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Beka Compton

Volunteers from all backgrounds and beliefs handed out boxes of food on March 27, at the Waitsburg Elementary School. Two thousand, five hundred boxes, weighing in at 30 pounds each, were handed out to residents of Waitsburg, Dayton, Prescott, and Walla Walla.

Waitsburg & Prescott School Districts to return to full-time, in-person instruction April 19

The transition to full-time instruction follows updated guidance from the CDC, DOH

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—On March 15, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee released an emergency proclamation concerning updates to school reopening plans. The directive stated that all schools in Washington State must offer in-person instruction for elementary students by April 5, and in-person instruction for high school students by April 19.

On March 25, Washington State Department of Health adopted guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) that lessened the six foot physical distancing requirement to three feet. The CDC stated that three-feet of distancing amongst students is safe so long as there is not high community transmission. As of March 30, Walla Walla County has a COVID-19 positivity rate of 2.4%, and 26 active cases.

As of March 30, there were 154 Washington State elementary schools that offered a hybrid learning model- part in-person and part online. More than 200,000 students attend part-time class, according to the Office for the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Three school districts (13,399 students) were attending 100% remote learning, and 73 districts (nearly 40,000 students) were already attending “traditional” instruction models. The districts operating on a traditional model had the highest attendance rates, with 88.4% of students enrolled for in-person instruction weekly. The number varied slightly for Washington middle and high schools, but hybrid models were still the leading instruction type.

Following the announcement, the Waitsburg School Board voted to approve a full reopening, starting Monday, April 19. Currently, the Waitsburg School District has Group A classes on Monday and Tuesday, and Group B Classes on Thursday and Friday, with Wednesday reserved for deep cleaning and targeted assistance.

Superintendent Mark Pickel said that plans are still being finalized, as of Tuesday, March 30, plans are for students to return to class starting April 19, Monday-Friday, from 8:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. The change will affect all students in grades K-12. Students who are not comfortable with returning to full time, in-person instruction have the option to transition to online classes. Students must be academically successful in order to switch to online instruction.

Modifications to the school schedule may include changes to time and spacing of class transitions, seating on buses, classroom arrangements, food services, and meal schedules.

Detailed information began going home with students on Tuesday, March 30, and will be available during parent-teacher conferences.

If parents or guardians have any questions, please contact the Waitsburg School District office at (509) 337-6301.

The Prescott School Board also voted to transition to full-time, in-person instruction starting April 19. At the March 25 board meeting, school board members approved the transition with a 4-0 vote, and the district is finalizing details.

Local Prosecuting Attorney drafts ordinance to replace overthrown possession law

Public hearing set for proposed local ordinance making simple possession of controlled substance a misdemeanor

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Columbia County Prosecuting Attorney Dale Slack has wasted no time heading off a headache for local law enforcement due to the State Supreme Court ruling Washington State v. Blake on February 25, 2021.

As reported in the March 18 edition of the Times, the ruling struck down as unconstitutional Washington’s strict liability drug possession statute, RCW 69.50.4013, which made possession of a controlled substance a felony. The Court’s ruling said the state law was unconstitutional because it included criminalizing passive, unknowing conduct in violation of due process protections.

Because there is now no current law, said Slack, the hands of law enforcement and court officials are tied when it comes to making drug arrests and getting people into treatment. Slack presented the Board of County Commissioners with a draft version of a local ordinance, which would replace the state statute, making possession of a controlled substance a gross misdemeanor rather than a felony.

Slack read the proposed ordinance, RCW 36.32.120(7), limiting the charge to a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor.

“This is not anything too creative or weird. The short story is this is a replacement for RCW 60.50.4013,” he told the BOCC on Monday of last week.

When adopted, the “Columbia County Controlled Substance Code” prohibits the possession of controlled substances, prohibits the possession of marijuana by persons under the age of 21, and provides penalties for such crimes, including a maximum fine of \$5,000 and up to 364 days in the county jail.

A first conviction carries with it a penalty of no less than \$150. Second, or subsequent convictions carry a penalty of no less than \$500.

Also, where a sentence has been suspended pending substance abuse or mental health treatment, the Court may assess costs of \$250 per year to cover the cost of court monitoring for compliance.

This new chapter to the Columbia County Code will apply to all unincorporated and incorporated portions of the county unless the municipalities elect to opt-out.

A public hearing has been set for April 12 at 9 a.m. in the BOCC chambers. Attendees can access the Zoom meeting agenda by contacting Virginia Schmidt at 382-4542.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

Times Traveler



Barbara Carlton from Dayton sent this from Spring Break in South Florida. Or should we call her Lady Barbara?

THANK YOU FOR READING

The Times

STATE PARKS ANNOUNCES TWO FREE DAYS IN APRIL

Visitors will not need a Discover Pass April 3, 22

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission invites the public to celebrate the spring season and Earth Day with two free days at state parks in April. On free days, visitors do not need a Discover Pass for day-use parking.

The first free day is Saturday, April 3—a spring-time free day. The next free day is Thursday, April 22, in honor of Earth Day.

The free days are in keeping with legislation that created the Discover Pass. The pass costs \$30 for an annual pass or \$10 for a one-day permit. It is required for vehicle access to state recreation lands managed by Washington State Parks, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The Discover Pass legislation provided that State Parks could designate up to 12 free days when the pass would not be required to visit state parks. The free days apply only at state parks; the Discover Pass is still required on WDFW and DNR lands.

The remaining 2021 State Parks free days are:
 Sat., June 5—National Trails Day
 Sat., June 12—National Get Outdoors Day
 Sun., June 13—Free Fishing Day
 Wed., Aug. 25—National Park Service Birthday
 Sat., Sept. 25—National Public Lands Day
 Thurs., Nov. 11—Veterans Day
 Fri., Nov. 26—Autumn free day

The Discover Pass provides daytime access to parks. Overnight visitors in state parks are charged fees for camping and overnight accommodations. Day access is included in the overnight fee. For information about the Discover Pass, visit www.DiscoverPass.wa.gov.

DAYTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY ANNOUNCES NEW HOURS

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton Memorial Library began operating with new hours on March 29.

The library will be open 10 a.m.-5 p.m on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. On Thursdays, the library will be open from 12 p.m.-7 p.m.

RAYA AND THE LAST DRAGON COMING TO LIBERTY THEATER

April 2, 3, 4 and 6, and April 9, 10, 11, and 13

THE TIMES

DAYTON—*Raya and the Last Dragon*, a new animated movie from Disney, has received lots of public buzz and positive reviews. It has been dubbed a “vibrant action-fantasy epic” on Digitalspy.com.

This story begins long ago, in the fantasy world of Kumandra, when humans and dragons lived together in harmony. But when an evil force threatened the land, the dragons sacrificed themselves to save humanity. Now, 500 years later, that same evil has returned. It’s up to a lone warrior, Raya, to track down the legendary last dragon to restore the fractured land and its divided people.

Along her journey, she’ll learn that it will take even more than a dragon to save the world—it’s going to take trust and teamwork as well.

According to Rotten Tomatoes, *Raya and the Last Dragon* has a 94% favorability rating, with an audience rating of 86%. The website’s critics noted that it is another gorgeously animated, skillfully voiced entry in the Disney canon ...” and the website’s audience reviews added that it had “beautiful animation and a positive message that’s fun for the whole family...”

It is rated PG for some violence, action, and thematic elements, with a runtime of 107 minutes, plus a 7 minute short.

The Liberty Theater appreciates all of the community support, and cooperation with the COVID restrictions and requirements that help keep us open as a business.

Touchet Valley Weather

March 31, 2021

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday Sunny High: 66 Low: 44	Thursday Partly Cloudy High: 72 Low: 41	Friday Partly Cloudy High: 65 Low: 43	Saturday Mostly Cloudy High: 64 Low: 42	Sunday Partly Cloudy High: 60 Low: 39	Monday Partly Cloudy High: 59 Low: 36	Tuesday Mostly Cloudy High: 57 Low: 37

Weather Trivia

What is the coldest city in the lower 48 states?
 ?
 Answer: Butte, Mont., where temperatures drop below zero 223 days a year.

Weather History

March 31, 1973 - A devastating tornado took a nearly continuous 75-mile path through north central Georgia, causing more than 113 million dollars in damage, the highest total of record for a natural disaster in the state.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	52	33	58/39	0.00"	0.12"
Wednesday	48	35	58/39	0.09"	0.54"
Thursday	50	39	58/39	0.03"	-0.42"
Friday	57	38	58/40	0.00"	45.8°
Saturday	64	39	59/40	0.00"	49.0°
Sunday	68	36	59/40	Trace	-3.2°
Monday	49	33	59/40	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Last	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	First
4/4	Wednesday	6:34 a.m.	7:20 p.m.	11:33 p.m.	8:21 a.m.	4/20
	Thursday	6:32 a.m.	7:22 p.m.	Prev Day	8:55 a.m.	
	Friday	6:30 a.m.	7:23 p.m.	12:52 a.m.	9:37 a.m.	
	Saturday	6:28 a.m.	7:24 p.m.	2:04 a.m.	10:29 a.m.	
	Sunday	6:26 a.m.	7:26 p.m.	3:06 a.m.	11:29 a.m.	
	Monday	6:24 a.m.	7:27 p.m.	3:55 a.m.	12:36 p.m.	Full 4/26
	Tuesday	6:22 a.m.	7:28 p.m.	4:34 a.m.	1:46 p.m.	

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

Business licenses for Waitsburg now online through DOR

City Council voted in November to complete transitioning new business and renewal licensing to the state in November 2020, goes live in June

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—House Bill 2005 was introduced in 2017 to improve the business climate in Washington State by simplifying the administration of municipal businesses licenses. The bill went into effect in July, 2017. The Waitsburg City Council officially voted to align with the state's business license system in November of last year.

The bill stated that cities which require a general business license must partner with the Department of Revenue for issuance and renewal of any business license, through the business licensing service. City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe said that the City of Waitsburg will go live on the DOR website in June of this year.

In years past, business owners could access a Commercial Business License Packet on the city's website or at City Hall. Now, Waitsburg business owners will submit applications and make payments on the Department of Revenue Washington State (www.dor.wa.gov) website. The application that was on the city's website is no longer usable.

The DOR website has a Business Licensing Wizard, which lets owners select a category that best fits the business type and provides a list of agencies to contact for further information or help, information about any additional endorsements, and helpful tips about the business.

According to the DOR website, online applications typically take 10 days to process, but it may take up to three weeks for a business to receive a license, due to approval time. Applications submitted by mail can take up to six weeks to process. The fee for a business license in Waitsburg is \$50, with a \$20 annual renewal fee. Solicitation permits are still obtained through City Hall in Waitsburg.

For business license applications, visit www.dor.wa.gov.

New round of Working Washington Grants, March 29

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—The Washington State Department of Commerce opened applications for Working Washington Grants: Round 4 on March 29. Business owners can find information about the program and a link to the application portal at www.commercegrants.com.

This is the fourth round of the Working Washington Grant program. Legislators approved \$240 million for the current round as part of an early action bill that also provided additional funding for rent assistance and other COVID-19 response efforts.

Some of the criteria outlined in this legislation include:

Businesses must apply the grant award toward expenses incurred between March 1, 2020, through June 30th, 2021.

Commerce must take into account previous Working Washington awards distributed by the agency or affiliated partners. This means grant awards will vary. The maximum grant award will be \$25,000.

Grants must be equitably distributed statewide and to historically underserved and disadvantaged populations.

These grants are aimed at for-profit small businesses in industries with hard costs associated with their operations and faced the most significant challenges to paying those hard costs because they were required to close. Hard costs include but are not limited to rent, utilities, payroll, or personal protective equipment.

Eligible applications will be reviewed based on the following priority criteria:

Industries that had to close as a result of safety and public health measures.

Size of the business (measured by 2019 revenue).

Lost revenue between 2019 and 2020 as well as added expenses to maintain safe operations.

To ensure equitable distribution, Commerce will also consider businesses operating in a rural or low-income community or owned by someone from a historically underserved population (minority, veteran, LGBTQ+ or women-owned).

The application portal will be open until 5:00 PM PDT on April 9. Application information and technical assistance are available in multiple languages and are accessible to a wide range of people with disabilities.

Business owners can visit www.commercegrants.com for more information about eligibility, the documents required to apply, and how to reach someone for assistance.

STATE'S ONLINE ELIGIBILITY TOOL NO LONGER REQUIRED STARTING MARCH 31

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Phase Finder, the state's online vaccine eligibility tool, will no longer be required to verify COVID-19 vaccine eligibility starting March 31.

That means that people who want a vaccine should check DOH's prioritization guidance webpage to see when they are eligible to get vaccinated. Those who are eligible can then use the Vaccine Locator to find an appointment. After March 30, those who visit the Phase Finder site will be directed to Vaccine Locator. The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) has informed vaccine providers of this change. DOH has asked that providers no longer require Phase

Finder to schedule an appointment or ask for it when patients arrive for their appointment.

Vaccine Locator is available in 30 languages and will add seven more languages by the end of April. Those who have further questions or need help making an appointment can call the state's COVID-19 information hotline at 1-800-525-0127, then press #. Language assistance is available.

While Phase Finder is going away, the state's vaccine phases are staying the same. The state remains in Phase 1B2, and on March 31, vaccine eligibility opens to people in Phase 1B tiers 3 and 4.

"The goal is to vaccinate as many vulnerable com-

munity members as fast as possible before opening vaccine eligibility to everyone 16 years and older in just a few weeks. Removing Phase Finder will help speed up the process by reducing barriers for eligible individuals," says Michele Roberts, one of the state leaders for the COVID-19 vaccine rollout. "We trust most people will continue to do the right thing and wait their turn to be vaccinated."

Go to www.vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov to schedule appointments for vaccination.

Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

Waitsburg City Council:

Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.
Call-in information available at www.cityofwaitsburg.com/government-1

Waitsburg School Board:

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

Waitsburg Celebration Days:

Meetings TBA

Walla Walla County Commissioners

Every Monday and Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.
Call-in information is available at [https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020_agendas.php](http://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020_agendas.php)

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

Board of Columbia County Commissioners

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

Dayton City Council

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

Dayton School Board

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

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

Fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:30

p.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

Coalition for Youth & Families

Fourth Wednesday monthly at 3 p.m.
<https://coalitionforyouthandfamilies.org/get-involved>

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

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

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting - Online

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

Starbuck City Council:

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

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH

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

Thursday, April 1

Broccoli lasagna
Mixed veggies
Garlic bread
Banana
Milk

Tuesday, April 6

Chicken sandwich
Potato chips
Pickled beets
Snappers
Snickerdoodles
Milk

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

Tuesday, April 6

Lasagna
Italian blend veggies
Coleslaw
Garlic bread
Fruit

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Beginning February 25th, Waitsburg School District will no longer be providing home meal deliveries. Families wishing to continue receiving meals at home must pre order online and pick up the meals from school. Orders must be received by Wednesdays at 5:00 PM for pick up the following week and may be picked up Monday or Thursday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

For more information, call Susan Wildey at (509) 337-6461, or visit www.waitsburgsd.org.

Thursday, April 1

B: Scramble eggs & bacon
L: Lasagna
Garlic bread
Baby carrots
Apples

Monday, April 5

Spring Break

Tuesday, April 6

Spring Break

Friday, April 2

B: Biscuit & gravy
L: Chicken patty on a bun
Baked beans
Applesauce



Church Directory

St. Mark Catholic Church
405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg
Mass Sunday 5 p.m.
382-2311
Fr. Steve Werner

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

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

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STATEMENT FROM THE PORT OF COLUMBIA

Touchet Valley Trail Digital Meeting

DAYTON—The Port of Columbia has been planning a Public Information Meeting for the Touchet Valley Trail (TVT) 30% design review for several months. Because all three Port commissioners will be in attendance at the meeting, it is considered an official public meeting and must follow the laws of the state of Washington, particularly the Open Public Meetings Act.

At each point in the decision-making process, current guidance from the state regarding holding public meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic has been reviewed. Organizing the meeting, gathering materials, and getting a date on the presenters' calendars are critical pieces in providing the best information possible.

At the time the meeting format was chosen (February 10), and the date chosen (March 10), Columbia County was in Healthy Washington Phase 2, which when applied to the Open Public Meetings Act and Proclamation 20-28.15 allowed in-person meetings with limited attendance (25% venue capacity) and required a remote component that allowed everyone, both in-person and digitally, to hear and be heard. If, at any time during the meeting the venue capacity was exceeded, or the remote component failed, the public meeting would have to be stopped.

Since these decisions were made, Columbia County has moved to Phase 3. All the above requirements still apply, with the only change being the venue capacity has been increased to 50%.

In order to comply with state laws, pandemic proclamations, and guidance from health professionals while at the same time providing the best information for citizens to see and hear, the April 26th Touchet Valley Trail meeting will be held via Zoom Webinar. Instructions on joining the meeting will be released in April.

In order to make the information as accessible as possible, the Port will:

- Post the 30% design drawings and a comment portal on the Port website two weeks prior to the meeting, during the meeting, and two weeks after the meeting.
- The Zoom webinar will be recorded and posted to a link on the port's website so the presentation can be viewed anytime. Citizens will be welcome to make an appointment after April 26 to view the recording in the Port conference room if internet or computer access is an issue.
- Comments made before, during and after the meeting will be logged and read by the commission and the design team at the end of the comment period.
- Questions asked before, during and after the meeting will receive a written response by the end of the comment period. The commission and design team will be provided a copy of all questions and answers.

The purpose of this meeting is to share information with the public. It is not a public hearing, and no decisions will be made at the meeting.

Please call the Port office at (509) 382-2577 ahead of the meeting date if you need assistance in joining the meeting.

TRAGIC DEATH AT WAITSBURG HOME

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—On March 26, the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office responded to reports of an unresponsive male in the basement of a home on Main Street in Waitsburg.

Undersheriff Joe Klundt said that the situation appeared to be a suicidal incident, and no further information was available from the Sheriff's Office.

Suicide rates across the nation have risen with the COVID-19 pandemic. Information presented by the Johns Hopkins Psychiatry Guide (JHPG) indicates that suicide rates have increased with prior pandemics; an increase was reported after the 1918-19 Spanish Flu pandemic, and was observed again in Hong Kong, after the 2003 SARS outbreak.

According to JHPG, many factors, including social isolation, pandemic-related barriers to mental health treatment, and continuous media coverage contributing to anxiety may have played a part in the rise of suicide deaths.

If you are feeling alone or experiencing ideations, you are not alone. The Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available 24/7, by calling 1-800-273-TALK (8255), and the Crisis Text Line is available by texting HEAL to 741741. If you are experiencing an emergency, please call 9-1-1.

PRESCOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT SEEKING SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST APPLICANTS

The selected psychologist will benefit Prescott, Waitsburg, and Dayton students

THE TIMES

PRESCOTT—The Prescott School District is currently searching for a school psychologist. While the position is based in Prescott, the new psychologist will also be available to Waitsburg and Dayton students.

The School Psychologist position serves primarily to identify, assess, and provide diagnostic information related to individual student educational success. They will serve as a member of multi-disciplinary and IEP teams in all three districts. The school psychologist will efficiently maintain relevant records and required reports, in addition to tracking hours and mileage for billing purposes.

The newly hired psychologist will facilitate the design and development of building level procedures to prevent educational failure and meet students' mental health and learning needs. They will consult and collaborate to develop and maintain positive relationships among students, parents, and teachers and involve them in assessment, interventions, and program evaluation procedures, amongst other duties.

For further questions, contact Superintendent Justin Bradford at jbradford@prescott.k12.wa.us.

BIRTHDAYS

April 1: Nicole Baker, Mark Clifton, Lawrence Fullerton, Joe Cyr, John DuPree, Lynn Mantz-Powers, Caleb Leisure, Dan Henze, Corinne Kenney Hartley, Angela Rohde and Eric Rohlfling.

April 2: Dan Butler, Bill Butler, Kay Hawks, Sandra Nogle, Dawn Hinchliffe, Cassandra Leid, Jacob Smith and Bonnie Jones.

April 3: Donna Knotts, Deanna Huffman Tipton, Terry McCoy and Mary Beth Reese.

April 4: Tanner Patton, Carly Mary Jean Pearson, Dan Hofer, Jack Murphy, and Tarah McCaw.

April 5: David Smith, Ray Jeremiah, Frank Williams, Frances Allion, Susan Syferd, Jessica Meier and Rob Fry.

April 6: Dane Kiefel.

April 7: Griffen Hinchliffe, J. W. Clayton, Carla Gritman and Jo Polumsky.



CCSO

March 25

Suspicious activity at Columbia County Transfer Station. Cottonwood Street

Citizen contact. Main Street

Assault at Dayton High School. 3rd Street

March 26

Animal call. Cameron Court

Threats at Dayton High School. 3rd Street

Theft at the General Store. Main Street

March 27

Traffic stop. Main Street

DUI Investigation. Main Street

Welfare check at Classy Chassy Car Wash. Main Street

March 28

Non-injury accident call. Bluewood

9-1-1 call. Country Village

Hit and run reported. Cameron Street

WWCSO

March 23

Informational report. Walla Walla

A lock was cut to gain entry to a storage unit area, another lock was cut on a storage unit. Unknown if unit was entered, nothing reported missing at this time. Burbank

March 25

A man conspired with another man to violate an order for protection. Walla Walla

March 26

Report for information. Touchet

March 28

Unknown suspect damaged personal land in Walla Walla County. Burbank

March 29

A theft was reported. Waitsburg

A jar of marijuana was found. Walla Walla County

Male and female going through a divorce involved in a verbal argument about property rights. Walla Walla County

The Times

A PROUD TRADITION

The Times was founded in 1878 by C.W. Wheeler and has been produced every week since then. It is one of the oldest newspapers in the state of Washington.

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Marie Isabel Belanger Shea

February 7, 1940 - February 8, 2021

Marie was born to Reginald Henry Belanger and Frances Katherine Betty Belanger in New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada. The family moved to the United States when she was very young. Marie attended schools in Spokane WA and Dayton WA. Marie married D. Dean Shea in 1956 (divorced in 1980). Their family life started in Spokane as Dean was enlisted in the USAF. His career took them to many places around the world while they grew their family. They moved about every 2 years, being stationed in Spain, Nevada, Everett, WA, Germany, Colorado, California, and England. Marie was very efficient and thorough in keeping everyone and everything running smoothly for these moves. She was a terrific cook, housekeeper and budget master. Her Betty Crocker cookbook was well used and worn. Her cooking fed her family of seven well, even from shopping at the PX. She could squeeze a nickel out of a penny. Marie taught herself to sew, making clothes for her 5 children along with special occasion dresses for her 3 daughters. She also crocheted, making afghans for her kids and grandkids in their requested colors.

When the family moved to Waitsburg, WA. Marie started working outside of the home. She was a longtime cook at the White Stallion Restaurant. Dedicated and hard-working, she stayed there through 4 different owners.

Marie loved her family. Enjoying phone calls, visits, time spent together

during the holidays, and celebrating special occasions. She was very proud of her children and 10 grandchildren. She liked reading, crafting and working in her yard. She always enjoyed having pets. Mostly cats and dogs but a few turtles too. She had an extensive turtle collection dating back to a family trip through Europe with a stop in Monaco for a souvenir. The family has been gifting her turtles ever since.

When diagnosed with cancer in 2015, she moved to an apartment in Walla Walla. There she made new friends, had fun playing cards and socializing.

Marie is preceded in death by her father, Reggie Belanger, mother, Frances Kay Bell, infant sister, Michelle Bell, sister, Beverly Winters, brother, John Belanger, brother, Fritz Anderson, son-in-law, Cliff Ungerecht.

She is survived by her sister, Sharen Sandberg; daughters, Jeanne Bergevin (Dave), Cathy Ungerecht, Liz Alleman (John); sons, Tom Shea (Teresa), Matt Shea (Kristi); sister-in-law, Joanne Belanger; numerous nieces and nephews; 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

A private family service will be held this summer on the Oregon Coast.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Mountain Action Council or donors choice.

Arrangements made through Mountain View- Colonial DeWitt. Friends and family may share memories and sign the online guestbook at www.mountain-view-colonialdewitt.com



Fred Crowe appointed to the Dayton City Council

City passes resolution for food bank facilities improvements

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—At a special meeting last week, the Dayton City Council appointed Fred Crowe to fill the remainder of Matt Wien's term on the council. Wiens resigned from the Dayton City Council in January, but his term was to end on Dec. 31, 2021.

Crowe will begin his service on the Transportation, Planning and Community Development, and Parks and Recreation committees, according to Mayor Pro-tem Dain Nysoe.

Crowe and his wife Genie have lived in Columbia County since 2010. They were drawn to Dayton because they like small-town living, and Dayton seemed to have all its "working parts."

"We are still learning about direct City Council activities and concerns, but we both have been involved in community affairs for eleven years," he said in his application letter.

He is willing to learn, participate, lead when necessary, and help make decisions about the future di-

rection of the City.

Crowe served as a commissioner for the Port of Columbia from 2014 to 2020. He is an active member of the Dayton Chapter of Kiwanis, occasionally volunteers at The Club, serves on the Grant Committee for the Touchet Valley Arts Council, and has been a past TVAC board member.

At the same meeting, the Dayton City Council passed a resolution giving the Community Food Bank of Dayton permission to make facilities improvements, including replacing interior wood panel ceilings, installing a new roof, overhead door, installing cooler and freezer storage units.

The improvements will meet local, state and federal requirements for storing and distributing food items for consumption by the underprivileged and ailing. The Community Food Bank of Dayton will be responsible for the costs of the improvements.

The Community Food Bank of Dayton uses one or more City Hall parking bays at 111 South First Street for the purpose of providing free food to residents of Dayton and Columbia County. A Facility Use Agreement with the City was entered into in 2009.



Fred Crowe has been appointed to the Dayton City Council to fill the remainder of Matt Wiens term, which ends Dec. 31, 2021.

Spring, and solicitation, is in the air

Solicitors are required to obtain permits in Waitsburg in order to visit residential neighborhoods

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Spring has sprung, and daffodils aren't the only things popping up around town. Last week, a couple of Waitsburg residents posted on social media, warning of solicitors going around town selling air purification products.

According to the Waitsburg Municipal Code, solicitors are defined as: 'Any person who goes from house to house or place to place in the City of Waitsburg selling or taking orders for or offering to sell or take orders for, goods, wares or merchandise, for present or future delivery, or for the making, manufacturing or repairing of any article or thing whatsoever, for present or future delivery, except those selling to merchants for resale.'

Simply put, if you are selling something, taking orders for future delivery, or offering repairs, you're considered a solicitor and must conduct business as such.

The City of Waitsburg has strict rules surrounding solicitation. Licenses and permits are required in order to sell goods and/or take orders in residential areas within the city's boundaries. Failure to obtain proper permits or licenses may result in a fine of no less than \$10, and no more than \$100, per offense. The exception to the license and/or permit rule is solicitors who stick to the Main Street business corridor, selling to businesses.

Licenses may be revoked if the solicitor or company which they represent violates any city, state, or federal ordinances. Waitsburg City Council has the authority to revoke licenses if solicitors no longer meet character expectations or required qualifications.

Luckily, the license application process is fairly simple. The application collects the name and address of both the individual solicitor(s), the name and address of the company that the solicitor represents or is employed by, the length of employment or service, the place and nature of each solicitor with the employer, nature of goods/services, and descriptions of each solicitor. The applications go as far as requesting credentials and other evidence that can attest to good moral character, and the identity of each solicitor. This helps protect the people of Waitsburg, as well as well-meaning salesmen.

One exemption to Waitsburg's solicitation ordinances pertains to home-grown products, like vegetables and fruits, eggs, butter, and milk. Products must be raised and produced by the seller to fall in this designation.

Waitsburg City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe said that solicitor permits are rarely issued, adding that he is aware that many residents are uncomfortable with door-to-door salesmen. If solicitors knock on your front door and do not have the proper permits or licenses, Hinchliffe said he encourages residents to report the activity at City Hall, as well as to the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office.

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No.: 21-4-00049-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030) IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ROBERT K. WALKER, Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020 (1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No.: 21-4-00038-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030) In re the Estate of: KENNETH JAMES KLUNDT, Deceased.

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA Case No. 21-4-00054-36 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030) In Re the Estate of LORRAINE MARY KONEN Deceased.

The co-Personal Representatives named below have been appointed and have qualified as co-Personal Representatives of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the co-Personal Representatives or the co-Personal Representatives' 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 co-Personal Representatives served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No.: 21-4-00067-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030) In re the Estate of: ELIZABETH ALMA COUNSELL, Deceased.

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No.: 21-4-00057-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030) In re the Estate of: SCOTT EMERY SHORT, Deceased.

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of

first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
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SUPERIOR COURT, WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

No. 21-4-00071-36 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030) In re the Estate of: LAWRENCE L. HUSSEY, Deceased.

The co-personal representatives named below have been appointed as co-personal representatives of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the co-personal representatives or the co-personal representatives' attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the co-personal representatives served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the probate and nonprobate assets of the decedent.
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No.: 21-4-00063-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030) IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: PEARL LORRAINE ("BETTY") RANSOM, Deceased.

The Co-Personal Representatives named below have been appointed as co-personal representatives of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the co-personal representatives or the co-personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the co-personal representatives served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020 (1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.


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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

NO. 21-3-00003-07 SUMMONS SERVED BY PUBLICATION (RCW 4.28.100; CR 4.1) In re: Petitioner: LINDA LANDAVERDE
And Respondent: ISIDORO D. LANDAVERDE
To ISIDORO D. LANDAVERDE: The other party has asked the court to end your marriage or domestic partnership. You MUST respond in writing if you want the court to consider your side. Deadline! Your Response must be filed and served within 60 days of the date this summons is published. If you do not file and serve your Response or a Notice of Appearance by the deadline: No one has to notify you about other hearings in this case, and the court may approve the requests in the Petition without hearing your side (called a default judgment).

Follow these steps:
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(2) Fill out a Response on this form: FL Divorce 211, Response to Petition about a Marriage. You can get the Response form and other forms you need at: The Washington State Courts' website: www.courts.wa.gov/forms; The Administrative Office of the Courts - call: (360) 705-5328; Washington LawHelp: www.washingtonlawhelp.org; or The Superior Court Clerk's office or county law library (for a fee).
(3) Serve (give) a copy of your Response to the person who filed this Summons at the address below, and to any other parties. You may use certified mail with return receipt requested. For more information on how to serve, read Superior Court Civil Rule 5.
(4) File your original Response with the court clerk at this address: Superior Court Clerk, Columbia County, 341 E. Main St, Dayton, WA 99328.
(5) Lawyer not required: It is a good idea to talk to a lawyer, but you may file and serve your Response without one.

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Photos Brad Trumbo

A flawless specimen of California golden trout, duped by a fluffy fly with pink wings.

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

Honestly, I have no legitimate excuse for not having returned. The experience still calls like a siren song playing softly in the background. Snow-capped peaks and glaciers. Expansive vistas of low-country lakes surrounded by ghostly granite, golden grasses, and solemn conifers. Hot springs and chaparral scrublands. Mountain quail. And honest-to-God golden trout. The jewel of California's Sierra Nevada Range.

It was a bucket-list trip. One I had dreamed of for how many years, I am unsure. We had "golden trout" in Appalachia, but they were rainbow trout genetically selected and bred in a hatchery to have a golden color. "Palomino trout" is another name for them, although some like to attempt a distinction between the various mutants. Of all the years I fished stocked trout in my Virginia youth, I never caught one. To tell the truth, I was unimpressed.

It must have been *Sports Afield* or *Field and Stream* stacked on the stone fireplace hearth in my grandfather's cabin room where I read of California's legendary state fish. The California golden trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss aguabonita*) is a rainbow trout subspecies native to only two watersheds draining the Kern Plateau of the southern Sierra Nevada Range: Golden Trout Creek and the South Fork Kern River. Even late in my single-digit years, I knew that one day I would cast a fly to the authentic finned bullion of the far west. The non-imposter is now sprinkled throughout the high elevation lakes and streams of the Sierras and Wyoming's Wind River drainage. Even a few alpine lakes in Washington's Cascades support the aguabonita.



Chas Kyger strips streamers as the sun sinks behind the western Sierra Nevada peaks.

Catching my breath from the miles of ascent and vertical boulder-hopping, carving new quad muscle on the ascent, I stood surrounded by the cluster of four known as the Treasure Lakes in the John Muir Wilderness. Thirteen-thou-

sand-foot Mt. Dade peak loomed overhead to the south. A permanently shadowed, remnant snowpack, dusted pewter by the wind, was feeding the lakes. Below the shimmering surface of the crystal-clear depths lurked the paragon.

The journey itself in the cold, pre-dawn frost, giving way to the golden rays and 60 degrees in such scenic country, made for an unforgettable moment. As the wind laid, a floating fly line followed, terminated with a size 12 "cherry limeade," which is really just a Royal Wulf tied with pink wings rather than traditional white.

As the hostile water warmed into 40-something degrees, golden trout began to appear in the shallows, cruising carefully and targeting small flies. Sight-casting to a larger shape as it glided over a sandy shoal, the fish turned to inspect the fly and engulfed it nonchalantly.

A moment of panic overwhelmed me as I realized I was playing a trout I had obsessed over for somewhere upward of two decades. Kneeling on a flat boulder at the water's edge, I softly cradled my first golden trout in the frigid alpine waters. An awesome spectacle in a small package with a rich auburn belly, buttery yellow flanks, and olive-sized parr marks. A trophy in its own right and a rare dream realized.

While harvest is allowed on most lakes in the Sierra Nevada, I had no intention of bonking the most beautiful trout I had ever laid eyes on. Luckily, the only immaculate image my old cell phone would ever capture happened to be of this incredible fish as it approached the shore.

I was witnessing utter perfection. An image simply wouldn't do the memory justice. Sitting against a house-size slab of bister stone, I pondered the options as the trout disappeared past the sandy shallows into the emerald depths. How to memorialize the experience in three dimensions? Then it hit me.

Dayton's own Tom Schirm is a master carver of fin and scale. A renowned artist in the realm of hand-carved fish replicas, whose artistry is viewable at <http://www.tomschirmfishcarvings.com/>. An estimated length and a few photos of the fish were all that he needed to get started.

Understanding that an artist needs time to achieve perfection, I left Tom to find his muse. Wanting the fish on a free-standing pedestal, we shared a few calls to talk details. Marble or wood and stone? Either way, it would be carved from wood, per the rules of the World Fish Carving Championship, in which Tom has placed well in the past.

Standing by the folding table in my makeshift home office, every glance at the precisely proportioned and painted specimen puts me right back at the top of the crag, short of breath from the climb and elevation. Sun rays glistening atop the lake surface like they were cast from a disco ball. And the goldens are rising.



A perfectly sculpted golden trout replica by Tom Schirm.

Kyle's RSA ready to help on the road

The new business will offer roadside assistance services like tire changes and gas delivery

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

THE TIMES—Roadside assistance is closer than ever for Waitsburg residents. Kyle's RSA, owned by Kyle Sickles, is now available for "everything but the tow."

Sickles said that he got the idea for a roadside service business after speaking with local towing company owner Trevor Johnson, who suggested that Sickles start small with a service business before investing in a tow truck, and other necessary equipment.

"They told me that it's a lot to take on," Sickles said. "They said to start with the roadside service. Build up to having a tow truck and dabble in the

market, see if it's something you enjoy before going big with a tow truck."

This advice sat very well with Sickles, who wants to learn by operating the limited roadside service before expanding the business. He wants to take time to address his concerns about safety as a tow truck driver/operator before offering towing services.

Kyle's RSA serves Waitsburg residents and will eventually extend the service area into Walla Walla and Dayton. Sickles offers basic services like jumpstarts, which start at \$45, unlocking services that start at \$50, and spare tire changes and gas delivery, starting at \$45. Sickles said that gas delivery prices would fluctuate with the change in fuel prices, but they start at \$55.

If you need any roadside assistance, short of a tow, Kyle's RSA can be reached by phone at (360) 899-8889, and he is available on Facebook by searching the business name. He is working on setting up a dispatch service and building a business website, but until then, he is just a phone call away!



Beka Compton

Kyle Sickles, owner of the new roadside assistance business Kyle's RSA, is ready to lend a hand when your car gives you fits. Give him a call for jumpstarts or tire changes, on the road or at home.

Gonzaga and three PAC-12 teams advance to Elite Eight

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

The PAC-12 continued its dominance this week in the NCAA tournament, with three teams advancing to the Elite Eight. USC, UCLA, and Oregon State each won their third games of the tournament. Only Oregon failed to advance, losing to USC 82-68. A great start allowed USC to get out to a big lead at the half 41-26. It was a lead that Oregon would cut to 69-60 in the second half but could get no closer. Normally a great three-point shooting team, the Ducks had a down day shooting 5-21, good for only 23.8%. USC made five more three-pointers, 10-17 for 58.8%, which was the difference in the game.



UCLA had a very balanced attack, with all five of their starters scoring at least ten points and none of them scoring more than seventeen points. All of Alabama's players who played any minutes scored for the team. Jahvon Quinerly, who started the game on the bench for Alabama, was the game's leading scorer with twenty points. Although UCLA had an eleven-point lead at the half, Alabama went on an 11-0 run to start the second half to tie the

game at 40-40. From there, no team would lead by more than seven points as the game stayed close down to the final second in regulation when Alex Reese of Alabama hit a three-point shot to tie the game at 65-65 to send the game to overtime. UCLA slowly pulled away in overtime as Alabama missed their first six shots, including free throws allowing UCLA to build a lead that they wouldn't give up.

UCLA would go on to win 88-78. They will face #1 seeded Michigan on Tuesday, March 30.

Senior Ethan Thompson led all scorers with twenty-two points as Oregon State defeated Loyola Chicago 65-58 to advance to the Elite Eight. Oregon State's superior shooting was the key to this game as they performed better from the field, the three-point line, and the free-throw line, where they only missed two free throws for the game. This was the first meeting of these two teams since December 31, 1927.

Oregon State faced #2 seeded Houston on March 29. Oregon State started the game shooting poorly, and Houston took advantage, building a 34-17 lead at the half. The Beavers shooting improved as the game went on, and they would make 56% of their shots in the second half. With 3:48 left in the game, Oregon State tied it at 55-55 but would never take the lead, and their tournament ended with a 67-61 loss to Houston. Usually, a great free-throw shooting team Oregon State went an uncharacteristic 11-20 from the free-throw line. It was still a very successful season from a team that was expected to finish last in the PAC-12 this season.

Gonzaga improved to 29-0 on the season after an 83-65 win over #5 seeded Creighton. Creighton stayed in the game for the first ten minutes of the first half with 27-25 Gonzaga. After that, Gonzaga built a ten-point halftime lead that they would not relinquish. The Bulldogs shot 59.6% from the field and had a balanced scoring attack. Gonzaga's next game will be against #6 seeded USC on March 30 on TBS.



The final four games will be held on Saturday, April 3 and shown on CBS.

DW Wolfpack Volleyball earns a final victory as the season comes to an end

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Wolfpack charged up and brought home one final win for the 2021 season. Playing against White Swan Cougars, the final scores were 26-24, 18-25, 19-25, 25-8, 15-13.

The team was led by seniors Katherine Houchin, who had 16 digs, 13 kills, and one ace, Sadie Seney with ten digs, ten kills, six blocks, and five aces, and Teagan

Larsen, who ended the match with 17 assists, seven digs, three kills, one block, and two aces.

Megan Forney played a big part in the final victory, with 13 assists, 11 digs, two kills, four aces under her name. Freshman Makenna Barron had seven digs, four kills, three blocks, one assist, and two aces.

"The team played really well together tonight. Everyone on the team contributed to this win," said head coach Tracy Barron. "Claudia Benavides led the game in serving with six aces, and Peyton Struckmeier came in off the bench and got two kills. It was a great end to an amazing season."

DW Wolfpack football has once-in-a-lifetime interruption against CB

SPECTATORS AND PLAYERS PAUSED TO WATCH STARLINK SYSTEM DEBRIS RE-ENTER THE ATMOSPHERE

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Dayton Waitsburg had a tough night moving the ball against a senior-heavy Columbia Burbank team, on the Coyotes' senior night.

Columbia Burbank came out firing last Thursday night and put up 35 points in the first quarter to set the tone for the night, according to coach Troy Larsen.

"We had a really hard time picking up their front 5 and when they brought even more via the blitz, they put us in some bad situations, pretty much eliminating our run game," said Larsen. "Columbia was sitting in a cover three pass coverage which allowed us to move the ball with short passes with our RPO package."

Larsen said that Monte Pettichord did a good job scrambling to get some tight throws off with all their pressure.

"I give the Wolfpack football players a lot of credit for not giving up and continuing to battle for the whole game. We did see some great effort up front blocking at times, and it allowed Hudson Reser to run through for 9 hard fought yards and we manufactured one of the few TDs against that Columbia defense all year; 3 TD against them total," said Larsen

A once in a lifetime interruption made the game extra memorable, Larsen shared, when a Falcon 9 second stage, part of the March 4 Starlink satellite launch, re-entered the atmosphere, putting on a "once in a lifetime show." Fans and players alike lost focus of the game, watching the cluster of debris as it lit up the night sky.

The Wolfpack travelled to White Swan on Tuesday, for a league crossover game.

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CB 35 13 6 0 54

DW Scoring: Pettichord 12-yard pass to Finney. Kick blocked.

Passing: Pettichord, 13-32-1-0 115 yards

Receiving: Evans 5-41 yards, Finney 4-33-1 TD, VanBlaricom 2-23 yards, Bryan 1-6 yards, Reser 1-12 yards.

Rushing: Reser, 6-29 yards.



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Space debris seen Thursday night as it reentered the atmosphere over the Pacific Northwest

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Dayton Kiwanis dives into esports with Keith Nealey

A former Dayton resident and game enthusiast, Keith Nealey, talked about the world of professional esports at the club's March 25 meeting

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton Kiwanis Club met Thursday, March 25, at noon, for a regular meeting. Attendees heard from Dayton High School Alumni Keith Nealey, Director of Engineering at KIRO TV and esports enthusiast.

Nealey has more than 30 years of experience creating graphics and integrating statistics for traditional sports broadcasts. He has worked with companies including CBS, ABC, and ESPN. He has worked closely with Seattle-based professional sports teams, the Sonics, Seahawks, and Sounders FC. Nealey said he got involved with professional esports in 2012 after working on graphics for The International, a world championship for *Dota 2*.

Esports' roots stretch back to 1972 when students from Stanford University held a *Spacewar!* championship, vying for a subscription to *Rolling Stone* magazine. In 2006, FUN Technologies hosted the Worldwide Web Games Championship, with more than \$1 million in prizes, marking the first million-dollar prize in esports history. By the time the *Dota 2* championships were played in Shanghai, China, in 2019, the prize pool was more than \$34 million. In that same year, when the New England Patriots played the LA Rams in Superbowl LIII, the pool was only \$9.4 million, split between the teams.

Nealey described the different categories of games played at the professional level. One of the most recognized genres is first-person shooter games, like *Overwatch* or *Call of Duty: Modern Warfare*. The objective of these games is to eliminate opponents by shooting or other combat means. First-person shooters range from fantasy-inspired characters and weapons, like those in *Overwatch*, to realistic war-scenarios with semi-realistic guns and other weaponry.

Battle royale games, like *Fortnite*, tend to be played by individual competitors. Large groups of players are dropped onto a map where the boundaries shrink during play.

"Eventually, like King of the Hill, only one person is left at the end," Nealey explained. "That last person is the winner."

Multiplayer Online Battle Arena (MOBA) games, like *League of Legends* and *Dota 2*, combine strategy with teamwork. Players move across a map with the objective of scoring points and dominating the enemy team. MOBA games are five-on-five teams, and the map is fixed, meaning it will always be the same.

Digital card games, like *Hearthstone*, are the final category of professional esports, according to Nealey.

Nealey finished up his presentation with a description of The International 2016, *Dota 2* world championships, held in Seattle. He compared the gaming arena to an Olympic venue, reflecting on the amount of work that went into hosting an event of its caliber and the energy in the arena during the gameplay. The setup included 20,000 feet of steel rigging cable, 50 tractor-trailers worth of equipment, 3045 feet of truss, and 208,000 pounds of weight suspended from the Key Arena



Screenshots from the March 25 Dayton Kiwanis Club meeting showing a chart provided by Keith Nealey, that highlights prize money comparisons for popular professional sporting events.

roof. Over 3,600 L.E.D tiles created a floor used to bring characters to life through augmented reality. Broadcasting over 70 hours, let more than 14 million viewers tune in from all corners of the world.

Video games and esports have seen a recent uptick in participation as pandemic restrictions kept everyone home. One attendee shared that video games allowed her son to safely connect with his friends during the shutdown, letting them hang out virtually.

While anyone can be a gamer and go pro, Nealey said that you would truly have to be the "best of the best" in your region, possibly your country, before making your big break.

"These games are readily available for anyone to play. We can all jump in and join a team and do our best, and I think that is the amateur side of things," Nealey said. "There is an ability there, to play and to be good, but to get to that next level, it's just like any other sport nowadays. You have to be the absolute top player in your region, in America, or China, or England... and then you might get picked up to go pro. It's tough."

Esports is quickly becoming a collegiate sport, complete with scholarship opportunities. Now high schools are joining in, creating teams and esports programs. Before in-person restrictions due to the pandemic, Waitsburg High School had an esports team that was part of the High School Esports League (HSEL), which dictates screen time, practices, and game options.

In April of 2020, Twitch (a popular streaming service with gamers worldwide) saw a more than 50% gain in gameplay in a single month, hitting nearly 1.5 billion gaming hours as the world shut down. Esports is a waking giant, and you (or your gamer kiddo) could be the next pro.

Class of 2021 wins Spirit Award during homecoming week

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Monday, March 15, was the first day of the 2021 Homecoming Week at Waitsburg High School. The first costume challenge was Zoom Call Dress Up: Business on the top half, casual on the bottom. The Senior class won both the dress-up contest and the BuffPuff volleyball game, giving them a strong advantage over their lower-classmen. Sophomore Natalie Teal was voted the "Best Dressed Girl," while Senior Shawn Evans was voted the "Best Dressed Boy."

On March 16, the Seniors won the Spirit Day dress-up competition, donning Cardinal Red and Black. Senior Teagen Larsen took home the "Best Dressed Girl" award, and Freshman Blake French was voted the "Best Dressed Boy." Tuesday's game included cornhole, basketball skills, and football tosses. Once again, the Seniors dominated the competition, ending the first half of the school week with a total of 180 points. Sophomores came in second place, with a total of 105 points.

Group B Seniors picked up the lead on Thursday, March 18, winning the

Western Dress Up day. Freshmen took home the "Best Dressed" awards, with Abbi Paolino and Jasper Morrow being voted as the top cowfolk. Juniors got a jumpstart on the second half of the competition, securing the first place slot in the class sign painting competition. Seniors were close behind, in second place.

A genuine upset happened on the last day when the freshman class won the second Spirit Day competition, followed by the senior class. Abbi Paolino was voted the "Best Dressed Girl" for the second day in a row, while Senior Quentin Marcum won the "Best Dressed Boy" award. The Senior class made a needed comeback during the yard game competitions.

The Senior Class ended the week with a total of 310 points, followed by the second place Freshman class, with 228.5. Sophomores placed third, with 182.5 points and juniors brought up the rear with 140 points. Competitions were judged with Waitsburg School District employees.

CLASS COMPETITION GAMES MARCH 16:

- Cornhole: seniors – 1st; sophomores – 2nd; freshmen – 3rd; juniors – 3rd
- Freethrows: seniors – 1st; freshmen – 2nd; sophomores – 3rd; juniors – 4th
- 3 point shots: seniors – 1st; sophomores – 2nd; freshmen – 3rd; juniors – 4th
- Balloon toss: seniors – 1st; sophomores – 2nd; juniors & freshmen – tied
- Football toss: seniors – 1st; freshmen – 2nd; sophomores – 3rd – juniors

CLASS COMPETITION GAMES MARCH 19:

- Bowling volleyball: seniors – 1st; freshmen – 2nd; sophomores – 3rd; juniors – 4th
- Corn hole: freshmen – 1st; juniors – 2nd; sophomores – 3rd; seniors – 4th
- Football toss to hula hoop: sophomores – 1st; freshmen – 2nd; seniors – 3rd; juniors – 4th
- Lawn darts: freshmen – 1st; seniors – 2nd; juniors & sophomores – tied
- Tug-a-War: seniors – 1st; juniors – 2nd; sophomores – 3rd; freshmen – 4th



Karen Huwe

Seniors won the buff puff volleyball game. (left to right) Teagen Larsen, Jillian Foxe, Alvin Knowles, Colton VanBlaricom, Garret Korslund, Grant Teal and Shawn Evans



The Freshman class took second place during Spirit week. Leading the way was Jasper Morrow (left) and Abbi Paolino (right) winning Cowboy dress-up day.

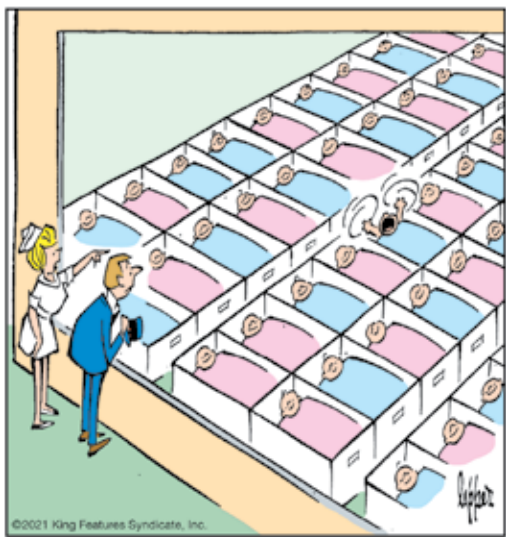
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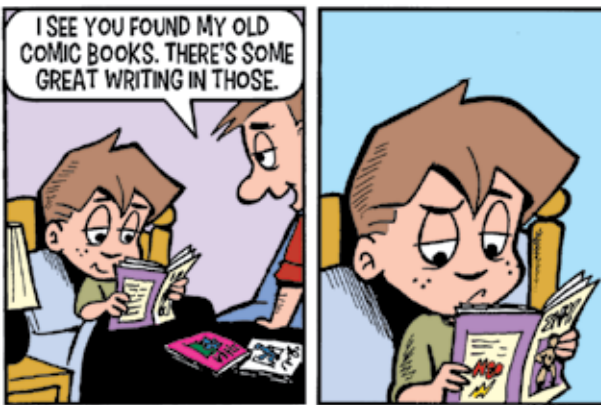


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"That's yours over there—the troublemaker!"

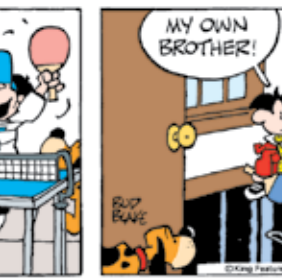
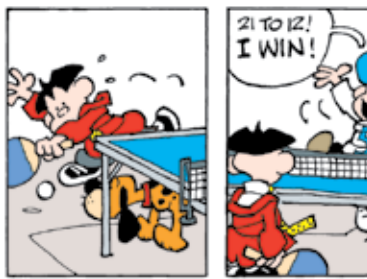
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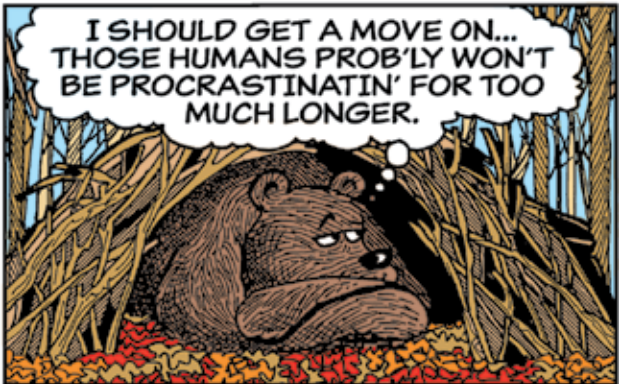
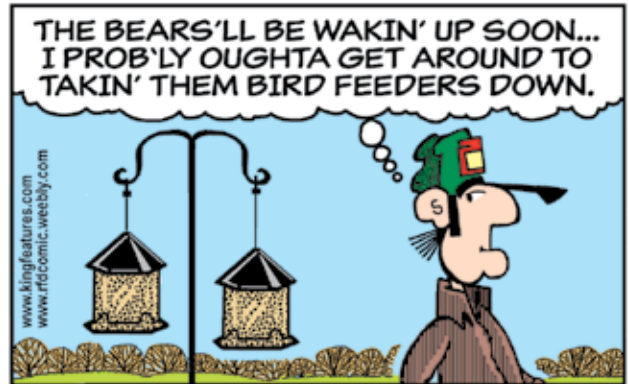
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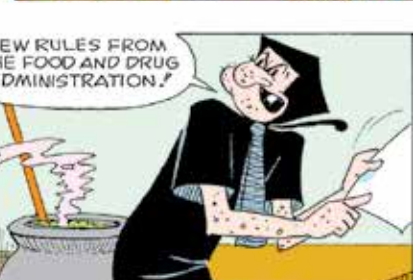
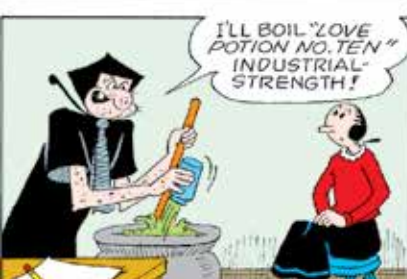
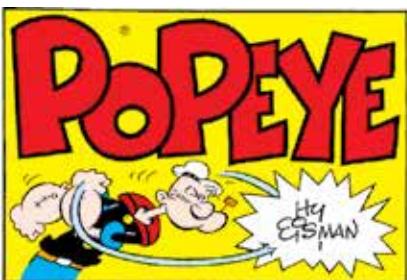
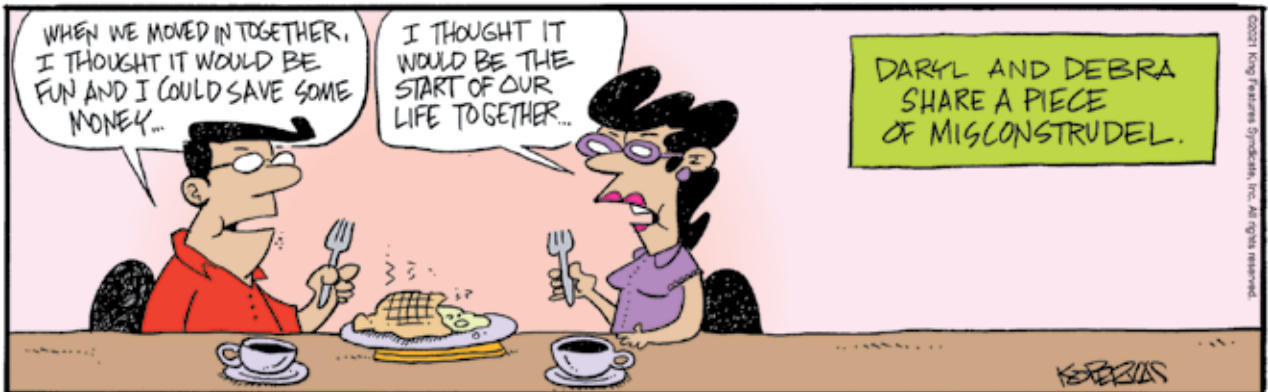
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Out on a Limb

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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

March 31, 2011

Dubbed the Hee-haw Honeys, Columbia County Fair Board Vice President Debbie Bailey, Secretary Christine Broughton, volunteer LeeAnn Literal and President Miranda Bowen performed a skit during Saturday's kickoff.

While the wind and early spring rains still descend on the Touchet Valley more than rays of sun, Erin Horan is already busy planting this year's garden at the Montellet dairy farm.

The Blue Mountain Chapter of Pheasants Forever reported a successful annual banquet in late February. The chapter reports it can now adopt an entire pheasant enclosure at the Pioneer Park Aviary for \$1,000.

Leroy Cunningham explains the meaning of the sign that appeared last week in the empty storefront window of the former "Nothing New Antiques" on Waitsburg's Main Street. The waves that curl into one another like the yin and yang from traditional Chinese philosophy represent his nonprofit organization's goal of sustainability: being in balance with nature and the environment. "It's all about local food production."

Twenty-Five Years Ago

April 4 1996

Scott Branson admits the kids beat him. Waitsburg High School's vo-ag teacher addressed the school board last week and said a team of students placed fourth in the nation in an agricultural commodities trading contest.

The skill and discipline of the martial arts are now being taught at the Cougar DoJo Martial Arts School in Waitsburg. Alan Nelson, a student of Kemp of Kara-Ho karate, is sharing his knowledge and skill in one of the oldest and most effective forms of self defense.

Waitsburg City Council will now have three new members following voting Monday. Two hundred and eighteen people cast ballots in the annual city elections in Waitsburg, a turnout of about 30 percent, higher than the average of less than 15 percent in recent city elections.

Columbia County has the highest unemployment rate of any county in the state, 23.1 percent. The next highest is Pend Oreille County with 17.2 percent.

Fifty Years Ago

April 15, 1971

A Friday windstorm caused extensive damage to this storage building on the Hollis Hawk's farm just south of Waitsburg. Pieces of the roof were found at some distance from the structure which collapsed at an ungainly angle.

Don Thomas reported that the Junior Livestock Show was a success. Don said that a state official was on hand and gave the local show a fine rating in all categories.

E. M. "Red" Mohny stopped by *The Times* office Tuesday to remind potential fishermen in the area that the Touchet River and its tributaries including Coppei Creek, are closed to all fishing until May 23rd.

To remodel a house, first figure the cost of materials. Then estimate the cost of labor, and multiply by three.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

April 26, 1946

Through the medium of the colorful candlelight investiture, Troop 36 bestowed the rank of Tenderfoot on Vance Price, Kenneth Lewis, Fred Gauch, and Mike Archer Thursday evening. Second Class Scout went to Howard Smith, John Fenton, Neal Alexander, Donald Calhoun and David Dilts.

The FFA boys of Waitsburg won second place in the livestock show in Pomeroy this week. J. W. Carson, director accompanied them.

Miss Lucille Nelson became the bride of Harold Bloor at an informal ceremony at St. Patrick's parish house in Walla Walla on April 21.

One Hundred Years Ago

April 29, 1921

Waitsburg's Six-day Summer Chautauqua will be held this year the last week of June.

At the recent session of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, Dr. H.A. Mount of this city, was elected Grand medical Examiner for the lodge in this state.

Mrs. Elmer Dunlap and Mrs. Emory Bruce were charming hostesses at a bridge luncheon at Mrs. Bruce's country home, six miles north of Waitsburg Friday afternoon with 25 ladies motoring out to spend the afternoon playing bridge.

Charles E. Shaffer heads the Commercial Club for the coming year.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

May 1, 1896

A letter from Sam McCown informs us that he is in Johnson County, Missouri is engaged in farming and is right now in the midst of corn planting.

Lots of hogs are being shipped out of the country but the sad feature of it is that with every shipment there is a loss to the farmer that raised and fattened them.

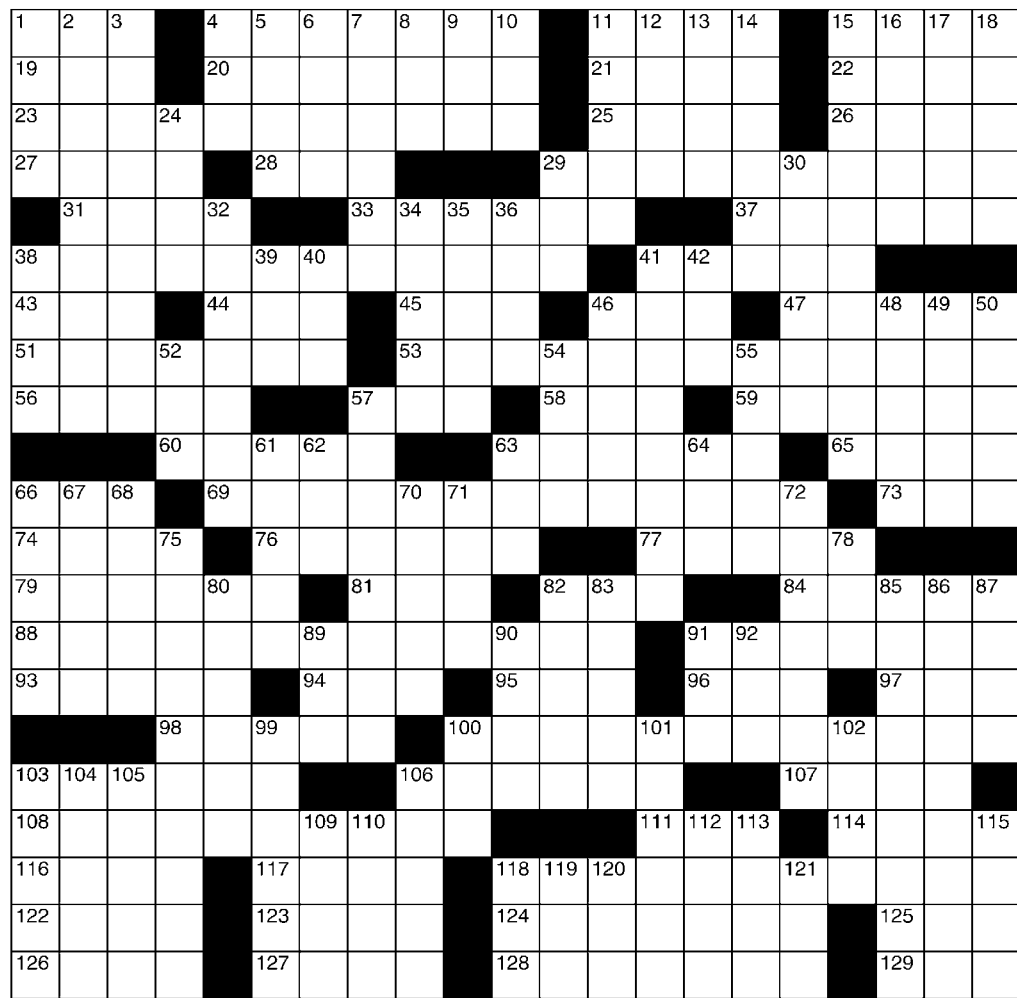
The school children had a grand outing and picnic at Shiloh last Friday. The day was perfect, and with a most excellent program and a fine dinner the little folks were thoroughly happy and will long remember the day and place.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

POWER USERS

- ACROSS**
- 1 It may follow "Co."
 - 4 Give a hug
 - 11 Fave buds
 - 15 Location
 - 19 Sheep sound
 - 20 Flan topping
 - 21 Smell — (be suspicious)
 - 22 — pedi
 - 23 Groups with queens and workers
 - 25 Talk wildly
 - 26 Lickety-split
 - 27 — IRA
 - 28 Ending for host
 - 29 Nitric acid, old-style
 - 31 Knife incision
 - 33 Best Actor awards, e.g.
 - 37 Blood vessel
 - 38 Dairy Queen treat
 - 41 Freshen up
 - 44 Tax-taking org.
 - 45 Razor-billed seabird
 - 46 Made a lap
 - 47 Xenon and neon
 - 51 Some nameplates
 - 53 Certain recyclable
 - 56 Syringe fluid
 - 57 "Touched" actor Beatty
 - 58 Suffix with Midwest
 - 59 Like dweebs
 - 60 Sleep lab study
 - 63 Ocean route
 - 65 Expectation
 - 66 Airport
 - 69 Peddle stuff on the street
 - 73 The, in Cannes
 - 74 Apple product
 - 76 View lustfully
 - 77 Really clean
 - 79 Whole bunch
 - 81 Patriotic ladies' gp.
 - 82 "I told ya!"
 - 84 Hoarse
 - 88 Rival of Evander "The Real Deal"
 - 91 Petroleum distillate used as fuel
 - 93 "Death Be Not Proud" poet
 - 94 Pro vote
 - 95 URL letters
 - 96 Ocean east of N. Car.
 - 97 Eternally, poetically
 - 98 Make thrilled
 - 100 Be really successful
 - 103 — de corps
 - 106 Spanish wife
 - 107 Ozeki's sport
 - 108 Tiny garden pest
 - 111 Mothers
 - 114 Witty writer
 - 116 Showoff's cry
 - 117 Spanish coin
 - 118 Basis of this puzzle's theme
 - 122 Part of QED
 - 123 Deli dish
 - 124 Ouzo flavorer
 - 125 Walk- (small parts)
 - 126 — terrier (dog breed)
 - 127 Wallet bills
 - 128 Items in the classifieds
 - 129 Word that can follow the starts of nine answers in this puzzle to make the names of 118-Across
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Steel girder
 - 2 Measurable in microns
 - 3 Cow carrier on rails
 - 4 With
 - 24-Down, organic cotton garb, maybe
 - 5 Drone, e.g.
 - 6 Dudes
 - 7 Demand from a kidnapper
 - 8 Gallic friend
 - 9 Fair grade
 - 10 Golfer Ernie
 - 11 Brand of root beer
 - 12 German wife
 - 13 — bean (risotto bit)
 - 14 Tennis great
 - 15 Mobile device worn on the wrist
 - 16 Adhesive in an art class
 - 17 Broadcasting
 - 18 Buzzed
 - 24 See 4-Down
 - 29 "How — you?"
 - 30 Salem's state
 - 32 Victory
 - 34 Suffix with land or moon
 - 35 "How — you?"
 - 36 "My Way" lyricist Paul
 - 38 Wee devils
 - 39 Prior to, to a bard
 - 40 Pack animal
 - 41 Material carried away in a deluge
 - 42 End-of-list abbr.
 - 46 Soda insert
 - 48 Bar furniture
 - 49 Flee to marry
 - 50 Monica of the court
 - 52 Sine — non
 - 54 Perceives
 - 55 Purchaser
 - 57 Unaided vision, with "the"
 - 61 Nita of silent films
 - 62 Lamb's mom
 - 63 Stage array
 - 64 Curved bit
 - 66 Unassertive
 - 67 — Gyra (jazz group)
 - 68 Hank of baseball
 - 70 Speechify
 - 71 — a soul (nobody)
 - 72 Excess amount
 - 75 Restaurant rendezvous
 - 78 Crank's cry
 - 80 2001 title role for Audrey Tautou
 - 82 Guide for a DIYer
 - 83 Nobel winner
 - 85 Sauna alternative
 - 86 Remarkable events
 - 87 Lawn locale
 - 89 Kit — bar
 - 90 Graceful bird
 - 91 Slangy refusal
 - 92 From — B
 - 99 Unmoving
 - 100 Drone, e.g.
 - 101 Most docile
 - 102 Litigant
 - 103 — Park, Colorado
 - 104 Fire initiator
 - 105 March 14, to math lovers
 - 106 Stores safely
 - 109 Pack animal
 - 110 Gulf nation
 - 112 Location
 - 113 Storage site
 - 115 Org.'s kin
 - 118 Logger's tool
 - 119 Spanish "a"
 - 120 Dowel, e.g.
 - 121 Figs. on a masthead



MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

Spaghetti alla Carbonara con Asparagi



Spring is here! Birds are chirping, daffodils have finally brought some color to our garden, and fresh local asparagus will soon come into season. While I often serve asparagus simply with just a drizzle of olive oil and a squeeze of lemon, I am always looking for new recipes to highlight this springtime delight. Here, I have tossed asparagus into a classic Roman pasta dish, making a decadent and quick weeknight dinner. Spaghetti alla Carbonara marries eggs, cured pork, and cheese, with plenty of black pepper to create a silky creamy dish that pairs beautifully with the crisp green spears.

Ingredients:

- Salt
- 2 large eggs and 3 large yolks, room temperature
- 1 cup grated Parmesan
- Coarse ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 4 ounces thick cut bacon, sliced into 1/2 inch strips
- 1 bunch asparagus, trimmed and cut in 2-inch lengths
- 2 cloves garlic, sliced
- 1 pound spaghetti
- 3 green onions, sliced

Directions:

Prepare a large pot of salted water and set on medium heat. In a medium bowl whisk together the eggs, yolks, and Parmesan. Season with a pinch of salt and plenty of black pepper.

Add the oil and bacon to a Dutch oven or heavy pot. Sauté over medium heat until the bacon gets crispy and the fat renders out. Remove bacon with slotted spoon and set aside on plate. Next add the asparagus and sauté until tender but still crisp, 3-4 minutes. Add the garlic and stir in for another 30 seconds then take pan off the heat.

Raise heat on water pot to high and bring to a boil. Add pasta and cook until just a bit firmer than al dente, 7-8 minutes. Just before pasta is done, return pan with asparagus to medium-low heat, and add crisped bacon. Reserve 1 cup of the pasta water, then drain pasta. Add cooked pasta to pan with the asparagus and bacon and cook for a minute or two to heat and incorporate.

Take pan off heat, then pour in egg and cheese mixture. Stir in rapidly to melt cheese into sauce, and thoroughly coat all the noodles. Add a little pasta water, a splash at a time, as you stir to create the perfect creaminess. You will not use all the reserved water, perhaps only a couple tablespoons. If sauce gets too thin return pan to low heat and stir gently to reduce. Taste and add more salt if needed. Serve immediately, garnished with a pinch of sliced scallions, additional grated cheese, and a hearty crack of black pepper.

Notes:

Because this dish is made from just a few components, it is important to use the best quality ingredients you can. The base of the sauce is the egg yolks, so use the freshest, cage free eggs you can get. It is important to let the eggs sit on the counter and come to room temperature before cooking.

Classically, this dish is made with Italian guanciale (cured pork cheek), or pancetta (salt cured bacon), but a high-quality thick cut American smoked bacon will also work great.

Carbonara is often made with grated pecorino Romano, which is a hard Italian sheep's milk cheese. If you can find it, try using a blend of half pecorino Romano and half Parmesan.

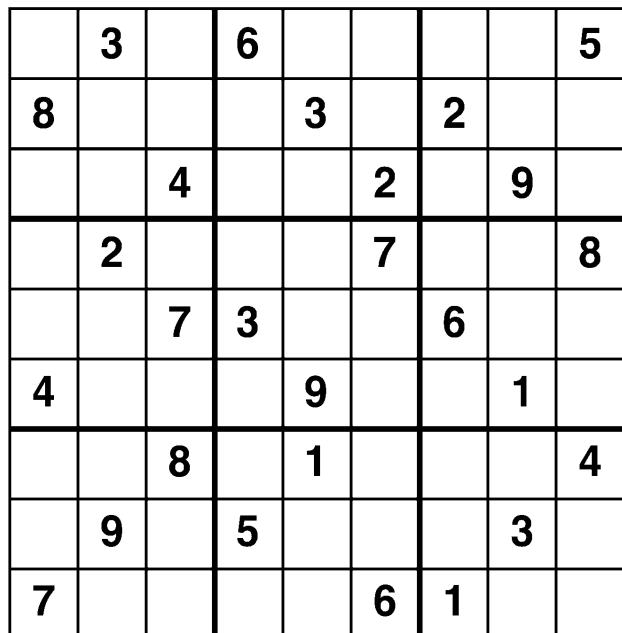
Experiment with other green spring vegetables such as fava beans or English peas in place of the asparagus. Some fresh chopped chervil or tarragon from your garden would be lovely as a garnish with the scallions.

This dish is all about timing. Have all your ingredients prepared and ready to cook before you start. Don't be shy with the black pepper. Mangia!

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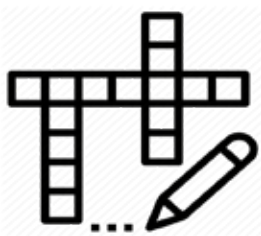


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SHANKOFTHEEVENING
AFFAIR HET ERASES
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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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3 9 1 2 5 7 6 4 8
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Waitsburg distribution event provided 75,000 pounds of fresh food

Volunteers ran a smooth event, benefitting residents from the entire valley

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WAITSBURG—Seventy-five thousand pounds of food from participating sponsors was dropped off at the Waitsburg Elementary School parking lot over the weekend. The semi-trucks that hauled it disappeared as soon as the trailers were empty. Countless smiling volunteers helped distribute every single bit of food to anyone and everyone who drove up.

The food was prepackaged in 30-pound boxes. Dairy staples, including yogurt and butter, and other essential pantry items like fresh potatoes, onions, and apples, were included.

Pastor Matthew Wyatt spearheaded the large-scale event, which took place on March 27 in Waitsburg, after seeing the work long-time friend Mark McKee does with Clean Sweep Tri-Cities. This group includes generous people from all walks of life; recovering addicts, ex-cons, friends, and family who work together to give back to their community through volunteerism and service projects. McKee partnered with Marlando Sparks of Tri-Cities, and the New Beginnings Christian Community Church, to lend a needed hand to Wyatt.

"I saw the work that they were doing and reached out and said 'hey, what about bringing this to Waitsburg,'" said Wyatt. "Not thinking they would do it, I immediately got a call back, and they said 'when can we do it?'"

Wyatt worked with McKee and Sparks to pick a time and place that worked

well for everyone and started spreading the word as soon as the date was chosen.

The 2,500 boxes filled with donated food came from Washington producers, who received pandemic-relief funds with a caveat that the farmers would need to assemble boxes to hand out to community members in need. Food donors included Butter Creek Livestock, INSP, Cascadia Produce, Farmer Frog, and the USDA Farmers to Families program.

"I thought it was an incredible event," said Wyatt. "There were a lot of volunteers involved, all with different churches and different beliefs, different faiths involved. We all had the same mission: to reach out to those who needed it. None of the disagreements of belief or faith came up; it was just us working together. That should happen more often. No matter what we believe, we can all come together for the greater good."

Wyatt said he wanted to extend a special thank you to Girl Scouts Lili Carpenter and Alyssa Hollingsworth, who helped direct traffic and lend a hand where needed and the Church of Latter-Day Saints missionaries who traveled from Milton-Freewater and Dayton to assist. A big thanks go to all the volunteers who gave their time and strong backs, moving 75,000 pounds of food from semi's to cars to trucks to bigger trucks.

"It was just awesome that no matter what our foundational beliefs were, we all came together to love our neighbor," Wyatt shared.



Above: Antoinette Charles and Carol Clarke took a quick break in between loading up cars, enjoying the warm spring weather and happy atmosphere.



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Left: Nathen Kasselder (left) and Ethan Hunt (right), two volunteers from Clean Sweep Tri-Cities, loaded up a Chevy pickup bed with as many food boxes as possible. Pickups and loaded trailers went door-to-door to drop off food to those who were homebound.

Bottom: Mayor Marty Dunn had some help loading up nearly a pallet's worth in the back of his pickup.

Bottom left: Columbia County Undersheriff Robbie Patterson showed up, trailer in tow, and helped load boxes of food to take to Dayton residents who were unable to attend the distribution event last Saturday.



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