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Bill Rodgers

A beautiful but smokey Saturday morning sunrise over the Touchet River, seen from the Main Street bridge in Waitsburg. The region has experienced unhealthy air quality for most of the summer. Waitsburg had blue skies on Monday with air quality levels below 100 on the Air Quality Index, after many days in the unhealthy range.

Green Ridge Fire burns more than 37,000 acres

Rocky Mountain Team Black is overseeing operations.

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST—Southwest wind gusts are expected to continue driving the Green Ridge Fire, feeding the flames with unburned pockets of fuel. As of Tuesday, August 17, the fire has burned 37,599 acres and is less than 20% contained.

In the 48 hours leading up to Tuesday's update, the wind tested fire lines created in Division M. However, the fire lines and previous firing operations have proven effective. The fire has been kept within the division's footprint and the lines created along "the 22" (Road 4022). The fire continues to burn towards Oregon Butte, in Division W.

On Monday, the Green Ridge Fire saw minimal activity in Divisions K and M on the northern side, spanning from Kendall Skyline Road to existing containment lines along the north end of the Lick Creek Fire scar.

In a release sent out on Tuesday, officials stated that they expect the fire will continue burning towards the south. Firefighting resources will be strategically transitioned to the southern perimeter of the fire. Firefighters will still be present in divisions K and M, on the northern and western fire lines, to patrol and engage any existing heat pockets. Line construction will begin along Division P. Increased heavy equipment traffic is expected as firefighting resources transition from Branch I to Branch II.

The Lick Creek Fire has burned 80,421 acres and is 97% contained. The uncontained 3% of the fire is east of Misery Springs campground on West Mountain Road. Officials expect the fire to continue smoldering and torching unburned pockets of fuel within the perimeter as firefighters continue to mop up (cooling down the fire line enough to ensure that it cannot re-ignite).

Cooling weather trends, accompanied by moderate northwest winds, were expected to continue throughout Tuesday, which helped clear up smoke in surrounding areas. On Tuesday, Waitsburg's Air Quality Index (AQI) was 29, while Dayton's was 25- both in the healthy 'green' range.

Closures remain on the Umatilla National Forest (UNF), including the Walla Walla Ranger District and the Pomeroy Ranger District. Most UNF lands in Oregon have been reopened to the public. The closure order is available at <https://go.usa.gov/xFyhn>.

Evacuations: Garfield County currently has Level 1, 2, and 3 evacuations in place. Columbia County has Level 3, Level 2, and Level 1 evacuations in place.

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Dayton City Council appoints interim Clerk, Assistant Public Works Director

Frustration still expressed by community, council members over city hall terminations.

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton City Council met Wednesday, August 11, for a regular meeting. The council continues to meet in person, with the option to join via Zoom.

During the first public comment period, council members heard from Howard Novak urging them to consider hiring more than one animal control officer. Novak said he had been attacked or threatened by a dog on more than one occasion. Mayor Zac Weatherford said the city is currently working with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to create and staff an animal control officer. Weatherford said he does not have the power to deputize someone to fill the position.

Seth Murdock, the owner of Maco Aviation, spoke during public comment on the Port of Columbia broadband project, which aims to provide high-speed internet to Dayton and Columbia County residents. He asked the council to think about how many people they know who already spend enough time on the internet and how many people they know whose lives could be improved by spending more time on the internet.

Murdock said that most of the time, his personal need for high-speed internet is purely for entertainment. He went on to say that "every other hub of bureaucracy in this country wants more than a citizenry that is terrified, comfortable and sedated in their living room cocoon, streaming on their free internet that the government and taxpayers provide."

Kristina Brown, Dayton Secondary Principal, requested that the crosswalks around the school be painted before school starts.

Port of Columbia Executive Director Jennie Dickinson updated the council on the broadband project. On July 15, Dickinson went to Olympia, WA, to present to CERB board members, after which she secured a \$2 million grant for broadband infrastructure. The Port of Walla Walla received grant money, as well.

The contingency of the project depends on matched funds. Dickinson said the Port is requesting \$335,000 in matched funds from the City of Dayton and \$100,000 from Columbia County. The city can use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the match. In previous meetings, there were concerns about federal funds being used to match other government funds. Dickinson said she had investigated and found using the funds in such a manner is allowed. She is seeking written confirmation about matching funds to share with both the City of Dayton and the Columbia County Commissioners.

The project could provide high-speed internet to 3,000 city and county resi-

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NEWS BRIEFS

AT THE LIBERTY: JUNGLE CRUISE

THE TIMES

Join fan favorites Dwayne Johnson and Emily Blunt for the adventure of a lifetime on Disney's "Jungle Cruise," a rollicking thrill-ride down the Amazon with wisecracking skipper Frank Wolff and intrepid researcher Dr. Lily Houghton. Lily travels from London, England, to the Amazon jungle and enlists Frank's questionable services to guide her downriver on La Quila—his ramshackle-but-charming boat. Lily is determined to uncover an ancient tree with unparalleled healing abilities—possessing the power to change the future of medicine. Thrust on this epic quest together, the unlikely duo encounters innumerable dangers and supernatural forces, all lurking in the deceptive beauty of the lush rainforest. But as the secrets of the lost tree unfold, the stakes reach even higher for Lily and Frank, and their fate—and mankind's—hangs in the balance.

Rotten Tomatoes critics give this film a 63% favorable rating, but the audience gives it a 92%. The Audience reviews state that "Jungle Cruise is a ride well worth taking."

This film is rated PG for sequences of adventure violence, and the runtime is 2 hrs. and 7 minutes. Movie showings are Aug. 20-22 and 24: on Fri. & Sat. at 7:30 pm, Sunday at 3:00 pm, and Tuesday at 6:30 pm (not 7:30).

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JUNGLE CRUISE PG -13

WAITSBURG FFA AWARDED GRANTS FOR GROWING FUNDING

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg FFA has been awarded nearly \$3,000 as part of the competitive Grants for Growing Program offered to middle and high school FFA chapters across the United States.

The grant program, facilitated by the National FFA Organization, is funded by consumers who purchase FFA paper emblems at Tractor Supply Company (TSC) stores. Grants for Growth is sponsored by TSC and provides up to \$5,000 grants which can be used to "Grow your Classroom," "Grow your FFA Chapter," or "Grow your Ag Awareness."

Emblems were available for purchase at TSC locations during the 2021 National FFA Week in February. The program has provided \$548,000 to FFA chapters in 47 states.

Waitsburg FFA members helped select the category and project, while FFA Advisor Nicole Abel prepared the application. Chapter officers proofed the final application before submitting it. All applications were due by May 15.

Plans are to use the funds to purchase materials to fabricate hog panels at the school's pig barns, the FFA Chapter said in a release. Tarps will also be replaced with aesthetically pleasing shade cloth. According to the release, the welding and agriculture project students at Waitsburg High School will be building the panels as a class project.

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth, and career success training through agricultural education to more than 700,000 student members who belong to one of the more than 8,600 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico. The organization is also supported by more than 8 million alumni and supporters throughout the U.S.

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WALLA WALLA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS STATUE

Commissioners will be taking email or postal comments.

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—During a Board of County Commissioners meeting in 2020, members of the public requested that the Board of County Commissioners hold a public hearing to consider comments on the Christopher Columbus statue, which is currently located on the lawn in front of the Walla Walla County Courthouse. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of County Commissioners decided to hold a public meeting at a date to be announced. The Board of County Commissioners planned to receive public comment once in-person meetings could resume regarding the statue of Christopher Columbus.

The board, in an open session on August 9, discussed having a public evening meeting on August 23, 2021, but after further discussion and seeing a rise in COVID-19 cases in Walla Walla County, the board decided to receive public comment via email, or mail regarding the statue of Christopher Columbus.

The Board of County Commissioners will receive public comment via email at columbus@co.walla-walla.wa.us

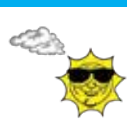


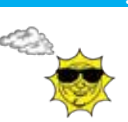



And by mail at Walla Walla County Commissioners, PO BOX 1506, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

The deadline to submit public comment is September 13, 2021. The Board encourages members of the public to submit their comments by email, or mail and these comments will be reviewed by the Board for further consideration.



Touchet Valley Weather Aug. 18, 2021

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

						
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly Cloudy Areas of Smoke High: 76 Low: 56	Sunny High: 84 Low: 61	Partly Cloudy High: 82 Low: 58	Partly Cloudy High: 78 Low: 59	Mostly Sunny High: 79 Low: 52	Sunny High: 77 Low: 51	Sunny High: 79 Low: 52

Weather Trivia

What location in the world had the most rainfall in one year?

Answer: Cherrapunji, India had 1,042 inches of rain in 1861.

Weather History

Aug. 18, 1983 - Hurricane Alicia ravaged southeastern Texas. The hurricane caused more than three billion dollars property damage, making it one of the costliest hurricanes in the history of the United States. Just 13 people were killed, but 1800 others were injured.


Local Almanac Last Week


Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	93	62	91/63	0.00"	0.00"
Wednesday	101	69	90/63	0.00"	0.08"
Thursday	101	71	90/63	0.00"	-0.08"
Friday	92	66	90/63	0.00"	83.1°
Saturday	99	70	89/62	0.00"	Average normal temperature 76.1°
Sunday	100	71	89/62	0.00"	Departure from normal +7.0°
Monday	97	71	89/62	0.00"	


Data as reported from Walla Walla


Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	5:56 a.m.	7:56 p.m.	5:53 p.m.	1:11 a.m.
Thursday	5:57 a.m.	7:54 p.m.	6:48 p.m.	2:12 a.m.
Friday	5:59 a.m.	7:52 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	3:22 a.m.
Saturday	6:00 a.m.	7:50 p.m.	8:04 p.m.	4:38 a.m.
Sunday	6:01 a.m.	7:49 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	5:54 a.m.
Monday	6:02 a.m.	7:47 p.m.	8:53 p.m.	7:08 a.m.
Tuesday	6:04 a.m.	7:45 p.m.	9:13 p.m.	8:19 a.m.

Full 8/22 

Last 8/30 

New 9/6 

First 9/13 

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dents, Dickinson said. The Port would provide the necessary infrastructure, including fiber-optic cables, but the service would be provided by existing local businesses. According to the Port of Columbia's website, PocketiNet, Columbia iConnect, and Emerge by Inland Cellular had agreed to utilize the new network.

Dickinson was joined by guest speakers, including healthcare workers, PocketiNet representatives, and Columbia County Rural Library District representatives. All expressed that reliable, high-speed internet would benefit residents in the area.

The council voted 6-1 to approve providing the \$335,000 in matching funds for the broadband project.

The council approved the Main Street Safety plan, which was developed by members from local agencies, including Columbia County Sheriff's Department, City of Dayton, Port of Columbia, Washington State Department of Transportation, local farmers, Main Street businesses, various Columbia County departments, and the Dayton Chamber. The plan received support from the Historic Dayton Chamber of Commerce. The council approved the plan.

The Council tabled approval of Ordinance 1478, authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with Anderson Perry & Associates to provide 80 hours of professional support for GIS services, not to exceed \$10,860.00. The council requested that the budget be reviewed to ensure that the ordinance did not exceed the previously approved dollar amount for GIS services.

The Council approved Ordinance 1479, authorizing the mayor to execute change order number one for Humbert Asphalt, Inc., for the Front Street Bridge Railing Project, not to exceed \$68.58.

The City of Dayton awarded the 2021-22 Newspaper Award to *The Times*. At the July 14 meeting, *Dayton Chronicle* Publisher Loyal Baker formally requested that the City of Dayton reconsider the newspaper award after a minor discrepancy in the bid was discovered. *The Times* failed to include a statement that they intended to comply with all bid requirements.

Mayor Weatherford explained that, according to the city's attorney, the City of Dayton has the right to waive minor discrepancies as the city is not required to go through a formal bid process. He said that this is a 'minor irregularity that shows no advantage in the selection process.' The council voted not to change the award and maintain *The Times* as the paper of record to the city.

The council accepted Mayor Weatherford's appointment of Debra Hays to interim City Clerk with wages to be determined later and Eddie Strickland to interim Assistant Public Works Director. The current Assistant Public Works Director, Rob John, has been out of work due to health reasons, and is anticipated to be out for a 'couple more months.'

Mayor Weatherford said that both the Tremont Street and Cameron Street projects are nearly complete, with the final seal happening on August 26.

Mayor Weatherford addressed a statement about the unexpected termination of three senior employees, saying that the employees were terminated without cause. All three employees were under contract that required severance pay if terminated without cause. Severance packages totaled \$287,002.64, according to Weatherford. Packages including wage, vacation, sick leave payouts, and COBRA pay. Other employees were given the option to leave with severance pay.

Mayor Weatherford said that he did leave on pre-scheduled vacation from June 20-24, during which he was in cell service and communicated with city employees and the mayor pro-tem daily. An email was sent out on the morning of June 16, 2021, informing remaining city employees of the situation, and a follow-up email was sent to council members later that night, Weatherford said.

Weatherford said that computer access was limited upon termination to "keep moving forward with already underway projects and so remaining staff could continue fulfilling obligations." Weatherford said that cross-training was necessary. Building access was immediately removed.

Weatherford stated the financial impact was considered, knowing that the costs were already budgeted for annually and provided for by various revenues, including sales and use tax, property taxes, and utility rate structure.

Weatherford said he is actively working with the human resources committee to determine job needs and fill them.

During committee reports, City Council Finance Committee Chairman Delphine Bailey voiced her immediate resignation from the Dayton City Council. Reading a letter, Bailey said that she had asked Weatherford "three times what your plan is going forward, and all you will say is that you do not have a plan that the council will support you."

"Someone in the community asked if you have the support of the council, and, although I cannot answer for the other six council members, I can tell you that I am insulted that you would ask me to support you when I have no idea what I would be supporting," Bailey said. "The mayor is the leader of the city, and I believe a leader is someone others are confident in following, and, at this time, I am not confident in following you. I respectfully request that you come clean with the council and the members of the community as to why you acted in such haste, without any input from the council, and tell us your plan going forward."

In the final public comment period, speakers expressed concerns about the lack of transparency regarding the termination of the employees and the terminated employees coming back into the office to help train current employees without compensation.

The meeting adjourned after more than two and a half hours.

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Help Wanted

The Columbia County Rural Library District is seeking a reliable individual to provide cleaning services to the Library District for an average of two hours, three days per week for routine cleaning. This position also provides an additional four to six hours per month for deep cleaning. This is an independent contractor position and the pay is \$22.50/hour, paid monthly. Must obtain your own liability insurance. Send an email to francisco@daytonml.org with your name and contact information.

Help Wanted

Position open in the Dayton School District for a full-time district office secretary/receptionist/accounts payable officer. To apply, submit a classified application, letter of interest and resume. Applications can be found on the employment page of the District website at <https://www.daytonsd.org/page/employment> or the District office at 609 S. 2nd Street. For more information contact Jana Eaton at 382-2543. Closing date August 27, 2021 or until filled. EOE

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and reporting and other COVID-19 related activities. Must be able to plan and work independently and have basic computer skills and some medical training and knowledge. Hours are flexible and vary depending on covid19 activity in the community. A full job description is available at Columbia County Public Health or can be requested via an email to Martha_lanman@co.columbia.wa.us.

Help Wanted

City of Dayton Seasonal Employment Applications are being accepted for seasonal grounds maintenance positions for the beautification of City parks, cemetery, and other city-owned grounds. Work includes, but is not limited to:

Maintaining lawns, plants, trees, shrubs, and landscaped areas such as mowing, weed eating, planting, pruning, irrigating, etc.; perform minor maintenance of city-owned buildings and other park facilities. Apply at City of Dayton, Dayton City Hall, 111 S. Street, Dayton, WA 99328. Open until filled. EOE/ADA EMPLOYER.

The Cardinals' Nest after-school program is seeking applications for an Executive Director.

Administrative Duties include: ensure compliance with federal and state requirements for 501-c-3 non-profit status including corporate and tax filings; oversee administration, programs and strategic plan of the organization; personnel, payroll, fund-raising and grant

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Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

Waitsburg City Council

Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Waitsburg School Board

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

Waitsburg Gun Club

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

Walla Walla County Commissioners

Every Monday and Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.

Call-in information is available at https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020_agendas.php

Friends of the Weller Public Library

August 25, 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main St., Waitsburg

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

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

Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

Dayton City Council

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

Dayton School Board

Third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at

the Dayton High School auditorium

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

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

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Every month on the Third Monday at 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting - Online

Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5598153650>

Starbuck City Council

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

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Thursday, August 19

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Pickled beets
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Wheat bread
Cookies
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Tuesday, August 24

Tuesday, August 24
Country fried steak

Au gratin potatoes
Mixed veggies
Gravy
Broccoli salad
Pineapple
Milk

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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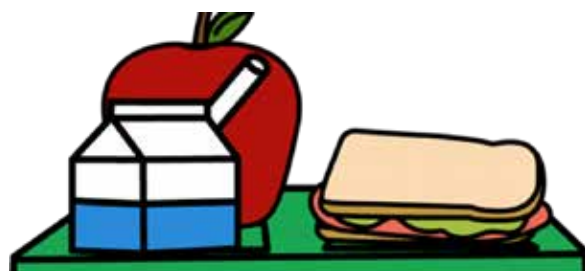
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Bread
Fruit
Cookie

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NEWS & COMMENTARY

LETTER

COMPLIMENTS TO BEKA

Dear Editor,
I want to give kudos to the wonderful photography and articles by Beka Compton. I live in Seattle and have friends in Waitsburg, so I enjoy subscribing to The Times in an effort to keep up with what's going on in their world.

Beka makes the City of Waitsburg visually captivating. She seems to be at the right place at the right time to capture magnificent images! As a professional photographer, I'm a bit envious. Keep it up Beka and thank you!

Kathy Oman,
Seattle

2021-2022 SCHOOL SPORTS REGISTRATION ONLINE

Traditional paper registration not available this year

THE TIMES

DAYTON/WAITSBURG—Fall, Winter, and Spring sports have looked very different over the past year, and while schedules are looking a little more typical for the 2021 season, registration looks pretty different.

In years past, athlete registration packets have been printed and provided for a pen-and-paper approach. The schools are now moving towards an online sports registration system available on the new Dayton-Waitsburg Athletics website, www.dwsports.org.

Athletic Director Sam Korslund said he is currently working to have the registration packet on the main page, but, for the time being, parents and students may access the registration by opening the 'Menu' on the right-hand side of the screen and selecting the 'More' tab. From there, parents must select the appropriate school and begin the registration process.

The website, completed over the summer, includes all fall sports practice times and locations, and will later feature all game schedules, changes, and other important information.

School registration packets are available at the respective schools. DWSports.org is only relevant for DW sports combine information.

Email *The Times* at advertising@waitsburg-times.com to be included in the 2021-2022 Dayton/Waitsburg Combine Booster ad.

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BIRTHDAYS

August 19:

Nicki Johnson, Steve Barr, Lucas Mohny, Georgia Rose Leisure, Brandon Crawford, Christopher Rohlring.

August 20: Deric Davidson.

August 21: John Largent, Jennifer Clifton, Rick Reedy, Adelaide Johnson.

August 22: Randy Farley, Peggy Stedman, Lynn Baker, Mindy Nordheim, Raylene Scott, Richard Beckel, Luke Alexenko.

August 23: Babs Cerna, Coleen Langlo, Dan Donovan, Brian Hopkins.

August 24: Zach Bartlow, Cathy Lambert, Audeana Ritter, Bryan Harris, Denise Reid, Matt Everett, Taelor Carter.

August 25: Michaela Nordheim, Marion Spear, Roland LeVasseur, Alan Stephens, Anne Hubbard, Bryan St. Clair, Melissa Lambert, and Monroe McCaw.



REPRESENTATIVES SKYLER RUDE AND MARK KLICKER STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR'S VACCINATION MANDATE

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Washington State Governor Jay Inslee announced on Monday, August 9, that most state workers in Washington, as well as private health care and long-term care employees, will be required to show proof of a COVID-19 vaccination by Oct. 18, or lose their jobs.

16th District State Representatives Skyler Rude and Mark Klicker, both R-Walla Walla, issued the following statement on the governor's mandate:

"The governor's recent proclamation ordering the termination of employment for those who choose not to be vaccinated is incredibly troubling, both from a legal and philosophical perspective.

"Bodily autonomy and privacy rights are core values that many of us share. We feel healthcare decisions should be left to patients and their providers. The governor's proclamation requires employees to share specific information about their personal religious beliefs, or their medical conditions, with their employer in order to be exempt. This is an overreach and intrusion that we find unacceptable.

"Last legislative biennium, we saw efforts to erode patients' and parents' rights to make medical decisions by eliminating MMR vaccine philosophical exemptions. Now we are seeing threats of job loss from the governor for failure to vaccinate.

"The governor has the statutory power to prohibit activities during an emergency, but this has been interpreted to ban limitless activities, including gathering, traveling, and now employment, unless a person follows the governor's directives. It is past time the democratic majority in the legislature hold the governor accountable for excessive use of his emergency powers. The legislature has the ability to restrict the governor's powers but continues to refuse to take action."

THIRD DOSE OF COVID-19 VACCINE RECOMMENDED FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—The Washington State Department of Health announced that a third dose of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are now being recommended to certain immunocompromised individuals, following recommendation from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), and the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup.

The third dose will not be considered a booster but an additional vaccine for immunocompromised individuals who may not have developed adequate immunities in the two-dose series of the vaccines. Authorized vaccines have proven to be more than 90% effective in protecting against most variants of COVID-19.

According to a press release provided by the DOH, emerging data suggests that people with moderately to severely compromised immune systems do not always build the same amount of immunity compared to non-immunocompromised individuals.

"A third dose of Pfizer or Moderna will provide those who need it extra protection and help shield some of our most vulnerable from the highly contagious delta variant," said Secretary of Health, Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH. "Science continues to show vaccines are the best tool we have to protect our communities and slow the spread of COVID-19."

Anyone receiving a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine should wait at least 28 days after their second dose. If possible, the third dose should be the same brand as the first two doses, but a different brand of the mRNA vaccine will provide protection. No addi-

tional dose is recommended for individuals who received the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine. Individuals with competent immune systems do not need a third dose, according to DOH.

While vaccination is likely to increase protection, people who are immunocompromised should continue to wear a mask, maintain 6 feet of social distancing, avoid crowds, and avoid poorly ventilated indoor spaces to protect themselves and those around them. Close contacts of immunocompromised people are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to help place a bubble of protection around them.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website, immunocompromised individuals that are being encouraged to get a third dose include individuals who have:

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last two years or are taking medication to suppress the immune system
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response

The CDC recommends consulting with your healthcare provider to see if an additional dose of the vaccine is appropriate. More information, including links to studies regarding the vaccine and immunocompromised individuals, is available at www.cdc.gov.

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Broadband, Touchet Valley Trail discussed at August Port meeting

The Port received a \$2 million broadband grant, securing matching funds

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Port of Columbia Commissioners met Wednesday, August 11, for a regular board meeting.

Port of Columbia Executive Director Jennie Dickinson reported a roughly \$10,000 expenditure for an HVAC replacement at one of the Port's properties.

Dickinson said the Port's property insurance went up 20% in 2020 and another 20% this year, now totaling \$64,000.

"That is disappointing," Dickinson said. "I have done research into other companies, and I can't find anything better."

Dickinson said the Port is on good terms with all tenants, and rents are all current. The Port recently renewed a rental agreement for the 4,500 square foot space at the Blue Mountain Station for one year, at a rate of \$1,850 per month.

She was approached by Lodmell Cellars, a Walla Walla-based winery, wishing to rent 521 Cameron Street, formerly Paco's Custom Coatings. Dickinson said the winery wanted to retain the right to terminate the lease if they cannot obtain industry permitting, including liquor licenses. This is standard in all alcohol-related rental agreements. This specific right to terminate is only valid for the first few months. Lodmell Cellars has partnered with Red Band Cellars, at Blue Mountain Station, in the past.

During a report on Port Assets, Dickinson said that she had received a proposal from Anderson Perry & Associates for engineering and design work for pull-through RV sites at the Lyons Ferry Marina, required by Kampgrounds of America (KOA) to continue to brand as a KOA.

Dickinson shared there would be a lot of 'dirt work' required due to the location of the proposed pull-through sites. The design included details regarding an upland bathroom near the campsites. Anderson Perry & Associates requested a time and materials basis agreement not to exceed \$13,000. Dickinson said it was higher than the amount she had expected. There is a lot of work needed to make the project a reality.

Dickinson shared that Port of Columbia was awarded a \$2 million grant from Washington State Community and Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) for the ongoing broadband project. There are contract requirements, said Dickinson, and recipients have six months to meet those requirements.

"We do not want to wait that long," she said. "People here are desperate for better service."

Contract requirements include a statement regarding permitting and clearance showing that permitting is in process, a franchise agreement with Columbia County and the City of Dayton, a finalized budget, a completed scope of work, and evidence of secured matching funds.

Dickinson attended a Columbia County Commissioners meeting, asking for a \$100,000 match from the county. She said that she did not get an answer, but interest was expressed.

One concern that emerged at the meeting regarded federal funds matching federal funds. During a meeting with Representative Cathy McMorris Rogers, her aides clarified that American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that the cities and counties of Washington State received may be used as matching funds.

"Because the ARPA funds that CERB received have gone to the state, and it has been made as a state grant, the ARPA funds that cities and counties received can be paired together and used as a match," Dickinson said. She went on to say that she is currently trying to secure that assurance in writing. The City of Dayton approved a \$335,000 ARPA fund match at the August 11 meeting. The project will give more than 1,200 Columbia County and City of Dayton households access to reliable, high-speed internet.

"I hope that our local governments understand that this is a once-in-a-long time opportunity," Dickinson said.

A flyer regarding the Touchet Valley Trail went around to households of Columbia County.

"The Port did not send that out. It did not have our name on it," Dickinson said. "A lot of people think we sent it."

Commissioner Sean Brown said that he has spoken with the responsible parties and emphasized that it must be clear where mailers come from in the future, and he believes the message was received.

"I would hope that the community would know that we (the Port) would never send anything out without our names on it," Dickinson said. "I would never send anything out without the commissioner's approval."

The commissioners exited the regular meeting for executive sessions to discuss real estate and to evaluate personnel. The meeting adjourned after the session.



Project area includes all of city limits of the City of Dayton, portions of the UGA and incorporated Columbia County adjacent to the city.

Welcome Back ice cream socials for Preston Hall Students

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Middle school parents, mark your calendars for upcoming open house events at Preston Hall Middle School.

Students will have the chance to get to know their teachers, familiarize themselves with class schedules and sports information, and learn and understand building-specific expectations. Information on Qmlative, the grade-reporting program that replaced Skyward, as well as student email information, will also be available.

Best of all, ice cream will be served!

- The Sixth-Grade social will be on August 23 at 7 p.m.
- The Seventh-Grade social will be on August 24 at 7 p.m.
- The Eighth-Grade social will be on August 25 at 7 p.m.

Masks will be required for all, regardless of vaccination status. School registration will be August 23-26, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Evening registration will be on Wednesday, August 25, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. All students must register for the 2021-2022 school year.

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The Grouse Flats area is now under a Level 1 evacuation in Garfield County, Asotin County, and Wallowa County, Oregon. An interactive fire map that shows evacuations and other important information are available at <https://tinyurl.com/yv2sypd4>.

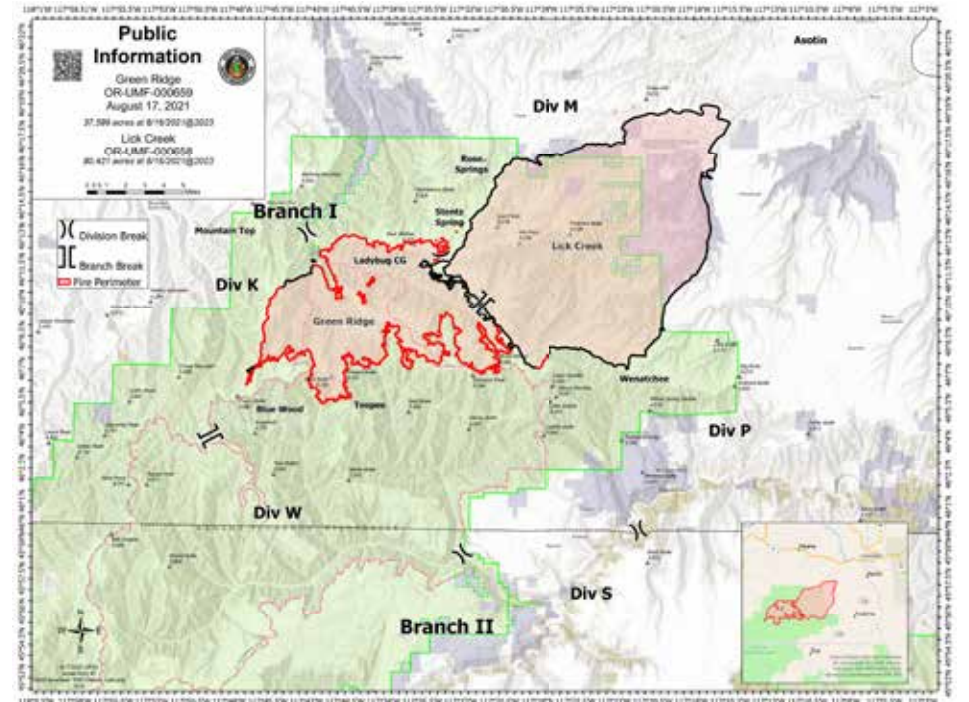
Temporary flight restrictions are in place over the Green Ridge and Lick Creek Fire areas. Wildfires are a No-Drone Zone: All air operations are suspended if a drone is spotted near the fire. If you fly, firefighters can't. For more information, visit <http://knowbeforeyoufly.org>.

Green Ridge Fire Statistics:

Size: 37,599 acres
Containment: 19%
Total Personnel: 520
Location: 30 miles east of Walla Walla
Reported: July 7, 2021
Cause: Lightning

Lick Creek Fire Statistics:

Size: 80,421 acres
Containment: 97%
Total Personnel: 27
Location: 20 miles southwest of Asotin, WA
Reported: July 7, 2021
Cause: Lightning



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August 5

Assault, 4th Degree, Domestic Violence. Stataline Road, Walla Walla County

An unknown suspect stole a four-wheeler in Walla Walla County. Sand Pit Road, Touchet

August 9

An 18-year-old male dies of an apparent medical issue. No autopsy is scheduled. No apparent sign of foul play. W Highway 12, Touchet

An unknown suspect in Walla Walla County cut off and stole a catalytic converter. Farmland Road, Walla Walla County

An unknown suspect parked their vehicle in the road and had plates from

another vehicle installed on it. Shelton Road, Walla Walla County

August 11

Vehicle left abandoned was tagged on 8/11. Vehicle was there for more than 24 hours and was towed. Chase Road/Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla County

August 12

Cat trap was destroyed. E Eighth Street, Waitsburg

August 14

Recovered stolen vehicle. Pumping Plant Road/ Snake River Drive, Burbank

A female in Walla Walla was arrested for suspicion of DUI. Mill Creek Road/ Five Mile Road, Walla Walla County



WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401-100

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR:

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

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

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

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

Delta variant drives dramatic spike in cases, exhausting hospital capacity across the state

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are accelerating across the state of Washington, demonstrating the delta variant's potential to unravel the state's hard-fought progress toward recovery. Unvaccinated people have been hit hardest, and public health officials continue to urge everyone who are not fully vaccinated to do so immediately.

Now is also the time to redouble efforts around the key behaviors that keep the virus from spreading. All people should:

- Wear a mask, watch distance, wash hands often, carry hand sanitizer, and enable WA Notify on phones
- Keep gatherings small and outside whenever possible, and avoid any large outdoor gatherings like concerts, fairs, or festivals
- Stay home if sick or exposed to COVID-19, and get tested if they have symptoms

"We are extremely concerned by this increased spike in cases, driven by the delta variant, spreading like wildfire amongst men, women, and children," said Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, Secretary of Health. "Vaccination is the best tool we have in this pandemic, but we also recommend that individuals mask indoors, and avoid large, crowded settings, vaccinated or not. We need to use all the tools we have to reduce the ongoing spread of this virus in our community and keep ourselves and our loved ones safe.

Case rates are rising across all age groups because of widespread disease transmission. Within the last 30 days, the majority of counties have seen substantial increases:

- Only seven counties (Kittitas, Okanogan, Ferry, Klickitat, Walla Walla, Jefferson, Garfield, Grays Harbor) have seen cases increase less than

100%.

- Twelve counties (Adams, Thurston, Snohomish, Benton, Skamania, Whatcom, Skagit, Kitsap, Yakima, Cowlitz, Mason, Grant) have seen cases increase between 100-299%.
- Ten counties (Clallam, Stevens, Asotin, Whitman, Franklin, Spokane, King, Clark, Lewis, Pierce) have seen cases increase between 300-599%.
- Six counties (Pend Oreille, Douglas, Lincoln, Pacific, Chelan, Island) have seen cases increase more than 600%.
- Columbia, San Juan, and Wahkiakum counties have among the fewest cases.

Prevalence is approaching levels last seen in the winter 2020 surge, which means many people are currently infected and may be spreading the virus. As of July 30, one in 172 Washington residents was estimated to have an active COVID-19 infection.

Hospitals and health care facilities are under immense and increasing strain:

- Expected increases in summer hospital occupancy coupled with a sharp rise in non-COVID-19 patients who are arriving at hospitals sicker and staying longer
- Many hospitals and other healthcare facilities are experiencing staffing challenges that decrease the number of available beds.
- COVID-19 related hospital admissions reached November 2020 levels as of August 8 based on data reported by hospitals. COVID-19 admission rates are increasing in all 18+ age groups.
- COVID-19 related hospital occupancy and ICU occupancy are skyrocketing, and many regional hospitals are at or near full capacity. This rapid increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations is further limiting hospital capacity.

As of late July, about 95% of COVID-19 cases hospitalized since February were not fully vaccinated.

Health care facilities report an increasing number of workers who have tested positive for COVID-19. This will further impact hospital staffing challenges.

The state now sees daily case counts in the 3,000 range for the first time since the winter surge. DOH is also reporting 24 new deaths today, which is a significant increase from weeks past.

"Vaccination progress is continuing, but not fast enough," said Secretary Shah. "If you are unvaccinated and continue to have questions, we encourage you to speak to a trusted healthcare provider."

LEGAL NOTICES

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

No. 21 2 00348 36 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT, a nonprofit corporation Plaintiff,

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

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

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

DATED this 28th day of July 2021

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

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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

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

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: 21-4-00165-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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

RCW § 11.28.240 In the Matter of the Estate of:

GARY D. GRIFFEN, Deceased.

The persons named below have been appointed as Co-Personal Representatives of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW § 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Co-Personal Representatives or their attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced.

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Matthew R. Johnson,
WSBA #47821

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Court of Probate

Proceedings: Columbia County Superior Court

Cause Number: 21-4-00019-7
Dated this 29th day of July, 2021.

GRAVIS LAW, PLLC
By: /s/ Matthew R. Johnson, WSBA #47821
Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives
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LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR LETTER OF INTEREST COUNCILMEMBER OF CITY OF DAYTON

The City of Dayton is seeking to fill the vacant position of City Councilmember for the City of Dayton. The City is a non-charter code city with a Mayor-Council form of government as prescribed by Chapter 35A RCW. The City Councilmember position is open to a registered voter at the time of declaration of candidacy and has been a resident of within the boundaries of the City of Dayton for a period of at least one (1) year. Interested parties shall submit a letter of interest no later than Aug. 26, 2021. Interviews for the position shall be conducted at a regular meeting of the City Council and are anticipated for Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at 112 S. 1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328. For additional information contact the City of Dayton, 111 S. 1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328, (509) 382-2361 or via email at info@daytonwa.com. Published: Waitsburg Times Date: 08/19/2021, 08/26/2021
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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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

RCW 11.40.030

In the Matter of the Estate of

AVA JEAN GAGNON, Deceased.

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. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise 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 Filing Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court:

August 9, 2021

Date of First Publication:

August 12, 2021

Personal Representative:

George Edward Gagnon
Attorney for the Personal Representative:

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WSBA #8823

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PO Box 67

Waitsburg, WA 99361

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO. 21 4 00171 36 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030

In the Matter of the Estate of

JAY EDWARD THOMAS, 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. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise 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 Filing Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court:

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Date of First Publication:

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Columbia County Public Hospital District #1

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Team Concepts Board Training

08/27/2021 at 9:00am

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Columbia County Public Hospital District No. 1 will be held on August 27, 2021 at 9:00am in the conference room at the Tucannon River Room at the Best Western Plus Hotel in Dayton, Washington. The purpose of the meeting: Board Training. Final disposition shall not be taken on any other matter at such meeting.

Item	Responsible
1. Call to Order	Bob Hutchens, Chair
2. Roll Call	Bob Hutchens, Chair
3. Board Training	Team Concepts with Semi Bird
4. Adjournment	Bob Hutchens, Chair

The Times
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A new artist in town

With Alfred Hitchcock peering out of the window, 125 Main gives a peek into the work of new Waitsburg resident, David Gignac.

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

This month, one of the most talented people I know has moved to town. David Gignac has been a close friend, fellow artist, co-exhibitor, and collaborator since I met him decades ago on Whidbey Island. It always amazes me but never surprises me, the ingenious way his mind works. It is always a joy to work on big and small projects, art and building, theater, and real-life problem-solving. I love living in Waitsburg and always hoped I could entice him to make this his home. When Jeff and Gayle Broom showed me their building on Main Street in Waitsburg, I immediately thought of Dave. This is a big space, with a workshop in the back, a rented office space in front, and thousands of feet of open space in-between. There was a gun range in the basement (covered in flood silt) and an elevator for the basement to be used as a fall-out shelter. Currently, if you look through the window of one of the two garage doors, you will see a giant portrait of Alfred Hitchcock. A glimpse into the new owner of 125 Main Street.

I asked Dave a few questions to let him introduce himself to town.

Who is David Gignac?

"I have been a working artist on Whidbey Island north of Seattle for the last 30 years. I work in multiple media across the board. Sculpture, painting, you name it.

"I have been a designer at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts (WICA) for many productions since it opened 25 years ago. I have focused on theatrical design for the past eight years, though I have been involved with theater, on and off, for 40 years. It offers an opportunity to flex many different artistic muscles, including sculpture, painting, storytelling, music, light, and immersion. For the last three years, I have been the Resident Scenic Designer handling all designs.

"The South Whidbey Island community has always been very arts-oriented and supportive. It has been a fabulous place to live and breathe art, surrounded by mountains, Puget Sound, and other talented artists."

So why Waitsburg?

"Well, guess there is a bit of the import/export model in play getting me here. It started when I delivered a glass and steel sculpture commission to a client in Ketchum, ID. I realized I could pass through Waitsburg, the town my good friends, Gail and Joe Patrick, had recently moved to from Whidbey Island. That was my first visit to Waitsburg, and I fell in love with the landscape, which started to influence my work.

"A little over three years ago, I had the good fortune of meeting Jeff Broom through my friend Lane Gwinn who thought I might be interested in buying prop-



Photos David Gignac

Top left: Gignac's former studio in Langley on Whidbey Island.

Right: One of the last peices prduced in the Langley studio, a portrait of the studio.

Bottom left: An example of the spacial gymnanstics needed to produce large scale archetctural work in the small space. In through the front, out through the back.

theatrical design on Whidbey and my artwork in Waitsburg. Compartmentalizing makes a ton of sense, and in doing so, I don't need two studios anymore. So, in the same way, that Jeff picked me, I found the perfect person to buy my island studio.

"A series of things have happened since, telling me, "yep, this was the right choice."

"Last November, after I signed with the buyer of the island studio, I was contacted by the wife of the couple I had bought the building from. She commissioned a set of new art pieces, which would be the last works I would make in my Whidbey studio. How perfect is that, for the final pieces made in that studio, to go to the person who made much of my career possible when they sold their studio to me 25 years ago. The pieces ended up being portraits of the studio and a perfect way to say goodbye.

"I spent the last two and half weeks in the space making those pieces. I did my final load out the day after delivering the finished work, and there are a lot of emotions. Overall, I am pumped to be in this new space, town, and community. The transition may have been long, but it has been exactly right. No fish out of water notes."



Photos Lane Gwinn

Left: Last year, Waitsburg had a unique look into the new studio and shop at 125 Main. Hitchcock staring the starlings down.

Right: Gignac's new studio in his new town is the perfect shop for his outsized vision.



My New Happy Place

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

Although I don't have a "charmed" life, I certainly have it easier than many people. I recognize that in the scheme of things, I have no right to complain. But, I admit, there are some days or weeks when frustrations accumulate, and I begin to feel sorry for myself, like today.

The frustrations began when a few patrons at the restaurant graciously complimented me and told me they enjoyed reading my columns in the *The Times*. I was flattered, then had a mini-anxiety attack thinking about what I will write about this week. People really read the column, and I wanted to think of something new or funny or brilliant. I needed an idea, I don't kid myself, no inspiration here, just ideas.

Then, yesterday I had to yank the second of my zucchini plants because of a bug infestation. If that wasn't frustrating enough, the bugs have now infested my once healthy and prolific cucumber plant. This year, with the lack of tomatoes and an increase in goat head, has been frustrating and discouraging.

Today, I had a meeting via zoom with our accountant, and my new computer needs to authenticate programs when I sign in for the first time. I was nearly so frustrated that I almost threw the machine out the window. Somehow my Zoom program lost the command allowing me to share my screen. Eventually, my accountant shared his screen and we persevered, until I was interrupted constantly with random sales calls.

Daniel is in Los Angeles for a few days, so I don't even have him as my venting person. I was forced to vent to Mugsy, who just looks at me like I'm nuts when I have one of my mini rants. To add insult to injury, he seems to be arrogantly pointing at the hedge of tomato plants he thinks he planted last summer just by stomping through the garden.

I knew it was time for me to find a Happy Place for the day. Daniel's happy place is Home Depot, my mother's was any restaurant, my father's was teaching or sit-



Graphic Lane Gwinn

ting at home in his recliner watching basketball or an old western movie.

In Los Angeles, I had several happy place options. Meeting friends for tennis, followed by dinner or drinks (usually both), with a stop at TJ Max for some quick shopping. Another is at the mall for window shopping. Ikea was another place that could be a fun distraction. My friend Patricia and I could spend hours there, buying nothing except lunch.

After my short-lived pity party this morning, I regrouped and decided to do something that I wanted to do. Since there are no nearby malls, no Ikea, and limited tennis options, it took me a few hours to figure out my Happy Place for the day.

After about a half-hour of ruminating, I gassed up the Mustang, lowered the convertible top, plugged in the phone, found my favorite playlist, and headed to Tri-Cities for a Costco run. Yep, I'm easily amused these days.

Daniel always reminds me that any savings from a Costco run are probably outweighed by the time, gas, and the wear and tear on my car driving the hour there and back. And maybe he's right. It turned out that driving through the newly harvested fields, with the top down and music blaring, is my Happy Place, and maybe I saved a few pennies too.

SPORTS

DockDogs comes to the Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days added a new specialty act for their 2021 line-up. DockDogs is a dock diving organization offering competitions in this exciting, nationally recognized competitive dog sport.

You may ask, what is dock diving? The sport combines two favorite dog pastimes, swimming and chasing toys. Canine athletes race down a dock, launch into the air in pursuit of a high-value toy or toy “bumper,” then splashes into a pool or other body of water.

It doesn't matter if the dog actually catches the toy. What matters is the distance it leaps, measured from the end of the dock to where the base of the dog's tail (where the tail attaches to the body) enters the water, according to North America Diving Dogs (NADD), one of several dock diving organizations in the United States.



Courtesy Photo
If you miss the Olympics, come out and catch man's best friend show off some mad diving skills.

Dock Dogs takes the competition even further. In addition to “Big Air,” a competition similar to the long jump exercise described above, they also promote “Extreme Vertical,” an event that measures how high a dog can leap off the dock to capture a toy dangling above the water.

Enjoy the spectacular abilities of amazing dogs on all five days of the fair as they compete in the Big Air, Extreme Vertical, and Speed Retrieve competitions, with the finals on Sunday at 6:30 PM.

Watch the fair schedule for daily times of this attraction. For more information, e-mail info@wallawallafairgrounds.com or call the main office at (509) 527-3247.

The Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days theme is “Stars and Stripes and Country Nights” and runs from September 1-5. The show is sponsored by Banner Bank.

MLB AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

Wins			Batting Average		
C. Bassitt	OAK	12	M. Brantley	HOU	.332
H. Ryu	TOR	11	C. Mullins	BAL	.318
G. Cole	NYY	11	Y. Gurriel	HOU	.315
Z. Greinke	HOU	11	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	.314
Hyun Jin Ryu	SEA	11	T. Hernandez	TOR	.313

ERA			Home Runs		
L. Lynn	CHW	2.26	S. Ohtani	LAA	39
R. Ray	TOR	2.88	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	35
G. Cole	NYY	3.04	M. Olson	OAK	30
C. Bassitt	OAK	3.06	S. Perez	KC	30
Z. Greinke	HOU	3.51	R. Devers	BOS	29

Strike Outs			Runs Batted In		
G. Cole	NYY	185	R. Devers	BOS	89
R. Ray	TOR	181	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	88
D. Cease	CHW	165	J. Abreu	CHW	86
L. Giolito	CHW	161	S. Ohtani	LAA	86
C. Rodon	CHW	160	T. Hernandez	TOR	81

Saves			Stolen Bases		
L. Hendriks	CHW	27	W. Merrifield	KC	34
R. Iglesias	LAA	26	C. Mullins	BAL	22
M. Barnes	BOS	24	M. Straw	HOU/CLE	20
A. Chapman	NYY	23	D. Moore	SEA	18
L. Trivino	OAK	19	B. Bichette	TOR	17

MARINERS HITTING

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

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	BA	OBP	OPS	WAR
M. Haniger	452	79	117	26	66	33	.259	.314	.796	+2.0
J.P. Crawford	440	60	118	6	36	39	.268	.331	.699	+2.5
K. Seager	437	51	94	26	74	46	.215	.292	.731	+1.4
T. France	407	58	116	12	51	30	.285	.359	.798	+2.4
D. Moore	265	31	48	10	36	31	.181	.276	.615	+0.4
L. Torrens	228	27	49	13	31	21	.215	.283	.713	+0.8
T. Murphy	204	27	41	9	24	25	.201	.289	.661	+0.3
J. Kelenic	183	19	28	6	20	21	.153	.243	.527	-1.0
T. Trammell	156	23	25	8	18	17	.160	.256	.615	-0.3

STANDINGS

AL West	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	70	48	.593	-
Oakland	68	51	.571	2.5
Seattle	63	56	.529	7.5
Los Angeles	59	61	.492	12.0
Texas	42	76	.356	28.0

AL East	W	L	PCT	GB
Tampa Bay	72	47	.605	-
Boston	69	51	.575	3.5
New York	66	52	.559	5.5
Toronto	63	54	.538	8.0
Baltimore	38	79	.325	33.0

AL Central	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	69	50	.580	-
Cleveland	57	60	.487	11.0
Detroit	58	62	.483	11.5
Minnesota	53	65	.445	16.0
Kansas City	50	67	.427	18.0

Columbia County COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Schedule

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

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

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

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Date night stop: Pine Cone Creamery

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

Colville Street in Walla Walla is one of my favorite places to go for date night. From TMACS to the Colville Street Patisserie, you can find sweet, savory, fancy, and simple all within a few steps.

Recently opened Pine Cone Creamery is a welcomed addition to the block's date-night appeal. It offers a wide selection of small-batch ice cream, sorbet, coffee, and other sweet treats. Whether you prefer fresh waffle cones or ice cream in a cup, Pine Cone has it. Like to add sprinkles, chocolate, or nuts to your ice cream? They have toppings to create the perfect ice cream experience: another great feature is a selection of vegan-friendly ice cream options.

The owners, Kory and Rachel Nagler are no strangers to the foodservice industry or Walla Walla foodies. The couple also owns The Maple Counter Cafe (which happens to be one of my favorite brunch spots).

Rachel worked at an ice cream shop on 'The Ave' during her college years while attending the University of Washington in Seattle. The creamery's website says that Walla Walla first led the Naglers to open the beloved breakfast joint, however, the dream to open an ice cream shop never wavered. They jumped at the opportunity to bring it to life in 2020.

The shop has the classic flavors; chocolate, vanilla bean, (Klicker) strawberry, mint chip, and cookies and cream. Their signature flavors include banana cream pie and bourbon caramel pecan. The real fun starts with their rotating specialty flavors, including blueberry cardamom shortbread, orange dreamsicle, Mexican hot chocolate, End of the Rainbow, to name a few!

Vegan options can include cantaloupe sorbet, German chocolate, lemon pop-



Courtesy Photo

pyseed, peanut butter Oreo, raspberry chocolate. In total, the shop has 14 rotating vegan options! Vegan ice creams are made with coconut milk or oat milk, and sorbets are made with fresh fruit.

My personal favorite is honey lavender which is delicate and not particularly sweet. It is refreshing, even in triple-digit weather! Cookies and cream is another of my favorites, as it is far more cookie than cream.

My husband's favorite is blue moon. The folks at Pine Cone told us the flavor could not be easily described since it tastes different to everyone. Blue moon even has the best foodies, and ice cream lovers confused.

Food and Wine Magazine did a story about the Smurf-blue flavor in its June 11, 2021 issue. The article included various descriptions of the mysterious flavor, including citrus with strong hints of vanilla, almond extract, cotton candy, bubble gum, and Froot Loops. The author, Khushbu Shah, said that it tastes like a concoction of black cherry, vanilla pudding, and marshmallow. Ray says that it reminds him of the off-brand version of Fruity Pebbles cereal. At any rate, it is a fun flavor!

Over the weekend, we took Gracie out for a birthday ice cream, and she loved the vegan Unicorn Crush, topped with a generous helping of sprinkles.

Kid, adventurous eater, and classic ice cream lover approved, Pine Cone Creamery is a must-stop while in Walla Walla!



Johnny Appleseed stops in Dayton

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Dayton's Liberty Theater was one of just a few Washington State stops on the 2021 Missoula Children's Theatre tour. Over the weekend, local actors and actresses told the timeless tale of Johnny Appleseed.

Johnny and his good pals, the Apple Seeds, travelled across the land on foot, leaving a trail of young apple trees behind. They managed to make friends with all kinds of people and animals throughout their travels, sleeping under the stars at night and enjoying the untamed outdoors during the day. Missoula Children's Theatre's production of Johnny Appleseed is a good reminder that kindness is at the core of friendship.

Free performances, produced by the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT), were held on August 13 and 14.



Photos by Michael Luce

Life's a Trade-Off

Why I must surrender my trees

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

Sometime during the next few weeks, a transformation will take place on my property at the intersection of lower West Seventh Avenue and Coppei Creek. Our house faces southwest, and the driveway runs parallel to the creek. The Coppei channel is deeper here than it is most anywhere else within the city.

As far as I can see, the Seventh Avenue bridge is over fifty years old but still in solid shape (I'm not a bridge expert). According to the city, the "tee-beam" concrete structure has been scoured a bit through the years, owing to any number of things being swept downstream and piling up at the bridge during periodic high water or flood events. And due to the steep slope of the channel, we've seen two to three feet of the bank erode during the last eight years, sometimes sliding off into the creek in huge chunks, our own little landslides. Over the years, I've consulted with city and county officials about what could be done to minimize further damage, but the ways and means were never available.

Until now, but the transformation involves a trade-off. Earlier this year, our City Administrator, Randy Hinchliffe, informed me that a bridge-support and flood mitigation operation would take place this year. The plan is for riprap (variably sized large rock) to be placed along the channel from the bridge downstream, running the length of our driveway. This will create an effective dike on the channel against future erosion and protect the integrity of the bridge.

I was happy to get the news.

Randy then informed me that all the trees, shrubs, plants and other odd foliage would need to be entirely removed. Torn out. Obliterated. Destroyed. Consigned to green oblivion.

I wasn't happy to get the news.



Several years ago, we planted a series of quaking aspen at the top of the bank, along the driveway. This was the perfect solution to an ugly piece of landscape. The trees would grow quickly, providing shade from the afternoon sun, bird shelter, and a generally higher degree of feng shui to the curb appeal of our home. (I'm not a realtor or exterior designer.)

No sooner did we have the trees in the ground than the inventive and resourceful beaver found the perfect building supply. The trees were gnawed to stubs within days. (No, we hadn't thought about beavers.)

Top: The trees that have added shade and view to the Ferrian property will be taken down to allow work to be done to the Seventh Street bridge.

Bottom: The view of the bridge from the house. The old bridge and bank are the only buffer the Ferrian property has against the river.

We gave up on the tree idea but were delighted when the trees grew back anyway. Later they were supplemented by volunteer black walnut, which also grew quickly.

As the photo shows, we now have a driveway lined with a tall, leafy, thriving, atmosphere-scrubbing arbor. The quail and chickadee both have found a home. And in a week or so, it will all be gone.

I tried negotiating with Randy (whom I've known for 30 years), a bit tongue-in-cheek. I've done some stage acting, so I thought I had done an effective job protesting the destruction of our life-giving flora. I insisted that a bunch of ugly, angular rock could be strategically dumped, dropped or otherwise placed around, and in consideration of, a few trees. And I had been silly enough to believe that trees would mitigate erosion.

Not here, apparently. If my trees are the first things to drop in a flood, they'll take all the dirt with it. Or so I'm told. (I'm not a waterway engineer.)

After months of consoling myself with twinkies and letting this all sink in, I've resigned myself. Life's a trade-off, that's all. I've had my cake and eaten it, too. But I can't have a stable creek channel in front of my home and a beautiful tree-lined driveway as well. Things don't work that way in the real world.

I wonder what would happen if I chained myself to a walnut tree?

FUN & GAMES

GRIN and BEAR IT



"I bought some great things for the garage sale!"

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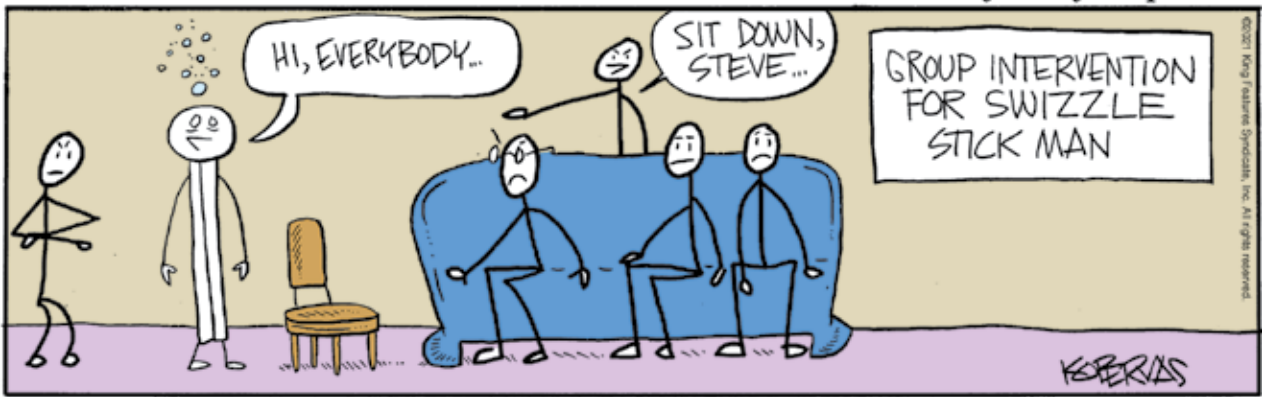
"The folder from the hotel said 'golf'... I didn't notice what kind."

The Spats



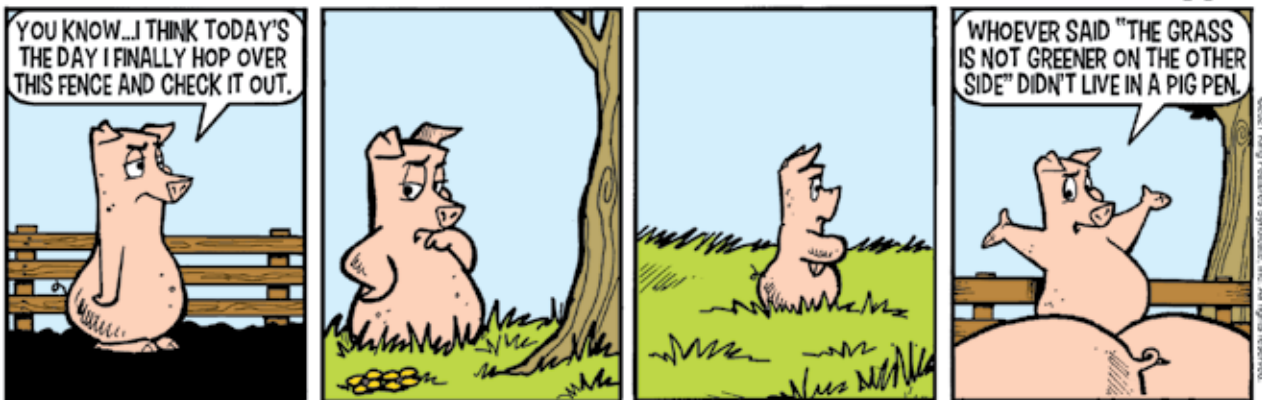
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Out on a Limb



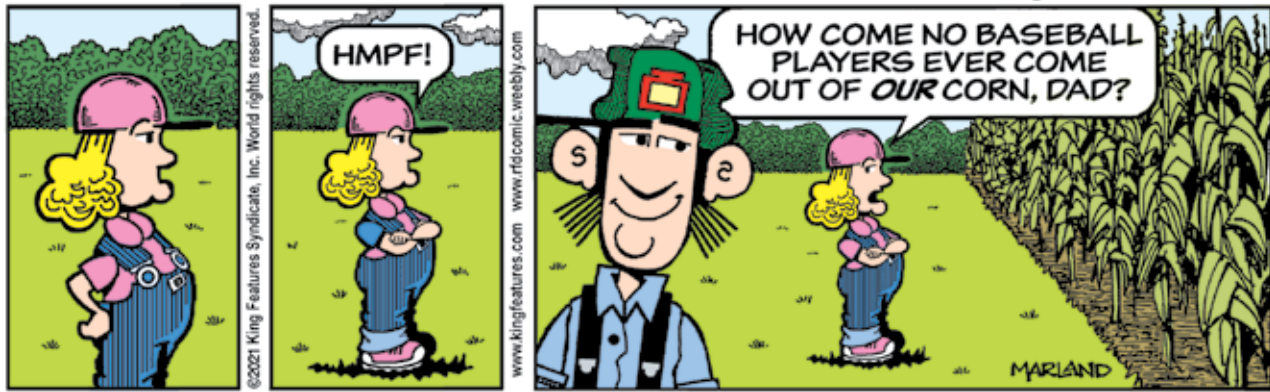
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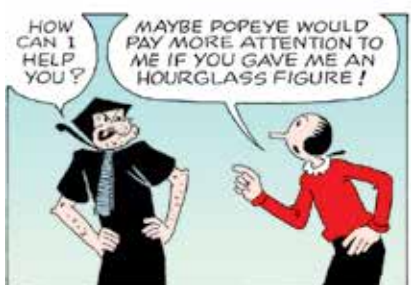
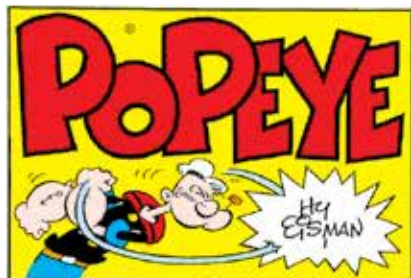


by Dave T. Phipps

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by Mike Marland



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

August 18, 2011

Seattle-area residents who tuned into their local National Public Radio affiliate this week were introduced to none other than Waitsburg's Bret Moser, Jim German, Claire Johnston and Jack Miller. Seattle-based KUOW focused on Waitsburg in a second segment about he so-called "Cascade Curtain," a physical, and some would say cultural and political, divide between the west and east sides of the Cascade Mountains. In his show "Waitsburg: When East Meets West," reporter Dominic Black explores the impact of change, specifically west side residents moving to town, on this small rural community.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

August 22, 1986

The Waitsburg High School Class of 1986 held its 10-year reunion the weekend of Aug. 2-4. Attending were Dawn Keith Breitenstein, Debbie Penner Fortner, Rob Fry, Gennie Adams, Dean Perry, Brenda Gales Groom, Wendy Davis Richards, Scott Bowles, Margret Hagerman and Bobbie Jo Wilder Vandell. The reunion included a get-together at a Walla Walla pub Aug. 2, an Elks Club dinner Aug. 3 and a Sunday picnic at Pioneer Park. The class had hoped to picnic in Preston Park but opted not to because of its condition following the flood.



Above: An advertisement from the August 22, 1996 edition.

Fifty Years Ago

August 19, 1971

Mrs. Gladys Keve has just returned from a trip to Portland where she joined her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wolsborn and their daughter, Maryann Wolsborn, 13, for a trip to Kansas City, Mo. While in Kansas City, Maryann competed in and won the title of "National Strutting Champion" in competition with more than 200 young women. The Floyd Light Middle School eighth grader, has been marching and twirling the baton for four years.

Among several area residents receiving degrees in the graduation ceremonies at Walla Walla College was Beverly Gage Erwin (Mrs. James) of Prescott. Mrs. Erwin received a Master of Education degree. Her Bachelor of Science degree is from Washington State College. In the past Mrs. Erwin has served as librarian and taught English at Prescott school and will be teaching in the same position when school opens Aug. 30.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

August 23, 1946

Donna Jeremiah will attend Washington State College on a scholarship which was awarded to her as valedictorian of her class last spring.

Central grade school includes the following faculty members: Aleta Combs, first grade; Elva Calhoun, second; Gladys Keve, third; Gladys Williamson, fourth; Barbara Woods, fifth; Margaret Ward, sixth; Daisy Wale, seventh; and Henry Reimers, eighth and principal.

Homer Reed, Bob Butler, Clarence McBride and Paul Koper were enjoying a fishing trip on the Lochsa River in Idaho.

One Hundred Years Ago

August 19, 1921

Mrs. Mary E. Murphy died at the farm home of her son, Oscar Abbey, north of this city, Saturday, August 13 after an illness of several weeks.

The home of Judge Grubbe was a scene of a family reunion on Tuesday of this week, the occasion being the 73rd birthday of the Judge. Mrs. Lulu Stirling arrived home from the east, Evan Grubbe and family of Prescott and the family of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Casey completed the reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Price gave a lawn party at their home in honor of their son Harold's twelfth birthday, Tuesday, Aug. 17. There were 17 present and after playing numerous games, ice cream and cake, and strawberries were served.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

August 21, 1896

A pleasant feature observed during this harvest is farmers coming to town for more sacks.

S. W. Smith writes home that he, this week, was offered \$1,200 for his interest in a mine which only a few weeks ago, cost him \$200. How's That?

Goldsmith Hammer, with his threshing outfit and crew, started for the Palouse country this morning. Threshing is a good deal later there than here although not so much this year as usual.

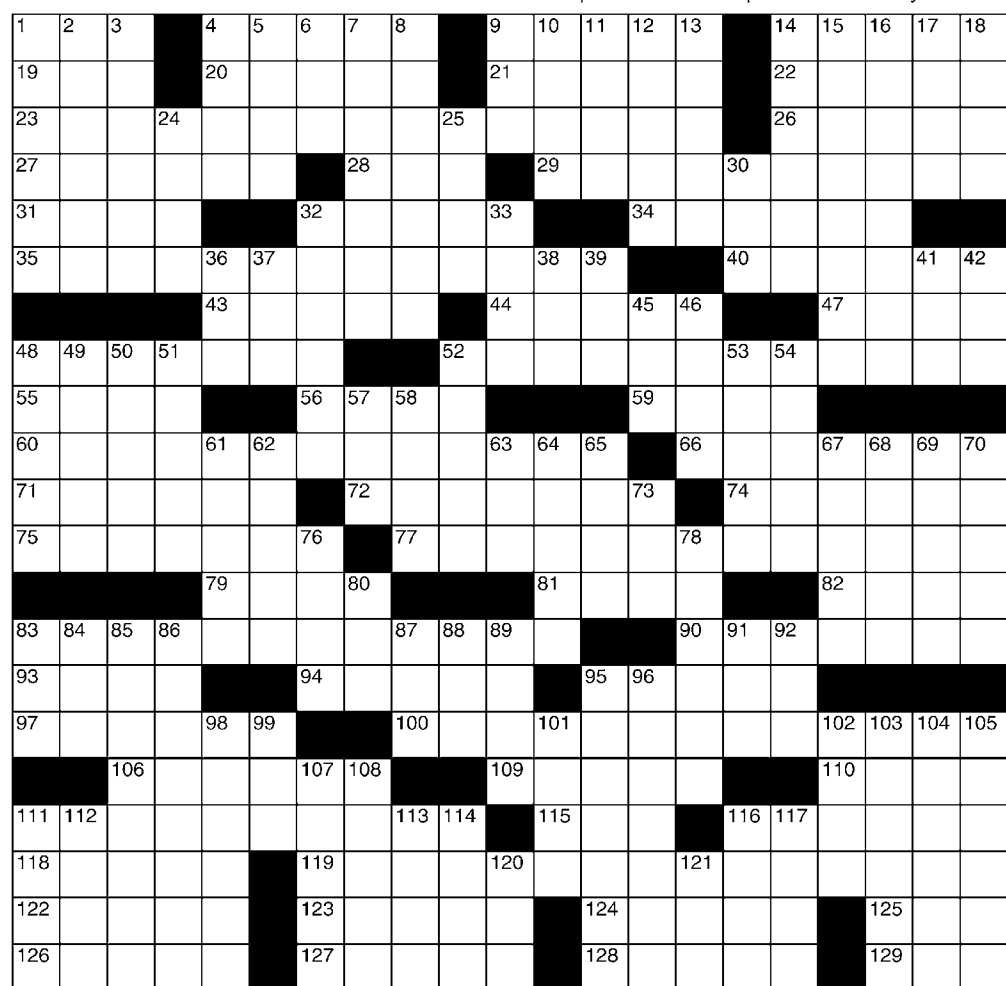
J. D. Bower of Dayton will visit this city on Tuesdays and Saturdays with ice, which he will deliver in any part of the city at one cent per pound. Orders may be left at the Bradley House.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

- ACROSS**
- Puck surface
 - Transparent
 - Nick of "Weeds"
 - Urged (on)
 - Source of bean curd
 - Figure skater Sonja
 - Luau "hello"
 - Thousand: Prefix
 - Soft leather sewn over fabric tears?
 - Poker entry fee
 - Elevate
 - USMC rank
 - Tabby that's a national government's mascot?
 - Peace Nobelist Wiesel
 - Sounded like a cow
 - Antarctic penguin
 - Enticingly beautiful mugs?
 - Braininess
 - How distant stars shine
 - White-rayed flower
 - Trevor of "The Daily Show"
 - Port on the Gulf of Mexico
 - Poet Doolittle who did all of her writing in her boudoir?
 - Caspian Sea feeder
 - "Don't leave!"
 - Easily spread cheese
 - Put decorations on your phone, then dial someone's number?
 - Ticked by
 - Warrant
 - Wearing a fancy crown
 - Verdi opera
 - Maker of Galaxy phones
 - Crustacean that's most active just before sunup?
 - "Exile" New Age artist
 - Falco with four Emmys
 - Notion, in Nantes
 - Black hole sucking in everything around it?
 - People lamenting
 - \$\$\$ spitter-outers
 - Like clipped sheep
 - Consumers
 - Tooted
 - Smug know-it-alls shoplift?
 - Having its petroleum imported, as a nation
 - Cosmic path
 - "My treat!"
 - Subtract the cost of an adhesive roll?
 - Bruin Bobby
 - Red-eyed songbirds
 - Actress Donovan of "Clueless"
 - Shopping containers holding more sinful items?
 - Salk of the Salk vaccine
 - Modify
 - Cliff nest
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MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

Pollo en Salsa Verde con Queso



Often, my kitchen inspiration is based on what is ripe and ready for picking in the garden. Our backyard has provided an abundance of tomatillos and chili peppers this week, which instantly had me thinking about Salsa Verde. A versatile sauce that blends the piquant brightness of the tomatillos with cilantro and fresh green chilis, Salsa Verde is wonderful served cold or hot. Here, I have used it as a braising liquid for chicken, which is then finished in the oven with cheese. A satisfying dish fit for a crowd.



For the Salsa Verde:

- 10 to 12 small tomatillos, husks removed, sliced in half
 - 2 to 4 fresh serrano chilies, stemmed and seeded
 - 1 small white onion
 - 1 large garlic clove
 - ½ cup cilantro leaves, finely chopped
 - Kosher salt
- ### For the Chicken:
- ¼ cup safflower or canola oil
 - 1 large garlic clove
 - 6 to 8 boneless skinless chicken thighs
 - 1 small white onion, sliced
 - 1 fresh jalapeño, stemmed and seeded, sliced
 - 2 to 3 cups Salsa Verde
 - 1 cup cilantro leaves, finely chopped
 - ¼ cup pepitas (roasted and shelled pumpkin seeds)
 - ½ teaspoon cumin
 - 4 ounces pepper jack cheese, grated

Directions:

Make the Salsa Verde: Cut onion in half lengthwise. Leave one half intact and finely chop the other half. Combine the tomatillos, chilies, and garlic clove with the intact onion half in a medium saucepan. Add water just to cover everything and 1 tablespoon salt. Set over medium-high heat and bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer for 10 to 15 minutes until tomatillos are slightly translucent and the chilies have gone from bright green to faded tan-green. Cool for a few minutes, then pour everything, including the liquid, into a blender and puree. Use caution blending hot liquids! Remove the center cap of lid to open the steam valve, and cover loosely with a towel, to prevent lid from blowing off and sending hot liquid everywhere. Return puree to the saucepan and bring to a simmer over low heat. Cook gently for 10 minutes, reducing sauce by about one-third. Remove from heat, add minced onion and cilantro, stirring to combine. Taste for seasoning, adding more salt if needed. Should yield about 3 to 4 cups of Salsa.

Prepare chicken: In a Dutch oven, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Pierce the garlic clove with a fork, then add it to the oil. Stir around as it sizzles and cook until light golden brown, then pull from oil and set aside.

Lightly season chicken thighs with salt, then sear in batches. Don't overcrowd the pan. Add 2 to 3 thighs at a time to the pan and sear for 2 to 3 minutes per side, until lightly browned. Transfer seared thighs to a platter as you go and set aside when finished.

Next, add sliced onion and jalapeño to hot oil. Sauté with a wooden spoon, scraping up any browned bits at bottom of pan. Take the reserved garlic clove that you used to flavor the oil, slice it, and add to the onions. When onions are translucent and chili is soft, pour in 2 cups of the Salsa Verde and return the seared chicken. Stir to incorporate around the chicken. Add more Salsa Verde if needed, up to another cup, to bring liquid almost to top of chicken pieces. Bring to a boil, cover, and reduce heat to maintain a simmer. Cook until chicken is tender, about 20 to 30 minutes.

While chicken is cooking, gently toast the pepitas in a cast iron skillet with a teaspoon of oil. When fragrant and toasted, add cumin and season to taste with salt. Set aside. Pre-heat oven to 400 degrees.

Remove chicken from pan when done and set aside on a platter. Raise heat and reduce sauce by half to thicken. Pour reduced sauce into a 9" x 13" shallow baking dish, then arrange thighs in single layer on top of sauce and cover each with a clump of grated cheese. Place dish in pre-heated oven and bake until top is browned and bubbly, about 10 to 15 minutes. Pull from oven and sprinkle top with toasted pepitas and chopped cilantro.

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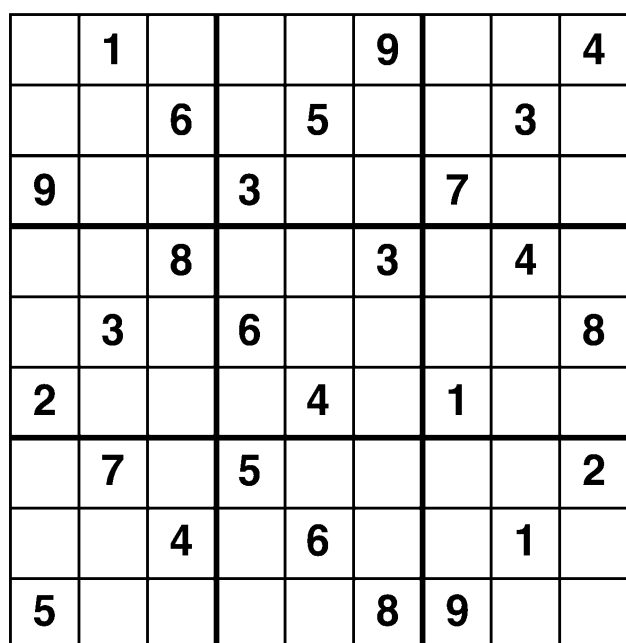
If you don't have access to fresh tomatillos, you can find canned Salsa Verde at grocery stores with a large Latin section. To brighten up the flavor of store-bought Salsa Verde add fresh minced cilantro and onion. Be careful not to oversalt the final dish, as canned Salsa Verde is often much saltier than homemade.

I served this with some Mexican rice, a side dish of black beans with zucchini, and a crisp Mexican lager with plenty of limes. Tortillas are always a good idea. Leftovers can be shredded and used for tacos. Buen provecho. Enjoy!

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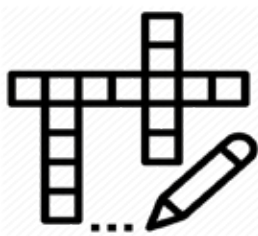


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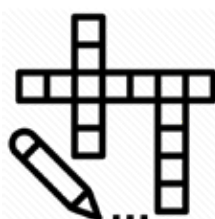
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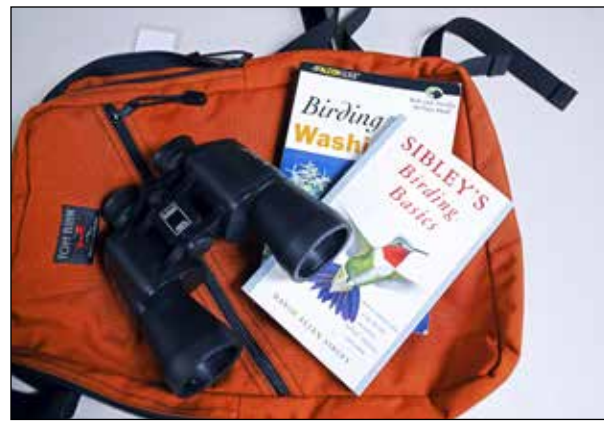
THE LAST PAGE

Library of Things ready to inspire at Dayton Memorial Library

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

Ukuleles, sewing machines, and binoculars are just a few items at the Library of Things waiting to tag along on your next adventure around Dayton.

The Dayton Memorial Library started the Library of Things in 2017, and it has since become popular with local patrons. It includes a little bit of everything for just about anyone; Discovery Kits for kids six years and under that make counting fun, inspire a love of entomology, and dive into the world of dinos. Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) kits are available for children ages 9-14.



Don't worry if you are an adult: The Library of Things has you covered! Want to learn how to mix up the perfect cocktail? Check out the mixology kit. Want to try and get a better look at the local birdlife? The Library of Things has a birding kit, complete with *Birding in Washington* and *Sibley's Birding Basics* to help guide you.

Maybe you've been wanting to try your hand at learning to sew or play the ukulele. You guessed it! The Library of Things has you covered. Taking a hike, learning how to preserve your garden harvest with a water bath canner, and geocaching are all made easy, thanks to the Library of Things.

Borrowing kits or items from the library is as simple as checking out a book from the Dayton Memorial Library with your library card. Adults 18 years of age or older must be present to check out a kit for any age, as there are a few more stipulations around borrowing from the not-so-little library, all of which are carefully explained at the time of check out.

The Dayton Memorial Library is open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 12 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday. Grab a book, take a hike, and get inspired! Pick-up is available 10 a.m.-4 p.m. during the weekdays.



Left: Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor adventure that is ongoing, all of the time, around the world. The Library of Things sets you up with maps, compasses, flashlights, and even a First Aid kit in the event of injury. Are you daring enough to try?

Top: Learn about birds of all feathers with a trusted birding guide book. Get a closer look at your favorite birds with a set of borrowed binoculars.



Center: Count, sort, and learn colors with the little ones with Discovery Kits

Above: Mix it up! Take your cocktails to the next level with the mixology kit, available at the Library of Things

Monday night is training night for District 2 in Waitsburg



Photos courtesy of CWWFD2

Hot August nights in Waitsburg are the perfect excuse to play with water! Members of the Columbia-Walla Walla Fire District 2 had water supply training on Monday, August 16 for volunteers old and new. Trainings happen every other week, and the fire station on Main Street in Waitsburg is the perfect place to stop, watch, and see just how much work goes into keeping Waitsburg safe.

