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Photo by Michele Smith

Incoming Starbuck School District Superintendent Gerry Grubbs posed in front of Starbuck School for this photo at the end of September. Full story on page 3.

## DSD moving forward with conditioning and practices for high school sports

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Dayton School District Superintendent Guy Strot talked about some loosening of school sports restrictions by the state, when the Dayton School District Board of Directors met in a work session last week.

The state has decided to allow summer athletic conditioning from Sept. 27 to Nov. 27, he said. A typical summer season is for a team to have 20 organized practices in the months of June and July.

With that in mind, he and Mark Pickel, Waitsburg School District Superintendent, and Martha Lanman, County Public Health Administrator, feel it will be alright for Dayton students to practice in Dayton and for Waitsburg students to practice in Waitsburg, at least for the time being.

The decision was made in part because Waitsburg is in Phase 2 of the Governor's Phased Plan for Reopening, and Dayton is in Phase 3.

Strot said he and Superintendent Pickel met with a couple of the coaches earlier last week. He said coaches would design a conditioning and practice program for basketball, volleyball, and football. No games will be held, and only high school athletes will take part.

"Our goal is to put a high school team out there, safely, and if we can do that, then maybe we can organize middle school basketball in January or February," Strot said.

He said conditioning is running outside, or it is weightlifting.

Weightlifting will require the use of face masks because athletes will be closer than six feet in a small weight room, he said.

Strot said student athletes who are conditioning for football practice and are out of doors, and are six feet apart from each other, don't need to wear a mask. Those practicing basketball or volleyball in the gym don't require masks.

To control access to the gyms, only administrators or custodians will have keys to unlock them.

"Pods" of athletes will be limited to no more than ten people, including the coaches, Strot said. If a player comes down with COVID-19, everyone in that pod is quarantined for 14 days.

"There will be an elevated risk, but I think it's a reasonable risk," he said.

The District will inform and involve parents about the risks and provide consent forms. The WIAA issued guidelines for athletics, on Oct. 6, followed by additional information on Oct. 7. Strot said there are categories of risk for individual sports. Golf is considered to be a low-risk sport. Volleyball is considered a medium risk sport. Basketball and football are considered high-risk sports.

"We are going to follow 100-percent the WIAA guidelines as well as any of the governor's guidelines," he said.

The county Public Health Administrator is allowing practices to be run for two weeks, and she will reconsider whether Dayton and Waitsburg can get together for basketball games.

Strot said he is not optimistic about basketball games in December.

"We're going to assume I'm wrong, and we are going to practice and get our kids ready," he said. The primary focus, for now, is on high school sports, for Season 2, with an emphasis placed on girls and boys basketball, and for season 3, on

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## Painting and Powerlifting

Local painter Jason Gillen has been lifting weights since a young age and loves the community that revolves around strength sports

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

If you drive down Main Street Waitsburg, you'll see a cute pink house with white trim. That little house is one of many that Jason Gillen, owner of JLG Painting, has finished in the area. While 'professional painter' sits at the top of Gillen's resume, 'powerlifter/strongman' follows in a close second. Gillen has been into weight lifting since a young age, saying that it is a hobby as it is a lifestyle.

"I got my first pair of barbells from my dad. I was, oh, seven or eight years old," Gillen said. "I still have those weights today. By the time I was in sixth grade, I could bench press 100 pounds, and I worked on bench press quite a bit. Then my teenage years came, and I discovered Arnold Schwarzenegger and pumping iron and all of that."

Gillen joined his first bodybuilding gym when he was 15 years old, inspired by Schwarzenegger. In his early 20s, he discovered powerlifting. Powerlifting is a strength sport that consists of three attempts at maximum weight on three lifts; a squat, a bench press, and a deadlift.

Gillen worked on rounding out his lifting routine, perfecting the weight lifter's diet, and began competing in the World Association of Benchpressers and Deadlifters. He quickly began breaking deadlift records and bringing home prizes.

After moving to Walla Walla, Gillen began competing in the annual Athena Caledonian Games in Athena, Ore., each year. While the origin of highland games predates recorded history, one of the first notable events was held in the 10th century, during King Malcolm III's reign. The Scottish king organized a race up Craig Choinnich, and the winner would become Malcolm's foot messenger. It is argued that the games were originated to test of soldier's strength with heavy lifting events. The games celebrate Scottish and Celtic culture and have become symbolic across the world.

"That has a large carryover into the strongman competitions, with the throwing events," Gillen said, referring to events like the caber toss. "I won a few medals in the highland games, and then I got into the strongman competitions. Just a couple of years ago, I got an overall trophy for the Master's Strongman Competition in Portland."

One of Gillen's good friends, Ed Coan, is regarded as the greatest powerlifter of all time, having set over 71 world records in his career. Even in his 50s, Coan remains a huge influence in the sport. His story is similar to Gillen's, in the sense that he started at a young age, and worked to be the best he could be, all the while remaining humble and positive.

"It's something I really appreciate about the sport," Gillen said. "It's not about outdoing anybody. It's a very positive, supportive group. Everybody wants to see everybody else do really well."

Currently, Gillen is not training as hard as he once did, but he says he plans on doing it as long as he lives. He enjoys competing and training but says that ultimately powerlifting is his hobby, and he simply enjoys the community that exists within the sport.

Strength sports are nothing new. Their roots stretch back as far as Greek and Persian times, and weightlifting has been a recognized Olympic sport since 1896. During the 1950s, the United States saw a decline in Olympic weightlifting as many

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# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

## NEWS BRIEFS

### UPDATE FROM WALLA WALLA COUNTY ELECTIONS FOR THIS YEAR'S GENERAL ELECTION

#### THE TIMES

For this year's General Election, Walla Walla County Elections has moved all operations to the Pavilion building at the Walla Walla County Fairgrounds, 363 Orchard St., Walla Walla. Voter services, ballot processing, and Canvassing Board meetings will be conducted at this location.

**Jurisdictions:**  
 State of Washington: Referendum Measure No. 90, Advisory Vote 32, Advisory Vote 33, Advisory Vote 34, Advisory Vote 35, and Engrossed Senate Joint Resolution No. 8212; Federal: President / Vice President, U.S. Representative in Congressional Districts No. 4 and No. 5; State of Washington: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Commissioner of Public Lands, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Insurance Commissioner; Legislative District No. 16: State Senator and State Representatives No. 1 and No. 2; Walla Walla County: Commissioner Districts No. 1 and No. 2; Washington State Supreme Court: Justice Positions 3, 4, 6, and 7; Walla Walla County Superior Court: Judges Position 1 and 2; Prescott Joint Park and Recreation District: Proposition No. 1, Maintenance & Operation Excess Levy.

**Ballots Mailed** – Ballots were mailed out on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. (Military & Overseas ballots were mailed on Friday, September 18).

**Observers** – Trained observers are welcome during ballot preparation, processing, tabulation, and Canvassing Board meetings. One person from each political party is requested to observe all processes at any given time.

**Observer Training** – There will be an observer training on Friday, October 16, 2020 at 10 a.m.

**Accessible Voting** – The ExpressVote, a machine available to assist voters with marking their ballot. The ExpressVote will be available at the Walla Walla County Elections temporarily located at the Pavilion Building at the Walla Walla County Fairgrounds, 363 Orchard St., Walla Walla weekdays, from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., starting Wednesday, October 14, 2020 and on Election Day from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

**Processing Ballots** – Our office will begin processing ballots on Monday, October 19, 2020, and continue weekdays through Monday, November 23, 2020, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

**Ballot Tabulation** – Our office will begin early ballot tabulation on Monday, November 2, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. However, preliminary election results will not be released until after 8 p.m. on Election Day.

**Canvassing of Returns** – The Canvassing Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 20, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

**Certification of the Primary Election** – The General Election will be certified by Walla Walla County on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, at 2 p.m.

### WASHINGTON STATE ELECTIONS UPDATE FROM OLYMPIA

#### THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Registered voters in Washington state will soon receive their ballots for the General Election, Tuesday, Nov. 3. Ballots must be sent to registered voters no later than Friday, Oct. 16.

Voters have until 8 p.m. Nov. 3 to place their marked ballots in one of over 500 drop boxes statewide. Drop-box locations can be found at VoteWA.gov, Washington's online voter portal.

People who choose to return their ballots by U.S. mail can use the provided postage-paid envelope. The U.S. Postal Service recommends that ballots should be returned by mail at least one week before Election Day. Registered voters can track their ballots at VoteWA.gov.

Any registered voter who does not receive a ballot within a week should log in to VoteWA.gov or contact a county elections office to request a replacement. Voters can also check their ballot status at VoteWA.gov, <https://tinyurl.com/wlpe864>.

"The General Election is here – time for Washingtonians to exercise their right to vote and make their voices heard," said Lori Augino, elections director, Office of the Secretary of State. "We encourage the more than 4.7 million registered voters in Washington to start checking their mailboxes and get ready to mark their ballots. For people who want to vote but haven't registered, there's still time to sign up and take part in the General Election."

People who want to register to vote, or update their registration, can go online at VoteWA.gov, or print and mail a registration form (available in 23 languages) at the Secretary of State's Elections page, <https://tinyurl.com/y8e8nqq2>.

The deadline for county elections offices to receive registrations online or by mail, however, is Monday, Oct. 26. After Oct. 26, people can visit a county elections office and register in person.

More election information, including important dates and deadlines, an online voter guide, and elections data and statistics, is available at [sos.wa.gov](https://sos.wa.gov).

### WWCSO

#### September 30

Investigation reference ongoing construction fraud. Prescott

#### October 5

Brick thrown on victim's front lawn. Walla Walla County

A theft occurred in Prescott. Prescott

#### October 6

Female arrested on domestic violence warrant. Burbank

Male having hallucinations contacted in Burbank. Burbank

Report of domestic disturbance. Walla Walla County

#### October 9

Daniel Lee Strain was arrested by CPPD on 10/06. WWCSO, along with numerous other local agencies, had PC for numerous vehicle thefts and burglary charges. Walla Walla

Residential Burglary committed at residence and numerous items, including firearms and cash, were stolen. Waitsburg

Subject contact a deputy while hallucinating and was taken to SMMC. Walla Walla

#### October 11

Adult female turned in saddle she found on Peppers Bridge Road. Walla Walla County

Violation of protection order. College Place  
 DUI arrest on Highway 12. Walla Walla County

### Touchet Valley Weather

Oct. 14, 2020

#### Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Sunny
High: 63 Low: 37	High: 61 Low: 40	High: 68 Low: 45	High: 67 Low: 42	High: 65 Low: 41	High: 64 Low: 39	High: 60 Low: 36

#### Weather Trivia

Sun spots occur in cycles of how many years, on average?  
 Answers: Eleven years.

#### Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	86	54	69/46	0.00"	0.90"
Wednesday	79	54	68/46	0.00"	0.26"
Thursday	80	60	68/45	0.00"	+0.64"
Friday	79	54	67/45	0.00"	63.7°
Saturday	64	49	67/45	0.74"	56.1°
Sunday	64	48	66/44	0.16"	+7.6°
Monday	65	56	66/44	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

#### Weather History

Oct. 14, 1984 - Dense fog contributed to a 118-vehicle accident on I-94, just south of Milwaukee. It was the seventh day of an eight-day stretch of dense fog. At the time of the accident, the visibility was reportedly close to zero.

#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
<b>New 10/16</b>	7:09 a.m.	6:07 p.m.	4:06 a.m.	5:36 p.m.
Wednesday	7:10 a.m.	6:05 p.m.	5:27 a.m.	6:02 p.m.
Thursday	7:12 a.m.	6:03 p.m.	6:49 a.m.	6:28 p.m.
Friday	7:13 a.m.	6:02 p.m.	8:12 a.m.	6:56 p.m.
Saturday	7:15 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	9:35 a.m.	7:28 p.m.
Sunday	7:16 a.m.	5:58 p.m.	10:57 a.m.	8:07 p.m.
Monday	7:17 a.m.	5:57 p.m.	12:13 p.m.	8:54 p.m.
<b>Full 10/31</b>				
<b>Last 11/8</b>				

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## MEDICAL APPOINTMENT GAS CARDS AVAILABLE THROUGH COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

#### THE TIMES

COLUMBIA COUNTY—Medical Appointment Gas Cards are available to any Columbia County resident in need of fuel for transportation to medical appointments outside of Columbia County. Fuel cards are available for those with a valid driver's License, valid vehicle insurance and proof of medical appointment date.

Medical appointments should be within four days from issuance of gas card voucher. Eligible clients may have one voucher every 90 days.

Stop into Columbia County Public Health to receive your voucher today. We are located at 270 E. Main St. Dayton, WA 99328.

### BIRTHDAYS

**October 15:** Robert Webber, Wayne Stonecipher, Debbie Cobb, Marcus Zuger III, Robin Marshall.

**October 17:** Fred Hofer, Jr., Lorene Swauger, Jim Jensen, Shaun Segraves, Jill Antonius.

**October 18:** Matthew Frohning, Julia Klucas, Edna Kirk, Vicky Maiden, Jesse McCaw, Tanya Maurer, Edgar Tarp.

**October 19:** Ruth Peterson, Noel Atkinson, Rosemary Archer, Lynn Carpenter, Wyatt Withers, Kennedy Mae Henze.

**October 20:** Owen Lee Cole, Rochell Duncan.

**October 21:** Pearl Bickelhaupt, Steve Ahler.





# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

## Care and Share Food Drive won't stop for a pandemic

Collection bins, in place of doorstep donations, have been placed at businesses around Walla Walla, Waitsburg

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Walla Walla Association of Realtors and the Blue Mountain Action Council (BMAC) are kicking off the season with a hunger for helping. The Care and Share Food Drive looks a little different this year, but the cause remains the same.

For more than three decades, the Care and Share Food Drive, which takes place in October, has sent more than 100 volunteers out into the community to drop off orange donation bags on doorsteps. The Association of Realtors and BMAC decided that the bags, which are typically dropped off on a Friday and picked up that following Sunday, weren't the safest option given the current pandemic status.

"Our food drive committee and the Association of Realtors did not want to skip this year. The Food Bank needs our help more than ever, and we just needed to figure out a way to keep the tradition alive while also keeping each other safe," Scooter Johnson, President of the Board, Walla Walla Association of Realtors and Food Drive Committee Chair, said in a press release. "Without the usual door to door format and participation from schools, it was our job to get creative and I think we've done just that. It's going to be a great year and we hope everyone participates however they can."

This year, instead of going door to door, realtors have set up Care and Share bins at various locations around the area. Two of the bins can be found in Waitsburg: One at Ten Ton Coffee and one set up at Waitsburg Grocery. Bins can also be found at grocery stores throughout Walla Walla and College Place. Donations of shelf-stable foods are happily accepted.

In addition to the Care and Share bins, BMAC is inviting the community to visit the BMAC Food Bank at 921 W Cherry Street in Walla Walla for a 'Reverse Mobile Food Bank.' People who would like to donate and see the workings of the food bank are invited to drive through and drop off donations from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Many of our neighbors have never seen the Food Bank operate, and we thought offering a drive-through event where people can bring their families, safely participate in donating and gain some new perspective would be a really



Lane Gwinn

A donation bin is located at Ten Ton Coffee on Main Street in Waitsburg, help fill up.

good experience for bonding and camaraderie." Tracy Parmer, Director of Development and Outreach, said in a release.

Local realtor Lynne Carpenter said she has spoken to a few of the food bank recipients and was happy to share that they have 'raved about how good the baskets are.'

"They come with the things you expect, like canned goods, pasta and potatoes," Carpenter shared. "They also said they come with fresh produce and milk and butter, sometimes eggs. It's a pretty remarkable system."

Carpenter shared that BMAC accepts fresh produce at its warehouse on Cherry Street, but they cannot take them at the donation bins.

"Pantry is becoming a thing of the past, so this concept of donating from your pantry or donating your extra is becoming problematic," Carpenter said. "People don't necessarily have a big pantry to donate from." Scooter Johnson had a solution for those who don't have a ton of food storage by adding an online monetary donation option. With their bulk buying power, BMAC can turn a \$1.00 cash donation into \$6.00 worth of food. Visit [www.bmacww.org](http://www.bmacww.org) for monetary contributions.

"Instead of donating a \$1.00 can of tomatoes, BMAC can take a dollar and buy a whole case of tomatoes," Carpenter said. "It's pretty neat."

The Blue Mountain Action Council assists five food banks in Walla Walla County and food banks in Columbia, Garfield, Asotin, and Franklin counties. Currently, pantries are feeding five percent of Walla Walla County residents and ten percent of Columbia County residents. If food donations are not in your books, BMAC needs volunteers at the Grocery Store Outreach booths on the weekend of October 16.

In response to the increased demand, BMAC currently runs six drive-through food distributions locations in addition to supplying food pantries across five counties. For more information on BMAC's food programs, visit [www.BMACWW.org](http://www.BMACWW.org).

## Starbuck School District has a new superintendent

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

STARBUCK—Gerry Grubbs has been hired by the Starbuck School District as the next superintendent to take over for retiring superintendent Kevin Graffis.

What does he think of Starbuck?

"It is a beautiful little town and school," he said.

Grubbs said the Starbuck school feels like school must have been one hundred years ago.

He likes the multi-age classrooms. He said what the school lacks in supplemental resources; it makes up for with a smaller number of students and more personalized teaching.

Grubbs said he was captivated by the quality of the light on the rolling hills, and the small-town charm of Walla Walla, and the villages on the Palouse when passing through to visit a daughter who was attending W.S.U.

"This is America. This is amazing. I love it here," he said.

Grubbs has a varied background in education administration, but he only recently began working toward getting his superintendent credentials.

Grubbs graduated from Western Oregon University with a Master's degree in Education and a Special Education endorsement. His first job was in the Tum-

water School District, where for nine years he taught Special Ed. at the middle and elementary school levels. He received his principal certification from Heritage College while working for the Tumwater School District.

When he left Tumwater, Grubbs worked half time as an elementary school vice-principal for the Rochester School District. The other half of his time was spent working at Maple Lane, a detention facility near Rochester, Wash.

During the Gulf War, Grubbs was a full-time vice-principal with the Clover Park School District, on the Fort Lewis Air Force base.

For the next seven years, he held several administrative positions at the Washington Virtual Academy, including the role of principal.

Then he spent six years with the Open Doors Program, a five-county program, in the Capitol Region, helping kids who dropped out of school to reengage with school.

"We helped thousands of kids get back in school and get a new direction. It was a really neat program, but COVID hit it kind of hard," he said.

Around that time, Grubbs said his wife, Nikki, a superintendent in the Hood Canal School District, encouraged him to get into the Washington State University's Field-based Superintendent Certification

Program.

He applied, was accepted, and he is now both a student and a part-time superintendent.

"I get to be doing learning while doing the work," he said.

Grubbs said he is grateful for his mentors: Kurt Hillyard a superintendent at the Grapeview School District, and Kevin Graffis, who is helping him transition to the Starbuck School.

Grubbs' contract with the Starbuck School District is for one day a week.

Grubbs, his wife, and two of his six children live in Olympia. He said he leaves his home around 9:30 in the morning on Wednesday, spends the night, and returns home on Thursday. On the week of the Starbuck School District Board meetings he will come to Starbuck on Thursday and return to Olympia on Friday in order to attend the meetings, which are on Thursday night. He checks in with the school by email, and by phone, on the days he is not in Starbuck.



## Local Firefighters seek help to support Breast Cancer Awareness

THE TIMES

Fire District #2's Association is offering pink T-shirts the month of October 2020 to help increase breast cancer awareness. T-shirts will be available at Ten Ton Coffee, 216 Main Street Waitsburg.

Each colorful T-shirt is available for a \$30.00 donation, though larger donations are always welcome. Profits from the sale of these T-shirts will be donated to the Susan G. Komen® Breast Cancer Foundation.

Fire District #2 would like to thank Blue Mountain Action Council (BMAC) for partnering with us for this project.

### DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

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

### Thursday, October 15

Spaghetti  
Mixed veggies, salad  
Garlic bread  
Fruit Jell-o, Milk

### Tuesday, October 20

Sweet & Sour chicken  
Rice pilaf  
Oriental veggies  
Salad, Roll  
Fruit cocktail, Milk

### WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

### Tuesday, October 20

Apple ham  
Scalloped potatoes  
Pea salad  
Bread  
Brownie

### WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT MEAL DELIVERIES

Starting October 5, the Waitsburg School District will only be delivering meals on Monday and Wednesday. If your student is already signed up for the meal program, the schedule will automatically adjust. If you have not signed your child up and would like to participate, you will need to submit a signed consent form to your child's school. The consent form can be found on the school's website, [www.waitsburgsd.org](http://www.waitsburgsd.org).



*Church Directory*

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**Waitsburg Presbyterian Church**  
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# NEWS & COMMENTARY

## LETTERS

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

My son, Brandon Johnson, is running to be Superior Court judge. I am a proud father and, of course, am hopeful he will be elected. If he is, it will be his turn to be struck by lightning. Let me explain.

We have two boys, Brandon and Jason. Brandon is 15 months older than Jason. In 1989, when Jason was 12, while at baseball practice behind Pi-Hi, he was struck by lightning. Their mother (Diane) and I were not there, but Brandon was. He saw his brother struck down. Jason's heart stopped beating. He was technically dead. When the EMTs arrived, they used AED paddles to restart his heart. He was taken by ambulance to General Hospital then by plane to Seattle where he recovered for many weeks.

Jason survived the lightning. Today he's a pharmacist in the Tri-Cities. For a long time, we were very worried about him. And, for a long time, he was, as you can understand, a topic of concern, interest, and local fame. Brandon and Jason are close, always have been. But when the danger passed and Jason continued to be the center of interest and attention, Brandon, 14 at

the time, was I think, a little--maybe a lot--jealous of his brother's notoriety. I don't remember if Brandon ever said it, but I'm sure he must have thought that he'd like to be struck by lightning so he could be the subject of articles in the UB like his brother. Well, now it's Brandon's turn to be struck by lightning - election lightning, not electric lightning. (You get the point.)

Yes, I'm a proud father, but Brandon will be a very good Superior Court judge. He's smart, hardworking, honest, and fair - all are very important characteristics for a judge. And maybe more important, Brandon really cares about people and doing what is right. Is he perfect and never made a mistake? Of course not. But he honestly tries to do well and will bring that serious desire to do well to being a judge.

My joke with Brandon is that this is his opportunity to be struck by lightning--of the election variety, not electric. So, please join me in voting for Brandon Johnson to be Superior Court judge. No AED paddles or trip to the hospital necessary, just your ballot and a pen. Thank you.

Warren Johnson  
Walla Walla

### EDITOR WAITSBURG TIMES,

I write in support of Brandon Johnson's candidacy for Walla Walla County Superior Court Judge. Brandon worked for me as a law clerk when I was a judge on the Washington State Court of Appeals. He was smart. He worked hard. And he cared about people.

I know that he cares deeply about his family and the Walla Walla Community. He will make an excellent Superior Court Judge and I urge the citizens of Walla Walla to vote for him.

Judge Dennis J. Sweeney, Retired  
Richland, WA

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Garbe Reser shares my values.

Perry Dozier is a party line Trump/Culp supporter. According to the Walla Walla Union Bulletin, Dozier said, "He wants Culp to be the man he answers to as the district's next state senator." I believe our next state senator should answer to all the citizens he represents. Not to a small-town sheriff who believes you only enforce the laws you happen to like.

My vote goes to the candidate who will uphold the law, believes in science and shares my values that all people have a right to be equally represented. My vote is for Danielle Garbe Reser for State Senator.

Barlow Corkrum  
Walla Walla

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I strongly recommend Brooke Burns for Superior Court Judge in the Asotin-Garfield-Columbia County Judicial District. Brooke has appeared in my courtroom on countless occasions in a diverse variety of cases over the past 14 years. She has always impressed me, whether she won or lost, not only with her intelligence and legal ability, but also with her professionalism, honesty, and commitment to the highest of ethical standards.

Brooke Burns is humble and compassionate. She understands and takes very seriously the effect that a Judge's decisions have on the everyday lives of the individual litigants and businesses that come before the court. She is dedicated to hearing cases fairly and impartially and in making decisions based on the facts and law without any agenda or bias.

This three-county judicial district is a busy, high volume court. Brooke has a strong work ethic, and she has innovative ideas for streamlining procedures, reducing backlog, and minimizing delay. When elected Judge, she will come to this position full of energy, highly experienced, and importantly, with the right demeanor and temperament for the job.

David Frazier  
Whitman County Superior Court Judge (2001-2017)  
Asotin-Garfield-Columbia County Court Commissioner & Judge Pro Tem (2019-present)

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have known Mike Mitchell for almost 30 years. We met when I took a job scrubbing clubs at Walla Walla Country Club as I was going to college. I later served the Walla Walla Valley in the education system, as coach, teacher, principal, central office administrator and currently work for CH2MHILL. Through it all Mike has treated me the same with a highly level of respect and thoughtfulness. I have found Mike to be trustworthy. There was a time (like everyone) I struggled with a very sensitive issue. I went to Mike for some assistance. Mike was supportive and offered to assist. He has a great understanding of the human condition, a tool that I believe is very necessary to fill the role as Superior Court Judge.

Mike's experience in legal/judicial law is extensive (criminal cases, civil matters, divorces, juvenile, domestic violence cases etc..) spanning 42 years in all areas of law, providing him the necessary tools and skills to serve the individuals that enter the courtroom. I am sure that his opponent is a nice man but simply put when you compare qualifications Mike becomes the clear choice.

Please join me and vote for Mike Mitchell for Walla Walla Superior Court Judge at our General Election in November. I believe he would pay your vote a great compliment.

Vincent Jimenez

### DEAR EDITOR:

I have known Mike Mitchell both professionally and personally and believe that he is the most qualified to be our next Superior Court Judge. Mike is a man of the utmost integrity whose legal career has extended over all areas of criminal and civil law. He has 42 years as a practicing attorney including working in the Prosecutors office where he was involved in numerous jury trials. He was also a partner in a local law firm handling criminal cases. Since 1989 Mike has been a sole practitioner where he has gained the diverse skill sets required to manage a multi-faceted legal practice. Mike has experience as a Superior Court Commissioner, has served as Judge Pro Tem and has Mediator and Arbitrator experience as well.

The difference between Mike and his opponent is significant and should be the most important to voters. It is for me and it's the reason I am supporting Mike Mitchell for Superior Court Judge. Please join me and cast your ballot for Mike Mitchell.

Sincerely,  
Kristal Hassler

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I think Brandon Johnson has the experience, smarts, and personality to be a very good Superior Court judge. I urge you to vote for him.

I am a Superior Court judge. I was first elected in 2008. Before that I was in a private law firm. Brandon Johnson was a lawyer in that firm. I know from personal experience that Brandon was, and is, a good lawyer. He studied and understood the law. He worked hard, was fair, and treated people equally. All important qualities for a judge.

I have been told some people question Brandon's experience in criminal law and if, as a consequence, he could be a good judge. Yes, Brandon has experience in criminal law and even if he did not, he would still, in my opinion, be a very good judge.

As for his experience, Brandon has a degree from WSU in criminal justice, which includes the study of criminal law and procedure. Brandon also clerked for two years at the Court of Appeals after he graduated from Gonzaga Law School. While there he researched and studied Washington criminal law and helped write

opinions for the court dealing with criminal law. Brandon has criminal law experience.

But you can, I think, be a good Superior Court judge without any criminal law experience. How do I know? I think I have been a good judge. Talk to lawyers who have argued or tried criminal cases in my court and, I think, they will tell you I had no trouble understanding and deciding criminal law cases. But here is the thing. When I was first elected judge I had zero criminal law experience. Not convinced? Then consider retired Superior Court judge Bob Zagelow. For 12 years he served very well as a Superior Court judge. When he was first elected as judge he had the same amount of criminal law experience as did I: none!

Brandon's experience as a law clerk at the Court of Appeals provides him with excellent training to be a Superior Court judge. The Court of Appeals reviews decisions from Superior Court. He is well versed in the role of Superior Court judge and how to be effective in that role.

Brandon Johnson has the experience, the smarts, the personality, and the dedication to be a very fine Superior Court judge. I urge you to vote for him.

Judge Bruce Spanner  
Benton/Franklin Superior Court

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# NEWS

## OBITUARIES

### Thomas Earl Groom, Jr.

Thomas Earl Groom, Jr., fondly known as Bud, went to his cabin in Glory Land, Thursday, October 8, 2020 with his family by his side. Bud resided at Booker Rest Home due to difficulties caused by Lewy Body Dementia.



Thomas Earl Groom, Jr.

Bud was born in Dayton, Washington on September 6, 1937 to Thomas Earl Groom, Sr. and Thelma Bessie Witt Groom, the fourth of ten children. Bud attended schools in Huntsville and Dayton, graduating from Dayton High School with the Class of 1955. He briefly attended Washington State University and then joined the United States Marine Corps, serving his country from 1956-1958. On August 6, 1961, Bud married his classmate and greatest love, Marilyn Fletcher. They were blessed with six children. Bud worked at Steve's Grocery and Round Up Grocery before beginning a 34-year career with Columbia REA, retiring in January 2000.

One was never a stranger to Bud for long; he loved people. He was a loving and caring son, brother, husband, father, grandpa, and Uncle Bud to many. His greatest joys were spending time with his family and friends in the mountains or sharing a meal at their country home. Bud lived his life serving the Lord and encouraging others to do the same. He was a dedicated member of the United Brethren Church.

Bud is survived by his wife, Marilyn; sons Bill (Roseann) and Tom (René); daughters Vicki Lewis, Laurie Durfee, Leann (John) Kent, and Tammy (Chuck) Ketterman; brothers Dell, Phillip, and Jack (Sherry); sisters Mona Waliser and Bitsy Livingston, as well as many nieces and nephews. The Grand blessings are 19 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a baby brother, three sisters: Bess (Stan) Bly, Earlene (Bill) Boggs, and Hubba (Dick) Carlton, grandson Andrew Groom, and son-in-law Stuart Durfee.

Due to COVID-19, there will be NO service. If you choose, memorial contributions may be made to the DHS Alumni Association, the United Brethren Church, or a charity of your choice.

Bud would say, "Heaven is a wonderful place, hope to see you there!"

### Patricia Anne Baker

May 7, 1954—October 1, 2020

Patricia Anne Baker breathed her last on October 1, 2020 at age 66 in Quilcene, Washington. After a nine month battle with cancer, Patty is free now from that body and at last with her Lord Jesus Christ in Heaven. Her hospice care at home surrounded Patty with the loving care of her husband and her four children, present with her at the time of her death.

Born Patricia Anne French on May 7, 1954 in Seattle to Kay Joseph and Joan Margaret St Martin French, Patty was the third in a family of 14 children—Mary, Joe, Pat, Dot, Jim, Liz, John, Jerry, Cathy, Margy, Bill, Teresa, Bob, and Jean. In childhood, Patty moved from Seattle to Kennewick where she started school. Her favorite childhood memories included living in West Hurley, New York State in the Catskills, and spending summers in Selah at her Grandma's apple orchard. After a year in New York, her family settled in Moscow, Idaho, where she graduated from high school in 1972. Patty's artistic skills led her to begin studies in Art at the University of Idaho.

Surrendering herself to Christ, Patty pursued service work and ministry until meeting Charles Baker, whom she married on May 13, 1978. They lived two years in Southern California, having their first two children, then returned to Moscow where two more children joined the Baker family, all four children delivered by Patty at home.

Patty and Charlie Baker moved their family to Quilcene in 1989, and they both worked in the Quilcene Public Schools. Patty worked as a paraprofessional educator in special education with all ages of students. She also worked as a caregiver and house manager in several adult group homes through Port Townsend Options.

Patty was a beloved wife, mother, and sister. She enjoyed raising her family with her husband, being "Auntie Patty" to her nieces and nephews, and especially spending time with her grandchildren. She had a great love for nature and all creatures great and small (as long as they had no more than four legs). Patty's love of God and faith in Jesus was the cornerstone of the love, joy, and thoughtfulness that she shared with each person in her life.

Patty attributed all gifts in her life as evidence of God's grace. She was proud of her students and felt honored to be a part of the miraculous success in aiding every member of the QHS 2019 senior class to graduate. With a heart of endless love for her family, Patty also considered it a blessing to be able to donate one of her kidneys to her Aunt Sue, Uncle Fred French's wife, and celebrated twenty years since the surgery together last year. Patty's left kidney—the gift that keeps on giving—continues with Aunt Sue in good health to this day.



Patricia Anne Baker

Patty Baker is survived by her husband of 42 years, Charles Baker, at their home; her children Tom (Nikki) Baker, Moscow, Idaho; Amalia Baker (David Hendrickson), Sequim; Daniel (Hannah) Baker, Moscow, Idaho; and Emilie Baker (Jake Scott), Port Townsend; her seven grandchildren (and two more on the way) Everlee, Keira, and Elijah Baker; Leia and River Baker Hendrickson; Elizabeth Baker; and Valerie Baker Scott. She is also survived by her mother Joan French and all 13 of her brothers and sisters. She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Fred and Mabel French of Selah, Gerry and Frances St. Martin of Yakima, her father Kay French of Moscow and a niece, Whitney Baker, of Spokane.

The family suggests remembering Patty through contributions to Quilcene Bible Church, Sequim Bible Church, J.U.M.P. playground fund, or the Olympic Music Festival.

Patty was married to Charlie Baker, son of Anita Baker & the late Tom Baker of Waitsburg.

Graveside services for Patty were held on Thursday October 8, 2020 at the Quilcene City Cemetery. Many family members & friends were able to watch live from home via Zoom.

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Whitney Lynn Gonzales  
Petitioner,  
No. (15-3-00040-8)  
Samuel Cusic Canham,  
Respondent.

The State of Washington to the Whitney Lynn Gonzales  
You are hereby summoned to appear within 90 days after the date of the first publication of this Petition to Change a Parenting Plan, after the 10th day of September, 2020, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the respondent, Samuel Cusic Canham, and serve a copy of your answer upon the respondent at the address below stated; and in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the petition, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. If you do not serve your written response within 90 days after the date this summons was served on you, exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a final order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final order until at least 90 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response on Samuel Cusic Canham at 2249 E. Isaacs Ave #25, Walla Walla, 99362.

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

Case No. 20-4-00178-36  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)  
In Re the Estate of WILLIAM ROGER SMITH Deceased  
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise

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Date of filing copy of Notice to Creditors: September 24, 2020

Date of First Publication: October 1, 2020  
SHARON K. SMITH  
Personal Representative  
Ponti & Wernette, P.S.  
Attorneys At Law  
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Walla Walla, WA 99362  
(509) 525-5090  
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## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR THE COUNTY OF KING

No. 20-4-05624-1 SEA  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
RCW 11.40.030  
In re the Estate of SHARRON L. DODDS-DONOVAN,  
Deceased.  
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the deceased 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

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DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: October 8, 2020

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:  
/s/ Molly Elizabeth Austin  
ATTORNEY FOR THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:  
/s/ Meredith Davison, WSBA #51263  
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## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY

## OF COLUMBIA No. 20-4-00026-7 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW § 11.28.240  
In the Matter of the Estate of MARY H. ALLESSIO, Deceased.

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Personal Representative  
STEPHEN M. ALLESSIO  
Attorney for the Personal Representative  
MATTHEW R. JOHNSON, WSBA# 47821

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Proceedings Columbia County Superior Court  
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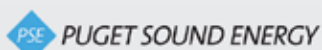
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# Wild At Heart: Becky Wilson

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

Those of us who may be familiar with one Becky Wilson in Waitsburg will be tickled to learn that there is now a second Becky Wilson in town. Recently, this Becky Wilson purchased the old Hofer farm property on Highway 12, about a mile south of Waitsburg. The four-acre property includes the house, a massive barn, garage, a large shop building, and two towering Locust trees. Wilson closed on the place in June, parked her Airstream trailer next to the house, and went right to work on restoration.



I was privileged to spend some time chatting with her at her new home. Joining in the conversation was her two-year-old Schnauzer, Bandit. "He's full of it," she said.

Restoration is only one of Wilson's passions. She has been in business for herself as a graphic designer since 2003. She owns and operates Wilson Design Company, with an office in downtown Walla Walla which she renovated and redecorated. Next, she opened her vintage store, The Red Bicycle. It is also located in downtown Walla Walla, above Tallman's Pharmacy.

Her love for restoration then took a turn to RV's. She buys them, restores them, then sells them. Each one has a name. The first was "Georgia the Argosy 24" (a 1970's era sister production to the Airstream). Then there was "Sawyer the Sunrader" (a 1970's Toyota production). Wilson's aim with each one is to return it as close as possible to its original factory state, perhaps with a creative touch or two of her own.

Her latest home on wheels is "Alice the Airstream." "These things were loaded with all kinds of built-in gadgets and features," she said. "This one cost more than \$100,000 in 1984" (Over \$262,000 in today's money). It's a beauty, and it's beautiful inside.

Then there is the third passion: mountain biking. Raised in the mountains around Tollgate, Oregon, Wilson has always stretched her wings in the wild outdoors. In 2014 she founded "Wild at Heart," a women's mountain biking and race club, which has involved as many as 80 women in three Western states. She owns five mountain bikes in all. I saw three of them: her "all-mountain" bike, for racing; her "gravel" bike, for groomed trails and riding up hollows and such; and her "camping bike," which she uses for carrying a mountain of gear. She once did a 225-mile, 5-day camping trip on that one.



Mike Ferrians

Hard to miss the work that is being done on this landmark structure located just outside Waitsburg on Highway 12.

"Bikes are like shoes; there's one for every occasion," she said. The entry foyer of the farmhouse currently serves as handy storage for shelves of biking gear.

Liv Cycling, a cycling brand dedicated to women, became sponsors of "Wild at Heart." This naturally led to her becoming an official Liv Ambassador, where she is a mentor and coach for women interested in mountain biking and racing. She loves empowering other women with a more enjoyable biking experience.

"Husbands trying to teach their wives to mountain bike usually doesn't work," she laughs. "They usually just say, 'Do this, do that.' But if you explain the mechanics behind why they're doing something, then they understand."

Meanwhile, Wilson has been busily evaluating the Hofer place, originally built in 1915. It has seen numerous remodels over the decades. She has already begun work on the house, but her priority is the barn.

The years had taken a toll on the massive structure, which was listing considerably when she arrived. With the help of a contractor friend, she has

been able to straighten and strengthen, bringing new life to the barn.

She was fortunate to find a deal tearing down the old Stateline Livestock building in Milton-Freewater - built in the same vintage as the Hofer barn. In return, she was able to salvage the perfect materials for re-siding her barn. Results from this first stage of work can be seen on the south side of the structure, which now gleams with a bright white new face composed of the salvaged vintage siding. In addition to the siding, 1x12 boards from the Stateline structure also support the new metal roof.

"Those are old-growth Douglas Fir, 20-foot long. You can't buy that now. And new lumber is expensive. When I'm standing here looking up, I don't want to see new pine boards. I want to preserve the look of the old," said Wilson, and Bandit agrees.

Graphic Design. Mountain Biking. Restoration. Wilson will say that none of her passions rank above any other. They all have a purpose.

"Mountain biking is fun; restoration is work with all the rewards, and I'm lucky to have a job I love."

# Pheasants Forever cooperates with local growers to preserve sagebrush habitat and wildlife guzzlers

By Brad Trumbo & Blue Mountain Pheasants Forever | THE TIMES

Blue Mountain Pheasants Forever (Pheasants Forever) recently teamed with Mike and Steve Erwin to relocate two wildlife watering guzzlers on their 1,000-acre lease with an expiring Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contract near Prescott.

Signed into law by President Ronald Reagan in 1985, the CRP is one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the United States. In exchange for a yearly rental payment, farmers enrolled in the program remove acreage from active crop production and re-establish native vegetation to benefit wildlife and the natural environment. CRP enrollments span approximately 14 years and can be renewed.

The Erwin brothers' lease will be returned to active crop production, and to protect the benefits of guzzlers and other habitat features on the acreage, they reached out to Pheasants Forever with the support of the property owner.

Wanting to preserve a mature sagebrush-steppe shelterbelt, the Erwin brothers requested Pheasants Forever assistance in relocating the guzzlers from planting acreage into the shelterbelt.

Sagebrush-steppe is rare native habitat in our corner of Washington. Sagebrush is a slow-growing shrub requiring years to reach a size capable of providing maximum habitat benefits, while sagebrush-steppe provides important food, cover and nesting habitat for many songbirds, upland birds, deer, and other small mammals.



Brad Trumbo

An example wildlife guzzler installed on Sudbury Road. A 500-gallon cistern sits below ground to capture rainwater for wildlife.

Additionally, native raptors like the ferruginous hawk, a state-listed "threatened" species adapted to sagebrush-steppe habitats, can benefit from maintaining established shelterbelts as CRP acreage returns to crop production.

Guzzlers also maintain a water source for myriad wildlife throughout the summer and are designed to fill with rainwater. The "aprons" that direct water into the guzzler provide summer shade for birds and small mammals.

Pheasants Forever volunteers were able to move both guzzlers and reinstall one of them on September 27th. The second will be installed October 3rd. With installation complete, the soil will be smoothed around the guzzlers and reseeded with a native grass mix.

Pheasants Forever seeks to partner with local growers on similar projects and habitat enhancements at no cost to the grower, and now is the perfect time.



George Endicott

Pheasants Forever volunteers assisting with the Erwin brothers' guzzler move standing among the mature sagebrush shelterbelt. (Left to right) Dan Eveland, Carl Bisgard, George Endicott, Larry Boe, and Rolin Carpenter (Mark Lofgren not pictured).



Dan Eveland

Pheasants Forever volunteers work to reinstall a guzzler on the Erwin brothers' lease.

In Walla Walla and Columbia Counties, up to 253,000 acres of habitat are captured under CRP contracts set to expire between 2020 - 2022. The Erwin brothers' project exemplifies a simple and timely effort supporting the Pheasants Forever habitat mission and local wildlife.

Community members with a potential project are encouraged to contact Pheasants Forever at [bmpf@bmpf258.com](mailto:bmpf@bmpf258.com).



# NEWS & SPORTS

## Gibson, Ford, and Morgan

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

Three baseball Hall of Famers, Bob Gibson, Whitey Ford, and Joe Morgan, all passed away within nine days from October 2 to October 11. Together their combined careers spanned from 1950 to 1984. All won multiple World Series Championships.

**Edward Charles "Whitey" Ford (October 21, 1928 – October 8, 2020)**

Whitey Ford played his whole sixteen-year career with the New York Yankees. He was named to the All-Star team ten times and won six World Series for New York. He still holds Yankee team records for wins, shutouts, and innings pitched. After his rookie season in 1950, he spent the next two years serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War before returning to the Yankees in 1953. After retiring, Ford admitted to scuffing the baseball late in his career. The following is a story from *Say Hey: The Autobiography of Willie Mays*:

Ford admitted to doctoring the ball in the 1961 All-Star Game at Candlestick Park to strike out Willie Mays. Ford and Mantle had accumulated \$1,200 in golf pro shop purchases as Horace Stoneham guests at the Giants owner's country club. Stoneham promised to pay their tab if Ford could strike out Mays. "What was that all about?" Mays asked. "I'm sorry, Willie, but I had to throw you a splitter," Ford replied.

**Pack Robert Gibson (November 9, 1935 – October 2, 2020)**

Before making the Cardinals major league team, Bob Gibson briefly played with the Harlem Globetrotters in 1957. He left the Globetrotters because he didn't like all of the antics during their games and had just wanted to play basketball.

He played for the St. Louis Cardinals from 1959-1975, winning two World Series titles in 1964 and 1967. Gibson was the World Series MVP for both Series. He won CY Young awards in 1968 and 1970 and was also the National League MVP in 1968. During his career, he earned nine gold gloves for his defense

as a pitcher. Bob Gibson's dominance was one of the reasons the pitching mound was lowered from fifteen inches down to ten after the 1968 season and where it remains today. Gibson was also known for his competitive nature, which included a willingness to throw at opposing batters.

What follows is from a transcript of a twenty-four-minute radio segment on National Public Radio (NPR) on October 12, 2009, where Dave Davies interviews Bob Gibson and Reggie Jackson about their book, *Sixty Feet, Six Inches*:

Davies: Well, and umpires will throw you out. They will warn both benches, and then when you hit somebody, you get tossed out, which didn't happen...

Bob Gibson: Oh, I don't like that. I had a situation; it was in San Diego. Lee Weyer happened to be the umpire. And we got somebody hit on our ball club. And they knew my reputation as retaliating, you know, I wasn't – I'm not trying to hurt anybody. I'm only going to hit him. And after the inning – the half-inning was over, and I'm walking to the mound. Lee Weyer was walking along with me. Now, Bobby...

Dave Davies: Said the umpire...

Bob Gibson: Now, Bobby, if you hit somebody, it's going to cost you \$50. It's going to cost you \$50. And I said Lee – and at the time I was making good money – I said, Lee, I have a whole bunch of fifties, so you start adding them up.

**Joe Leonard Morgan (September 19, 1943 – October 11, 2020)**

Joe Morgan played from 1963-1984. During his career, he played for Houston, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Philadelphia, and Oakland. Morgan made his MLB debut in 1963 when he was only nineteen years old. He would finish his career at the age of forty. I had forgotten just how good Joe Morgan was over the course of his career. There are only twenty second-basemen in the Baseball Hall of Fame, and you could argue that Morgan was the best of all of them. During his era, second basemen were great defenders who didn't hit very well and batted seventh or eighth

in the lineup. Joe Morgan did everything well. He won five consecutive gold gloves. When he stole bases, Morgan did it at a high success rate. His career stolen-base percentage was eighty-one percent, and he stole six hundred and eighty-nine bases. He won back to back MVP awards in 1975 and 1976, which were also years he led the Cincinnati Reds to World Series Championships. Remarkable when you consider that Joe Morgan was only 5'7" and weighed 160 pounds. I remember him most for his time as an analyst with Jon Miller on Sunday Night Baseball for ESPN, which he did for twenty-one years. His insights into individual players were a great match with Jon Miller's play by play commentary in a time when baseball wasn't so statistically focused.



### GILLEN - FROM PAGE 1

athletes did not like the three recognized lifts; clean and press, snatch, and clean and jerk. In 1958, the Amateur Athletics Union began recognizing weight records for odd lifts, and in 1964, the first national weightlifting competition was held.

The sport has a good edge on inclusivity. Various forms of weightlifting have been a part of the men's Paralympics since 1964, and in 2000, women were invited to compete in weight sports at the Sydney Paralympic Games. Today, women

compete in all ten components of recognized Paralympic strength competitions.

If weight sports are something you're interested in, Gillen said he highly recommends the trainers at the Muscle Shack, in Walla Walla. "They have a very supportive powerlifting group, and strongman community," he added. "The owners are very, very positive, and excellent trainers. Talk to Nate or Greg. Allison is great, too!" The Muscle Shack is located at 1519 E Isaacs in Walla Walla.

Gillen has been featured on the Muscle and Motivation podcast and shares lifting videos on his YouTube channel, Jason Gillen's Powergym. He has traveled the world, competing at local, state, and national strength sports competitions. Meeting people has been one of the best parts of competing in strength sports, Gillen says.

"It's not for everyone," Gillen added. "But the ones who do it, we can't live without it."



Courtesy photo  
Jason Gillen, owner of JLG Painting and an avid strength sports athlete, stands in front of a recently-painted home.

## NFL Week Six Games and Picks

Day	Time	Station	Away	Home	Pick
Sun	10AM	CBS	Houston	Tennessee	Tennessee
	10AM	FOX	Cincinnati	Indianapolis	Indianapolis
	10AM	FOX	Atlanta	Minnesota	Minnesota
	10AM	CBS	Denver	New England	New England
	10AM	FOX	Washington	New York Giants	New York Giants
	10AM	CBS	Baltimore	Philadelphia	Baltimore
	10AM	CBS	Cleveland	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
	10AM	FOX	Chicago	Carolina	Chicago
	10AM	FOX	Detroit	Jacksonville	Detroit
	1:05PM	CBS	New York Jets	Miami	Miami
Mon	1:25PM	FOX	Green Bay	Tampa Bay	Green Bay
	5:20PM	NBC	Los Angeles Rams	San Francisco	Los Angeles Rams
	2PM	FOX/NFL	Kansas City	Buffalo	Kansas City
	5:15PM	ESPN	Arizona	Dallas	Arizona

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## Hanging onto summer

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

Last Friday, I think at least half of Waitsburg probably heard my deep, tortured sigh as I parked my car and put the top up for what will likely be its permanent status until next spring. No more racing down the highways at 65-70 mph with the sun in my face, hair blowing in my eyes. Mugsy, tethered in securely, will certainly miss the smell of goats, sheep, roosters, and growing wheat. I won't miss his whining while he tries to break free of his restraints to sit in my lap while I'm driving.

I will miss all of our meals, scrabble games, and entertaining (socially distanced) on our deck. I will miss drinking wine under our temperamental solar lit umbrella on the deck. Daniel has repaired it at least ten times. I will miss watching the birds fly from feeder to feeder and guessing which seeds they are dropping and what I will find growing where they've dropped them. In fact, between our prolific vegetable (mostly zucchini) and herb garden, friends dropping off fresh fish, and the gifts of meals during our kitchen remodel, I think we have spent more on bird feed than our meals this summer.

Although autumn seems to be approaching at a snail's pace right now, I know that will change in the next few days. Eating on the deck, running out to the garden



to pick some herbs, possibly a tomato (few and far between this year), lettuce and cucumbers, or chatting with neighbors as we walk through town, or they're out working on their gardens will all slow down and then come to an end. How sad! Even the Halloween candy I bought (and have been eating) isn't cheering me up.

Then, the other day while we were driving to Walla Walla and I was moaning (whining) about the colder weather, we heard a great interview on the radio. A restaurateur in Denmark was asked how the restaurants would survive the upcoming winter and bad weather, his response was priceless: "there is no bad weather, just bad clothing." So, with renewed energy, I started stashing the summer clothes, pulling out all of my sweaters, sweatshirts, long-sleeve T-shirts, and thermal underwear. I have pulled out my waterproof boots, heavy socks, and even found my gloves because winter will follow autumn, as it does every year, and I want to be warm while I am sitting out on the deck, no bad clothing for me.

Of course, now that I am armed (with warm clothing) and ready for cold weather, I quit dwelling on what I will miss. Instead, I have started to look forward to what's ahead; more Halloween candy, Thanksgiving (my favorite food holiday), Thanksgiving leftovers, chili, hearty soups, and stews, with big red wines to go with them. My tennis will continue indoors in Tri-cities, and even some outdoor tennis is viable this winter with the Whitman men's tennis team players. They are undaunted by the colder weather and seem happy to run me around and make sure I stay humble and in shape.

A conundrum or two for me to contemplate over the winter: how many knitting projects can I complete before starting on a new one and mostly, should I plant zucchini next spring, or will I still be eating this summer's crop?

## A book of many chapters

Stop, write now

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

With eight grandsons and nine great-grandkids, Norma Jo Shay has more than earned the title of Great Grandma. For many years she's been the mandolin strumming frontwoman of the band Grandma & the Boys and is affectionately known in all the local bluegrass jams. Grandma Jo is a friend to many Waitsburgers. She shares old songs and fresh fish, the winningest combination.

She's been a tournament toxophilite, a skilled hunter with bow and arrow, rifle, or fishing rod in her illustrious past. The more you talk with her, the more you learn about all the many hats she's worn.

Some 57 years her junior (somewhere gracefully in my thirties), I can already see life stretching out into untold chapters. Some chapters are divided by locations, different places we lived or studied, and others by relationships. 2020 somehow seems as though five additional years have all been packed into these ten months.

At the beginning of lockdown, posts began to spring up in my feed, suggesting that now was our chance, nay, moral obligation to be telling our stories—us being the aspiring writers of the world. It was here, finally, the definitive subject to write about. Living during a global pandemic made it our duty to document what it was like for future generations. Presumably, the people who will be living here when the next major viral infection occurs. No pressure!

I asked all my writer friends if they'd seen the posts. Yes. And were they spurred to pen the next great novel? Not quite. These posts worked like kryptonite on some unsuspecting Superman.

Grandma Jo has already written two volumes of her memoirs, *In My Time*. The first provides a glimpse into living in the deep woods of Michigan. Adventure is around every corner when you have to walk a mile through the forest to get to school.

Then from an inkling to fruition, Shay's family got the idea to go to California and realized that dream.



Courtesy photo

L-r: The Swafford kids, Joyce, Jerry and (Grandma) Jo.

Having never traveled farther than 20 miles from home, getting there was the biggest adventure of all, one would think.

Only in Volume II the excitement continues. It may have technically been the Great Depression, but there were aspects of life that were great and they certainly weren't depressed. Needless to say, it has been my great pleasure to assist in the compilation and digitization of the two volumes over the past week and the task is thrilling to say the least.

The art and practice of storytelling is alive and well in handwritten time capsules such as these and it is never too late to start. Even if writing isn't your forté, there are dictation apps, or video editing programs. What's important is that the stories are shared.

Writing is intimidating because it implies that you have all the answers, or that you know how the story will end, but that's not necessarily how documentation works. You see what happens first, then go back and edit meaning into it later.

So, if you're someone who would like to write, stop! Write right now.

**So, you want to start writing your memoirs or the next great novel? Here are three of the best books to help you get started.**

For over a quarter of a century, *Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life* by Ann Lamont has inspired new writers with honest and down to earth advice, written with humor and experience. The title refers to advice that Lamont's father gave her brother, who was struggling with a school paper on birds. Just write one bird at a time, and don't get overwhelmed.

"Thirty years ago, my older brother, who was ten years old at the time, was trying to get a report on birds written that he'd had three months to write. It was due the next day. We were out at our family cabin in Bolinas, and he was at the kitchen table close to tears, surrounded by binder paper and pencils and unopened books on birds, immobilized by the hugeness of the task ahead. Then my father sat down beside him, put his arm around my brother's shoulder, and said, 'Bird by bird, buddy. Just take it bird by bird.'"

Great advice; just start writing one experience, one relationship, or even only one moment at a time.

The other book I have in my desk drawer is *Writing Down the Bones: Freeing the Writer Within* by Natalie Goldberg.

Goldberg writes with humor and practicality with more than a touch of Zen meditation. Don't let the fact that she is a practicing Zen master put you off. Her approach helps the writer get into the moment, to keep writing and move forward.

Her suggestions include listening; the deeper you listen, the better you write, use verbs, they are the energy of your sentence, and write your first thoughts without cross outs or self-criticizing.

I do not know anyone who has read this book and has not gotten something helpful or inspiring.

The third book is Stephen King's book, *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft*, is an excellent book for writers and would-be writers who don't necessarily want a point by point how-to book on writing. There is plenty of great advice and, best of all, his great personal, real-life lessons that will inspire you just to write, all in King's voice.

Some of the horror King's advice is to go with your gut, write all the time, switch up your adjectives, and stick to the point. Write from the heart not from a manual on writing.

## The Cookie Chronicles

To Sleep Perchance To Wurf

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

Over many decades I've been the proud parent of many cats but just one dog. And though cats are big-time nappers (who do you think invented the cat nap?) I don't ever recall wondering if they ever dreamed, or what they might dream about.

Sleeping with the dog has brought those questions front and center.

Front and center is where Cookie likes to be after sliding, gliding, squirming, and sneaking her way into the prime spot in bed, pressed up on both sides against the Big Dogs (me and Mrs. G). Once in place, she quickly shapeshifts and becomes an immovable 200 pound mastiff, while she assumes a position closely resembling a dining room chair turned on its side. With four legs outstretched and her back solidly braced, she's quickly asleep, and we dare not disturb her.

We do our best to fit ourselves around the dog and start to drift off. That's when the sound effects begin.

At first, it's a light, rapid, high-pitched wurfing. It sounds like someone with a bad case of the hiccups after swallowing a whistle. Wurf wurf wurf whoop whoop whistle... SNORT! Then it stops for a while – just long enough for us to begin to doze off – and then here it comes again, only louder. Wurf wurf whoop whoop whistle whistle woof woof woof.

That's the cue for Cookie to begin kicking. Possibly she is running in her sleep. Now the show is in full flower, and we have a soundtrack to go along with the experience of being kicked in our own bed by an agitated dining room chair. The chair is getting plenty of rest, but the other inhabitants of the bed are completely wide awake.

"Cookie's dreaming again," says a sleep-deprived Mrs. G., "Ya think?" mumbles her grumpy spouse. "Poke her and she'll stop." "It's your turn to poke her. I don't want to get growled at again."

And so it goes. Eventually, thoughts turn to speculation about what exactly is going on in the mind of the sleeping dog. Research on dogs dreaming is a bit scanty. There is general agreement that they do dream. On the American Kennel Club website (<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/lifestyle/what-do-dogs-dream-about>), the consensus is that dog sleep goes through very human-like cy-



### Chapter 20—Dog dream

cles, including the REM (rapid eye movement) stage that prompts the most vivid dreams. Given that dogs sleep at least 12 hours a day (and more as they age), there's plenty of opportunities to dream about something.

Following one complicated experiment designed to gain some insight into the content of dog dreams, the best that researchers could come up with was "what we've basically found is that dogs dream doggy things . . . The dream pattern in dogs seems to be very similar to the dream pattern in humans."

So dogs dream like dogs, and humans dream like humans. Not much help there.

Like many people, my own dreams fall into several clear categories. There are bathroom dreams (usually grimy, embarrassing and/or completely dysfunctional). There are late-for-something dreams where I'm packing desperately to catch a ride to a plane due to take off in about 10 minutes. There are also lots of dreams where I'm back in some odd version of a long-gone home, wondering who left all the rotten food in the fridge.

None of these seem to be likely themes for Cookie. Bathroom privacy is not a need or a fear. If she had a bathroom dream, it would certainly involve Mr. B, which would make it a ball dream. Now that might actually be something with potential. Desperately searching for Mr. B while packing for a road trip that's about to leave without her? Possible.

Clearly, the most "doggy thing" that Cookie might be dreaming about would have to feature the neighbor's cats. There are several, and they roam free as cats often do. They particularly enjoy strolling casually along the sidewalk in front of our fence, knowing that Cookie will not come through that fence to chase them. What she will do is set up a barrage of barking and running and, in every possible way, threatening to dismantle the offending cat without ever actually getting past the fence.

So, there's a dream topic with legs (pardon the pun). I suspect that in her most vivid dreams Cookie is barking (wurfing) chasing (hence the kicking) and one suspects coming much closer to actually terrorizing the dream cat than is possible in real life.

Research also indicates that dogs may occasionally have bad dreams, even nightmares. It's happened to Cookie on rare occasions, where suddenly the wurfing turns to panting, the kind of high anxiety breathlessness that when awake indicates panic. In that situation, I can only surmise that she is dreaming that she's horribly late for lunch, and we've run completely out of bacon.



## Waitsburg Resource Center receives WSPEA donation

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Last Friday, the Washington State Penitentiary Employee Association (WSPEA) presented the Waitsburg Resource Center with a \$500 donation.

“Originally, the money was intended for the flood relief efforts,” said President Lanny Adams. “By the time we were able to meet with the correct organizations, they had a surplus of donations. We decided it would be best to hold onto the money and get it into the community through another entity.”

The WSPEA is an organization within the Washington State Penitentiary (WSP), focused on giving back to employees, their families, and their communities. With more than 500 members, the organization funds scholarships for WSP employees and their immediate family members, provides morale-boosting events like Fourth of July celebrations and staff breakfasts, and offers assistance for communities affected by natural disasters. The organization is funded by monthly contributions from members.

“Some people contribute \$2.50 per pay period, some people go as high as \$10,” said Adams. He added that the WSPEA offers assistance to the more than 1,000 Penitentiary employees, including contract employees, but there are perks to being a contributing member.

The WSPEA spends roughly \$2,500 in gift certificates for Walla Walla Valley restaurants and businesses for its members each year. Still, Adams said that the organization plans to double the gift card purchases this year. He hopes that the extra gift cards will help compensate families that have experienced layoffs and other hardships resulting from the global pandemic.

“We want the money to stay local,” Adams said. “It seems like the Resource Center has a good idea of



Beka Compton

Last Friday, WSPEA President Lanny Adams presented the Waitsburg Resource Center with a \$500 donation. Left to right: Mary Mathews, Jerry Scott, Karla Scott, Lavonne Bren, Lanny Adams, and Pam Conover.

how they are going to spend the money!”

The WSPEA board has three seats filled by Waitsburg residents. Including Ann Adams and Lisa Morrow, who both serve on the board of directors. Jason Kaehler, of Prescott, serves as the WSPEA secretary.

With the holiday season quickly approaching, Pam Conover said that the Resource Center is planning on changing up their holiday basket distribution slightly to accommodate the coronavirus restriction, hoping to keep people as safe as possible. Some of the WSPEA donation will be used to supplement holiday baskets for local families in need.

## Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

## Out on a Limb

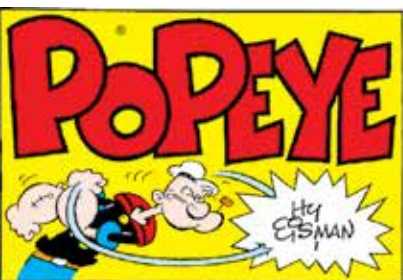


by Gary Kopervas

## R.F.D.



by Mike Marland



## PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

October 14, 2010

[Headline] Ski Bluewood Under Contract, Expected to Open This Season

Sometime around 11:30 last Saturday night, someone uncoupled Union Pacific car # BF-100-48, removed the chocks from its front wheel, and force-snapped the padlocked cable tether to release the brake. “If any motorist had crossed the tracks, they would have been taken out,” Sheriff Walt Hessler said.

[Photo credit] Open for business: area invitees enjoy hors d’oeuvres and drinks during the grand opening of Waitsburg Business center on Preston Avenue. The fully wired center is designed to accommodate service professionals and has office space for rent.

Cross Country runners in both Waitsburg-Prescott and Dayton continue to keep pace with personal goals and edge their way up the rankings. Waitsburg sophomore Seth Deal beat his personal best and finished a three-mile race in 16:22:88, taking first place at the Richland Invitational cross country meet Saturday.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

October 19, 1995

A 12-year-old Waitsburg boy, who was seriously burned Sunday in a case being investigated by police, was to undergo surgery Friday to graft skin from his back to his burned right leg, his family said.

Girl Scouts have gone nutty. Well, sort of. Members of the Mid-Columbia Girl Scouts, which includes Waitsburg, are currently selling cans of nuts as a fundraiser. Money from the sales will support the Girl Scouts Scholarship fund, which helps pay fees for girls who might not be able to join Girl Scouts because of lack of money.

Navy Seaman Apprentice Michelle M. Benavides, daughter of Cheryl Baker of Walla Walla and Sal A. Benavides of Dayton, has reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, which has the homeport of San Diego.

Fifty Years Ago

October 29, 1970

[Photo caption] Wait-Hi Homecoming Queen Patti Bennett and Mr. Football George Gagnon were honored at the Homecoming dance last Saturday night. Queen court members were Jani Keve, Jenny McKinney, Linda McKinney, and Becky Estes. Mr. Football court was Gary Pierson, Keith Carpenter, Verlyn Smith and Howard Smith.

The game of golf is lots of fun, it gives you a chance to lie in the sun.

Mrs. Lowell Burres, Fred Zuger, and Ronda Erickson have been discharged from the Dayton General Hospital.

Some 200 times last Sunday in the Waitsburg multi-purpose room, young people in this area were given free Rubella vaccinations. Assisting in the effort were Dr. S.R. Hevel and Mrs. Ed Larsen. Getting his shot is a little fellow who told the Times that he “just smiled through all the pain.”

Seventy-Five Years Ago

November 2, 1945

Thursday morning, business and house windows were smeared with soap and wax but other than that, damage downtown was slight following Halloween.

John White made his first application for a Victory Bond at the local post office.

Helen Quigg is employed in a dentist’s office in Walla Walla after spending the summer here working in the cannery.

Mrs. Robert Huwe, Mrs. High Allmon, and Mrs. Wade Wolfe, Miss Fanny Weller, and Miss Marion Kingman, and Mrs. Percy Gentry were guests of Mrs. H. Mount.

One Hundred Years Ago

November 5, 1920

Marvin Hales, Homer Martin, Harold Beckley, and Mount Shaffer were in Pullman Friday to attend the Montana and Washington State College game.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kellogg and ‘Jazz’ returned home Saturday evening from a two week’s vacation in Spokane.

Tom Wyatt brought down from his mountain ranch Tuesday a wagon load of mighty fine turnips which he has just harvested and which were grown, of course, without irrigation. He left a couple samples at this office and one of which weighed 9 pounds 14 ½ ounces and the other was not much smaller.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

November 8, 1895

W.J. Duncan and F.M. Newbiel received the contract for furnishing the stone for the foundation of the new Academy building. They will get the stone from H.J Woodworth’s place, just east of the city.

Ed Mills is expected home next Sunday. A recent letter from him says that it is four degrees below zero where is—New Rockford, N.D.—and that he’s anxious to get back to the delightful climate of Washington.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Hudgin celebrated the 20th anniversary of their marriage on Monday evening last Nov. 4th. At nine o’clock Mr. and Mrs. Hudgin attended by Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Kingman took their position in the midst of their guests when Dr. Miner in beautiful words gave a brief history of the bride and groom of twenty years.

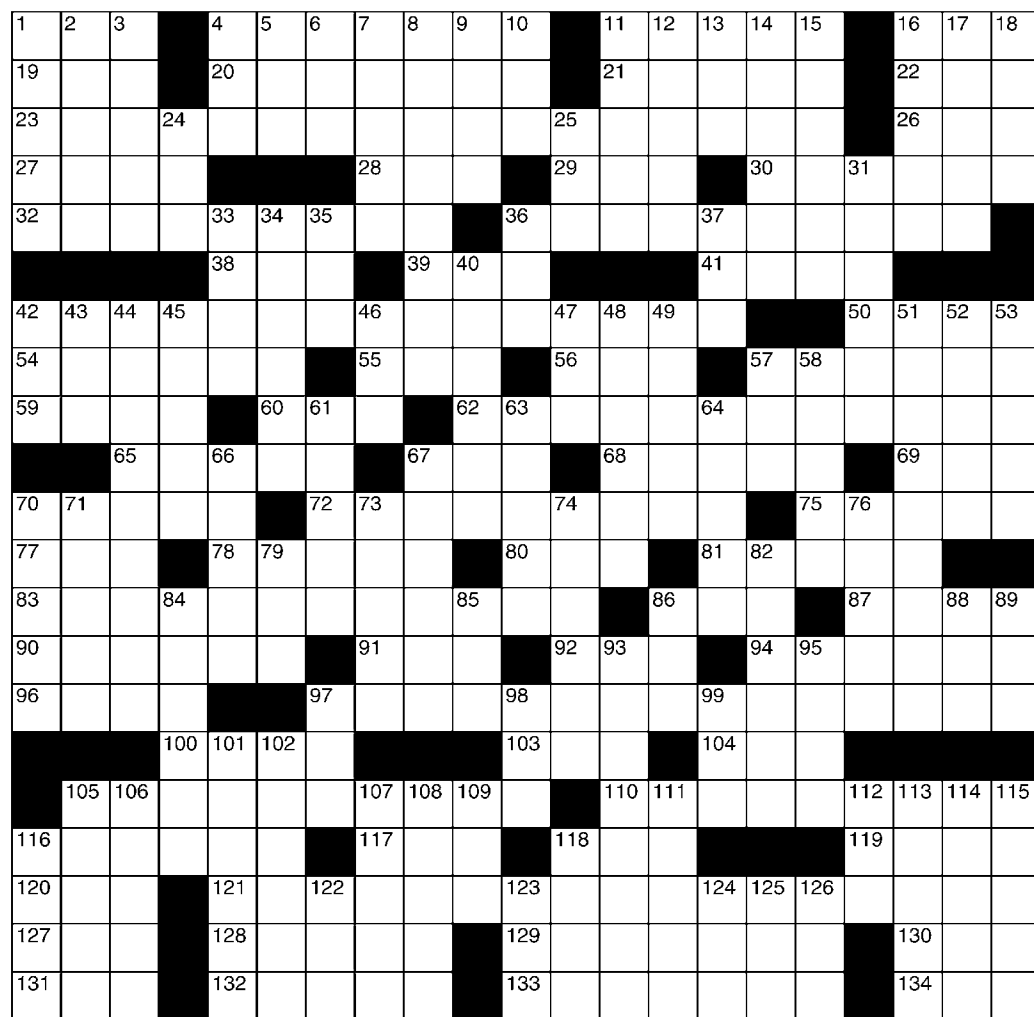


# FUN & GAMES

## Super Crossword

REVOLUTIONS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mad crowd
  - 4 Ritchie Valens hit of 1959
  - 11 Artificial waterway
  - 16 Jacuzzi joint
  - 19 LAX screeners
  - 20 Mining stuff
  - 21 "Ad — per aspera"
  - 22 Formal duds for a dude
  - 23 Some Sufi ascetics
  - 26 Server's goal
  - 27 Actress Garr
  - 28 Was ahead
  - 29 Julio's gold
  - 30 "Much obliged"
  - 32 Air-cooling vanes
  - 36 Means of telling time
  - 38 — good clip
  - 39 Writer Capote, to pals
  - 41 Steed feed
  - 42 Firestone products
  - 50 Lots and lots
  - 54 Gotten up
  - 55 Technique: Abbr.
  - 56 Feel ill
  - 57 Gloomy
  - 59 — mater
  - 60 Wolf down
  - 62 They succeeded audiotapes
  - 65 "Yipes!"
  - 67 Big lug
  - 68 Ward (off)
  - 69 Alley hisser
  - 70 Ax-wielding lumberjack
  - 72 Dust devils' cousins
  - 75 Old overlords
  - 77 Lupino of "Jennifer"
  - 78 "Arrow" network
  - 80 Quarterback Dawson
  - 81 Big printer brand
  - 83 Carnival classics
  - 86 Coll. email ender
  - 87 Faint trace
  - 90 Tax
  - 91 "Kidnapped" author's inits.
  - 92 Choose
  - 94 Paradisiacal
  - 96 Talk back to
  - 97 Planets, e.g.
  - 100 Fill-in worker
  - 103 Tyke
  - 104 Pampering, for short
  - 105 Record player parts
  - 110 Kids hold their horses on them
  - 116 Tile design
  - 117 German city
  - 118 It fills la Seine
  - 119 Et — (and others)
  - 120 "Devious Maids" actress Ortiz
  - 121 What 10 of this puzzle's answers do
  - 127 Beer barrel
  - 128 See 116-Down
  - 129 What's often decorated for Christmas
  - 130 — your call!
  - 131 Sooner than, in odes
  - 132 One-of — (unique)
  - 133 Bleepers of bad words
  - 134 Tofu source
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Letters of the weekday
  - 2 Actor Milo
  - 3 Scottish tyke
  - 4 Wee, like Abner
  - 5 Meyers of the screen
  - 6 — Jovi
  - 7 Point of view
  - 8 In a self-effacing way
  - 9 Engendered
  - 10 Ireland's — Lingus
  - 11 Nile capital
  - 12 Professional org.
  - 13 — degree
  - 14 Soul queen Franklin
  - 15 Beat against, as waves
  - 16 Get up
  - 17 NHL game souvenirs
  - 18 Lines of symmetry
  - 24 Celery piece
  - 25 Loudness knob abbr.
  - 31 Actor Aziz —
  - 33 Like flimsy excuses
  - 34 Expiated
  - 35 Little dollop
  - 36 Shorten
  - 37 Wallops in the ring
  - 40 Create a new digital image of
  - 42 Small battery type
  - 43 E-address
  - 44 Sci-fi travel facilitators
  - 45 Inedible kind of orange
  - 46 Suffix with 116-Across
  - 47 Answer to "Are you?"
  - 48 Teases mercilessly
  - 49 Give a thrill
  - 51 Conductor Arturo
  - 52 Film award
  - 53 Jays' places
  - 57 "Girl Code" channel
  - 58 Dramatist Clifford
  - 61 In — (agitated)
  - 63 Bar none
  - 64 Examined before robbing
  - 66 — a jealous mistress
  - 67 "1984" novelist George
  - 70 LP players of old
  - 71 Plant swelling
  - 73 Earthy hue, to Brits
  - 74 Explorer Hernando
  - 76 Seeded
  - 79 1940s pres.
  - 82 Hopi abode
  - 84 Speakers' platforms
  - 85 Ending for Siam
  - 86 Zeta follower
  - 88 You, in German
  - 89 Many laptops
  - 93 British island in Polynesia
  - 95 Film providing a factual report, for short
  - 97 Tax-filing pro
  - 98 Rd. relatives
  - 99 Piece of mail: Abbr.
  - 101 Riddle
  - 102 Highest peak in N.Z.
  - 105 Copier stuff
  - 106 Application
  - 107 Martin Van —
  - 108 Bridges of film
  - 109 Rhea relative
  - 111 Moms' sisters, say
  - 112 Cyst, e.g.
  - 113 — Island (old immigration point)
  - 114 Give a false story
  - 115 Spacek of "The River"
  - 116 With 128-Across, earn wages
  - 118 Falco of TV Siam
  - 122 DiFranco of song
  - 123 The Rams' gridiron gp.
  - 124 — Magnon
  - 125 Ending for cash
  - 126 Abode: Abbr.



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## TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

# Apple Fritter Bread

Who doesn't like an apple fritter? As I mentioned, I wanted to make it first. Well, the loaf is half gone!!!! Thank goodness I have an in-house taster. ☺

I saw a recipe come to my email for a salad using baked beets, avocado, tomatoes, red onion, and blue cheese. I do want to try this also, but after the brussels sprouts recipe I thought I'd put something sweet in. It's a keeper.



### INGREDIENTS:

- 1/3 c. light brown sugar
- 2 tsp. cinnamon (divided)
- 2 med. Granny Smith apples, peeled and diced
- 2/3 c. sugar plus 2 Tbsp. (divided)
- 1/2 c. salted butter, room temperature
- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 c. all purpose flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 c. milk

### DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350°. Coat a 9 x 5 inch loaf pan with baking spray. Line the bottom and up the short sides with parchment paper. Spray again. (I think this is overkill!!!)

Prepare cinnamon sugar mixture by combining brown sugar with 1 teaspoon cinnamon and mixing well. Set side.

Prepare apple mixture by combining apples with 2 tablespoons granulated sugar and remaining 1 teaspoon of cinnamon and mix until well combined. Set side.

Combine butter and 2/3 cup sugar on medium speed for 2 minutes. Add in the eggs, one at a time and vanilla and mix until blended.

On low speed, add in the flour and baking powder until incorporated. Add in the milk and mix until just combined. Don't over mix.

Pour half of the batter into the prepared pan. Distribute half of the apple mixture on top of the batter. Sprinkle half of the cinnamon-sugar mixture over the apples. Using the end of a dull knife, gently swirl the brown sugar mixture and the apples into the batter. Pour remaining batter into the pan, followed by the remaining apple mixture and remaining cinnamon-sugar mixture. Again, gently swirl the sugar and apple mixture into the batter, if needed, press the apples into the batter.

Bake for 50-60 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Allow to cool in the pan for 10-15 minutes, then gently run a knife around the edges of the pan to loosen the loaf. Remove the bread from the pan onto a wire rack to cool completely.

To make the glaze, whisk together powdered sugar and milk until well combined. Drizzle over bread.

### MY NOTES:

I used Honeycrisp apples. Not that it makes a lot of difference, but I had to bake a little long and it might be because the apples had a lot of juice in them.

I only used parchment paper on the bottom, which seemed to work fine.

Although the recipe doesn't say to do so, I always alternate adding the milk with the dry ingredients.

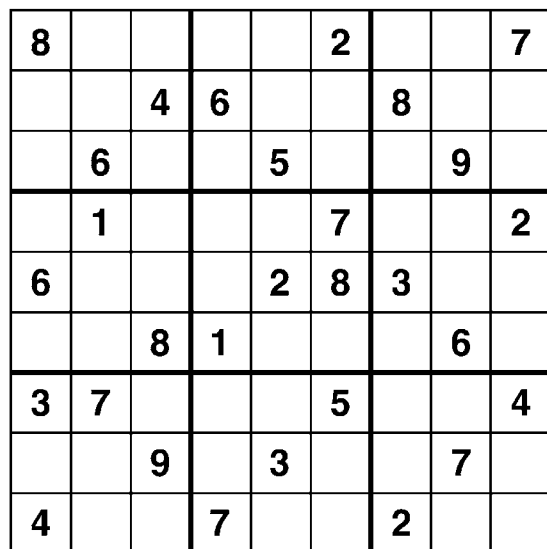
I didn't measure the powdered sugar and milk for the glaze, so I had some left over. I added more powdered sugar, a bit of vanilla, a bit of butter, to make it thicker, and put in on graham crackers!!

ENJOY! ☺

Recipe from My Little Pony Baking book

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

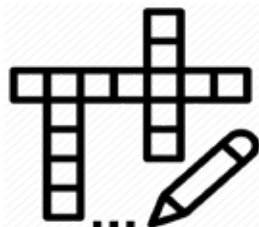


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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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

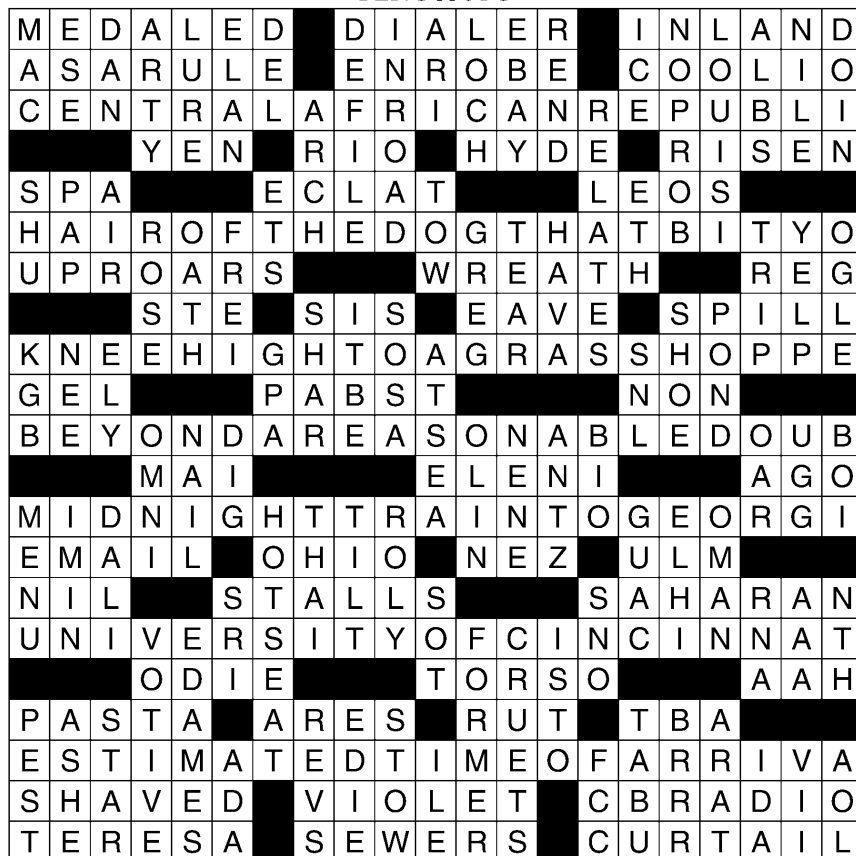
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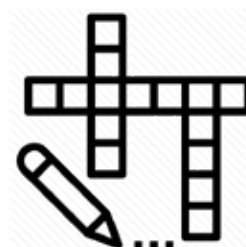
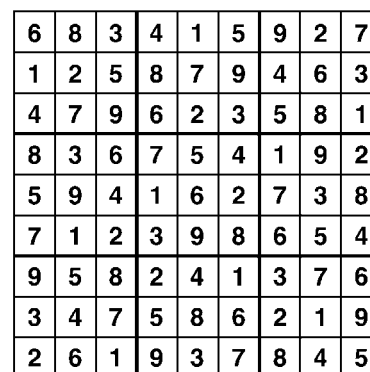
### Super Crossword

#### Answers



### Weekly SUDOKU

#### Answer





## Columbia County's new Flood Control Zone District

Funding Proposal on the November Ballot

THE TIMES

DAYTON—In cooperation with the City of Dayton and the Town of Starbuck, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) formed the Columbia County Flood Control Zone District on June 17, 2019 with resolution 2019-34, pursuant to RCW 86.15. Per RCW 86.15.020, the district may be formed in two ways: 1) A resolution by the BOCC; or 2) A petition by the citizens.

Columbia County's Flood Control Zone District (FCZD) was created to establish a county-wide response to the growing threat of flooding. The mission is to reduce the risk of flooding damage to public and private property. This will be accomplished through master planning; construction, reconstruction, and repair of levees, embankments, revetments, and canals; implementation of flood prevention and risk reduction projects; and providing flood related services for the citizens of Columbia County.

Since 1964, Columbia County has been declared a federal disaster area seven times due to flooding. The flood this year caused over \$7 million in damages to public infrastructure alone. This has taken a serious toll on County budgets. Even with the FEMA, Federal Highways Administration, and Army Corps of Engineers cost sharing programs the flood is anticipated to cost the county \$1.3 million dollars. This has resulted in service reductions that effect the entire county. The flood this year has resulted in the reduction, elimination, and/or delay of road maintenance

projects, gravel roadway grading, shoulder and ditch maintenance, culvert cleaning, sign maintenance, brush cutting, snow removal, and other critical functions as well as capital improvement projects.

All watercourses in Columbia County have a history of flooding and have regulated flood plains established by FEMA. In addition to causing damages to county infrastructure, this costs the County, City of Dayton, and Town of Starbuck money from their general funds to respond to and repair damage from flooding. Maintenance costs to the levees also come from general funds, as does sediment management for the Touchet River in Dayton. For these reasons, the district covers the entire county, including all of the cities. People who have homes or businesses in the floodplain are at more immediate risk, but flooding affects the entire region's economy. When public infrastructure such as roads and levees are damaged, the cost of repair is borne by all county residents. Additionally, the cost of emergency response is also spread county wide.

The district is intended to fill this funding gap by providing dedicated funds for assisting public and private flood protection, flood fighting, and recovery efforts. A funded district could provide these types of services:

- Protect public infrastructure.
- Provide sandbags.
- Provide flood fighting assistance.
- Repair public infrastructure.
- Public and Private Levee Construction, Maintenance and Repairs.
- Obtain grants for flood reduction projects.
- Provide county-wide basin planning.
- Represent public interests before state and federal regulatory agencies.

al regulatory agencies.

- Construct, maintain, and operate flood risk reduction facilities.

While a flood may have costs greater than the districts reserves, the district could facilitate coordination of county and cities, and provide an opportunity for them to work together and provide each other assistance with financial documentation, project costs, labor and equipment, and all other aspects of flood response and recovery. With a dedicated funding source, the levees can receive consistent and prescribed maintenance. Consistent maintenance ensures the levees remain in good condition and may prevent levee failures, such as when the levee was breached during the flood of 1996.

What is being requested on the November Ballot?

To adequately maintain and improve the existing levee system as well as provide the other services performed by the district, a FCZD is authorized by state law to collect a property tax or parcel fee for the exclusive use on flood related activities, programs and functions. The proposal before the voters is a \$0.10 assessment per \$1000 assessed value, which will raise approximately \$100,000 annually for district activities. Additional funds will be sought out through grants and agreements in cooperation with other government agencies and private entities. This proposal will not cause any currently funded district to lose funding. The current maximum that would be available to the BOCC to address these issues is \$0.03 per 1000 assessed value, less than 1/3 of projected need. Without the dedicated funding that would be authorized by the voters, the County will not be able to address existing issues within the County, nor respond to emergency future events.

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volleyball and football. Strot said he is more optimistic that volleyball, football, track and field, softball, baseball, and golf can take place.

He also talked about transportation challenges.

Transportation supervisor Danon Griffen said there are fewer substitute bus drivers every year, and there isn't one currently. The District will be conducting a search for substitute bus drivers. Two would be ideal.

If substitute drivers can't be found, Strot said there would be lag time between the time a bus driver is finished with after school routes and when student athletes are picked up for practices and games.

He said an additional challenge concerns the choice of a D/W mascot. When the Dayton ASB students were asked about the voting process for "Wolfpack" last year, they said they didn't feel good about the process.

Strot said he would discuss his findings with Superintendent Pickel. He would like for the ASB classes from both schools to decide on the process for coming up with a list of names. Then the two student bodies would cast votes, and the ASBs would tally the votes.

He hopes to have a mascot identified before the beginning of the basketball season, on Dec. 28.



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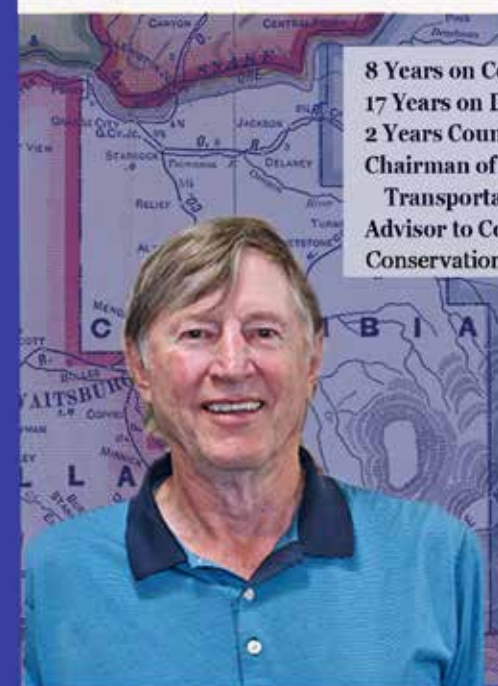
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