it's not enough. We've been getting calls for help, and the Chamber has been getting calls for help, there are still many businesses out there that need a hand to get through this challenging time that doesn't seem to have an end in sight."

Because of the various funding sources, there are two different applications forms for businesses to consider: one to receive funds from the Community Development Block Grant program, which can provide microgrants of no more than \$3,500 to low-to-moderate income businesses (total available \$6,025), and the other for grants of no more than \$10,000 made possible through Federal CARES Act funds from the City of Dayton (\$76,800) and the State of Washington (\$126,814), and private grant funds from the Innovia Foundation (\$20,000).

A local review committee made up of one representative each from the City of Dayton, Columbia County, Port of Columbia, Dayton Chamber of Commerce, the nonprofit sector, and the private sector will score each application based on predetermined criteria. These are reimbursable grants, meaning the business must provide copies of invoices that add up to the amount being requested to qualify for the funding.

Grant information and application forms can be found on the Port's website at www.portofcolumbia.org.

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY HAS ANNOUNCED WATER RESTRICTIONS FOR TOUCHET RIVER BASIN IRRIGATORS

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—On Sunday, July 30, the Washington Department of Ecology announced water restrictions for many Touchet River basin irrigators beginning as early as this week.

DOE's Regional Watermaster Eric Hartwig is planning to call or visit junior water rights holders to inform them of the curtailment order, and he will follow up with status updates throughout the season.

The Touchet River is running about 50 cubic feet per second near its mid-section, and under 20 cubic feet per second at its confluence with the Walla Walla River.

The enduring hot weather and the severe flooding in southeast Washington that took place in February are contributing to low volumes. Most of the low-level snowpack was washed away in a matter of days, and area aquifers weren't recharged with slow spring melt off.

"If everyone does their part and follows the rules, we'll make it through these high temperatures with as little pain as possible," Hartwig said.

If the weather cools, the Touchet River may recover this summer, until then the Dept. of Ecology will limit how much water can be diverted from the river, to protect senior water rights and stream flows for fish and other uses.

The Touchet River watershed includes about 740 miles within Columbia and Walla Walla counties.

The latest information on flows and water right interruption is on the Dept. of Ecology webpage at: ecy.wa.gov/programs/eao/flow/index.html.

COLUMBIA COUNTY ANNOUNCES FIRST COVID-19 RELATED DEATH

DAYTON—Columbia County Public Health released the following announcement on Monday, August 3, regarding its first confirmed COVID-19 related death:

The individual was male and over the age of 50. He tested positive for the virus on July 27, and passed away in a Spokane hospital.

As a small community we are saddened by the passing of this individual and our thoughts and condolences go out to the family.

Columbia County Public Health is collaborating with Columbia County Health Systems, Dayton School District and other businesses to insure health and safety for the communities of Dayton and Starbuck.

It is our highest priority to keep all citizens of Columbia County safe and healthy during COVID-19 pandemic. Please help us stop the spread of COVID-19 by wearing a mask, washing your hands, and staying home when sick.

If you have COVID-19 like symptoms, please call your health care provider. If you need a referral for a COVID-19 test, please contact your healthcare provider or Columbia County Public Health.

For any questions regarding possible exposure, please contact Public Health at (509) 382-2181.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DROP IDEA OF ASSESSING VOTER INTEREST IN STATE OF LIBERTY (FOR NOW)

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—On Monday, July 20, the Columbia County Commissioners considered whether to place an advisory ballot before voters in November to assess the people's interest in becoming part of the State of Liberty. Earlier in July, they were approached by a Liberty State representative, urging them to do so.

During a work session on Monday of last week, the commissioners decided not to proceed with that.

Commissioner Ryan Rundell said he cast his vote as more of a "not yet" vote rather than a straight "no."

When asked about the decision, Rundell said an issue as significant as this needs more of a sample size than what one small county can provide.

"I did not feel that our citizens should pay for a survey with a small sample size, when the group, themselves, could conduct a statewide, or an east-side survey via other means," Rundell said.

It could have cost the county about \$1,500 to place the advisory vote on the ballot, according to County Auditor Anne Higgins.

Commissioner Chuck Amerein had been in favor of the advisory ballot, but Commissioner Mike Talbott was not.

FREE WI-FI IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE PLAZA ON 1ST

WALLA WALLA—A free Wi-Fi connection is now available for visitors to the new Plaza on First Avenue between Main and Alder streets. PocketiNet is providing the Wi-Fi hotspot via its downtown Walla Walla Fiber backbone. It offers high-speed internet access to all visitors as they enjoy the Plaza environment.

Visitors can access the Plaza's free hotspot by connecting their device(s) to "PocketiNet Free Hotspot." Each device (laptop, tablet, phone, etc.) logged in can enjoy two hours of internet connection per day on the hotspot. It is active from 7 a.m.-11 p.m. daily.

"The Plaza on 1st is such a neat addition to Downtown Walla Walla, we're excited to be a part of it and proud to be able to enhance a spot that already has so much to offer!" PocketiNet President Todd Brandenburg said. "Several of our own staff members have visited the Plaza with their families. They loved being able to order food to-go from various favorite restaurants on Main Street and taking their meals to the outdoor seating area."

FREE KIDS SCHOOL CLOTHES

THE TIMES

DAYTON—School clothes will be available free of charge on Sunday, August 16 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Seventh Day Adventist Church-Community Service Center, this event takes place in the parking lot at 1525 4th Street in Dayton.

Call for more information regarding possible COVID-19 mandated closures (509) 382-4020.

Touchet Valley Weather
Aug. 5, 2020

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
High: 97 Low: 61	High: 84 Low: 53	High: 83 Low: 56	High: 88 Low: 58	High: 89 Low: 60	High: 91 Low: 67	High: 89 Low: 64

Weather Trivia

What causes thunder?

?

Answer: The rapid heating and cooling of air near the lightning.

Weather History

Aug. 5, 1843 - A spectacular cloudburst near Philadelphia turned the small creeks and streams entering the Delaware River into raging torrents. As much as 16 inches of rain fell in just three hours. Flooding destroyed 32 county bridges and caused 19 deaths.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	100	73	92/63	Trace	0.00"
Wednesday	103	69	92/63	0.00"	0.11"
Thursday	108	70	91/63	0.00"	-0.11"
Friday	103	76	91/63	0.00"	83.4°
Saturday	88	69	91/63	0.00"	77.1°
Sunday	92	64	91/63	0.00"	+6.3°
Monday	88	64	91/63	0.00"	Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Last 8/11	5:40 a.m.	8:16 p.m.	9:47 p.m.	7:35 a.m.
New 8/18	5:42 a.m.	8:14 p.m.	10:08 p.m.	8:40 a.m.
First 8/25	5:43 a.m.	8:13 p.m.	10:28 p.m.	9:44 a.m.
Full 9/2	5:44 a.m.	8:11 p.m.	10:48 p.m.	10:46 a.m.
New 8/18	5:45 a.m.	8:10 p.m.	11:08 p.m.	11:48 a.m.
First 8/25	5:47 a.m.	8:08 p.m.	11:30 p.m.	12:51 p.m.
Full 9/2	5:48 a.m.	8:07 p.m.	11:55 p.m.	1:54 p.m.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

VOLUNTEERS - FROM PAGE 1

After a request for help on Facebook, more than 30 volunteers showed up to the park bright and early, ready to work. People that were unable to help out physically, or were unable to attend, donated pickups to help transport the bags. Face coverings were encouraged while the volunteers waited to go to work. The Wyatt's made sure all of the volunteers were fueled up and ready to work, offering pastries and coffee from Millstone Cafe and Bakery

"The turnout was amazing. It was hard to get an actual count of volunteers because we had people staged at the fairgrounds unloading trucks, and all the drivers, and we had people working on both sides of the river, picking up sandbags," Wyatt said.

Wyatt said that he hoped that the cleanup would take some weight off the city's public works employees, as they have dedicated numerous hours to flood repair since the February 2020 floods, on top of keeping Waitsburg up and going. The flood affected more than 60 structures throughout Waitsburg and caused millions of dollars in damages. Many residents are still trying to rebuild, even months later.

The cleanup took less than two hours and included the portion of the dike along Preston Park and a section just south of the Preston Avenue bridge. Crews emptied damaged bags and loaded usable bags into the trucks to be stored at the fairgrounds.

"We went to the park later that night, and we just reflected on how quickly the cleanup was done and how great the park looks now," Wyatt said. "Thank you to everyone who showed up and helped and all the words of encouragement. Waitsburg is the best city we have lived in."



Beka Compton

Clockwise from above left: Lines of trucks were once again along the river, but this time, they were hauling sandbags away from calm waters. Clarence loads the truck. Mayor Marty Dunn joined in on the cleanup efforts as a sandbag breaks at the fairgrounds. Volunteers worked against the heat, not floodwaters, to unload sandbags.

Waitsburg School District to offer online learning program, in-person option

Edgenuity and Apex Learning chosen for online learning experiences

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg School District is preparing for an uncertain school year, as they develop a plan to safely reopen the school's doors this fall. The district is adding two online curriculum options, so parents and children can attend school in whatever way they feel is safest.

"We want to make sure our kids are safe, and we want to make sure the protocols in place keep everyone safe," Superintendent Mark Pickel said.

The district will be offering online education opportunities through Edgenuity and Apex Learning.

"We recognize that there is a need for a robust, or as robust as we can make it, online presence for grades K-12," Pickel said. "We know that we will have families that are uncomfortable coming back into the building for a variety of reasons. We are going to launch a K-12 online learning opportunity for families that want to stay home but still want to be in the district."

Both Edgenuity (K-5) and Apex Learning (6-12) programs will be monitored by Waitsburg School District staff to keep the connection with Waitsburg's teachers. Still, families will have the option to take the online courses without help from Waitsburg's staff.

Superintendent Pickel said that he foresees that online option being a sustainable resource for the school. He is hoping members of the community that have gone elsewhere for education will come back to the Waitsburg School District, as the online programs offer many of the extra classes that students looked for elsewhere.

Edgenuity and Apex Learning each offer a full online curriculum, and the district can tailor classes to help reflect each classroom's curriculum.

Superintendent Pickel said that the district would have virtual office hours for their staff. These hours can be used by parents and students to discuss education concerns and will serve as a time for students to get extra help—similar to meeting with a teacher after class in a regular school setting.

As of Monday, August 3, the district is planning on offering the two-day in-person learning, three-day distance learning schedule. Pickel expressed that in-person learning is contingent on county guidelines and COVID-19 case numbers and that the school is keeping an eye on other schools in the area. Schools, especially in the Tri-Cities, are going to start the year online and reevaluate quarterly, or at the end of the semester.

"We are governed by the county's health department. It could be out of our control, and we are preparing for the possibility of being completely online for the start of the school year," Pickel said.

Superintendent Pickel said he anticipates sending out information to families in the next week, which will detail the online programs, in-person learning plan, and more.



Matlock fire

THE TIMES

Firefighters from a Umatilla National Forest Type 6 engine dig up and quench remaining hot spots along the line of the Matlock Fire. The lightning-caused fire burned 85 acres in the Umatilla National Forest, 13.5 miles northwest of Ukiah, Oregon, it is now 95% contained.

Some hazards and fire traffic remain in the area of the Matlock Fire, so to protect public and firefighter safety, the public is asked to avoid the fire area. A road closure map can be viewed on the Matlock Fire Inci-Web site at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6896>.



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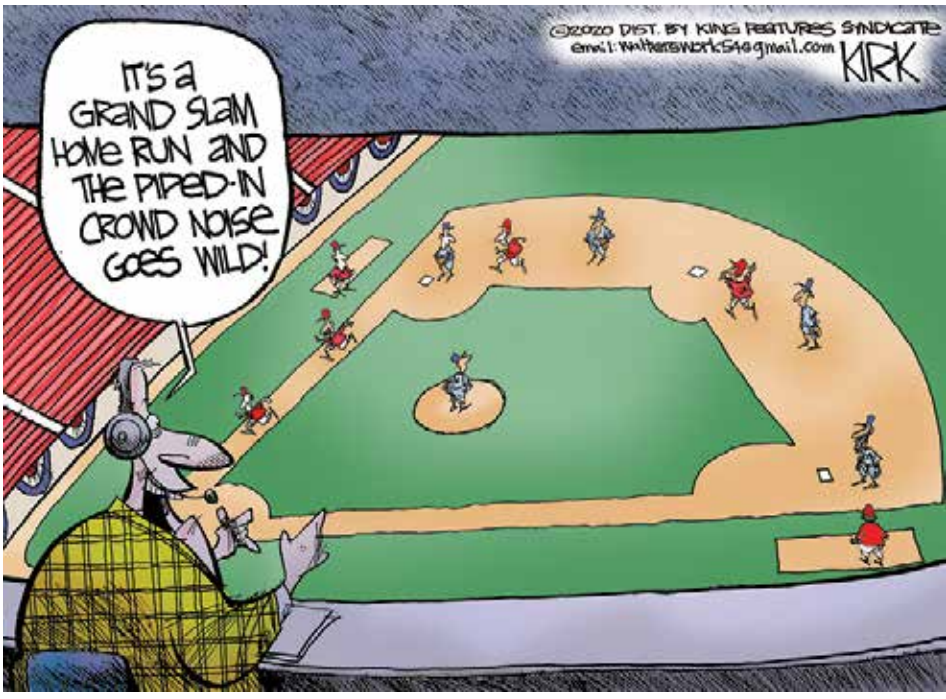
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NEWS & COMMENTARY



Public health department is getting ready to move

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—What better location for the County's Public Health Department than the building on North Second Street, which has been a medical clinic, serving Dayton residents, since the 1930s?

"I think it's going to be a great move for the community," said County Public Health Director Martha Lanman standing inside the building at the end of July.

When the full-scale interior remodel is finished, there will be enough room for all the Health Department staff. Some of the team are working at the County Planning and Building office because there isn't enough room in the current Public Health Department on Main Street to meet social distancing requirements for COVID-19.

There will be two ADA compliant bathrooms, a conference room, a small kitchenette that can be used for SNAP education, office space for WIC, and YWCA, along with a children's play area, and offices for nurses and administrative staff.

"It will be great to have all my staff in one building," Lanman said.

The County paid \$110,000 for the building in Aug. 2019, according to Columbia County Facilities Manager Dave Finney.

It cost an additional \$18,356 to have asbestos-containing vermiculite insulation in the attic and walls and several areas of wallboard removed.

Finney said that was to be the end of work on the project until a future budget cycle. But when the cost was discovered to be an allowable expense under federal CARES Act grant funding, the county commissioners decided to proceed. They are using \$210,000 from that grant.

So far, the building interior has been taken completely down to the studs. Next, the new layout for office spaces will be framed in. Electrical, plumbing, and HVAC is being removed and will be replaced.

The County is currently leasing a building on Main Street for \$1,200 each month, to house the health department. Commissioner Mike Talbott said there will be a substantial cost savings for the County when the new building can be occupied.



Michele Smith

This 1934 Pueblo revival style building at 112 North Second Street, is undergoing a full-scale interior remodel and should be ready for the County's Public Health Department to occupy by the end of the year. The building has been used for many years to treat medical patients, first those of Dr. William W. Day II, then those of Dr. Donald Pittman, and finally, those of Kathleen Casseday, ARNP, until she retired in 2018.

WWCSO

July 27

Officers were dispatched to the 300 block of Orchard St regarding theft of gates and aluminum roofing. The items taken were actually stored on property in the 200 block of Donald. Walla Walla County.

Dispatched to the 200 block of Columbia Road for a burglary and theft. Suspect was located and arrested.

July 28

Theft of saw on Wallula Ave. Walla Walla County.

July 29

An individual violated a protection order at an address on E Street in Prescott, WA.

July 30

Officers assisted with a Driving Under the Influence investigation at an address in the 14000 block of Dodd Road, Burbank, WA.

July 31

A male was cited for switching plates at an address on E. Tenth Street, Waitsburg, WA.

A man was arrested for malicious mischief at an address on W. Rose Street, Walla Walla, WA.

An elderly male with dementia issues at an address on Martin Field Lane, was taken into protective custody and transported to St. Mary's Medical Center.

August 1

An automobile tire was slashed over night at an address on Blalock Drive, Walla Walla County.

Assisted a Washington State Patrol Trooper with a DUI Investigation at an address on Middle Waitsburg Road and Valley Grove Road, Waitsburg, WA.

Male subject arrested for multiple felonies after assaulting his spouse and peace officers at an address on Reser Road, Walla Walla County.

Vehicle versus deer collision at an address on E. HWY 12, Waitsburg, WA.

BIRTHDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

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

August 12: Seth Deal, Gordon Gilmore, Abby Hyder Barrantes, Darleen Dozier, Shawn Smith, Suzanne Schulke, Mia Becker, Bess Herndon, Patsy Fouste, Keaton Jean Larsen.



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Walla Walla tries out downtown plaza on Main Street

A work in progress to boost downtown business

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Kathryn Witherington stepped into her new job as Executive Director of the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation in early February of this year. Previously the Economic Development Director of the Port of Columbia, Witherington, joined the Foundation just in time to help merchants handle the damages of February's flooding. And then in March came the coronavirus pandemic.

Earlier efforts this summer to boost businesses downtown included the creation of extra dining space in front of six restaurants with the construction of parklets. This past weekend saw Witherington assisting in a big project for the city, the temporary closure of East Main Street in downtown Walla Walla from Second Avenue to Palouse Street, from 6 a.m. on Friday until early evening on Sunday.

These closures are in response to the rollbacks of the "Safe Start" Plan announced by Gov. Jay Inslee and Secretary of Health John Wiesman on July 23. Effective July 30, indoor service at taverns, breweries, wineries, and distilleries is prohibited, and indoor dining at the same table is limited to members of the same household.

Witherington has seen her position lately as something similar to performing triage, trying to calculate who needs the most help, the fastest.

"The wineries were in the most danger when the new restrictions came in place, so we helped them first, now, the retailers are the next most in danger, and we're looking to help retail next, Witherington said, adding, "There are no good answers right now."

With over a dozen wineries downtown, boosting the outdoor seating on E. Main became a solution that the Foundation, the City of Walla Walla, the Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Walla Walla Valley Wine Alliance have collaborated on.

"We had a handful of businesses that were ready to shut their doors after that announcement last week.



Tracy Thompson

Above: Alexander Norris is part of the City of Walla Walla Parks & Recreation staff who are keeping the plaza clean and disinfected.

Left: Kathryn Witherington



Shut their doors and shut them permanently. I'm not saying this is a perfect solution, but for the moment, their doors are still open, and they feel supported and connected, and like the community's got them,"

said Witherington.

The plan allowed businesses to extend their operations across the sidewalks and into the roadway to the extent of the angled parking spots.

The City of Walla Walla Parks & Recreation Department helped set up over three dozen tables, seating, umbrellas, and canopies early Friday morning, for residents to sit and enjoy food and drinks from local businesses.

After reviewing the results over the weekend and holding a Zoom call with interested downtown businesses on Monday, August 3, the plan has now changed.

"We've decided NOT to close any streets this weekend," Witherington said on Tuesday. "Instead, we'll be exploring ways to block off parking slots safely in front of wineries in order to expand outdoor seating while still keeping traffic moving and have some parking available."

The section of First Avenue between Main and Alder will remain closed, however, with a string of lights to twinkle at night and adjustable umbrellas to provide shade during the day. Visitors are welcome to bring their own food and nonalcoholic drinks to the Plaza, but the use of alcohol, tobacco, and cannabis is prohibited. The Plaza is slated to remain until October 2020.

Walla Walla livestock sale won't happen in 2020

Volunteers were unable to put a successful virtual sale together for livestock exhibitors

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days board of directors discussed the livestock sale, among other items at the last fair board meeting.

As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, the 2020 Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days was canceled in early June. Shortly following the cancellation announcement, the board of directors began exploring options for a virtual livestock sale. The board quickly learned that the Fair was unable to host a sale for a multitude of reasons. In years past, the livestock sale at the Frontier Days has seen over 300 market animals sold, and many exhibitors that were planning to sell this year had already begun raising an animal in anticipation of the livestock sale.

Arch McHie, longtime FFA advisor and Frontier Days supporter, stepped up to try and organize the virtual sale but was met with overwhelming roadblocks. McHie felt that it was ultimately a communication issue that caused most of the issues. He thought that communication and support disappeared at the last moment, though McHie expressed that he is available to help exhibitors connect with buyers if they need it.

Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days was unable to host a virtual sale, but members of the board had said they would be willing to work outside of their roles as board members and offered their help and advice as it was needed. Many board members expressed that they had received little communication from those involved with the sale efforts.

Both 4-H and the National FFA Organization announced that no events could be held until counties reach Phase 4 of the respective reopening plans. If a sale



Sarah Boudreaux

Doug the pig

from either the Fair board or the commissioner board, but it was uncharted territory, and no one really knew what to expect.

"The kids need to get their animals sold, and it looks like that will happen," Commissioner Kimball said. "In the big picture, what we all wanted to happen will happen, just not the way we had hoped."

If 4-H leaders in Walla Walla County need help connecting their kids with buyers, Debbie Williams can be reached at dmoberg@wsu.edu.

were to be held, even virtually, before phase 4, there could be no 4-H or FFA affiliation.

The organizations were also unable to provide individual exhibitor contact, because the majority of exhibitors, especially the 4-H participants, are minors. Debbie Williams, Walla Walla County 4-H director, has been helping connect 4-H leaders with McHie so he can get a better idea of how many exhibitors need a buyer for their animal. "There was a tremendous amount to do," Commissioner Todd Kimball said at the meeting. "It was not impossible to get it done in that short amount of time, but there was no doubt that it would be extremely difficult." Commissioner Kimball expressed that he did not think it was a board failure

**TIGER
PRIDE**

Meet the Prescott Superintendent

PRESCOTT—New Prescott School Superintendent Justin Bradford is inviting the community to meet with him to share their concerns, hopes and vision for the Prescott School District. On Wednesday, August 12 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Mr. Bradford will be available to meet with at the Prescott School Library. The library is located at 207 South A Street in Prescott. A second opportunity to meet the Superintendent will be on Friday, August 14



from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Vista Hermosa Community Center, located at 1111 Fishhook Park Road. Please note: Visitors will be limited to three at a time due to Department of Health guidelines and masks are required.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Justin Bradford at (509)280-7663 or at jbradford@prescott.k12.wa.us.

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Position open in the Dayton School District for a **4th grade teacher** for the 2020-2021 school year. To apply, submit a Certificated application, letter of interest, resume, and two letters of reference. Applications can be found on the District website at www.daytonsd.org or the District office at 609 S. 2nd Street. For more information contact Jana Eaton at 382-2543. Closing date August 7, 2020 or until filled. EOE

Position open for a **full-time Custodian** for the 2020-21 school year. Candidates must possess a valid driver's license, High School Diploma, or equivalent, and be able to lift 50 pounds. For more information please contact John Delp, Maintenance Supervisor or Jana Eaton at the District Office (509) 382-2543. Job description available upon request. To apply please submit the following application materials:
District Classified Application
Letter of Interest
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Application materials can be emailed to janae@daytonsd.org, dropped off at the administration office or mailed to 609 S 2nd St. Dayton, WA 99328. Closing date August 7, 2020 or until filled. EOE

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NEWS & LEGALS

Walla Walla Town Hall generates emotions, ideas

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA —The Walla Walla City Council's second Town Hall held to address police policies and other issues in the region, took place over Zoom on Thursday, July 23. Fifty-four individuals spoke, having previously signed up in advance for the opportunity. They were each given three minutes to speak, and as Mayor Tom Scribner said, the council "made no attempt to order the comments in any fashion."

The remaining council members were also in attendance at the virtual gathering, as was the City Attorney, Tim Donaldson, and City Manager, Nabel Shawa.

Mayor Scribner was an affable host, despite the eerie whistle and computerized echo that came through the video each time he spoke. Most speakers seemed well-prepared with pre-written commentary, but visuals of the speakers in a tiny corner at the top of the screen appeared only occasionally.

First up as a speaker was Lindsey Luna, a Walla Walla Black Lives Matter organizer. Luna commented on the lack of diversity amongst the police staff, urged the use of body and dash cameras, promoted the creation of a differential call response task force, and asked that councilmembers publicly condemn systemic racism and white supremacy. These issues, along with Officer Nat Small's 'Double S' tattoo which resembles Nazi insignia, the Christopher Columbus and Marcus Whitman statues, the Police Department's armored vehicle, and the Stop The Hate Rally were also commonly addressed topics for the evening.

Luna's remark, "If we reallocate a portion of police funds to provide access and resources to drug addic-

tion, behavioral health, education, mental health, housing, and employment in order to invest in our communities we'd build a happier, healthier community for all." helped reframe the problematic term 'defund the police' which many commenters seemed to take literally.

Commenters typically stated their name and their residence, with most residing in the city of Walla Walla.

A lifelong resident and business owner credited Chief Bieber for the low crime rate and a reduced rate of gang activity, believing that the dramatic rise in construction and tourism the region has seen was thanks to the actions of the police department. Like this commenter, many equated reduced police funding to reduced police training and police equipment. "When you defund, you lose community presence, you lose response time, and quality of equipment," one person said, effectively summarizing the beliefs of many commenters.

Other commenters felt it was possible to reduce the police budget while maintaining or increasing training.

The department's Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Armored vehicle, which was given to the Emergency Services Unit SWAT Team by the Department of Defense, was brought up in a comment supportive of body and dash cams, with the commenter wondering, "If we can justify the expense a piece of equipment that by its very nature we don't intend, or even want to use on a regular basis, why can't we afford equipment (dash cams) that would substantially increase public confidence in our police?"

The cities of Portland and Seattle were mentioned more than a few times as places of lawlessness and

rioting, and many commenters were also angry with Whitman College president Kathleen Murray for her decision not to allow the force to train on campus.

The statues of Marcus Whitman and Christopher Columbus also received quite a bit of attention, with one commenter referring to Columbus as "...a savage murderer, a rapist and racist who literally started a genocide." Another stated that the statue "is a symbol of oppression to thousands of people."

A few commenters urged those who did not like the statues to take a different route so that they would not have to see them.

Many commenters felt that law enforcement officers in the area are doing a great job but have been getting unwarranted criticism and even abuse.

The issue of differential call response, sending authorities other than police for non-violent matters, seemed to be the idea that generated the most consensus. Chief Bieber's question at the first town hall, "Why are we sending a highly trained, armed police officer with arrest powers to these calls?" prompted discussion.

Increased funding for social services, mental health, homelessness, drug counseling and treatment were urged by many. Bieber's own statement that nearly 50 percent of the department's calls fall into this category was brought up time and again.

Task forces, advisory groups and citizens academies were all suggested or promoted as ways to reduce armed response, as was the Eugene, OR program CAHOOTS, which provides unarmed respondents to 911 calls that don't pose a danger to others.

The final town hall in the series will take place virtually on August 13 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. with a discussion about possible action by the City Council.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

NO: 20-4-00130-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of:
DENISE M. LOWELL,
Deceased.

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator 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 Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against

both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: July 23, 2020.

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal—Ordinance Amendments to Dayton Municipal Code Title 11: Zoning
Location of proposal—City of Dayton, Washington
Lead Agency—City of Dayton, Washington
The lead agency for this proposal has determined that the proposed non-project action does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.450. This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) on July 29, 2020; the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issuance. Submit comments to the following:

Responsible official—
Meagan Bailey, CFM
Position—Director of Planning and Community Development
Phone—509-382-2361
14-day period complete/
comment due date—
Wednesday, August 12, 2020 @ 5:00 pm
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August 6, 2020
8-6-a

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

NO: 20-4-00141-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In re the Estate of:
DANNY D. VARNELL,
Deceased.
RCW 11.40.030

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

representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: August 6, 2020.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
No.: 20-4-00142-36
NONPROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(RCW 11.42.030)
IN THE MATTER OF

THE ESTATE OF:
PATRICIA A. GARDNER,
Deceased

The notice agent named below has elected to give notice to creditors of the above-named decedent. As of the date of the filing of a copy of this notice with the court, the notice agent has no knowledge of any other person acting as notice agent or of the appointment of a personal representative of the decedent's estate in the state of Washington. According to the records of the court as are available on the date of the filing of this notice with the court, a cause number regarding the decedent has not been issued to any other notice agent and a personal representative of the decedent's estate has not been appointed.

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 11.42.070 by serving on or mailing to the notice agent or the notice agent's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the notice agent's declaration and oath were filed. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the notice agent served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.42.020(2)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as

otherwise provided in RCW 11.42.050 and 11.42.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: August 6, 2020

The notice agent declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington on the 31st day of July, 2020, at Walla Walla, Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Patricia J. Gardner, Notice Agent

Notice Agent: Patricia J. Gardner
Attorney for the Notice Agent: Ann A. Parmley, WSBA #49063

Address for Mailing or Service: 2225 Isaacs Ave., Suite A, Walla Walla, WA 99362

Court of Notice Agent's oath and declaration and cause number: Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No. 20-4-00142-36
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Tenkara Angling for Snake River Smallmouth

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

Since discovering tenkara fly-fishing a few years ago, I don't travel much without a tenkara rod. Tenkara rods are telescopic, collapsing down to about eighteen inches and only require a fly line, leader, and a handful of your favorite flies. Minimal gear and super simple. Absolutely unfettering after years of lugging a minimum of four fly boxes, two reels to accommodate floating and sinking fly line, fly line sink tips, split-shot and strike indicators for nymphs, a variety of leaders and tippet strengths, dry-fly float coat, and the list continues.

This third-generation fly-fisherman seeking squishy-finned, speckled trout and salmon almost exclusively, had convinced himself to carry every possible method and fly pattern in the pack at any given time. We all know trout can be picky. But with the burden of gear selection removed from the equation, fly-fishing is once again magical, comparable to my single-digit years casting from the red clay, muddy margins of a forgotten farm pond. Back when I was a normal-sized human, able to snag my line in the tall fescue on the back-cast.

Given the simplicity of tenkara gear, its easy to toss the necessary items in the truck or pack for any occasion as you never know when you might find yourself in a situation where a fishing rod comes in handy. One such occasion was a recent trip to the Snake River to still-hunt Eurasian collared doves.

A tenkara fly rod on the Snake River is about like hunting grizzly bear with a straw and spit-wad. The gear doesn't quite match the task. Nevertheless, I tossed the tenkara rod into the back seat with my CZ Bobwhite double-gun and hit the field. I figured once I had missed a few birds, I could sneak around some backwaters with the tenkara rod to try and pluck a few bluegill from their spawning beds.

If you have never hunted collared doves, I recommend it as a challenging bird hunt to be had at any time throughout the year. Collared doves are considered an invasive species and not regulated to a season or bag limit. Watching, listening and sneaking through cover, closing the gap on their raspy coo is nearly as thrilling as crawling through starthistle and yellowjackets to get a bow shot at a dandy four-point muley buck. And the table fare is exquisite.

Hunting collared doves is a story for another time, suffice it to say that on this particular day, I scattered eight-shot to the wind, simply making a racket with my little twenty-gauge side-by-side and educating the doves to heighten the challenge on my next attempt. Disappointed in having failed to add the appropriate choke tubes to the shotgun, I strolled over to a small riverside pool and reached for the tenkara rod.

Bluegill were stacked into the shallow margins of milfoil beds and guarding nests with hostility. Casting ahead, I began slowly twitching a hideously-tied prince nymph through the shallows and into the beds policed by the feisty gen-

darmes. Ready myself to deliver a one-man clinic on the proper techniques for catching panfish hand-over-fist, I experienced crushing fail number two of my cast-and-blast adventure.

Amusingly, the bluegill that I was certain would eagerly run down and engulf the fly, fled hastily as if the nymph were noxious. A first for me in thirty-five-years of angling panfish. While switching to a smaller fly would likely have done the trick, I decided to change tactics, casting beyond the weed bed and letting the fly sink. On the second cast, the line jerked as if someone reached out and flicked it with a finger.

Popping the rod tip and sinking the hook into what I thought was a bigger bluegill turned out to be a smallmouth bass about eight-inches long. While I wielded a rod I had built for salmon, I was surprised at the small fish's power against the heavy backbone of the thirteen-foot broom stick. Marveling over its bronze striping and deep red eyes, I eased it back into the semi-turbid waters, excited at the opportunity.

Thinking it a fluke, a few casts later found the fly embedded in the upper jaw of another smallmouth, only this one a bit bigger. A solid twelve-incher that worked the tenkara rod impressively. Growing up on the Shenandoah River in Virginia, I had landed literally countless smallmouth of this caliber in my youth. The moment reinvigorated the excitement and admiration for the fight of the bronze-back that never fades from memory.

A momentary flashback to a sultry summer evening with a few of my best friends wading deep into remote ag-land reaches of the South Fork Shenandoah sparked a chuckle. While the Shenandoah was a blue-ribbon smallmouth river, I still rarely caught fish much bigger than I was seeing this day on a pocket water to the Snake River, 2,700 miles west.

Returning to reality and the immediate problem of day-dreaming of fishing past rather than capitalizing on fishing present, I laid out another cast to the edge of the weed bed. Working the shoreline, about every fourth cast enticed another willing smallmouth. The bluegill scurrying from my shadow now completely forgotten.

The Snake River is a bit of a stretch to recommend as a fly-fishing destination, but if you find yourself in the position to give it a shot, go for the backwaters. Every boat basin and drainage mouth provides a unique environment much simpler to fish and teeming with bass and panfish, not to mention common carp, if you seek true adventure.

The wisdom of using big baits for big fish holds true for bass, but don't overdo it. Nymphs, streamers and dry-flies, sizes eight to twelve are my preference. Ironically my personal best bass have all come on some of the smallest baits, and always while fishing for panfish.

Warm-water fishing for a cold-water evangelist is a back-of-the-mind prospect, yet each time I give it a whirl, I am pleasantly reminded of the merits of such an endeavor. It's a great opportunity in a pinch requiring little time and the most basic gear to realize the value of keeping it simple and simply catching scrappy smallmouth in the marginal waters of the infamous Snake.



Brad Trumbo

Above: A little smallmouth can put a sweet bend in the tenkara rod.

The Blues Crew tackles Umatilla National Forest's trails

The Crew has their sights set on clean, enjoyable trails for all

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Clearing brush and fallen trees is a task that makes most people shake their heads. For Blues Crew volunteers, though, it's an excuse to head to the mountains and explore the Umatilla National Forest while making the trails enjoyable for all.

The Blues Crew came to be in 2018 after an outdoor recreation initiative went through at the Blue Mountain Land Trust (BMLT). Coordinator Greg Brown said he thought about getting a group together to clear already-established trails from winter overgrowth and do minor repairs like fixing small washouts throughout the trail system of the Umatilla National Forest.

"I thought, 'what can we do to participate?'" Brown said. "I love the trails, I love to go out on them, but a lot of the trails need help."

The group is currently in its third season, but the interest within the communities has exploded.

"We have a core group of about 30 people who are very passionate about the trails and want to participate in every project," Brown said. "But our mailing list covers nearly 300 people that are interested in the work parties."

The extensive volunteer list has people from all walks of life. Some members are hobby hikers who have never used the tools or equipment before. Still, others, like Kyle McFarley of Walla Walla, are passionate about outdoor recreation and recognize the potential positives from building and maintaining trail systems around the area and the resulting trail tourism.

"Trail work is fun," McFarley said. "The people we work with are good people. This is a great way for me to take a percentage of my energy and disperse it amongst a few different projects."

McFarley said he got involved after spending time on various outdoor recreation boards in Walla Walla, including the Community Council Implementation Task Force (ITF) and YMCA Outdoor Recreation programs.

"Getting involved with the Blues Crew has given me the opportunity to transition from an outdoor consumer to an outdoor producer," he said. "I am making a tangible difference."

McFarley also recognizes the economic impact that clean, accessible trail systems and solid outdoor recreation programs can have. From birdwatching or nature viewing to snowshoeing or Nordic and cross-country skiing, outdoor recreation has zero limits.

"Nature viewing, like bird watching, has potential to be ADA accessible," McFarley said. "You'd be amazed at the economic impact birdwatchers can have."

Strong outdoor recreation programs attract visitors who are buying pizza from local, family-owned



BMLT

The Rooks Park work party helped rebuild and clean up trails at a popular park in Walla Walla

restaurants or are visiting area wineries, renting out area Airbnb's, and more.

Based on his observations, McFarley said he foresees a significant boost in trail and outdoor tourism in our area, and he is excited to play a part in building and repairing attractive trail systems.

Trail work isn't just for the guys, Blues Crew Volunteer Eileen Settle, of Walla Walla, was also looking for a way to discover trails in the Umatilla National Forest when she discovered the Blues Crew.

"I saw a work party announcement to do some trail maintenance, and I thought 'these people probably know where the trails are, it's probably a good place to start,'" Settle said. "So, I signed up for the work party and ended up meeting some incredible people, and just had a really good time. I enjoyed being out there and doing the work."

Settle, who moved to the area twelve years ago, was invited to be a part of the Blues Crew planning committee after participating in several work parties. She also serves as a trail leader and has attended several training sessions to help her safely lead parties through the wilderness.

"At the end of the day, to look back and see what you've done, and how much better the trail looks is very rewarding," Settle said. "Plus, we are out in the fresh air and getting some great exercise." The progress has been great, and Settle said the most rewarding part of being a Blues Crew volunteer is the friendships she has made.

Even Land Trust President Linda Herbert, originally from Waitsburg, hits the trails with the Crew. One of the original volunteers, Herbert says she really enjoys the camaraderie and community that she has experienced while cleaning up the trails, and she especially values the relationship with the Forest Service.

"Right off the bat, we approached the Forest Service and said 'hey, we'd like to do trails,'" Herbert said. "And they're going 'yeah, sure, here's the rules and you have to do this, this, and this.'"

The Blues Crew was not the first group to step up

and want to clean up the trails. Still, the Crew has kept things going for three seasons, and they are implementing protocols, training, and more, building a safe, sustainable group that has 'totally exceeded' expectations.

Herbert said that their volunteers all bring something special to the group, but a couple of Crew volunteers, Barbara Hetrick and Tim Sampson have offered an unusually valuable tool for the crew: a team of mules to use for packing heavy objects.

"We have used the mules once, so far," Herbert said. "To haul rock that was needed to rebuild a trail."

Sampson played a key role in remodeling the Blues Crew tool trailer, and Hetrick has been a huge help with the paperwork side of things.

The Blues Crew hasn't escaped the effects of COVID-19, even being an outdoor volunteer group. Settle estimated that without the pandemic, they would already have thousands of volunteer hours on the books. Work parties are limited to small groups of five, which means the Crew is having to turn volunteers away. The Buck Mountains trail work party, for example, filled its spots in less than two hours.

The Crew has work parties planned for various trails throughout the Umatilla National Forest,

If you are interested in joining the Crew, visit www.bmlt.org, and the email contact is under the 'Recreation' tab.



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Blues Crew Volunteers hike down the Buck Mountain Trail, tools in hand.

SPORTS



Tracy Thompson

Summer Bliss: Lap swim at Veteran's Memorial Pool in Walla Walla will add more mid-morning swim times starting August 17th. Reserve a lap lane seven days in advance here: www.wallawallawa.gov/government/parks-and-recreation/veterans-memorial-swimming-pool.

The Seattle Mariners' upcoming opponents

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

After a slow start, the Seattle Mariners find themselves in third place at 4-6 in the American League West behind Houston and Oakland. This week they will play the Angels (Aug. 4th-6th) and the Rockies (Aug. 7th-9th) at home, then travel to Texas (Aug. 10th-12th) to play the Rangers. The Mariners had opportunities in two of their back to back 3-2 losses to Oakland, but couldn't come up with the big hit.

The Angels are 3-7 on the season and have already lost a series to the Mariners at home last week. Mike Trout will be back with the team to start the Mariners series after being away from the team for the birth of his son. Two-way player Shohei Ohtani has had troubles pitching this year and had an MRI done after experiencing arm discomfort. The Angels pitching staff hasn't been good this year (4.83 ERA), and this looks like an opportunity for the Mariners to win another series.

At 6-2, Colorado is off to one of the best starts of any team this year. Their pitching staff has a 2.92 ERA and is averaging almost a strikeout per inning. Matt Kemp, Trevor Story, Daniel Murphy, and Charlie Blackmon have all been hot to start the season. The only injury of note for Colorado is Wade Davis, the closer, who is on the ten-day injured list. It will be a tough series for Seattle, and they will need to

pitch well to win.

The Texas Rangers are 3-5 out of the gate. Their best pitcher to start this year is Lance Lynn. He's pitched six scoreless innings with eight strikeouts to start the year. Fortunately, it doesn't look like the Mariners will see him on this trip as he is scheduled to pitch the game before the Mariners series starts. Rangers' outfielder Joey Gallo has three home runs in his first eight games of the season. He's easily been the Rangers best hitter this season. Without him, the team is batting .180 with no power whatsoever. This will be another series the Mariners can win.

For Seattle, Kyle Lewis leads the way hitting .425 with three home runs and nine runs batted in. The only negative for Kyle is his seventeen hits are matched by seventeen strikeouts in forty at bats. To remain successful at the major league level, his strikeout rate needs to come down.

Most projection systems don't like the Mariners chances this season. Fangraphs.com currently predicts they will go 24-36 this season. This seems too pessimistic. Projection systems usually have difficulties predicting breakout seasons for young teams like Seattle. As of now, the Mariners are only one game behind the eighth seed for the playoffs. In a shortened season like this, it only takes a few unexpected wins to go from a last place team to a team that wins 28-31 games, which should be enough for one of the eight playoffs spots this season.

MLB American League Leaders

ERA			Batting Average			Strike Outs			Runs Batted In		
S. Bieber	CLE	0.00	M. Brantley	HOU	.438	S. Bieber	CLE	27	B. Judge	NYN	14
L. Lynn	TEX	0.00	H. Alberto	BAL	.429	A. Civale	CLE	18	N. Cruz	MIN	12
C. Bassitt	OAK	0.93	K. Lewis	SEA	.425	L. Lynn	TEX	17	K. Seager	SEA	10
R. Dobnak	MIN	1.00	D.J. LeMahieu	NYN	.400	J. Beeks	TB	15	K. Lewis	SEA	9
R. Yarbrough	TB	1.54	K. Pillar	BOS	.387	D. Bundy	LAA	15	C. Vazquez	BOS	9
Wins			Home Runs			Saves			Stolen Bases		
S. Bieber	CLE	2	A. Judge	NYN	6	J. Jimenez	DET	4	S. Long Jr.	SEA	3
B. Bielak	HOU	2	T. Hernandez	TOR	4	Z. Britton	NYN	3	M. Straw	HOU	3
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Los Angeles	3	7	.300	2.5	Boston	3	7	.300	5.0	Kansas City	3	7	.300	4.5

MARINERS HITTING

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	BA	OBP	OPS	WAR
Kyle Lewis	40	7	17	3	9	4	.425	.477	1.127	+0.7
J.P. Crawford	36	10	12	0	4	7	.333	.455	.927	+0.6
Kyle Seager	35	5	10	1	10	4	.286	.366	.852	+0.4
Dylan Moore	21	4	6	1	3	0	.286	.286	.810	+0.1
Tim Lopes	29	5	8	1	3	0	.276	.300	.783	+0.2
Shed Long Jr.	36	5	9	1	4	4	.250	.325	.714	+0.1
Austin Nola	19	2	5	0	0	2	.263	.364	.679	+0.2
Dee Gordon	16	2	3	0	0	2	.188	.278	.528	+0.0
Evan White	36	2	5	1	3	5	.139	.244	.494	-0.1
J. Marmolejos	25	1	3	1	3	0	.120	.120	.360	-0.3

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

Never say never

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

At some point, I imagine most of us say, “never again.” I have had to “eat my words” one too many times, so I try not to say, “never will I...” When the last of my dogs had to be put down about six months before I moved here, I vowed, no more dogs! No more coaxing and dragging prissy dogs out in the rain waiting for them to “do their business” while I got drenched in the process. No more trying to retrain my lab, who couldn’t wait to go out in the rain, because what lab doesn’t love water. Either way, I was drenched!

No more running home to make sure the dog(s) were walked, fed, and had not destroyed anything. I could run errands, play tennis, meet friends for drinks and dinner, just party with abandon. No dogs, no strings, alas, pet freedom.

I moved to Waitsburg, dog-free, but all it took was one trip to meet my cousin, who was a volunteer at Blue Mountain Humane Society, and I was hooked. Who could resist Mugsy, the 10-pound bundle of personality? So, the “no more dog” vow lasted about a year.

After spending an enormous amount of money, time, and stress remodeling our Los Angeles house, I again vowed, never again! Over ten years, we built a pool, remodeled the family room, master bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, changed all the windows and doors, rewired the electrical, re-landscaped, added a pergola and raised bed planters, along with a pond and gazebo.

Yet, here I am again, knee-deep in the dust, a gutted kitchen, contractors in and out of the house, and making decisions about colors, countertops, lighting, and all things kitchen. And of course, listening to Daniel throw fits over the inept



Left: the crooked window Vicki and Daniel can live with...hopefully. Right: An outdoor, makeshift kitchen.



Photos by Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi

construction of the house. I remind him, “It’s an old house, various owners added rooms, there isn’t any consistency, nothing should be a surprise by now, so GET OVER IT!”

I was right about one thing: it takes a lot of shims to level a kitchen floor. The “sleepers” or shims are about twelve feet long, and each one is cut at a different angle to level the floor to attempt to fix the three-inch drop in the corner. We now have an almost perfectly level floor. (Nothing is ever perfect in an old home). Our first thought was to use self-leveling concrete, instead of the shims. However, we did the math, and it would take four bags that would dry at 100 pounds each. In essence, we would add 400 pounds of weight to the kitchen floor that sits over the wine cellar. If the floor collapsed on my wine cellar, I would be devastated, to say the least.

Now, the floor is level, but the kitchen window is not. We decided we can live with it crooked! I’m thinking we can hide it behind a curtain, or maybe make a weird frame to camouflage the slant.

The timing of the kitchen remodel is definitely not in sync with the garden, which is on overdrive producing a cornucopia of vegetables. I just wish we had a kitchen to cook or properly store things. I can only eat so much grilled zucchini! Tonight’s dinner, a frittata made with leftover grilled zucchini. Luckily, we have some old tables and outlets outside, because our deck and backyard are serving as the temporary kitchen—and the bathroom sink now doubles as the kitchen sink.

So, once again, I am living with dust, construction noise, flies, and yellow jackets buzzing all over the house because the back door needs to remain open. This time I do mean it: Never Again! Only minor repairs and maintenance allowed in my life from now on!

Emma is heading back to school where there is plenty of Lysol

By Emma Philbrook | THE TIMES

By the time you read this, I’ll be back in South Bend, Indiana.

The temperature will be in the seventies. So will the humidity. I will be fanning myself with my new lease agreement and yearning for the three-digit temperatures of home, which at least had the courtesy to be a dry heat.

My apartment things will come out of storage, smelling like the inside of a plastic bag. I’ll shake them out and dust them off and put them in their old places. I’ll buy a couple of air fresheners, so the entire apartment doesn’t wind up smelling like a plastic bag. Instead, it will wind up smelling like disinfectant and “Hawaiian Breeze.” In the coming weeks, I will occasionally find myself wondering whether ‘plastic bag’ was such a bad smell after all.

I’ll be getting started on homework. Once I do, I won’t stop—unless it’s to study or fill out a job application or do work for the Journal of Legislation, that is. I will be busy. By the end of the month, I doubt I’ll be able to see my desk. You see, there’s an old saying about law school: “The first year they scare you to

death, the second year they work you to death, and the third year they bore you to death.” Let’s just say I’m not bored yet.

I’ll also be making my socially-distant way to the law school to pick up my “Welcome Box.”

In a normal year, this might have been a “Welcome Packet” and only given to first-year students. But this is 2020, so everyone gets a “Welcome Box.” Contents: five (5) top-of-the-line cloth masks, one (1) digital thermometer, one (1) refillable hand sanitizer bottle, and some miscellaneous goodies as a thank-you for our compliance. (Yes, Notre Dame’s biology department has tested several kinds of cloth mask in order to determine that these are the best. Yes, hand-sanitizer refill stations will be scattered around campus, along with 14,000 bottles of Lysol. Yes, I’m serious about the 14,000 bottles of Lysol. And yes, they think they have to bribe me to accept crucial items that have been next-to-impossible to find all summer. Go figure.)

I probably won’t have started class by the time



you read this. When I do, “class” is going to look a lot different. In order to get enough space between the chairs, some of my classes will be held in two classrooms at once, with the professor switching either halfway through the class session or alternating days. The building will be cleaned several times per day. The lunch area will be sanitized midway through the lunch break, and we have been advised to time our lunches accordingly. New guidelines will be posted detailing exactly where to walk. All of this will doubtless give rise to a great many funny stories. Regrettably, by the time these funny stories happen, I will be too busy being worked to death to tell you about them.

I just want to take a minute to thank you all for reading. When you’ve been cooped up for long enough, sometimes it seems like you don’t matter to the world, like you’re screaming into the void. I’m luckier than most in that I had all of you folks to scream to. I hope I made this wild ride of a summer a little easier for you – I know you made it a lot easier for me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

(Oh, and the semester ends early this year. I’ll be home by Thanksgiving. You’ll be hearing from me then...)

The Cookie Chronicles Chapter 15—Working from home

WFH — Dog Heaven!

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

Working from home has become so common, so ingrained in such a short time that it has already earned its own acronym – WFH. The Urban Dictionary defines WFH as “a concept where the employee can do their job outside of the office.” It goes on to enthuse that “WFH offers the flexibility to achieve company goals while supporting a healthy work/life balance, cutting down on commuting time and costs, as well as fostering a comfortable work environment.”

As a long time WFH’er myself, I can attest to the benefits. But there are downsides as well. You miss the interaction with others. You constantly fight distractions (tv, text, email) and interruptions (phone, Fed-Ex, UPS, drop-ins). There is always the temptation to take a short break to do basically anything but the work at hand (laundry, dirty dishes, vacuuming here I come!).

Let’s face it – getting the job done without supervision is challenging. But there is help available, and that is to find an all-purpose employee. The ideal employee can handle myriad small tasks, freeing you up to concentrate on the big picture stuff. They can provide valuable feedback on your work, meet with clients, provide a level of security, and more.

The ideal employee is your dog.

In the 8+ years since Cookie joined our team here in Waitsburg, she has become an invaluable asset to our daily work routines. As a receptionist, she is everything one could require – attentive, friendly, rarely distracted by office politics, and never stuck on the phone. She will always be the first to welcome visitors, and if their business here should involve a Milk-bone treat, they will get the red carpet treatment, including the highly-sought-after roto-tail wag.

Cookie also handles security. From what might appear to the untrained eye to be a dog who is sound asleep, she will snap to attention the instant an intruder approaches the front gate. If it’s a friend or a client, she will quickly transition to her receptionist mode. If it happens to be a cat or a dog, bedlam will ensue, and she’ll grab Mr. B and take off barking.

Janitorial duties are also part of her workday. These mostly involve keeping random bits of food off the kitchen floor, but she’s quite tidy with her personal workspace (a padded dog bed). She respects the office furniture and doesn’t dig,

tear, bite, or shred anything (other than Mr. Duck – see Chronicle #13).

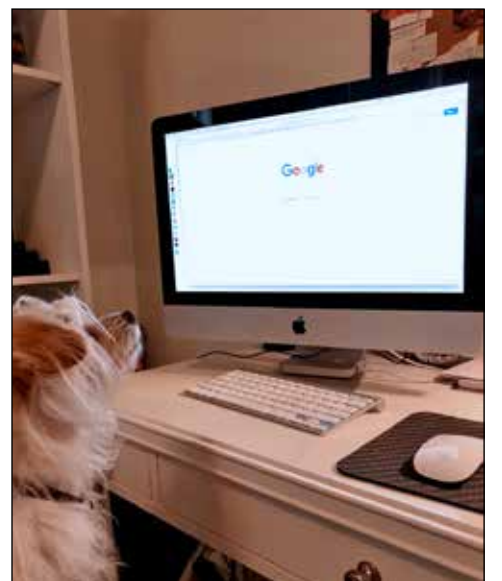
As a Gal Friday, she is exemplary on the job seven days a week, 52 weeks a year. Never a complaint about working overtime, no whining about a missed holiday, completely unbothered by the prospect of a pay freeze. Her medical care is provided, of course, but other than her flea and tick medication, it’s significantly less expensive than ours.

As a creative director, Cookie has taken the lead on virtually all of these Chronicles. She also pitches in on other tasks, such as visits to wineries, Zoom meetings, and basic brainstorming.

Back in my office days in Seattle, I occupied a cubby hole with just enough room for a desk, computer, and some files. Tiny though it was, it had two fine features—a window, and a short wall. Just on the other side of the wall was a co-worker with whom I could chat. And when deadlines loomed, and I was perhaps just a tiny bit frustrated, I could launch an all-out crumpled paper war, lobbing failed scripts over the top.

With Cookie, lobbing anything in her direction is a welcome diversion, especially if it happens to be a ball. Break time in the office is pretty much whenever I feel like it, and if it’s been more than an hour or two, a gentle reminder in the form of a carefully positioned ball will magically appear right behind me. I stand at my desk, so one false step and... well, it’s game on.

Lest you fear that Cookie is somehow being exploited, let me assure you that working from home is a dog’s idea of paradise. A good dog wants to have a job, wants their person(s) close at hand, wants praise for helping out, wants plenty of recreational opportunities, and a well-stocked lunchroom. I’m proud to say we provide all of the above. And in exchange, we get a happy, multi-tasking employee who works for, well, not peanuts. But for Cookie, cashews are better than cash.



Wenaha Gallery News

THE TIMES

Dayton's Wenaha Gallery will feature junk journals by Des Moines, WA, artist Trudy Love Tantalo. Her show runs from August 11 through September 4.

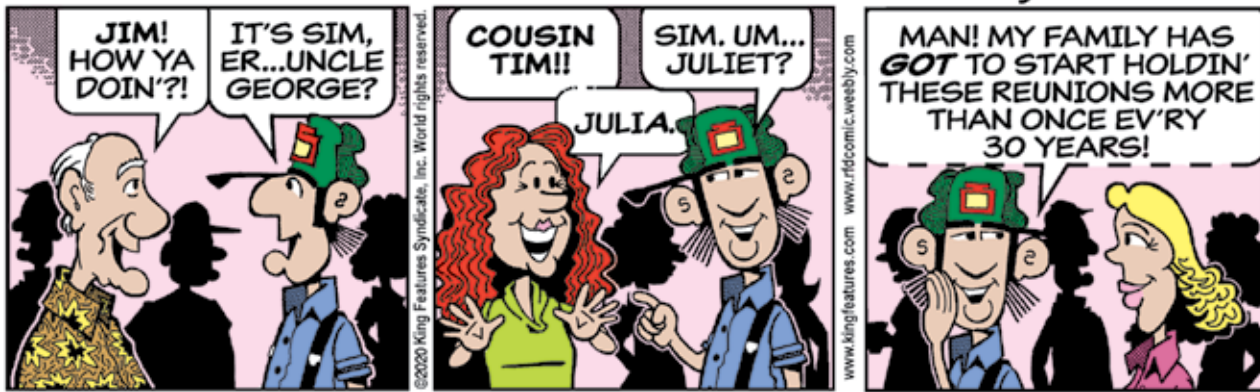
Trudy Love Tantalo is a Des Moines, Wash. paper artist who creates junk journals, which she defines as "a unique handmade journal made with a variety of papers, with additions and embellishments that make it fun and interesting to use." A lifetime journal user herself, she describes junk journals as the perfect place to write about your day, tuck in a quote of the day, use as a prayer journal or place for Bible verses, draw in, doodle in, keep lists, fill with memorabilia for a travel journal, collage, or . . . do it all.



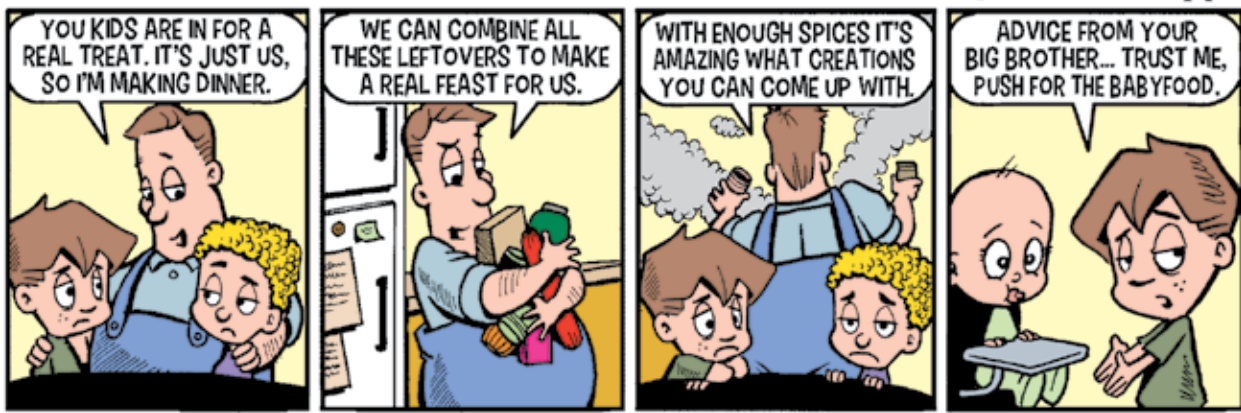
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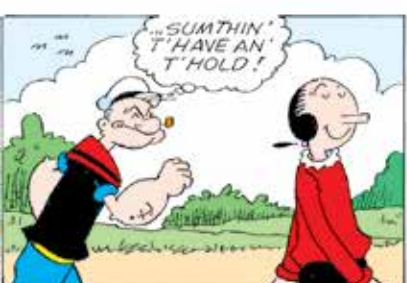
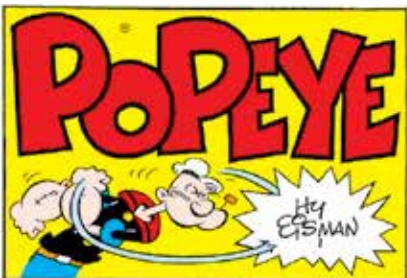


Amber Waves



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

August 25, 2011

[Photo caption] Visible along the front part of the undercarriage of this National Guard helicopter are the patterns of marijuana plantings along an Eckler Mountain canyon steam bed. The growers' camp was found in the taller trees uphill from the growing operation that stretched for more than 600 yards around the canyon and yielded an eradication catch of more than 25,000 cannabis plants Thursday, the largest find in the state so far this year.

Wyatt Withers' commanding officer, seen here handing the 2010 WHS graduate his Nuclear Power School diploma, asked him if the young Waitsburg man was raised on a farm, given his exceptional resourcefulness.

A mother-daughter duo in Dayton specializing in acupuncture and massage therapy is offering services at a variety of prices to make sure low-income members of the community can obtain the preventative medicine and therapy they need.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

August 10, 1995

Columbia County has received a \$33,000 grant and plans to set up a program in which Dayton High School students will learn on-the-job skills and build a house.

[Photo caption] Jay Thomas holds reins as brother Dwight rides at his side as mules pull hitch containing casket of their father, Donald Monte Thomas, to burial site in City Cemetery in Waitsburg Friday, Aug. 4, 1995. Thomas, a community leader and rancher, was well-known for his mules and wagons. The Waitsburg resident died July 31 at 80. About 250 people attended the funeral service at the First Christian Church in Waitsburg.

The recent drowning of a 32-year-old man who jumped from a highway bridge near Umatilla, Ore. in July has raised the number of water-related accidents to a dozen within the local reaches of the Columbia and Snake rivers.

Not one...not two...but three Bigfoots were apparently encountered Saturday, Aug. 5, by three men about 10 miles above Dixie.

Fifty Years Ago

August 20, 1970

[Photo caption] The two standard questions which can be asked are answered in this picture: Are you glad to be back from Viet Nam? And are you glad that your brother is back? Rick Huwe returned to Waitsburg Tuesday and his small happy friend is his little brother Scott. Rich spent most of last year doing mechanical work on helicopters at Chu Lai in South Viet Nam. He was with the Americal Division, the 176th AHC. Rick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Huwe of Waitsburg.

Inflation doesn't make good cents.

Miss Jacqueline Ganguet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Ganguet, Rt. 1, Waitsburg, has become a United Airlines stewardess. Following completion of her training at the company's stewardess school near Chicago, Illinois, she now flies aboard Mainliners out of Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fenton have moved into the Roberts cottage on West Seventh St. Mr. Fenton is the new music instructor for the Waitsburg school system.

What with corn on the cob, watermelons and peaches coming along, this life isn't so bad.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

August 24, 1945

C.N. Eaton is finishing his harvest this Wednesday after a 20-day run. His fall wheat was above average this year, and on his own land it averaged 40 bushels. The spring wheat was somewhat lighter.

John Curoker took Miss Dorothy Nicol as his bride in a ceremony Aug. 5 at the Coupeville Servicemen's Center.

Commissioners elected for Fire District 2 who have been instrumental in preparing the fire fighting apparatus are C.N. Eaton, Emory McCown and Glenn Conover.

One Hundred Years Ago

August 27, 1920

Morris Woods was very painfully burned last Thursday morning while trying to start the gasoline engine on his combine.

One of John Meinberg's best milch (milking) cows fell off a bank about three feet high into the Coppei one day last week, breaking a leg. The veterinarian was called and the leg set and is seeming to be getting along alright.

Mr. and Mrs. James Archer arrived home Friday from an extended visit to eastern Canada and middle west states. They report a very enjoyable trip but glad to get back home again.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

August 30, 1895

Frank McCown, A.W. Philips, Abel White, William Bruce and we don't know how many more, left this week for Lewiston, each with a lot of good horses which they hope to be able to sell to the flush Indians who have just been supplied by Uncle Sam with an abundance of kale seed or chickamum.

The W.C.T.U. folks of this city are holding their parlor meeting this afternoon with Mrs. C.W. Wheeler at Rose Glen Farm.

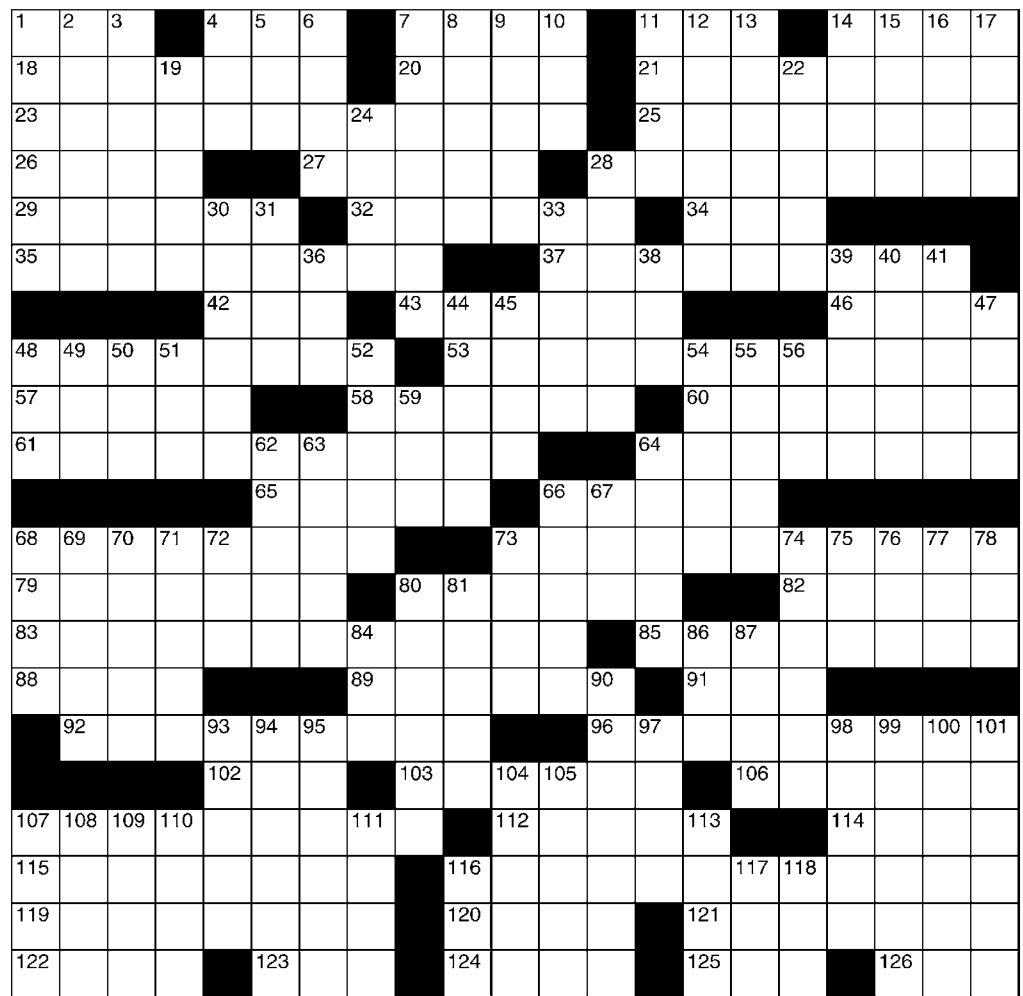
Albert Dickson's residence is receiving a new coat of paint from the brush of Arthur Strickland, Arthur is good.

FUN & GAMES

Super Crossword

APT ALPHABET SUBSET

- ACROSS**
- 1 Inc. article subjs.
4 Pharmacy chain
7 "— fair in love and war"
11 Luau guitar, informally
14 Actress Skye Lure
18 Lure
20 Tournament sit-outs
21 Rebelled
23 * "High gravity" lager brand
25 Questioning intensely
26 Tattered
27 Sasha
28 * Obama's sis
29 Place in a row
32 Actor/singer Gordon
34 Prefix with hazard
35 * "The Good Body" playwright
37 * He played Uncle Leo on "Seinfeld"
42 Prefix with hazard
43 Deliberately disregarding
- 46 "That's —!" ("Not true!")
48 Source of some syrup
53 * Tense situations make them rise
57 Kitchen cover-up
58 Not as hard
60 Noble's crown
61 * Horizontal supporting piece on a ship's lower mast
64 First-class
65 Leaves off
66 Be nuts over
68 Woman's office outfit
73 * Actor who played Hercules in 1958
79 At odds with
80 Biology slide specimen
82 Accord
83 * Unease
85 Solidified
88 Asia's — Sea
89 Think up
91 Part of TMI
92 * Fitted forearm cover
- 96 * Not even a single time
102 — populi
103 Pluses
106 Strauss one-act opera
107 * Short-pile cotton fabric
112 Instruments of angels
114 Left amazed
115 Push away
116 * The answers to the starred clues are all drawn from a certain set of them
119 Troubadour relative
120 Busy as —
121 Live through
122 Cooped (up)
123 Cen. parts
124 Part of BMI
125 ER staffers
126 Census stat
- DOWN**
- 1 King's home
2 13th-century German king
3 "Tristram Shandy" novelist
4 "Silent" prez
5 Outdated TV hookup
6 Pipe part
7 Husband of Héloïse
8 Bit of a song's words
9 Actor Burton
10 Dir. opposite NNW
11 Push along
12 Corn piece
13 Show plainly
14 Misfortunes
15 Redding of R&B
16 Hawaiian state bird
17 Outer limit
19 Zellweger of films
22 Butter substitutes
24 Identical
28 Wobble
30 Not crooked
31 Omegas' preceders
33 Actress Woodard
36 Mauna —
38 Denials
39 Relish
40 Kagan of the court
41 Made angry
44 Snaky curves
45 End in — (finish evenly)
47 Punta del —, Uruguay
48 Gymnast's landing pad
49 Fourth mo.
50 Nuptial lead-in
51 — Alamos
52 — four (little cake)
54 Get points easily
55 One running easily
56 Unit of work
59 Gallery work
62 Scoundrel
63 Gives off
64 Actress Feldshuh
66 Nuclear trial, in brief
67 Cotillion star
68 Legal aide, for short
69 Golden — (retirees)
70 Like "m" and "n" sounds
71 Duke, e.g.
72 NBC hit since '75
73 Sammy of baseball
74 Author Welty
75 Suffix with phenyl
76 Actor Diesel
77 Summer, to the French
78 Pink Floyd's Barrett
80 Like Peru's peaks
81 Assembles
84 The "S" of RSVP
86 Off-road bike, in brief
87 Some deer
90 Filling dishes
93 Incident
94 Religious adherent
95 Phillips — Academy
97 U.S. Open airer
98 Bring joy to
99 Oath takers
100 Come forth
101 Boston ball team
104 "Come Back, Little —"
105 Roof overhangs
107 Improvise jazz-style
108 Writer Wiesel
109 "Perfect Strangers" co-star Mark — Baker
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117 Outer limit
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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Sweet Teriyaki Beef Skewers

I have the beef marinating as we speak. I will get a picture of the skewers, if it all turns out. If not, I'll be finding another recipe! See update below.

Thank you for the "Unknown Chuckwagon Cook" for filling in for me while I was gone. I'm thinking of at least once a month letting you experience someone else's recipe. I mentioned once I choose what I like! So it's good to have other options. ☺

Last year I put in a recipe for skewered grilled potatoes using mayonnaise and many replied that it was delicious. I don't know about putting that recipe on the same skewer as the beef, but perhaps a skewer of beef and one of potatoes, unless you are doing what we did by putting beef and vegetables on the same one.

When it's hot, it's not like we don't get hungry, but we don't want to fuss with cooking and one can only eat so many salads. So I'm hoping this will be a keeper. I had all the ingredients except the meat and it was on sale. I stole the pineapple juice from a can of pineapple rings so I (we) are going to add that to the skewer along with potatoes, zucchini, and onion.

I saved a half cup of the marinade to use on the vegetables!!

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 ½ c. light brown sugar
- 1 c. soy sauce
- ½ c. pineapple juice
- ½ c. water
- ¼ c. vegetable oil
- 3 large garlic cloves**
- 4 pounds boneless round steak, cut into ¼ inch slices
- Bamboo skewers soaked in water

DIRECTIONS:

Whisk brown sugar, soy sauce, pineapple juice, water, vegetable oil and garlic together in a large bowl (why don't they just say all of the ingredients? ☺ Drop the beef slices into the mixture and stir until coated. Cover bowl with plastic wrap. **It doesn't say to chop the garlic, but one has to, to get the flavor.

Marinate beef in refrigerator for 24 hours.

Remove beef from the marinade, shaking to remove any excess liquid. Discard marinade.

Thread beef slices in a zig zag onto skewers.

MY NOTES:

I cut the slices a little thicker than ¼ inch as I thought the beef would get done before the vegetables. Thinking of that, I think I will partially cook the potatoes (and I did)

Let me know if you would like the skewered potato recipe and I can scan it to you or make copies if you would like to stop by. I'm pretty sure it came from All Recipes.com

This is a great recipe to take to gatherings to barbeque or have the family help put together their own kabob.

Update: It is a keeper! I found that you can't zig zag the beef strips and put the vegetables on so we cut them into about 2 inch sections. We did a combo of beef, pineapple, potato, cherry tomato and zucchini. Many choices!. Some (Joe) follow a set pattern on putting the kabob together, me not so much.



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

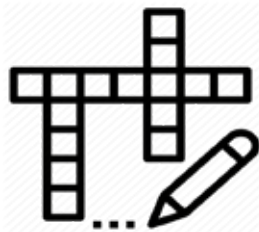
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

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- ◆◆ Challenging
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Super Crossword

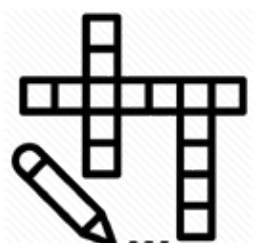
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Combine Art Collective News

Anne Haley is the featured artist for August gallery adds new COVID-19 compliance measures

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Combine Art Collective announces their featured artist for August, printmaker Anne Haley.

Haley is showing multiple works under the title of “LithoGraphica.” The exhibit opened Friday, August 4, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and continues through August 30. The work is also available at www.combineartcollective.com.

For Haley’s debut as featured artist, the Collective will host a brief Zoom interview with her in the gallery on August 7 from 5 – 6 p.m. Reservations can be made on the Combine Art Collective Facebook event page. Interested parties may join the call live or view it later on the Collective’s YouTube channel.

Haley began her foray into visual art after a 30-year career in library management that included positions such as Director of the Walla Walla Public Library and Library Director of the Yakima Valley Regional Library.

Transitioning from one career to another, Haley studied art at Walla Walla Community College, Walla Walla University, and three years at the Pacific Northwest College of Art in Portland, wherein 2010, she earned a BFA degree.

She is now a dedicated printmaker using etched copper, lithography, monotype, reduction linocut, letterpress, and silkscreen processes. Haley says, “layering images and techniques intrigue me, and the processes are often complex to learn. Resulting images can be a serendipitous surprise, and if everything works out, a knockout that keeps me making more.”

Moving to Walla Walla in 1977, Haley found her sources of inspiration then and now from the environment.

She has “been intrigued by the farmed land here—the colors, shapes, structures, the nakedness of the hills, and even the smells. The patterns



Left: “Pink Cloud” Lithograph Print



Right: “Message Board” Lithograph Print

Courtesy photos

and shapes of divided slopes between here and the Palouse, of fallen boulders along rivers such as the Rogue, of the moon reflecting against clouds, even rain.”

The all-new images in her exhibit at Combine are a marriage of her photography and lithographic printmaking.

The Combine Art Collective gallery is open Thursday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., located at 130 E. Rose St., Walla Walla.

To maintain a safe environment, gallery visitors are required to wear masks. Those without will be provided a disposable mask.

Hand sanitizer is provided to be used by every-

one entering the gallery. In accordance with state guidelines, the maximum capacity is 12. Visitors are asked to maintain a minimum of six-foot distance from other guests and staff.

The Collective has installed markings on the floor, directing the flow of foot traffic from the left of the podium and continuing clockwise.

In addition to other safety measures for COVID-19, a “no contact” option is available for payments by credit card. Visit www.combineartcollective.com for more information.



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