



Lane Gwinn

The kids led the Dayton Day Parade on their decorated and colorful bikes. A great start to a great parade on a sunny day in Columbia County.

THIS WEEK



Waitsburg High School Graduates (see page 8 & 9)



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Friends of the Pool ask for public input

THE TIMES

DAYTON— A dedicated group of swimming and water safety enthusiasts are asking for help as planning for a new swimming pool in Dayton enters a critical phase.

The Friends of the Pool (Friends) has contracted with Schemata Workshop, Seattle (architects) and Ballard King & Associates LTD, Highlands Ranch, CO (recreational facility planning and operation consultants). The firms will assist with data collection, development of a community assessment, and designs for a new facility. They will also help facilitate the development of a Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District (MPD) to operate and maintain a new facility in perpetuity.

These professionals are experienced in assisting rural communities in meeting their recreational needs. The Friends successfully raised funds for this work through local fundraising efforts and grants awarded from regional non-profit organizations.

Everyone is encouraged to complete the survey available by using the QR code or log in directly to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Dayton/FP>.

The survey is simple and takes less than five minutes to complete. The information you provide will help the planning team and consultants develop a strategy and forward-looking plan to meet the needs of our community.

The survey is open until June 10, 2022. Please take a moment and tell the team what you want.

The immediate need, with support of the Columbia County Commissioners and voters, is to place a measure on the November 8, 2022, ballot to create an MPD. At least 411 signatures of registered voters are required by August 1, 2022.

The group is working closely with Garfield Parks & Recreation District Board who successfully secured State and legislative funding to upgrade their outdoor pool.

The Friends' goal is to be open, transparent and share each step of this process with our community. The team is open to new members who would like to help bring a new pool to Dayton, please contact Deb Hays at the City of Dayton, (509) 382-2361.



Use this QR code to direct you to the survey.

SLIGHT INCREASE SEEN IN WAITSBURG SALES TAX

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg residents may, or may not, notice a slight increase in sales tax starting July 1. The Transportation Benefit District (TBD) has been in place for the last ten years. It funds transportation improvement projects, including sidewalks, road maintenance, and major reconstruction projects like the millrace grade crossing improvements completed in the previous year.

The city council approved a resolution on November 17, 2021, to put a ballot measure for the February 2022 special election asking voters to authorize a sales and use tax of 0.2% for necessary improvements.

The measure was on the February 8, 2022, special election ballot and was approved by the voters.

The TBD rules allow an increase, not exceeding 0.2% every ten years, and must be approved by voters in the district. The approved measure increased the local sales tax, including an additional 1/10 of 1%, bringing the total sales tax rate to 8.3% from 8.2%.

Threats at Waitsburg Schools determined not credible

The district to facilitate community safety session this summer

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Parents of Waitsburg School District students had a scare after a post on Facebook alerting users of a 'school shooting threat' was rapidly shared online. The events happened less than 24 hours after 19 students and two teachers were killed by a gunman in Uvalde, Texas.

On Wednesday, May 25, a parent of a student enrolled in the district posted on social media that she was aware of death threats being made at the school and urged parents to keep their children home. The parent has since deleted the post.

A number of parents with preschool through high school students opted to keep their kids at home on the following day.

A safety message from Superintendent Mark Pickel was emailed to parents and shared on social media the next day, May 26. In his response to the parent's post, Pickel acknowledged the high levels of anxiety and frustration voiced by parents and the community.

The parent who made the original post contacted the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office, and that office contacted the district's administration. WSD staff worked with the sheriff's office, which conducted an investigation, concluding that the threat was not credible and posed no danger to the students or staff.

Details regarding the threats have not been shared with the public or The Times due to protections offered under the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act.

In the letter to parents, the Waitsburg School District said it would review the school's current emergency plans. These plans were developed in cooperation with local law enforcement agencies and fire departments and are currently in place. District students and staff participate in regular safety drills, including those aimed at school lockdowns, shelter in place, and evacuation drills.

The school does offer the SafeSchools Alert system, which allows students or parents to alert the school quickly and anonymously to any safety threats. The SafeSchools system can be found on the district website, www.waitsburgsd.org.

The school counselor, Rosy Nechodom, is available for parents and students. She can be contacted by calling the district's main office at (509) 337-6301.

The district will continue working with the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office to conduct active-shooter training for staff over the summer, and student drills will begin in the fall.

Pickel said that he is currently working with the school board and the finance office to explore purchasing safety systems, with options including secure badges and buzz-in entrances to regulate access to buildings, interior and exterior cameras, and alarm systems.

Mental health services are being looked at, with Pickel saying that the district has contacted local health agencies, including Comprehensive Mental Health, Walla Walla Department of Community Health, and ESD 123, to see what can be done to enhance resources.

Over the summer, the Regional Safety Center Threat Assessment, a specialized team employed by Educational Services Department 123, will be facilitating a community safety session. Details regarding the session will be shared as they become available.

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NEWS BRIEFS

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LETTERS

AT THE LIBERTY: TOP GUN: MAVERICK

THE TIMES

DAYTON—After more than thirty years of service as one of the Navy's top aviators, Pete "Maverick" Mitchell (Tom Cruise) is where he belongs, pushing the envelope as a courageous test pilot and dodging the advancement in rank that would ground him. When he finds himself training a detachment of Top Gun graduates for a specialized mission the likes of which no living pilot has ever seen, Maverick encounters Lt. Bradley Bradshaw (Miles Teller), call sign: "Rooster," the son of Maverick's late friend and Radar Intercept Officer Lt. Nick Bradshaw, aka "Goose". Facing an uncertain future and confronting the ghosts of his past, Maverick is drawn into a confrontation with his own deepest fears, culminating in a mission that demands the ultimate sacrifice from those who will be chosen to fly it.

Rotten Tomatoes critics rate this at 96% favorable. There are no audience reviews available yet because this movie begins showing in the US on Friday, May 27, when it also opens at the Liberty Theater. The summary from Rotten Tomatoes critics is "Top Gun: Maverick pulls off a feat even trickier than a 4G inverted dive, delivering a long-belated sequel that surpasses its predecessor in wildly entertaining style." CNN says "Nimbly mixing nostalgia and full-throttle action, Top Gun: Maverick soars higher than it has any right to, constructing a mostly terrific sequel 36 years later..." This movie is rated PG-13 (sequences of intense action, and some strong language). Commonsense media agrees that this movie is suitable for children over 12, although it notes there is some swearing (including use of the F word). Runtime is 2 hr. 10 mins. This movie will show at the Liberty Theater on May 27-June 7 (2 weeks).

Please see our nearby advertisement, or our website, for movie dates and times. Masks are no longer required at the Liberty Theater, and we have reduced the group seating distancing requirements to 1 seat buffers in each direction between groups. We appreciate your cooperation.

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WHEN THE RIVER BECOMES A CLOUD

THE TIMES

PRESCOTT—On Thursday, June 9th, Prescott School will be having a unique all-school experiential art activity titled, "When the River Becomes a Cloud." Prescott School's long-term Artists-in-Residence, Amanda Leigh Evans and Tia Kramer, will choreograph students from Pre-K through grade 12, in concert with school staff and teachers, into an embodied river that moves through the school campus.

Wearing a rainbow of monochromatic shirts created for the event, the school community will move through a series of art experiences simulating aspects of the water cycle. The project uses the metaphor of water's transformation to embody the school's social-emotional learning and arts curriculum.

This project was created as part of Carnegie Picture Lab's Rural Art Initiative and supported in part by grants received from the Sherwood Trust and Blue Mountain Community Foundation.

This is a school community event. Visitors must RSVP to the artists. To participate or for more information, contact amanda.leigh.evans@gmail.com or tiakramer@gmail.com.

Amanda Leigh Evans is an artist, educator, and cultivator seeking a deeper understanding of our social and ecological interdependence. She makes clay objects, gardens, books, websites, videos, and sculptures and participates in collaborative systems.

Evans holds an MFA in Art and Social Practice from Portland State University and a BACC in ceramics from Cal State Long Beach. She was raised in the Inland Empire and rural Nevada County, CA, and lives and works in the Pacific Northwest.

From 2016 to 2021, Evans worked as an artist-in-residence at a 120-unit affordable housing apartment complex in East Portland, Oregon. In collaboration with her neighbors, she cultivated The Living School of Art (<http://livingschoolart.info>), an intergenerational art collective and alternative art school. From 2014 to 2022, she was a core collaborating artist at KSMoCA (www.ksmoca.com), a contemporary art museum inside a public elementary school in Portland. Currently, she is a Visiting Assistant Professor teaching ceramics and social practice at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington. www.amandaleighevans.com

Tia Kramer is an interdisciplinary art, social choreographer, performer, and educator interested in everyday gestures of human connection. She creates experiences that interrupt the ordinary, engaging participants in embodied poetry and collective imagination.

Recent projects include "For You, and Us," a series of performances created with and for an audience of one person and devised in collaboration with members of their shared communities. The last of these, "What You Touch You Cannot See: Performance for Phil" was created for her mail carrier, Phil, and unfolded along his mail route with the collaborative participation of 87 residents.

Tia holds an MFA in Art and Social Practice from Portland State University and a Post Bacc in Fiber and Material Studies from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Originally from Iowa, she is now rooted in Walla Walla, Washington. In 2018 co-founded the Walla Walla Immigrant Rights Coalition's Colectivo de Arte Social, which initiates bold creative projects like The Listeners Project: Quermos Escucharte (www.tlpww.org), to share unheard stories from the Walla Walla Valley. Tia finds delight in asking questions, gardening, running a 9 (or 10) minute mile and being with her partner, two young kids, and studio dog, Otis. www.tiakramer.com

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 Betty (Zastrow) Schirman
 8/5/1928 - 9/25/2021
 Recalling 93 God
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 Dayton United Methodist
 Church
 Third & Clay Street
 June 11, 2022
 We will begin @ 2:00 p.m.



Betty Schirman



Lane Gwinn
 Neighbors United for Progress hosted an ice cream social after the Dayton Days parade. A crowd gathered at Caboose Park to learn about the new political PAC and meet Columbia County Commissioner candidate Jack Miller.

Letter to the Editor:

I am writing regarding the new Columbia County Public Health Department director, and concerns that, according to last week's Letter to the Editor from Shellie McLeod, the new director is unfit for the position. This is apparently because of the new director's personal stance on vaccination mandates imposed by career politician Jay Inslee upon state and healthcare workers. (As an aside, Inslee, through state emergency powers that he refuses to relinquish after more than two years, effectively runs the state by himself, creating rules and mandates without any input from or checks and balances by the state legislature.)

According to McLeod, the new director "left her job at Columbia County Health System rather than follow healthcare guidelines put forth by medical experts," and this decision of asserting medical autonomy over her own body and life "does not instill confidence regarding the safety of the community if another public health crisis were to occur."

I, personally, am delighted - and surprised - that any government health official would question "authority," and when the next health crisis arrives (Monkeypox? FerretFlu? ZetaEtaTheta Variant?) feel mildly relieved that someone in a position of power (whether or not that position of power should exist at all) will not automatically, like an automaton, crack down, lock down, and crush, quash, subjugate and suppress anyone who chooses not to obey the dictates of "experts." I find nothing wrong with a government "health" official who values the individual's right to determine their medical choices.

It takes a tremendous amount of courage to stand up against the State, and those people who were fired from their jobs - by the State - rather than be coerced -- by the State -- into injecting an experimental chemical concoction into their veins are to be honored, not vilified. Many of these people were justifiably concerned that nobody, from the government to the corporate pharmaceutical manufacturers of this highly profitable, rushed product, was willing to accept legal liability for any injury or damage caused.

Perhaps that's the type of person the county commissioners were looking for when they made their choice.

Carolyn Henderson
 Dayton, Wash.

To the Editor,

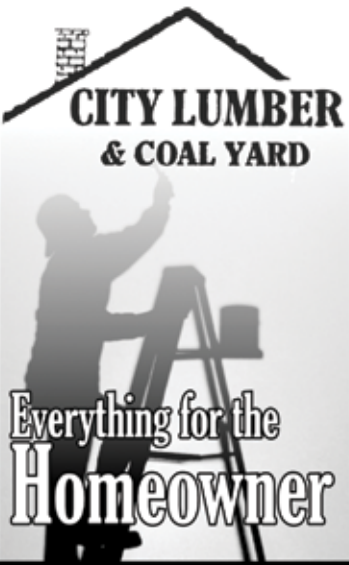
I wanted to acknowledge how well the Ice Cream Social held by the new political action committee the Neighbors United for Progress was this last Saturday.

Holding it immediately after the parade was a wonderful idea and gave people something further to do after the parade had ended. It was an excellent addition to this year's activities and should be considered as something to have every year.

As a member of a political action committee myself I can appreciate the time effort and energy that went into making this event happen.

In a self-governing society such as ours, civic engagement is crucial. We applaud every effort made to encourage this.

Sincerely,
 Charles Amerein
 Dayton, Wash.



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| 2. 300 E 7th St | 8. 215 W 4th St |
| 3. 316 Willard St | 9. 704 W 4th St |
| 4. 500 Orchard St | 10. 345 W 7th St |
| 5. 610 E 6th | 11. 414 W 2nd St |
| 6. Waitsburg Town Hall-
121 Main St | 12. 14545 E Hwy 124 |
| | 13. 123 W 7th St |
| | 14. 321 W 7th St |



Sales in Prescott

- 1 - 106 N C Street
- 2 - 205 E 3rd Street #13
- 3 - 205 E 3rd Street #12
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CALENDAR

Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings



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

Waitsburg School Board
Third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m.

Zoom meeting information is available at <https://www.waitsburgsd.org/o/ waitsburg-school-district/page/school-board--272>

Waitsburg Commercial Club

Last Thursday of each month
June 30, noon

American 35, Main Street, Waitsburg
Zoom info available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

First and third Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Ten Ton Coffee, 216 Main St Waitsburg
For more information email: waitsburgpr@protonmail.com

Community Health & Protection Committee

8:30 AM - Tuesday, June 21, 2022
Waitsburg City Hall and on Zoom

Walla Walla County Commissioners

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

Friends of the Weller Public Library



4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m.
Weller Public Library,
212 Main Street, Waitsburg

Weller Library Book Club
Third Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
at Weller Public Library

Weller Library Board of Trustees Meeting
2nd Tuesday of each month

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

Board of Columbia County Commissioners
First and second Monday of each month at 9 a.m.

Board of Columbia County Commissioners work session meetings Second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.
Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

Dayton City Council

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

Dayton School Board

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

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

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

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

April 25 at 7 p.m. (Changed date from April 18)
Delaney room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

Dayton Memorial Library

Discovery Kids
Every Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting

Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon
Hybrid in-person meetings at the Delaney Library with online Zoom available.
Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650

Starbuck City Council

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



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Weller Library Story Times
Every Thursday at Weller Library
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Weller Library Crafts

Every Thursday at Weller Library
3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Waitsburg Farmers Market

May 27, Nancy's Dream Garden Center
9 a.m.

Waitsburg Art Garden (WAG)

Every Saturday, 10am to 3 pm
Featuring curated shows, hosted by the artists.
WAG is located in the little green Quonset hut across from Ten Ton Coffee and The Royal Block in Waitsburg.
A chance to meet local artists and enjoy their art in a one of a kind space.

DAYTON

Columbia County Rural Library

A Night at the Library
May 27
4 p.m - 6 p.m.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Town Hall
Dayton Elementary Multipurpose room
June 2, 6 p.m.



WALLA WALLA

Walla Walla Food Truck Night

Monday June 6th at 5 p.m.
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Downtown Walla Walla

Farmers Market
Saturdays, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.
4th and Main, Walla Walla

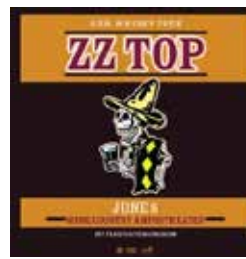
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June 8, 2022



Aaron Lewis
June 10, 2022



Bonnie Raitt
Mavis Staples
August 17, 2022



Chris Isaak and Lyle Lovett
June 28, 2022

BIRTHDAYS

June 2: John Avery, Jared Farley, Mitch Adams, Matthew Leid, Jerri Lambert, Becki Maki, Dallas Uthe, Shannon Mock, Cathy Eastwood, Angela De-Long, Amber Mellish, Jillian Henze.

June 3: Jim Bloor, Janice Klick, Melinda Nubla, June Van Denventer, Lynne Robinson, and Sharon Sherlock.

June 4: Kyle Dozier, Anthony Morgan, Dick Hodge, Angela Campbell, Charlee Long.

June 5: Robert Zuger.

June 6: Angie Lincoln, Bill Wert, and Melissa Lehr.

June 7: Judy Adkins and Dana Maki.

June 8: Jamie Gritman, Patty Hendrickson, Sarah Price, Gary Cox and Kevin Erickson.



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LEGALS & NEWS



Lane Gwinn

The Neighbors United for Progress float festooned with traditional red, white, and blue bunting.

Fun? SURE IT IS
WAITSBURG WELCOMES TOUR OF WALLA WALLA CYCLISTS

June 3rd 2022

Welcome the Tour of Walla Walla bicyclists as they ride down Main Street- With Cowbells!

Join Waitsburg Commercial Club at American 35
 Family-friendly, non-hosted event.
 Food and drink are available for purchase.
 Cowbells will be there for the ringing.

Friday, June 3, at 10 a.m., American 35

DAYTON SCHOOL BOARD MET TWICE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Dayton School Board held two special board meetings, the first at 5 p.m., May 26, 2022, and the second at 3 p.m., May 27, 2022. All were present at the first of two meetings, Zac Fabian, Grant Griffen, Chair Jeffrey McCowen, Korinda Wallace, and Superintendent Guy Strot. Aneesha Dieu joined the meeting on Zoom sometime during the executive session.

For the second meeting, Strot attended by Zoom, Zac Fabian, Grant Griffen, Chair Jeffrey McCowen, and Dieu were present in person; Wallace did not appear to be present for the public or executive meetings.

The agenda for both meetings were virtually identical; They were to discuss the Qualifications of an Individual for Public Employment and act on the recommendation to adopt resolution 2021-03 Administrative Structure.

Resolution 2021-03 would allow the board to hire a part-time secondary principal and a second part-time superintendent instead of replacing the combined full-time position to fulfill both roles. After the executive session, the board had the option to approve the resolution and to fill one or both of the newly created positions.

Both meetings retired to executive session immediately after the pledge of allegiance. The first of the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m. after tabling action on Resolution 2021-03.

The second special meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m. without taking any action. There was no discussion of Resolution 2021-03 in either public session.



Lane Gwinn

Princesses Alexis and Chloe ride for the Pendleton Roundup.

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
 Worship 10:00 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
 Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
 337-6235
 Rev. Jimmie Daves

Waitsburg Christian Church

604 Main St
 Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Each Sunday
 337-8898
 Rev. Cameron Hedges

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Prescott School District No. 402-37, Walla Walla and Columbia Counties, Washington (the "District") will hold a Special Meeting/Work Session on June 23, 2022 at 9:00 am at Vista Hermosa Retreat House located at 1277 Neff Road, Prescott, WA 99348. The meeting is being called to Review Annual Board Goals and Set Board Goals for 2022-23. The meeting will follow the guidelines of a Board Work Session. To ensure compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 42.30 RCW), the Board will treat the meeting on June 23, 2022 as a special meeting, and provide notice of this meeting as required by law. Subsequent to the Special Meeting the Board will meet for the purpose of fixing and adopting the proposed 2022-23 School Year Budget, at the Regular Board Meeting/Budget Hearing at 1:00 p.m. in the same location. All District residents are invited to attend the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the Budget under RCW 28A.505.240. Copies of the Budget will be available at the hearing or can be obtained after that date at the district office. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Justin Bradford Secretary to the Board. The Times June 2, 9, 2022 6-2-b

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WA The Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 13, 2022, at 11:15 AM or as close thereto as possible, relating to proposed amendments to the land use and planning fee schedule (Walla Walla County Code Chapter 3.08). Walla Walla County Land Use

Fee Update

The application current fees do not adequately compensate the County for all its costs of processing land use planning applications and preparing detailed reports and statements required by County code and State law. RCW 26.32.120 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to establish a fee schedule. The proposed amendment would increase the land use application fees established in Walla Walla County Code (WWCC) Chapter 3.08 for the purpose of recovering some portion of the processing cost of zoning, platting, and other land use and development related permit applications. In 2019 the BOCC approved fee increases with the expectation that they would be regularly updated to address actual costs. The proposed fee updates build on the methodology established in 2019. Written comments regarding these amendments may be submitted prior to and at the hearing on June 13. This is expected to be the final opportunity to comment; written comments cannot be accepted after the public hearing is closed by the Board of County Commissioners. Send written comments to the following address: Board of County Commissioners c/o Walla Walla County Community Development Department 310 W. Poplar Street, Suite 200 Walla Walla, WA 99362 commdev@co.walla-walla.wa.us PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION Monday, June 13, 2022, 11:15 AM In person: County Public Health and Legislative Building 314 West Main Street, 2nd floor - Room 213 Walla Walla, Washington Virtual: Cisco Webex Call in: 1-408-418-9388 | Access code: 146 784 0290 Meeting link: https://wwco.webex.com/wwco/j.php?MTID=m6ef6c0710e4eb-

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Any interested person may comment on this application, receive notice, and participate in any hearings and request a copy of the decision. FOR MORE INFORMATION: For more information regarding this meeting, please contact Lauren Prentice, Director, at 509-524-2610 or commdev@co.walla-walla.wa.us. Walla Walla County complies with ADA; reasonable accommodation provided with 3 days notice. The Times June 2, 2022 6-2-c

CALL FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that Prescott School District No. 402-37, Prescott, WA 99348 is requesting sealed bids for the following surplus vehicles: 1 2009 International 53 Passenger Bus Mileage: 124,982 VIN # 4DRBUAAL49B674340 Interested parties may call Justin Bradford, Superintendent, 509-849-2217 to set up an appointment to look at the vehicle. Sealed bids with a minimum value of \$1,000 will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. June 15, 2022 and should be mailed or delivered to Justin Bradford, Superintendent, Prescott School District No. 402-37, POB 65, Prescott, WA 99348. Bids will be opened at the board meeting June 16, 2022. Mark "SEALED BID" plainly on the envelope. The Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any or all quotations and to waive any informalities. Justin Bradford Superintendent Prescott School District No. 402-37 POB 65 Prescott, WA 99348 The Times May 26, June 2, 2022 5-26-a

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO. 22 4 00110 36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS In re the Estate of LAURA B. MAIER, 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 by RCW 11.40.070 by serving or mailing to the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051, and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of first publication: 2 June, 2022 Personal Representative: Joseph J. Maier c/o Michael E. de Grasse Counsel for Personal Representative 59 S. Palouse St. P. O. Box 494 Walla Walla, WA 99362 Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No.: 22 4 00110 36 /s/ Joseph J. Maier, Personal Representative The Times June 2, 9, 16, 2022 6-2-a

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HELP WANTED: RESOURCE TECHNICIAN POSITION

Columbia Conservation District is seeking to hire a Resource Technician. This position requires working closely with local landowners, coworkers, conservation partners and others to develop and implement voluntary conservation plans specific to each landowner's resource needs. Applicants should have knowledge/experience in working with conservation district issues, production agriculture, project management, government agency operations and procedures, computer operations, and the public. Detailed job description and application can be obtained at the district office, 202 South 2nd St., Dayton, Washington, 509-382-4273, Districtmanager@columbicd.com.



HELP WANTED – ADMIN. ASSISTANT
Prescott Schools is hiring an Administrative Assist. III. This person will provide administrative assistant support to the Superintendent and the Board of Directors; coordinate the flow of administrative actions and communications to and from the Superintendent's office, including all-district support services; communicate with the public on behalf of the Superintendent. See the full job description on our website at prescottsd.org Contact Justin Bradford with questions at 509-280-7663.



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Lane Gwinn

The Walla Walla Wagonettes in formation at the Dayton Days Parade.

Palouse Outdoors: Taming the Tiger (Trout)

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

The pond could not have been more than a couple of acres, just small enough that I could fish a full lap around in my float tube before the consequences of sitting belly-deep in frigid water required a scramble to shore. The shorelines were steep and shaded by conifers except for along the manmade dam, which allowed enough sunlight to encourage a healthy aquatic vegetation bed to grow.

Per my usual mode of operation on trout waters, I cast a small wooly bugger-like fly on a five-weight rod and stripped the fly in quickly once it sank a few feet. It was early June, and the trout were on fire as the sun gained elevation - its warmth rousing the aquatic insects.

Casting parallel to the weed line, I stripped the fly, paused to let it sink, then stripped again. The pause often provokes a strike from fish who are not quite sold on the meal, which is exactly what happened in this instance. I felt the weight of the fish as I tried to strip the fly, embedding the hook in its upper jaw. The fish darted for the weeds and then shot across the open water like a rocket. A short float tube ride behind the zealous fish landed a trout specimen that was only mythical in my youth.

The "tiger trout" is a genetic anomaly - the spawn of a male brook trout and female brown trout. While this unlikely pairing occurs rarely in the wild, sport fishery managers have been spawning these sterile hybrids in hatcheries and stocking them across the nation for decades, including here in Washington.

Tiger trout typically possess the desired traits of both parents, which include being aggressive feeders, boasting a buttery-rich golden to brown coloration, and sporting the intricate vermiculation of the brook trout across much or all of its body. To ice the cake, hybrid fish typically grow bigger and faster than fish of



A colorful tiger trout about to be landed.

normal genetics because they do not allocate energy to gonad development and reproduction.

Due to their aggressive nature and sterility, tiger trout are often stocked in water bodies where a particular fish population like shad has become overpopulated. These effective predators help to balance out the other fish populations by preying upon them, reducing their numbers, and helping the typical age, size, and reproductive classes to reestablish with a low risk of the new species taking over.

Later in the morning, while stripping my streamer through another weedy patch, my line went tight but seemed to be hung up on the vegetation. A few yanks on the line spurred into motion my biggest tiger trout to date. Steering the fish free of the weeds and logs was a challenge, but after a few minutes of delicately working the drag and trying to flip my float tube free of the debris, glimpses of the eighteen-incher began to flash in the sunrays that were streaming down into the water column. I was able to maneuver to shore, where I eventually landed the fish, which fought like something twice its size.

In the shallows at my feet appeared to be a beefy brown trout that must have rolled out of bed and groggily put on the wrong shirt before having coffee. The fish wore the most textbook features of both brook and brown trout. Its base layer was golden on top, fading into the brilliant yellow-brown trout belly. Rather than spots, the fish was covered head to tail in bronze to nearly burgundy brook trout vermiculation with a hint of the char's white leading fin spines and a light dash of teal painted down the lateral line - an immaculate and unique spectacle that I have not seen duplicated.

If you are looking for a new experience chasing feisty trout, early summer and fall are great times to plan a weekend camping trip to a mountain lake in search of tiger trout. Small streamers on the fly rod are the perfect gear, but if fly-fishing is not your forte, tiger trout will gladly chase down small spoons, spinners, and live bait where its legal to use.

Where to fish? Visit the following websites for locations in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

Washington - Tiger trout | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife

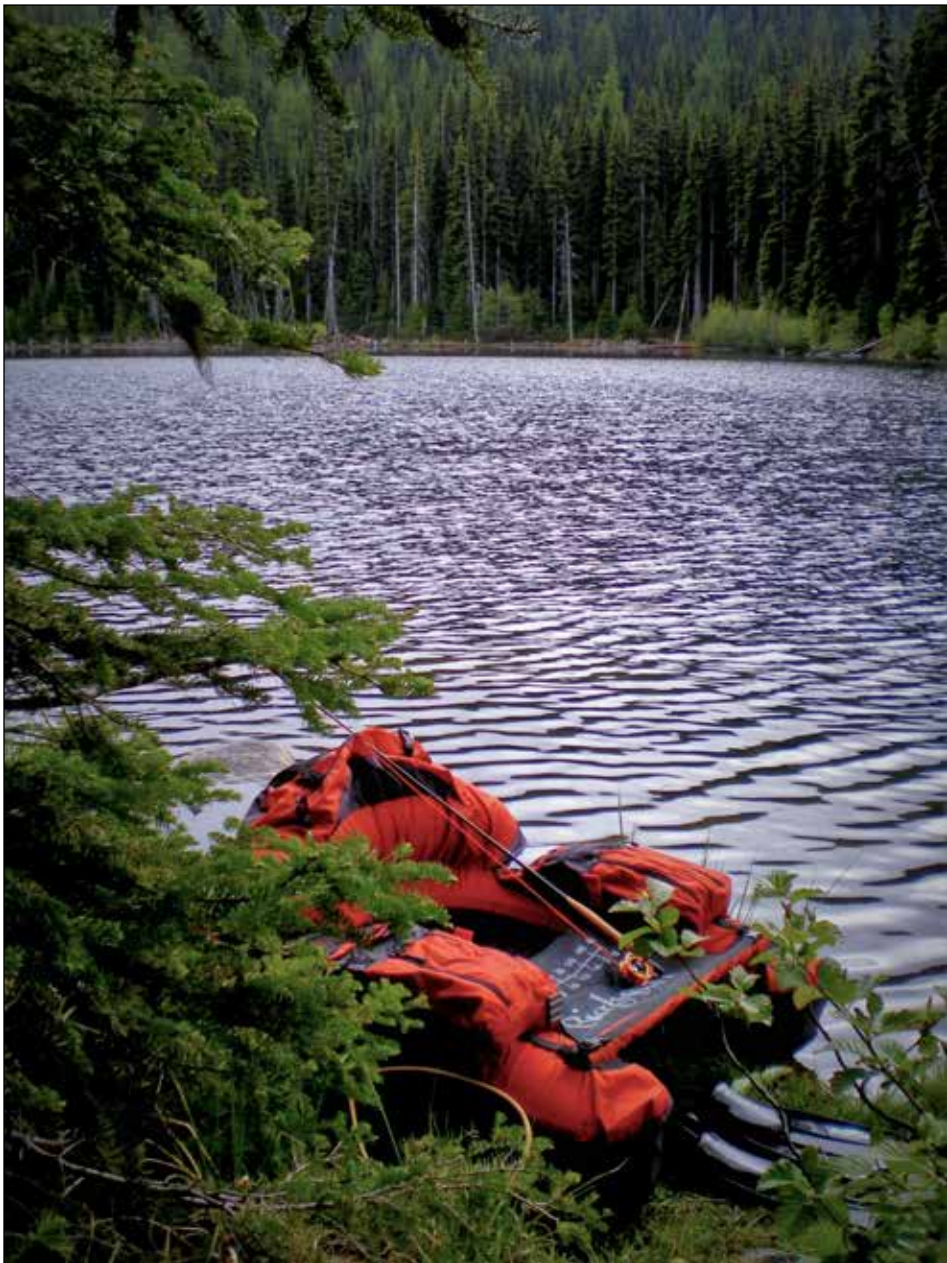
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Oregon - Tiger trout | Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife

<https://tinyurl.com/ymdcw8c6>

Idaho - Becker Pond produces state record tiger trout | Idaho Fish and Game

<https://tinyurl.com/jrjknvay>



An artistic rendering of Trumbo's personal-best tiger trout as it was released back into the cool mountain waters.

Float tubes and fly rods on small mountain lakes are a recipe for tiger trout in central Washington.

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CLASS OF 2022



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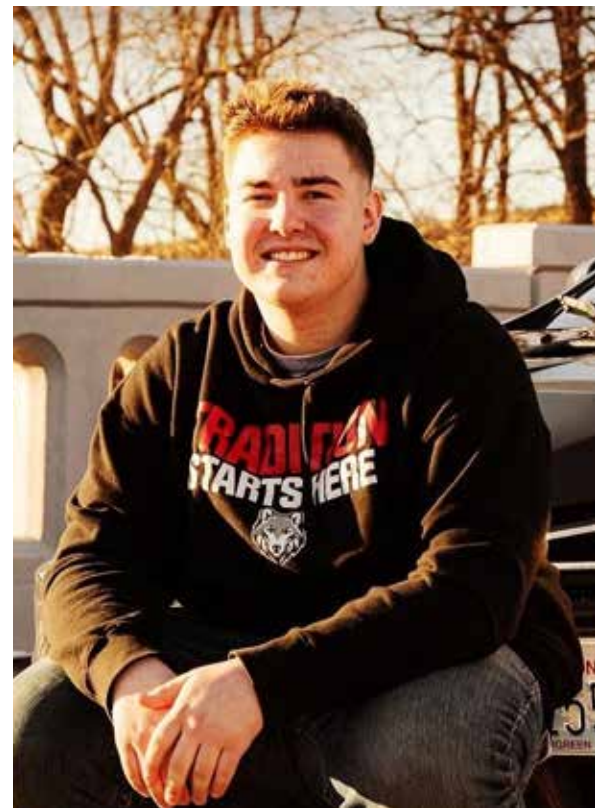
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LIFESTYLES

Around the Valley: With Karen Huwe

Student Spotlights

Senior McKenzie (Kenzie) Lewis recently was awarded the State Degree at the Washington State FFA Convention. The State Degree is bestowed to FFA members after meeting ten requirements set forth by the state constitution. Some of those requirements are serving as an officer, working over 300 hours outside scheduled class time on an SAE project, demonstrating leadership, participating in five different FFA activities above chapter level, and completing at least 25 hours of community service.

She currently holds the office of FFA President at Waitsburg High School. She is also the District 6 Sentinel. During her four years as a member of the organization, she has been the vice-president (sophomore year) and the secretary (junior year). Kenzie has shown goats at the local fair and was a swine clerk her junior year. She has participated in livestock judging and other FFA competitions such as parliamentary procedure and Conduct of Chapter.

Parents Maisee and Anthony and siblings Kaitlyn, Logan, and Hannah are big supporters of Kenzie. Besides FFA, Kenzie loves to fly and is working on getting her pilot license. She plans to become a real estate agent after high school. Kenzie believes in the FFA motto: Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve, and encourages all students to be involved in FFA.



Submitted photos

McKensie (Kenzie) Lewis accepting the State Degree awarded at the Washington State FFA Convention.



Brandon Leroue

Waitsburg High School Junior Brandon Leroue has been bowling for the past six years. As a member of the Walla Walla Youth bowling team, he has won twice in the individual competition and twice in the team competition. This season he made it to the Pepsi State tournament in Tacoma after placing in the top 16 in the Pepsi sectionals.

The bowling season starts in September and ends in March. Brandon travels to tournaments in Walla Walla (at Bowlaway and Stardust), Tacoma, Wenatchee, and Pullman. His support team includes his parents, Mark and Kim, along with his siblings, Mark Jr and Leah. Brandon continues to practice in the off season, and he really enjoys helping others learn to bowl.



Natalie Teal

Junior Natalie Teal will be the Waitsburg High School ASB President for the 2022-2023 school year. An inspiring young lady, she has plans to improve school pride and to instill an excitement in students to enjoy learning. Planning fun activities while dealing with present and current issues will be no easy task, but with Natalie's enthusiasm and drive, she will succeed in all that she attempts.

Natalie's older brother, Grant, graduated from WHS and with her two younger siblings, Graycen and Ellie, soon to be in high school, she is ready to get freshmen excited to be involved in classes, sports and clubs. Her supportive parents are Angie and Josh.

Besides the desire to make her classmates' senior year a memorable one, Natalie enjoys music, band, reading and creative writing. She will focus on English and music classes this fall in her preparation to become an English or music teacher after high school.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

May 31, 2012

Eighty-one-year-old Booker Rest Home resident Louis Razzolini is no stranger to making his opinions known. But to Razzolini's fellow tenants he is more than just a friendly neighbor; he's a megaphone for people who often can't speak up for themselves. Razzolini, who is best known as just "Louie," is a representative to the Columbia County Health System's board of commissioners for the Booker Rest Home. He visits board meetings on the fourth Thursday of every month to bring up suggestions and complaints. "I keep my eyes and ears open," Razzolini said.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

June 5, 1997

Saturday afternoon's torrential rainstorm seemed to clear the air for a very successful reunion and banquet of the Waitsburg High School Alumni Association, as more than 170 gathered for the event. Roy Leid called the classes to dinner, followed by the flag salute led by Bernard Donnelly, Tom Baker delivered the invocation. The class of '97 was welcomed by Marge Benson, '66, and the response by Del Benson, '97. Neil Henze, association president, presided over the meeting. Linda Stonecipher acted as recording secretary in the absence of Lynn Mantz-Powers.

Fifty Years Ago

June 1, 1972



[Photo Caption] Waitsburg Alumni weekend Class of 1962: Seated, Sue Lawrence Talbott, Yakima; Bert Aylward, Waitsburg; Lynn Mantz Wood, Bellingham. Standing, Jim Bennett, Yakima; Ed Bird, Ellensburg; Duane Gusse, Ridgefield; Bill Donley, Walla Walla and Garry Katsel, Seattle.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

June 6, 1947

Showers starting Sunday afternoon ended the long dry spell in this area which was causing the farmers much concern over their crops.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bloor are the parents of twins, a 5-pound boy and a 6-pound girl born Tuesday morning at St. Mary Hospital in Walla Walla.

By a vote of 35 to 0 Eureka voted last Saturday for the establishment of a fire protection district.

With a simple but impressive ritualistic ceremony, the American Legion on Memorial Day honored the memory of men of the community who lost their lives in three great wars.

One Hundred Years Ago

June 2, 1922

The new fruit warehouse at Huntsville is now well under way. The concrete foundation is completed, and the lumber is on the ground.

The Sunday school children and teachers and pastor, R. O. Williams and wife of the Presbyterian Church went to Ellis Laidlaw's home near Dixie Friday for a picnic dinner and went to Lamb's grove where they enjoyed a splendid time.

The thoroughbreds and the harness horses at the track exceed in number any previous race meeting here. Forty-nine runners and fifteen trotters were listed Wednesday morning.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

June 4, 1897

Members of the Waitsburg Academy graduating class are Adelle Morgan, Fannie Weller, Rose Nalder, Mae Darden, Frank Robinson and Manuel Sweazy.

Married in Walla Walla, Monday, May 31, J. M. Stewart and Miss Melinda Zumwalt, both well and favorably known in this city. Mr. Stewart until recently has been employed in the J. H. James Barber Shop. Miss Zumwalt is a daughter of John Sampson, a prosperous farmer on the Coppei and she is held in the highest esteem by all who know her. We wish them happiness.

F. Petrie lost 100 chickens in the recent flood in Spring Valley. Mr. Wagoner lost a wagon, and his large barn was moved two feet on its foundation.

Touchet Valley Weather

June 1, 2022

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday Partly Cloudy High: 80 Low: 59	Thursday Isolated T-storms High: 79 Low: 58	Friday Scattered T-storms High: 78 Low: 59	Saturday Few Showers High: 74 Low: 56	Sunday Few Showers High: 71 Low: 52	Monday Few Showers High: 70 Low: 53	Tuesday Cloudy High: 73 Low: 54

Weather Trivia

Why did the Greeks and Romans erect temples at sites where lightning struck?

Answer: They did this in an attempt to appease the gods.

Weather History

June 1, 1812 - Apple trees at New Haven, Conn. did not blossom until June 1, the latest such occurrence during the period beginning in 1794. Snow whitened the ground in Cleveland and Rochester, N.Y.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	69	45	74/51	Trace	0.77"
Wednesday	75	57	74/52	0.00"	0.49"
Thursday	78	54	74/52	0.07"	+0.28"
Friday	67	52	74/52	0.06"	58.0°
Saturday	66	49	74/52	0.08"	63.1°
Sunday	53	47	75/52	0.49"	-5.1°
Monday	54	46	75/52	0.07"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

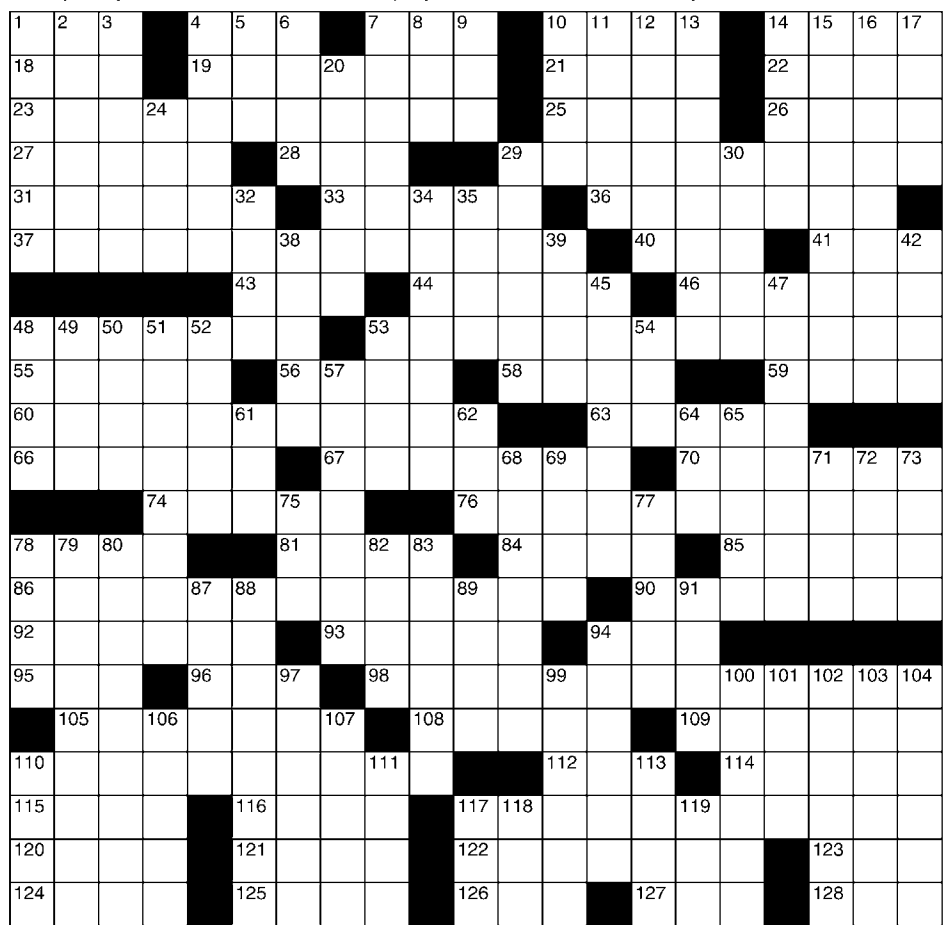
Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	5:05 a.m.	8:37 p.m.	6:23 a.m.	11:10 p.m.
Thursday	5:04 a.m.	8:37 p.m.	7:15 a.m.	11:54 p.m.
Friday	5:04 a.m.	8:38 p.m.	8:14 a.m.	Next Day
Saturday	5:03 a.m.	8:39 p.m.	9:18 a.m.	12:29 a.m.
Sunday	5:03 a.m.	8:40 p.m.	10:25 a.m.	12:58 a.m.
Monday	5:03 a.m.	8:41 p.m.	11:33 a.m.	1:22 a.m.
Tuesday	5:02 a.m.	8:41 p.m.	12:42 p.m.	1:43 a.m.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword JUST ADD SALT

- ACROSS**
- 1 V-J Day prez
 - 4 Not cooked
 - 7 Epoch
 - 10 Nails, as an exam
 - 14 "— boy!"
 - 18 "There it is!"
 - 19 Went by, as hours
 - 21 Whet
 - 22 Unmask
 - 23 Giving monikers to flower holders?
 - 25 Whale type
 - 26 Bride's ride, perhaps
 - 27 It might follow "So I lied!"
 - 28 That, to Juanita
 - 29 The lass I love with a twangy voice?
 - 31 Fill with fury
 - 33 Alaskan panhandle city
 - 36 "No fooling!"
 - 37 Embryonic thyroids and pituitaries?
 - 40 Many a shareable PC file
 - 41 Cry loudly
 - 43 "Chairman —" (NBA moniker)
 - 44 Brief review
 - 46 Lake in north Minnesota
 - 48 Broken stone used in paving
 - 53 Actor
 - 55 Amazed
 - 56 "Will you allow me?"
 - 58 Father, in France
 - 59 Be disposed
 - 60 "Batman Forever" star commanding a warship?
 - 63 Barrage of shots
 - 66 Fail to feed
 - 67 Actress on HBO's "Insecure"
 - 70 Matador
 - 74 Levi's material
 - 76 Homer hit by poet Tate?
 - 78 Swing about
 - 81 Old soda brand
 - 84 The Beatles' "— Tired"
 - 85 "Better in Time" singer
 - 86 Title of a sommelier training video hosted by novelist Gordimer?
 - 90 Goes into overtime, say
 - 92 Rival of Sampras
 - 93 Heat energy unit
 - 94 See 115-Across
 - 95 Sharks' org.
 - 96 Signing tool
 - 98 Dilemma caused by quarterback Joe?
 - 105 Men's neckwear accessory
 - 108 Island porch
 - 109 Beethoven's Third
 - 110 Really mean porkers?
 - 112 Biology subj.
 - 114 Financier
 - 115 With 94-Across, designer with the fragrance Fantasia
 - 116 QED's "E"
 - 117 Rich founder of a loafah-producing company?
 - 120 Newsy note
 - 121 Jazzy Simone
 - 122 Feeling bad for
 - 123 Rural tract
 - 124 California city known for its zinfandel
 - 125 Highlander, e.g.
 - 126 Positive reply
 - 127 Negative replies
 - 128 Bit of work
 - 15 "Speaking," for a woman on the phone
 - 16 Backpack container
 - 17 GI on the run
 - 20 "Do not —" (Monopoly directive)
 - 24 Non-PC computer
 - 29 Reckless
 - 30 U.S.-Can.-Mex. pact
 - 32 "Only Time" singer
 - 34 Dawdles
 - 35 Pant leg part
 - 38 Singer Terrell
 - 39 Fill totally
 - 42 U2, for one
 - 45 Medusa's killer
 - 47 ABA member
 - 48 Hr. fractions
 - 49 Biology subj.
 - 50 Vena —
 - 51 Tony winners, e.g.
 - 52 Probe (into)
 - 53 Fitness sites
 - 54 Stephen of "The Heavy"
 - 57 Foodstuff
 - 61 Griffey of baseball
 - 62 Operated
 - 64 Kin of "Inc."
 - 65 "There it is!"
 - 68 Best Picture of 1988
 - 69 Cry of woe
 - 71 Big heads
 - 72 Nevada city
 - 73 City in 5-Down
 - 75 Not Rep. or Dem.
 - 77 Clean a spill
 - 78 Stately bird
 - 79 Attack verbally
 - 80 Not trued up
 - 82 Violinist Hilary
 - 83 Paragons
 - 87 U.S. humane org.
 - 88 TV ratings system
 - 89 "— la Douce"
 - 91 Old Italian coins
 - 94 Climb, as a tree or rope
 - 97 — acid (aqua fortis)
 - 99 Seer's cards
 - 100 Circular gaskets
 - 101 — Raton
 - 102 Likely (to)
 - 103 Parrot, often
 - 104 Guy's stylish carrier
 - 106 As a friend, in France
 - 107 Kind of bar
 - 110 Sandbox toy
 - 111 Coup d'—
 - 113 Not "fer"
 - 117 Operative
 - 118 Crusty treat
 - 119 Brian of rock



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MY RECIPES *Luke Chavez*

Herbed Focaccia

Before moving to Waitsburg, bread baking was an elusive skill I always shied away from. Despite my deep love for all the shapes and styles of bread, the idea of making my own always seemed like an impossible feat. Perhaps inspired by the rolling wheat fields that surround us, I have since learned a lot while discovering the magic that can be made with a few ingredients, patience, and a hot oven. This tender and crusty focaccia was one of the first successful bakes, filling our home with an inviting, herbaceous scent, well worth the two day effort.



- Ingredients:**
- 5 cups unbleached bread flour (high-gluten flour)
 - 1 7/8 teaspoons salt
 - 1 3/4 teaspoons instant yeast
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil (plus more)
 - 2 cups plus 2 tablespoons water, room temperature
 - 1/2 cup herb oil (see notes)

Directions (2-day process):
In a 4-quart mixing bowl, stir to combine the flour, salt, and yeast. Add the 2 tablespoons of oil with the water and mix with a large spoon until all ingredients form a wet, sticky dough ball. Use the spoon to vigorously work the dough, dipping the spoon in cold water periodically to prevent sticking, while rotating the bowl in a circular motion. Keep mixing like this for 3 to 5 minutes, until a smooth but sticky dough forms. This step can also be done in an electric stand mixer with the dough hook attachment.

Lightly oil your work surface with 1/4 teaspoon of olive oil, spreading the oil to cover a 12-inch square area. Dip a rubber spatula in water and use it to scrape the dough out on to the work surface. Oil your hands then pat the dough into a 6 by 12-inch rectangle. Allow dough to rest for 5 minutes.

With oiled hands, stretch both short ends of rectangle to double the length. Next fold back over itself, to return to original rectangle size. Lightly mist the top with oil and loosely cover with plastic wrap. Rest dough for 30 minutes. Repeat stretching and folding, then oil top again, cover and rest for another 30 minutes. Finally, stretch and fold a third time. Then cover and rest a final 30 minutes. Dough will slightly swell.

Prepare a 12 by 17 rimmed sheet pan by lining with a sheet of parchment paper. Add 2 tablespoons of olive oil to the pan then, using your fingers or a pastry brush, spread oil evenly over the surface of paper and up the sides of pan. Now, use a pastry scraper or a large flat knife, to lift the dough off the work surface and carefully transfer to sheet pan while maintaining rectangular shape.

Now, spoon 2 tablespoons of the herb oil over the top of dough. Use your fingers to simultaneously dimple and spread the dough in all directions, to fill the pan. Be careful not to pierce through the dough when making dimples. Dough should be even thickness across the pan. Don't worry if you aren't able to spread dough all the way to edge and corners of pan, as it will spread out naturally while it proofs. Use more of the herb oil to make sure entire surface is coated. Loosely cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight (or up to 3 days).

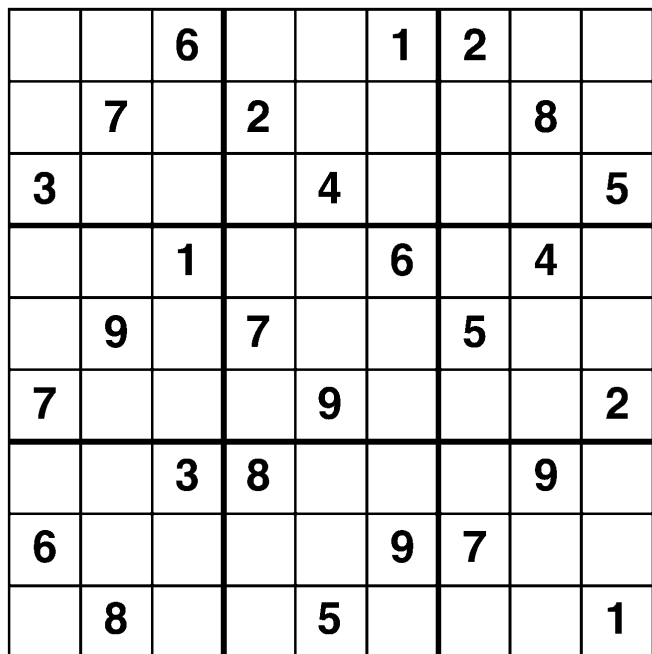
Remove pan from the refrigerator 3 hours before baking. Generously drizzle more of the herb oil over the top and use fingers to dimple it into the surface. Dough should fill the pan and be an even 1/2-inch thickness. Recover with plastic and allow dough to proof at room temperature until doubled in size (1-inch thickness), about 2 1/2 to 3 hours. A final flourish of coarse sea salt over the top before baking is never a bad idea.

Preheat oven to 500 degrees, and position rack to middle of oven. When oven is ready, place pan on the shelf. Reduce the temperature to 450 degrees and bake for 15 minutes. Then rotate pan and bake for an additional 5 to 10 minutes, until bread is light golden brown. Remove from the oven and transfer focaccia from the pan onto a wire rack to cool for at least 10 minutes before serving.

Notes:
To make herb oil, mix one cup of olive oil with a 1/2 cup of mixed chopped fresh herbs. Basil, oregano, rosemary, parsley, chives, sage, and tarragon are all excellent choices. Season to taste with 1 to 2 teaspoons coarse sea salt and 1/2 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper. Don't be shy when oiling the dough as it will get absorbed into the bread as it bakes. Any leftover herb oil can be used as a dipping oil for serving. Enjoy!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

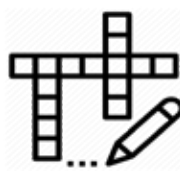


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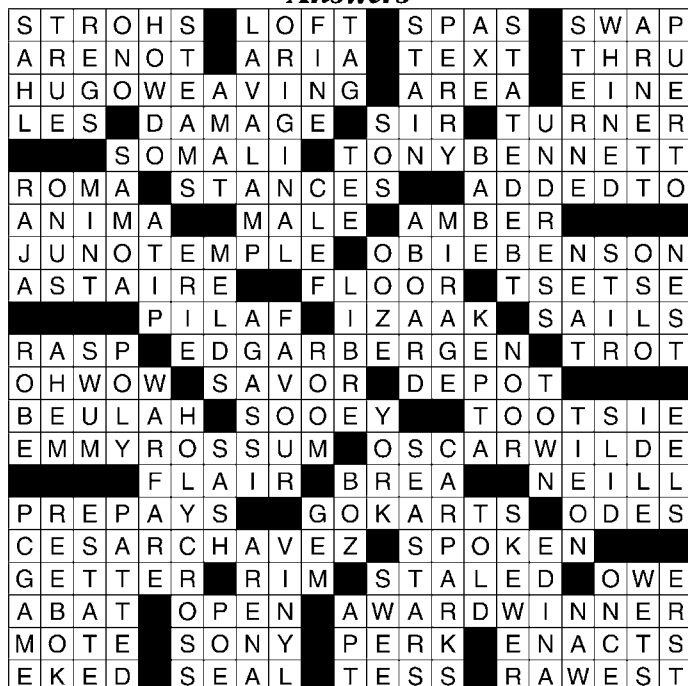
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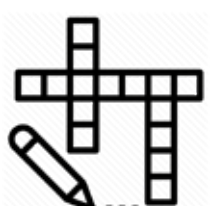
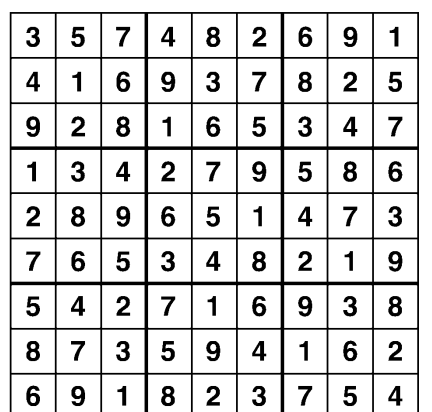
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MS BASEBALL FINISH SEASON WITH WINS

Jordan McCowen pitched a 13-0 shut-out in game one against Columbia Burbank on May 25. McCowen allowed one hit and struck out four. He also contributed with a double in the first inning. Players with multiple hits for DW: Denver Hutchens (2), William Cranmer (2) and Byron Collier (2). Tyler Coulston had four stolen bases. The Wolfpack was error free in the field.

In game two, William Durham struck out seven on the way to a 5-1 victory. Jayton Gleason went 2-2 at bat and McCowen had four stolen bases.

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The DW Wolfpack Middle School Baseball team ended their season undefeated.

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