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Beka Compton

Jaxon Anderson, of Dayton, secures a hard-earned win on Saturday, July 17. It was all crash'em smash'em action at the Columbia County Fairgrounds this weekend during the CrashMania Demolition Derby.

## Umatilla National Forest wildfire updates

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### Green Ridge:

The Green Ridge Fire ignited during a lightning storm on July 7 and is burning roughly 30 miles east of Walla Walla. The fire continues to burn in the Wena-ha-Tucannon Wilderness in steep, remote, rugged terrain, making it difficult for fire personnel to create containment lines. An indirect fire suppression strategy is being implemented, with control lines being established a considerable distance away from the fire's active edge.

Pacific Northwest Team 3 took command of the Green Ridge Fire Tuesday and will build on the progress that has been made toward containing the fire. Firefighters will continue fortifying road systems and hand lines. Contingency lines continue to be constructed to the north and south of the fire. Reconnaissance will be conducted along the east side of the fire in the wilderness area.

As of Tuesday, July 20, the Green Ridge Fire has burned 2,086 acres and remains at 15% contained. Currently, there are 322 personnel on the ground fighting the blaze. At a community meeting on July 14, fire officials emphasized that firefighting resources are already 'stretched very thin' and anticipated that the Green Ridge Fire would continue to burn for quite some time.

On July 17, level one (Be Ready) evacuations were issued by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office for residents on County Roads 9233, 1931, 1424, and Forest Service Road 46. Columbia County Residents can sign up for the Code Red notification at <https://tinyurl.com/24rzmpf2>, or by visiting the Columbia County webpage, [www.columbiaco.com](http://www.columbiaco.com).

Updates are provided daily via the Green Ridge Fire Facebook page, and information is readily available at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7628/>.

### The Lick Creek Fire:

The Lick Creek Fire burning approximately 20 miles southwest of Asotin, WA, also ignited July 7 during a lightning storm. The fire has torched 73,190 acres and was 45% contained as of July 20. There are 444 personnel overseeing the situation.

A red flag warning remained in place on July 20, with the possibility of scattered thunderstorms and dry lightning. Fire activity has been slow, creeping and smoldering with minimal torching of trees inside the established fireline. Mop-up operations, including extinguishing or removing burning material near control lines, felling snags, and trenching logs to prevent rolling after an area has burned, will continue near the fire line.

Crews will work on securing and strengthening containment lines while patrolling the perimeter. Aerial operations will conduct reconnaissance flights looking for spot fires and hotspots. Due to the recent lower fire activity, crews working the night shift will now be utilized as initial attack crews. These initial attack crews will work in strategic locations around the fire perimeter near areas of concern from new starts from lightning. Pre-positioning initial attack crews can reduce response time in the event a lightning strike or other ignition source results in a new fire in the area.

Updates on the Lick Creek Fire are provided daily on Facebook via the Lick Creek Fire page and InciWeb <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7615>.

All Forest Service lands, roads, and trails within the Umatilla National Forest are closed. For more information, visit the Umatilla National Forest website at [www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fseprd931174.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd931174.pdf).

Smoke information is available at the Washington Smoke Blog, <https://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>. Temperatures will continue to warm, with persisting dry conditions.

## Port of Columbia recipient of \$2 million grant for broadband

*Must secure matching funds within a six-month window*

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Port of Columbia has taken a significant leap forward in its quest to bring broadband, high-speed internet access to the local community. In Olympia last week, the Port's Executive Director Jennie Dickinson and Robert Greene, Manager of Communications and Internet Telecommunications for Columbia Rural Electric, met with representatives of the Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) to talk about how the local economy will benefit from such a project.

Dickinson was elated.

"We were awarded the \$2 million grant, contingent upon providing a local match."

She said the Port has six months to meet the \$500,000 precontract match requirement for the project, which will cost \$2.5 million to construct.

Sherwood Trust and the Port of Columbia are each contributing \$20,000. The Warren Community Fund is contributing \$15,000, and the Columbia County Fund is contributing \$13,500, totaling \$68,000.

Dickinson has worked closely with Dayton city managers on the project. At the end of June, she presented the project in detail to the Dayton City Council.

The city has received \$350,000 through the American Rescue Plan, and Mayor Zac Weatherford is open to contributing those funds to the match requirement. Dickinson said she plans to schedule a formal request to the city in August.

Dickinson and one of the Port commissioners, two representatives from the Hospital District, and a representative from Columbia County Rural Library District, will speak to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) this week. They will discuss how this project and high-speed broadband internet will help them achieve their goals with the commissioners. Several private partner internet service providers have also been invited to the meeting, and this will alert people to the fact that this is a public/private partnership.

"I've asked some legislators to weigh in, but we'll see who shows up," she said. Dickinson said she hopes to secure a \$100,000 commitment from the BOCC.

Port of Columbia officials have been working on the broadband infrastructure project since 2019. When constructed, the infrastructure will be available to private internet service providers, who will be able to provide high-speed internet service to Dayton residents and businesses.

Operations Section Chief Chris Orr discusses concerns with a Columbia County resident following a community meeting on July 14. On July 20, fire leadership changed as Pacific Northwest Team 3 took over.



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# NEWS AND NEWS BRIEFS

## AT THE LIBERTY:

### Queen Bees

THE TIMES

While her house undergoes repairs, fiercely independent senior Helen (Oscar winner Ellen Burstyn) moves into a nearby retirement community just temporarily. Once behind the doors of Pine Grove Senior Community, she encounters lusty widows, cutthroat bridge tournaments, and a hotbed of bullying “mean girls,” the likes of which she hasn’t experienced since high school, all of which leaves her yearning for the solitude of home. But somewhere between flower arranging and water aerobics, Helen discovers that it’s never too late to make new friends and perhaps even find new love.

With only a few reviews so far, Rotten Tomatoes critics gave this film only a 50% favorable rating, while the audience rating is 88% favorable. A New York Times review calls this “Mean Girls on Social Security.” Although reviewers give this film mixed reviews, they also noted that it includes many iconic and well-known actors (Ellen Burstyn, Jane Curtin, Loretta Devine, Ann-Margaret, Christopher Lloyd, Jame Caan, and others).

This film is rated PG-13 for drug use, suggestive material, and some language. The runtime is 1 hr. and 40 minutes. Movie showings are July 23-25 and 27, on Fri. & Sat. at 7:30 pm, Sunday at 3:00 pm, and Tuesday at 6:30 pm (not 7:30).

Although Washington State has lifted COVID most restrictions, the Liberty Theater is maintaining distancing and mask requirements for a while longer. Please help us provide a relatively safe environment for all by complying with this mask requirement and maintaining social distancing. We appreciate your assistance and support.



## RED CROSS RESPONDING TO WILDFIRES IN WA, OR, ID & CA

*Hundreds of volunteers are providing shelter, meals, and comfort. You can help by making a donation, giving blood, or becoming a volunteer*

THE TIMES

SPOKANE—Hundreds of trained American Red Cross disaster volunteers are helping 24-7 in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and California to support people affected by wildfires throughout the western states.

“July has already been an incredibly busy month for the Red Cross with hundreds of disaster workers responding to help people whose lives were turned upside down by wildfires and other disasters,” said Alex Dieffenbach, Northwest Region CEO. “We need your help now. Please consider becoming a Red Cross volunteer, giving blood, or making a donation to help people affected by disasters today.”

The Red Cross has teams of volunteers working at more than a dozen open shelters and evacuation centers up and down the west coast. These individuals provide cots, meals, water, snacks, and services to evacuating families whose homes have been destroyed. Red Cross volunteers are also helping to replace prescription medications, eyeglasses and offer emotional support to people whose lives have been turned upside down.

The Red Cross is working to build additional local capacity during this month. When community members step up to volunteer as a shelter or feeding associate, they can support those affected by disaster. Volunteers not only help those in need but build community resilience. They are also looking for individuals with health care backgrounds to help deliver critical services to our communities when disaster strikes. If you have the time, you can make a significant impact as a Red Cross volunteer. Review the most urgently needed volunteer positions here: <http://redcross.org/volunteertoday>.

## CWWFD2 back to in-person meetings

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Fire season is here, and the Columbia-Walla Walla Fire District 2 has the run logs to show it. Over the last month, the district has responded to ten fire calls, ten medical calls, and two combination calls, for a total of 22 responses.

The district’s commissioners met on July 14, in person for the first time in over a year. Fire commissioner meetings will now be held at the Waitsburg Fire Station, on Main Street, on the third Wednesday of the month.

Commissioner Anne Higgins informed the district that there had been a security hack through the Washington State Auditor’s Office, and a large amount of information had been compromised. Because of this, the district needs to create a new Data Sharing Agreement.

Commissioner Randy Charles suggested that the district explore the feasibility and affordability of a LUCAS-brand chest compression device. The device, which costs roughly \$16,000, could provide continuous chest compressions for victims in cardiac arrest. While the cost is high, the device has been proven effective, with firefighter Matt Spring adding that Columbia County Fire District 3 (CCFD3) has LUCAS-brand devices.

Interim chief Colter Mohny said that CARES Act money might be available to purchase a ZOLL automated compression device. Funds could also be used for small payments to the district’s EMTs for calls made in 2020. The commissioners will decide how the money will be spent.

Mohny reported that training schedules were complete and had been implemented. The district is continuing to train in-house until CCFD3 resumes its training schedule.

Mohny presented the board with a small list of needed items, including three sets of wildland firefighting gear and lighting, which the commissioners approved. The interim chief said he would be inspecting all emergency shelters to ensure that they are not damaged or expired.

The commissioners also approved the purchase of new hoses, fittings, and other tools needed to equip the new engine to make it fully operational and compatible. The total cost hovered right around \$12,000. The engine was obtained at no cost to the district, with Mohny saying that the \$12,000 figure was a ‘modest amount’ to put the engine in service.

A discussion was held on how to safely and legally allow farmers to support field operations. Spring said other area districts have arranged for farmers to complete a short training to obtain a ‘blue card.’ Mohny said he would contact the district’s attorney to gain a better understanding of liabilities.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Ashley Strickland said Columbia Pulp, in Starbuck, has little to no HAZMAT (hazardous materials) capability and a large amount of hazardous material onsite. He said a large meeting was held with state and local agencies to discuss the necessary steps to mitigate the risk.

The commissioners went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter before adjourning.

### Touchet Valley Weather

July 21, 2021

#### Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast



Wednesday

Mostly Sunny

High: 88 Low: 55



Thursday

Sunny

High: 87 Low: 56



Friday

Sunny

High: 93 Low: 61



Saturday

Sunny

High: 95 Low: 63



Sunday

Sunny

High: 94 Low: 61



Monday

Sunny

High: 93 Low: 62



Tuesday

Mostly Cloudy

High: 94 Low: 60

#### Weather Trivia

Can you use pine cones to forecast the weather?



ANSWER: Yes, the scales will close when rain is on the way.

#### Weather History

July 21, 1975 - Six inches of rain fell across Mercer County, N.J. in just 10 hours, causing the worst flooding in 20 years. Assumpink Creek crested 11 feet above flood stage at Hamilton and Trenton, the highest level of record. Flooding left 1,000 people homeless.

#### Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation	Normal precipitation	Departure from normal	Average temperature	Average normal temperature	Departure from normal
Tuesday	99	69	90/62	0.00"	0.00"	0.11"	-0.11"	79.3°	76.9°	+2.4°
Wednesday	99	67	90/62	0.00"	0.00"	0.11"	-0.11"	79.3°	76.9°	+2.4°
Thursday	92	69	91/63	0.00"	0.00"	0.11"	-0.11"	79.3°	76.9°	+2.4°
Friday	87	63	91/63	0.00"	0.00"	0.11"	-0.11"	79.3°	76.9°	+2.4°
Saturday	89	61	91/63	0.00"	0.00"	0.11"	-0.11"	79.3°	76.9°	+2.4°
Sunday	93	66	92/63	0.00"	0.00"	0.11"	-0.11"	79.3°	76.9°	+2.4°
Monday	87	69	92/64	0.00"	0.00"	0.11"	-0.11"	79.3°	76.9°	+2.4°

Data as reported from Walla Walla

#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Full	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
Wednesday	7/23	5:23 a.m.	8:35 p.m.	7:01 p.m.	2:27 a.m.	New
Thursday		5:24 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	8:05 p.m.	3:22 a.m.	8/8
Friday		5:25 a.m.	8:33 p.m.	8:55 p.m.	4:29 a.m.	
Saturday		5:26 a.m.	8:32 p.m.	9:35 p.m.	5:44 a.m.	
Sunday		5:27 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	10:05 p.m.	7:01 a.m.	
Monday		5:28 a.m.	8:29 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	8:16 a.m.	First
Tuesday	7/31	5:29 a.m.	8:28 p.m.	10:51 p.m.	9:28 a.m.	8/15

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## Virtual Public Meeting

**Thursday, August 19 on Zoom - 4 p.m.**

**What would you like to see for the future of Columbia County Public Transportation?**

Join the Zoom meeting or email your suggestions and comments to [info@ccptransit](mailto:info@ccptransit).

**Call (509) 382-1647 for more information**



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## Dr. David Carl Dilts

Nov 6, 1932-July 7, 2021

Dave was born in Colfax, Wash. His first years were in Garfield, Wash. The family moved to Waitsburg, Wash. after his dad purchased *The Waitsburg Times*. He attended Waitsburg grade school, and WHS where he played basketball, and was active in Boy Scouts where he achieved the highest honor of Eagle Scout. He attended WSC for a year after which he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1952. He spent three years in Waco, Texas. His next tour was Wiesbaden, Germany.

He married Beth Ann Brinker on April 24, 1955. They were in Germany a year before his honorable discharge from the service in 1956 in New York City. They drove a 1956 Volkswagen across the country with their Scottish Terrier "Fritz." They moved to Eugene, Ore where he attended the University of Oregon for two years in Pre-Dental School. When the Ducks played the Cougs he never had a loser. They moved to Portland for four years of Dental School at the U of O.

Their son was born in April, 1962 and Dave graduated in June. They moved to Walla Walla, where Dave built their first home and started his Dental Practice in the Drumheller Building. He designed a dental building to house four practices. It was built on South Second and opened with four active dental practices in 1971.

He loved Priest Lake and built their first cabin at Priest Lake in 1967. He designed and built their second cabin on Paradise Point years later. He designed and built their second home in Walla Walla and a few years later retired to the golf course.

He was past President of Exchange Club and Prospect Point PTA. Member of local Elks. He was active in both local Dental Society and Washington State Dental Society and a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Beth Ann Dilts; his son, Daniel Carl Dilts and wife Teresa, (daughter, Dana Ann preceded him in death.), Granddaughter Elizabeth Marjorie (Elie) Johnson, Grandson Berton Daniel Palmer (Danny) Dilts and wife Savannah, great granddaughter Hazel Grace Dilts, brother Rodney Dilts and his son Scott Randall Dilts of Kingman, AZ. As well as by numerous nieces and nephews and 4 survivors of the original Tuesday-Friday.

Dave's Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, July 24, 2021 at 1:00 pm at Munselle- Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main, Milton Freewater, Oregon 97862.

There will be a social gathering at St. Francis Parish Hall, 772 W. Alder St. Walla Walla following.

Memorial contributions may be made to either the Alzheimer's Foundation, Cystic Fibrosis or the Blue Mountain Humane Society in care of the Funeral Home.

To leave an online condolence visit [www.munsellerhodes.com](http://www.munsellerhodes.com).

## Duke O'dell Morrow Sr.

December 3, 1946 – July 12, 2021

Duke O'dell Morrow Sr, 74, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 12, 2021, at the Palouse Veterans Home in Walla Walla, Wash.

Born December 3, 1946, to JM and Leora Morrow, Duke was one of six siblings raised in the local area. He attended local schools and graduated from Waitsburg High School in 1965. Shortly after graduating, he joined the U.S. Army and was sent to Vietnam.

Our Veteran never talked about his time in the war and was very guarded when asked about his service for our country. He was awarded two purple hearts for his time spent and injuries sustained in country and was a hero that should be remembered as such!

After returning from his service in the military, Duke married Kathy McCauley, and together they had a son Todd Lincoln Morrow. Kathy and Duke later divorced. Duke married Glenys Barnett and they welcomed a son, Duke O'dell Morrow Jr. in January 1976. After many years, Glenys and Duke divorced as well.

Duke married his current wife Judy, and they were married until his passing. They lived in Dixie in the home that he had purchased and lived in for the past 37 years. He was an electrician and worked for the Walla Walla School District, where he retired from.

Duke enjoyed his years of retirement fishing and camping and taking his motorhome to some of his favorite spots. He loved to fish and camp at the Tucannon lakes and have a fish fry with his catch. He was always excited to catch the occasional Triploid.

He is survived by his wife Judy Just-Morrow of Dixie, Wash. He is also survived by both sons & his grandchildren. His eldest son Todd of Fife Washington, grandson's Jacob and TJ, granddaughter KaetLynn. His youngest son Duke and Daughter In-Law Lisa & grandson Jasper of Waitsburg, Washington

Duke is also survived by two sisters Penny (Chuck) and Carla Morrow and Sister In-Law Deena (Ben) as well as numerous Nieces and Nephews. He was preceded in death by both parents, JM & Leora Morrow, a brother Ben Morrow (Deena), a brother Jimmy Morrow, and his sister Sherry Morrow.

There will be a celebration Lunchtime (Noon) BBQ to honor Duke on July 25, 2021 at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds Lion's Building. Lil' Duke will be grilling up burgers so bring a side and a favorite story/memory to share.



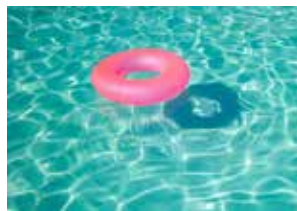
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Contact Aquatic Director, Kyra Hartley @kthartley.pjprd@gmail.com or call (509)849-2314.



**Blue Mountain Counseling** has an opening for a full-time Office Assistant. The job description and application may be picked at Blue Mountain Counseling, 221 E. Washington Ave., Dayton, WA 99328. Salary: DOE/DOQ. For questions and/or information call 509.382.1164. E.O.E.

**Help Wanted Columbia County District Court: Legal Process Assistant II, FLSA exempt (non-union).** Salary DOE; 35 hours per week with benefits. Complete application packet including full job description and Columbia County application available via email, at [diane\\_dill@co.columbia](mailto:diane_dill@co.columbia).

wa.us, or pick up in person at the District Court Office 341 Main St, Ste 4, Dayton, WA 99328. **Position open until filled, with expected start date in August. Fax transmissions not accepted. Applications which do not contain all materials requested will not be processed.**

Individuals assigned to this position are responsible for providing administrative support to the Court by performing clerical duties, providing excellent customer service on a daily basis, and processing legal documents. Duties include receipting of monies, public contact work on the telephone or over the counter, processing and maintaining court records, files

and other legal documents, and staffing the courtroom. The position requires the application of considerable knowledge of court and general office practices and procedures.

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**Food Service Assistant** – (3 hrs./day) We are accepting applications for a part-time food service assistant. Preferred: Experience working in a school setting, with customer service and food prep for groups of 40+. Needed: someone who is dependable, punctual and has good attendance.

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closely with students, is dependable, punctual and has good attendance. **Substitutes** – We are looking for qualified individuals interested in substituting for classroom teachers, para educators, custodian, school bus drivers and food service assistants. Application materials are available from the District Office at 509-399-2381, or you may email Connie Fox Boyer at [cfoxyboyer@starbuck.k12.wa.us](mailto:cfoxyboyer@starbuck.k12.wa.us). Positions are open until filled. Starbuck School District is an equal opportunity employer.

## 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](https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020_agendas.php)

**Friends of the Weller Public Library**  
July 14, 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

### DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH

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

**Thursday, July 22**  
Beef stroganoff  
Zucchini  
Spinach salad  
Roll  
Pudding  
Juice, Milk

**Tuesday, July 27**  
Spaghetti  
Mixed veggies

Salad  
Garlic bread  
Fruit Jell-o  
Milk

### WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

**Tuesday, July 27**  
Chicken & dumplings  
Vegetables  
Pea salad  
Juice  
Brownie

### WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Waitsburg School District

Free Summer Meals begin June 21. Available to all children 18 and under. Served 11 a.m.- noon, Monday-Friday at the Waitsburg Elementary Cafeteria



*Church Directory*

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

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**Waitsburg Chapel**  
320 W. 2nd  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
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Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.  
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## LETTERS

### COMMISSIONER SAYS THANK YOU TO CWWFD2

Over the last two years, I have had the pleasure of serving as one of the six Fire Commissioners for Columbia Walla Walla Fire District 2. Many of you know, better than I, about the long history of community members volunteering for the Waitsburg Fire Department, now the "CWWFD2". Past volunteers may include you, your family members, neighbors, and/or friends. Those who have volunteered and are part of this history know the amount of time and effort required to train, obtain the needed certifications, and most importantly to respond to EMS and fire calls.

I would like to extend my thanks to the men and women who volunteer their time as members of OUR fire department. While the department's training sessions are scheduled and predictable, they still take time away from their families and other obligations. The emergency calls, of course, happen any day and at any time of the day or night. Understanding that even though department members have jobs, families, and other responsibilities, they are willing to leave dinner with their families or get up at 2 a.m. to help their neighbors in times of need.

Please, let's not take our District 2 volunteers for granted. If you see them around town, in the station washing emergency vehicles or sweeping out the bays, or maybe taking a break after returning from a call, give them a quick thank you and let them know that they are appreciated.

Randy Charles  
Waitsburg

### SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY MUST STOP

To the Editor,

Recently, I have had a series of incidents at my home in Waitsburg. Someone has been knocking on the door, going into the backyard from the alley and trying to peek through the window late at night. I want this person to knock it off or the next time I will call the sheriff.

Diane Zuger  
Waitsburg

Comment from the editor:

This is one of several complaints we have received in recent weeks concerning unusual late-night activity around homes in Waitsburg. Walla Walla County Undersheriff Joe Klundt asks that anyone who feels threatened or has unwanted people on their property or looking through windows to call 911. If you see unusual activity on the street or in areas where you are not threatened, call the non emergency line at (509) 527-1960.

## BIRTHDAYS

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### CYCLIST SHARES STORY OF ACCIDENT, SUPPORT OF PROPOSED TRAIL

#### THE TIMES

Mike Ellsworth is a strong supporter of the Touchet Valley Trail, and with good reason.

The long-time Dayton resident had just gotten back into cycling when he hit the road for an early morning ride on June 25, 2015, headed towards Waitsburg with a goal of 25 miles. Ellsworth was roughly three miles outside of Dayton, just in front of Joann Pullman's house on Highway 12 when a vehicle struck him from behind.

"What we think happened- the gentleman who hit me had worked all night at Smith Frozen Foods. He had worked all night, was on his way home, and it looked like he had extended mirrors on his big pickup," Ellsworth explained. "It hit me on the left shoulder. We are thinking, this is just a conjecture, that he may have fallen asleep."

Six years later, the details surrounding the accident are still foggy, with Ellsworth sharing many third-person thoughts about his accident. After being struck by the vehicle, Ellsworth suffered numerous injuries, including broken vertebrae, a fractured scapula, multiple broken ribs, and two fractures in his pelvis. The impact was significant enough that his helmet was broken, and he suffered a small brain bleed. Internal organs, including his heart and lungs, were bruised.

His wife Kathy had just finished her home workout when she heard the call come over the scanner for a car versus bicycle accident along the highway.

The injuries went much further than just broken bones. A former math teacher, Ellsworth said that when asked a simple math question, he would work out a complex answer but not the correct answer.

"It took me a couple of weeks to come back to 'two plus two equals four,'" he said. "The therapist would ask me a simple question, I would rattle off a number, and my wife would look at me and ask how I got that answer."

Six years later, Ellsworth has regained his mathematical reasoning skills. Still, he has been diagnosed

with Parkinson's disease, a long-term degenerative disorder of the central nervous system that mainly affects motor skills. He believes that the disease is the result of the accident, with data suggesting that the condition can be caused by traumatic brain injuries (TBI).

A 2018 study published by Wolters Kluwer Health, Inc. on behalf of the American Academy of Neurology found that a mild TBI increased the chance of Parkinson's disease in military veterans by 56%, showing a significant link between brain injuries and the diagnosis.

Ellsworth spent three weeks at Sacred Heart and St. Luke's in Spokane before coming home and going through physical therapy through the Columbia County Health System.

Proponents for the Touchet Valley Trail say it would provide a safe place to exercise and safely explore the Touchet Valley by bike or on foot.

"People don't understand that Highway 12 is a busy highway," Ellsworth said. "It would be wonderful to walk a trail."

Even though traffic decreased in 2020 due to the pandemic, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) projected that more than 38,000 people would be the victim of fatal motor vehicle accidents on American highways. Bicyclist deaths rose 5% in 2020, up to 846 victims. The data showed a 13.2% decrease in road traffic, but the projected number of deaths was the highest since 2007. Impaired driving, speeding, and failure to use seatbelts were the leading causes of the increase.

The Port of Columbia has posted public comments and the Port's responses online at <https://tinyurl.com/e53r8tu5>. The comments and responses address community concerns, including agriculture spraying, private property concerns, and show comments from community members for and against the proposed trail.

## Friends of Weller Public Library discuss future at July 14 meeting

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Friends of Weller Public Library gathered at Town Hall with nearly forty community members on July 14, to brainstorm ways to keep Weller Public Library at its current location on Main Street.

President Lisa Winnett said that there was a letter written by the Board of Trustees, to the City of Waitsburg, stating that all library leadership is against moving the library. The city recently purchased the former NW Grain Growers building at the north end of Main Street, with the intention of moving City Hall to the space.

The goals for the success and overall operations of the Weller Public Library center around creating a vibrant, lively space that inspires readers of all ages.

"I would love to see that library be a meeting space for this community," Winnett said. "Not just for kids, not just for adults, but for everybody. I am a library fiend, you could say, and I have seen some beautiful ones and we could create that here. We do have some people who would like to see the library stay close to the way it is now, and I understand that, too."

The Friends of Weller Library reached out to the community via an online survey to develop a better understanding of what changes residents would like to see. The five-minute survey ended July 21.

"We want to know what this community wants for this little library," Winnett said. "I want people to think of the big vision, not go small."

The organization has volunteers currently researching library and historical building grants, to see

what options are available to keep the library in the current location, and they will always accept help if someone offers it.

Winnett said that one possible change would be joining the Walla Walla County Rural Library District, which would expand services and book selection, increase support for professional staff, and fund and maintain the library. The downside, Winnett said, is that a new tax would be introduced, and she recognizes that many residents feel overtaxed, as it stands.

If the Weller Public Library were to join the rural library district, the supporting tax would be \$0.46 per \$1,000; yearly taxes on a \$250,000 home would be roughly \$115. There would be no additional costs for library cards or services, and cards could be issued as soon as the day following the final vote.

"It's more exploration," Winnett said. "To me, it is so worth it. The rural library does a great job providing computers and up-to-date books. Rosie already does a great job providing new books and titles, with the support of the Friends of the Library."

The next library meeting will be August 28, at the Waitsburg Town Hall.

"We need more people to come, so we can inform people, and hear their thoughts and opinions," Winnett said, saying she hopes to keep up with the trend of ten new faces per meeting. "I am not stuck in a rut that things have to keep going the way they are. I am all about exploring- that's why I am so excited about this survey. We get to hear from people and learn what they want."

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## Senate Bill 5044, sports, discussed at July school board meeting

*The Dayton School Board heard from a concerned parent about the recently-passed equity, inclusion and anti-racism bill*

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Senate Bill 5044, passed by the Senate in April, was the topic of the public comment period at the July Dayton School Board meeting.

The bill, which reads, “Concerning professional learning, equity, cultural competency, and dismantling institutional racism in the public school system,” requires public school districts to designate one of three professional learning days to focus specifically on equity, diversity, inclusion, and anti-racism training.

The parent, who had approached the board in May, asked if the school board was prepared to state their intentions regarding the implementation of the training, sharing that ‘parents of all races have been screaming their resistance into the microphones,’ and referencing a document from the Washington Policy Center.

Proponents of the bill say that SB 5044 will help ensure that students from all cultural backgrounds feel safe, heard, and understood while at school. Opponents, however, say that the bill teaches students to judge others based on the color of their skin, a fear that was expressed at the school board meeting.

Board chair David Bailey said that the school board has not received the training material.

“Our intention is- we are going to be mandated to do the training, but we are going to pick the training that fits our district best,” Bailey said. “We can’t make plans until we see the documents.”

At a community forum last month, Superintendent Guy Strot discussed changes in disciplinary policies. He clarified at the July 14 meeting that the biggest change to the policy will be communication with changes, stating that communication will be “vastly different” than in the past. He also clarified that the school will be making a clear line between minor and major disciplinary actions. Speed, consistency, and more parental involvement are being improved by the district. Disciplinary policies will be reviewed yearly and amended as needed.

Strot shared that there will be a community forum on August 12, where documents will be available for viewing. The district staff will meet on August 18, prior to the school board meeting, to review the documents as well.

Following the public comment period, Athletic Director Sam Korslund shared that middle school volleyball players had just finished up a summer camp, with 20 student athletes in attendance. Most of the athletes in attendance were from Dayton, with Korslund sharing that he felt Waitsburg athlete attendance was low due to announcement timing. The high school team did not have a camp due to low enrollment numbers.

Korslund said that he is considering home-game location changes, trying to iron out emotions caused by a former facilities use agreement that had all gym-sports played in Dayton. He is considering changing the plan to fall sports (volleyball, football) in Waitsburg, winter sports (basketball) in Dayton, and spring sports being split like in previous years.

“The main change from what the combine committee proposed in 2019 is volleyball,” Korslund said. “Football is already in Waitsburg, so what it really comes down to is high school volleyball going to Waitsburg, but middle school volleyball coming to Dayton.”

The changes to the schedules are just a proposal, at this time. Korslund said that he is also exploring options to host a basketball tournament during the winter season. He said that he needs two more teams to commit to attending.

With the school year quickly approaching, the school board discussed mask-wearing but made no decisions as to if they will require masks, or who will be allowed to attend school without a mask. Vaccination status was discussed, however, board members and Strot all agreed that allowing vaccinated students to attend without a mask may cause more issues than necessary. They are waiting for updated guidance from the state-level before making decisions. Students under the age of 12 will likely be required to be masked.

The school received a bid to install nearly 10,000 feet of cable for the security cameras and chemical sensors, approved earlier this year. The bid included roughly \$20,000 for labor, and \$8,000 in materials.

The board discussed the superintendent review and approved policy readings before adjourning.

## Dayton City Council approves ILA with Columbia County for Planning Services

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton City Council has passed a resolution authorizing Mayor Zac Weatherford to execute an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between Columbia County and the City of Dayton for temporary Planning Department services. This will be on an hourly basis, as needed, and as availability and resources allow.

It is hoped personnel in the County’s Building and Planning Department will step in on a temporary basis to fill the void after the City’s Community Development and Planning Director was terminated from employment by Mayor Zac Weatherford on June 16.

The County’s Planning Manager, Dena Martin, said her department will handle any outstanding projects and provide planning for building permit review and basic land use projects.

“If more involved, the city can find an outside contractor to handle those projects,” she said.

The County will be compensated sixty-one (61) dollars per hour for services performed under the contract. The city will retain all planning-related fees. The County will collect applicable fees in accordance with the existing City fee schedule and remit the same to the City within seven days of collection. The duration of the contract is for six months and awaits approval by the Board of County Commissioners, which could come about this week.

## Bidding process for City's official newspaper contested

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Loyal Baker, publisher of *The Chronicle*, was on the agenda for public comment at the July 14 council meeting. Baker asked the council to rescind its selection of *The Times* for the City’s official newspaper services. He offered as evidence to his complaint copies of the City of Dayton’s 2021-22 call for bids and the submitted written proposals from *The Chronicle* and *The Times*.

Baker said the call for bids spelled out bid requirements, contract periods, and submittal requests. Under reward criteria, an eligible bidder must meet RCW requirements and the bid and submittal requirements. Baker said *The Chronicle* carefully created a checklist so as not to miss any one of them.

He asserted the Times is a nonresponsive bidder for not complying with submittal requirement number two, by not including a statement of intent to comply with all bid requirements.

*The Chronicle* brought the matter to the attention of Trina Cole who forwarded it to the city’s attorney who said the city has the right to waive minor discrepancies.

Baker said, “The submittal requirement is plainly spelled out in the call for bids. We believe the city included this requirement for a reason. We respected that and insured *The Chronicle*’s full compliance.

“Why should a business that fully complied with written requirements be penalized when one that did not was rewarded? If you allow this, what’s next? What’s to say what a minor discrepancy is in the future?”

It should be noted that *The Chronicle* also omitted required information under the Submitted Requirements, section two. The Submittal Requirements asks for a statement of qualifying circulation which was not included in the letter from *The Chronicle*. This requirement is to provide quantitative data on the number of subscriptions to the bidder’s publication.

It is clearly stated on the legal notice calling for bids that the city reserved the right to waive minor irregularities in the bidding process. It also states that the city is only authorized to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder (RCW 35.23.352). The letters presented to the council by Baker showed *The Chronicle*’s bid was for \$32.65 for a 100-word notice and *The Times* bid was for \$21.00 for the same sized notice.

“It is up to the city to decide if they have the needed information to make the best decision for the city’s taxpayers and residents. In the end, we submitted our best offer which was accepted as the lowest bid,” said *Times* publisher, Lane Gwinn. “We appreciate the opportunity to serve the City of Dayton.”

## All DNR-managed lands east of Cascades temporarily closed, effective July 23

THE TIMES

ELLENSBURG—Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz announced that, due to extreme fire danger and ongoing drought, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources is temporarily closing all recreational and public access to DNR-managed land in eastern Washington starting July 23.

The temporary closure will apply to all DNR-managed state lands, conservation areas, community forests and any associated trailers, campgrounds, recreational sites and facilities.

“This summer is smashing all our records and leaving the state bone dry, leaving eastern Washington to face an ongoing, tremendous risk of wildfire,” said Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz, the elected official who oversees DNR. “Over the past year and a half, we have been reminded just how important our public lands are, so closing them is not a decision we take lightly. But with the drought leaving the region as dry as ever we must do all that we can to prevent human-caused fires.

“Our firefighters are already stretched thin fighting major fires across our state. We must take reasonable steps – and make sacrifices – in order to protect them and our communities.”

A reopening date has not yet been determined.



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## LEGAL NOTICES

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 21-4-00136-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 In re the Estate of: CONSTANCE H. RIORDAN, Deceased.

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

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: July 8, 2021. Bradford T. Riordan Personal Representative Attorney for Personal Representative: Courtney Lawless, WSBA #57415

Basalt Legal PLLC 6½ N. Second Avenue, Suite 200 Walla Walla, WA 99362 509-529-0630 The Times July 8, 15, 22, 2021 7-8-a

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Hearing and Discussion/Approval for Proposed Amendment to 2021 Budget

07/28/2021 at 1:30pm Notice is hereby given that there will be a public hearing at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of Columbia County Public Hospital District No. 1, that will be held on July 28, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Administration Building on the District's Dayton, Washington campus. The purpose of the public hearing is for Discussion/Approval of the Proposed Amendment to the 2021 Budget.

The Times July 15, 22, 2021 7-15-a

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Waitsburg School District No. 401-100 Board of Directors of Walla Walla County will meet for the purpose of fixing and adopting the proposed 2021-2022 Budget, the four-year budget plan summary and the four-year enrollment projection at a special meeting on July 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Waitsburg Elementary School Library in the Waitsburg School District.

All District residents are invited to attend the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the budget, the four-year budget plan, or any proposed changes to uses of enrichment funding 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 Mark Pickel Secretary to the Board The Times July 8, 15, 22, 2020 7-8-b

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS MILL RACE ROAD GRADE CROSSING

City of Waitsburg P.O. Box 35/147 Main Street Waitsburg, WA 99361 City of Waitsburg, Washington (herein called the "Owner"), invites bids for the construction of the **Mill Race Road Grade Crossing** project. The work includes reconstruction of Mill Race Road from Main Street Bridge to the city limits with approximately 1,200 tons of hot mix asphalt, 530 linear feet of curb and gutter, 320 square yards of sidewalk, and other work.

Sealed bids for the described project will be received by the office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 147 Main Street, Waitsburg, Washington, 99361 until 2:00 p.m., local time, August 5, 2021, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

Because the project is being paid for in part by federal funds, the Contractor will be subject to all federal and state requirements relating to the use of such funds (Davis Bacon Wage Rates, EEO, Washington State Contracting Laws, etc.). This project is being funded through the Federal Highway Administration.

The contract time for all work shall be 40 working days.

The City of Waitsburg, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc., 214 East Birch Street, Walla Walla, Washington 99362, (509) 529-9260, Adam Schmidtgal, P.E., aschmidtgal@andersonperry.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or at the other locations listed below.

City of Waitsburg, 147 Main Street, Waitsburg, Washington Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc., 1901 N. Fir Street, La Grande, Oregon Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.andersonperry.com> under the Bid Docs link. The digital Bidding Documents may be downloaded for a non-refundable payment of \$25.00 by inputting QuestCDN eBidDoc Number 7932306 on the website. Assistance with free QuestCDN membership registration, document downloading, and working with the digital Project information may be obtained at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com), at (952) 233-1632, or via email at [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com). No paper sets will be provided for bidding purposes.

Each bid on the project must be submitted on the prescribed form and accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to the Owner in an amount not less than 5 percent of the amount bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish the necessary additional bonds for the faithful performance of the contract as prescribed in the contract documents.

The Owner may reject any bid not in compliance with all prescribed requirements, and may reject for good cause any and all bids upon finding that it is in the public interest to do so.

The Owner is an equal opportunity employer. Minority and women-owned businesses are encouraged to bid. Each

minority and women owned business requesting plans should indicate that they are a minority firm at the time they request plans so they may be listed on the Planholders List as a minority.

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No. 21 4 00145 36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate

of DONNA J. MONTZHEIMER, 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 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 this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: July 22, 2021 Laurel L. Copeland Personal Representative For

The Estate of Donna J. Montzheimer P.O. Box 625 Newman Lake, WA 99025 509-951-1960 Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Walla Walla Superior Court 21 4 00145 36 The Times July 22, 29, August 5, 2021 7-22-a

# Umatilla National Forest lands temporarily closed

THE TIMES

PENDLETON, Ore —With persistent extreme hot and dry conditions, active large wildfires, limited firefighting resources and concern for public safety, forest officials have temporarily closed the entirety of the Umatilla National Forest effective July 16

The objective of the closure is to proactively protect public and firefighter safety as work continues to actively suppress large wildfires in the forest, while also responding to new smoke reports. Hot and dry conditions have challenged firefighters in suppression efforts battling the Lick Creek and Green Ridge Fires on the Pomeroy Ranger District. Additionally, on July 15 the Elbow Creek Fire emerged on the Walla Walla Ranger District, rapidly growing and threatening nearby communities. Overnight, humidity levels have remained extremely low, allowing fires to spread actively. These conditions have created an unprecedented potential for extreme fire spread and intensity. With three active large wildfires on the Umatilla National Forest, compounded by multiple active large wildfires burning across the region, firefighting resources are stretched. Forest officials have implemented the closure for public and firefighter safety.

A full Forest closure means that the public is prohibited from entering any part of Umatilla National Forest at any time, including National Forest lands, roads, trails and recreational facilities. Access on county, state or federal roadways will still be open.

Forest Service personnel will attempt to reach as many people as possible to begin vacating campsites and informing individuals who are camping in the Forest currently. The public should cancel any plans for visiting the Umatilla National Forest for the next several weeks. This is a temporary closure and the Forest will continually assess conditions and lift the closure once the unprecedented conditions moderate.

Violating closures and fire restrictions is a violation that carries a mandatory appearance in federal court, punishable as a Class B misdemeanor with a fine of up to \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or up to six months in prison, or both.

A detailed map and description of the closure area is available on the Forest website and at any Forest office. Closure barriers and signs will be posted on the ground.

Additional information on the Lick Creek, Green Ridge, and Elbow Creek Fires is available at:

Lick Creek Fires: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7615/>

Green Ridge Fire: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7628/>

Elbow Creek Fire: <http://bluemountainfireinfo.blogspot.com/>

Fire officials want to remind everyone that the current fire danger rating on the Umatilla National Forest is EXTREME.

The National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group has elevated the National Preparedness Level to 5 (PL 5) due to significant fire activity occurring in multiple geographical areas, an increase in incident management team mobilization, and heavy shared resource commitment to large fires nationally. PL 5 is the highest level of wildland fire activity. Several geographic areas are experiencing large, complex wildland fire incidents, which have the potential to exhaust national wildland firefighting resources.

The latest fire information will be posted on the Blue Mountains Fire Information Blog. To receive updates on fires in the Blue Mountains, follow our blog at <http://bluemountainfireinfo.blogspot.com/>.

More information about the Umatilla National Forest is available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla>.



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:swildey@waitsburgsd.org).

**PARA EDUCATOR (7 hrs./day)**. The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for three Para Educator positions for the 2021-2022 school year. Must hold an AA degree or equivalent. Please direct questions and inquiries to Mark Pickel, Superintendent. E-mail [mpickel@waitsburgsd.org](mailto:mpickel@waitsburgsd.org).

**ROUTE BUS DRIVER** Minimum qualifications: Class B CDL, air brake restriction lifted, student endorsement, passenger endorsement. Training is available. For additional information please contact: Colter Mohny at (509) 337-6301 ext. 3400. Email [cmohny@waitsburgsd.org](mailto:cmohny@waitsburgsd.org).

**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](http://www.waitsburgsd.org) or by calling the District Office at (509) 337-6301.



# We're Having a Heat Wave

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES



It certainly has been hot lately, not only is it bringing out the sloth in me, but it is also obliterating my garden. The combination of my heat inspired slothiness and my normal forgetfulness has caused some unfortunate plants on the side patio to wither and die. No eggplant this year, I guess they thrive when they are watered. But, lettuce, not so much. I have four varieties of lettuce, all of which have gone to seed and turned into lettuce trees sporting beautiful royal blue blossoms. Like cactus, they don't seem to miss water at all, unfortunately, they're not tasting too good now.

I was advised that tomatoes thrive in the heat, but their flowers don't. Of course, the heat hit just as our plants were flowering. So, the lovely heirloom tomato plants I was given by friends, are green, leafy and impressively large, but lack fruit. I've picked 5 little yellow pear tomatoes, and one shriveled Marzano.

What's most frustrating about my tomato crop (or lack thereof), is that the seeds Mugsy dropped all over the yard last year, have grown into plants laden with flowers and now bunches of tomatoes are popping up. It's bad enough I'm losing the garden competition to Daniel, but to lose to a dog is really demoralizing.

I planted three heads of cabbage, two of which have been recently turned into coleslaw, so at least I have one success on my side of the ledger. I don't count my zucchini as a successful endeavor because they seem to be infallible, and even

I admit I don't deserve kudos for the abundance of them, whatever their shape or color. This year we planted green and yellow striped zucchini, yellow crook-neck squash and green zucchini balls, which look like melons, and all going gangbusters.

After making fun of Daniel's plant which had a forest of leaves and no fruit, his cucumbers woke up and are as large as baseball bats. Mine decided to take a break and are small and scrawny, but like my tomatoes, I am ever hopeful.

Weeds are still a bit of a conundrum to me. How is it possible, that no matter what the genus, they thrive in heat, without water, and generally, through all climate anomalies? I know this year, I haven't been a very diligent weeder, because there is too much going in my life too agonize over all the weeds. But they seem especially prolific this year, I will never catch up so I have given up, there is always next year.

On the patio of our café, there are planter boxes. Amazingly, the peppers, basil and oregano are thriving. We're only there four days a week, and they get watered only when I remember, yet they are managing better than the garden at the house. Is there some special magic in Dayton's water? Or are they just more forgiving of my busy life, and grow to bolster my mood?

Many years ago, I was introduced to the business concept of the 80/20 rule. I have found that pertains to gardening as well. Twenty percent of my time is spent watering the plants at the café, yet they produce eighty percent of healthy plants. Mugsy spent twenty percent of his time playing in the tomato plants last year and he is responsible for eighty percent of our tomato crop.

To date, twenty percent of the summer weather has had record-breaking heat and has killed eighty percent of my vegetable garden. Yet, I know in December, eighty percent of my time, will be wishing for a return of the hot weather.

# TV Review: Miracle Workers

Miracle Workers

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

TBS, three seasons, (2019-)

Miracle Workers is a comedy series that uses the same ensemble cast in different storylines for each season. The storylines are from the writings of humorist Simon Rich. The first season is based on Rich's 2012 novel "What in God's Name." It takes place at Heaven Inc.'s corporate headquarters, where God, played by Steve Buscemi, is a little bored and looking for new interests. Feeling frustrated with how Earth and humanity have turned out, he starts the clock on the world's end. A small group of angels led by Craig Bog, played by Daniel Radcliffe, is humanity's only hope.

The ensemble includes a love interest, best friend, middle management, and hapless humans. God's

assistant, Sanjay, is played by Karon Suni. He is ambitious and tries not to get involved but finally decides to help save the earth. Geraldine Viswanathan plays Craig's love interest and co-worker, Eliza, who gets transferred to Craig's department of answering prayers.

God has challenged Craig and Eliza to perform an impossible miracle to save humanity, make two humans fall in love.

For the second season, Rich's short story "Revolution" takes the ensemble into the Dark Ages. There is backward health care, widespread ignorance, and a class system that finds most people poorer than poor.

Steve Buscemi plays Edward, a widower with a terrible job that he is stubbornly proud of. His ambitious daughter, Al (Geraldine Viswanathan), wants to become a doctor but must fight the prevailing medical ignorance of the times. She catches the attention of Prince Chauncy, played by Daniel Radcliffe, the King's underwhelming son. After breaking out of the castle, he decides he wants out of his pampered life and into Al's. Of course, the show finds plenty of humor in the plague-ridden dark ages.

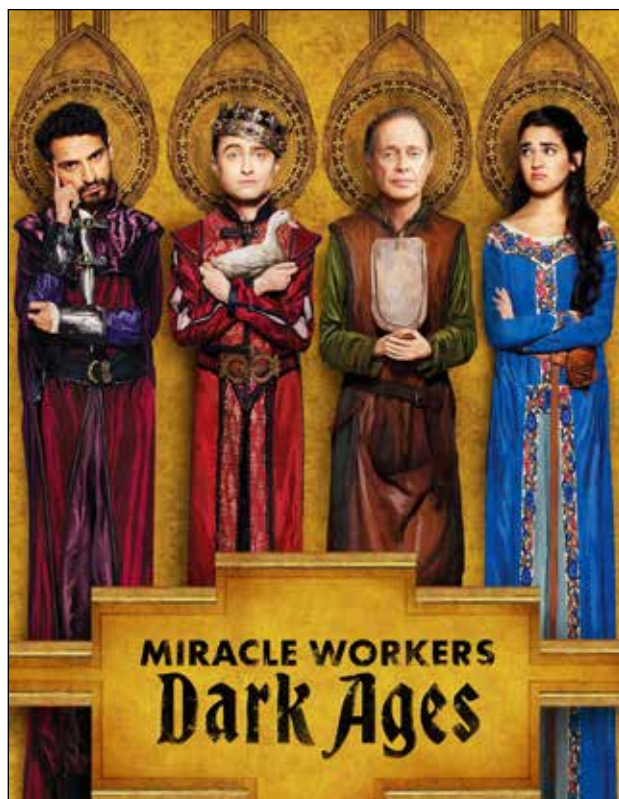
The show has just started its third season for TBS. Radcliffe plays a small-town preacher who decides to lead his flock on the Oregon Trail. He enlists the help, unknowingly, of the wanted outlaw, Bennie the Teen (Buscemi), to make the arduous trip. Bennie is quickly caught by a bounty hunter (Suni), and the preacher and an adventurous prairie wife (Viswanathan) must come to his rescue to keep the wagon train on track.

The dialogue is quick, funny, and irreverent. It is lighthearted with very slight nods to Monty Python and Mel Brooks, so expect a fair amount of wackiness and a lot of historical and cultural references mixed with broad physical comedy. I am looking forward to this closer-to-home season on the Oregon Trail.



TBS

The first season introduces us to a cast that will populate each season's new storyline. The first season takes place at Heaven Inc.'s corporate offices.



TBS

Can we call it the Dark Ages when it is so funny?



TBS

The new season takes place in the 1800s on the Oregon Trail.



The Cardinal's Nest Summer Program is in full swing! The program is led by Kathy Schirm, Carol White, and Margie Benson. To sign up, visit [www.waitsburgsd.org](http://www.waitsburgsd.org).



Photos by Beka Compton

Just a few examples of the Nature Sculpting projects that students created during this week's session. Upcoming activities include making bouncy balls, solar ovens, and hands-on science experiments.



# SPORTS

## Mariners second half outlook and Draft

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

The Seattle Mariners are currently in third place in the American League West behind the Houston Astros and Oakland A's at 50-44 on the season. They are also just three games out of the second wildcard spot. With forty games left against AL West opponents, they certainly have an opportunity to move up in the standings.

Outside of Mitch Haniger offensively, they haven't been that impressive, and as a team, they are hitting just .219/.295/.380. The offensive scores an average of 4.13 runs per game which ranks 22 in the league out of thirty teams.

The biggest reason the team has a winning record is due to the bullpen. The Mariners have the best record in the majors in one-run games, 20-8, and in extra innings, 9-1. According to Fangraphs, they also have the best bullpen wins above replacement (WAR) at 4.5. Kendall Graveman, JT Chargois, Paul Seward, and Drew Steckenrider have contributed 3.3 of that WAR total. So the big question is, will the Mariners general manager be looking to add players for a possible playoff run or sell off the bullpen pieces to fill holes in the infield and starting rotation. The most likely player to be dealt is Kendall Graveman. He is a free agent next season and is

having a breakout season this year in his new role as a closer.

Switching to this year's draft, the Mariners picked high school catcher Harry Ford in the first round with the 12<sup>th</sup> overall pick. Ford is very athletic, and scouts think he has the speed to play second base or in the outfield. In the second round, the Mariners took another high school player. This time it was switch-hitting shortstop Edwin Arroyo. Scouts noted that the shortstop currently has different approaches at the plate depending on which side he hits from. He is more of a contact hitter from the right side, but from the left side, he has more loft and power in his swing. In the third round, the Mariners selected another high schooler in Michael Morales. Morales is a right-handed starting pitcher with a low 90's fastball, a plus curveball, and a changeup. Of the first three picks, he is expected to be the most difficult to sign as he is committed to Vanderbilt University. In recent years, Vanderbilt has been producing several first-round picks. For the Mariners to sign Morales, they would need to sign him for well above what most third-round picks would get. This year's draft went twenty rounds, and the Mariners took a total of ten pitchers and ten position players. Because last year's draft was limited to only five rounds due to COVID-19 scouts mentioned that this was one of the deeper drafts in several years.

## Professional Bull Riders buck into Kennewick Sept. 10-11

THE TIMES

KENNEWICK—For the first time in league history, PBR (Professional Bull Riders) will buck into Kennewick, Wash., welcoming fans to the Toyota Center Sept. 10-11 for the Pendleton Whisky Velocity Tour's PBR Tri-Cities Classic.

For two nights only, some of the best bull riders in the world will battle the sport's rankest bovine athletes in the ultimate showdown of man vs. beast in one of the most exciting live sporting events to witness.

The PBR Tri-Cities Classic will also tentatively mark the first major ticketed touring event hosted at full capacity inside Toyota Center since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

While the league has never stopped in Kennewick, neighboring city Pasco welcomed the developmental Touring Pro Division in 2009 and 2010. After Chris Newsom (Hammon, Okla.) won the inaugural event in 2009, Chon Miranda (Ruidoso Downs, N.M) captured the title in PBR's most recent trip to Pasco in 2010.

Washington is also home to PBR Pendleton Whisky Velocity Tour events, with Yakima hosting the series from 2015-2017. Evergreen State event victors are Bonner Bolton (2015 – Odessa, Texas), Cody Ford (2016 – Stanfeild, Ore.), and Joao Ricardo Vieira (2017 – Itatinga, Brazil). Before the Pendleton Whisky Velocity Tour's debut in Yakima in 2015, the city welcomed the league's Touring Pro Division eight times from 2006-2014.

Adding to the region's familiarity with world-class Western sports, the Tri-Cities has produced the likes of World Championship-contending bull rider Derek Kolbaba. Hailing from nearby Walla Walla, the 25-year-old has qualified to the PBR World Finals six times, finishing runner-up to the PBR World Championship in 2017.

The bull riding action for the PBR Tri-Cities Classic begins at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 10, and at 7:00 p.m. PDT on Saturday, September 11 at the Toyota Center.

Friday night, all 40 competing riders will attempt one bull each in Round 1. The same 40 riders will then return for Round 2 on Saturday evening. The top 10 riders from round 2 will advance to the champion-

ship round where each will attempt one final bull in hope of being crowned the event champion.

Tickets for the event go on sale Friday, July 23 at 10:00 a.m. and start at \$15, taxes and fees not included. Tickets can be purchased online at TicketMaster.com or PBR.com or by calling PBR Customer Service at 1-800-732-1727.

For an enhanced PBR experience, fans can also purchase PBR Elite Experience Add On for \$50, which will provide a behind-the-scenes look into the toughest sport on dirt.

The Elite Experience Add On, available on both Sept. 10-11, includes a pre-event question and answer session with PBR stars, a commemorative lanyard, and a post-event photo opportunity in the arena. For more information, contact PBR Direct at 800-732-1727.

Throughout the 2021 season, PBR will continue to commit to providing a safe environment for fans, athletes, employees, and crew by working with its venue partners to implement health and safety protocols for live events while following health guidance from local and state officials

## MLB American League Leaders

Wins			Batting Average		
C. Bassitt	OAK	10	M. Brantley	HOU	.329
G. Cole	NYY	10	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	.328
A. Civale	CLE	10	X. Bogaerts	BOS	.316
Z. Greinke	HOU	9	D. Fletcher	LAA	.316
N. Eovaldi	BOS	9	T. Anderson	CHW	.314

ERA			Home Runs		
L. Lynn	CHW	1.94	S. Ohtani	LAA	34
C. Rodon	CHW	2.14	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	31
G. Cole	NYY	2.63	J. Gallo	TEX	24
K. Gibson	TEX	2.86	M. Olson	OAK	24
R. Ray	TOR	2.93	M. Semien	TOR	23

Strike Outs			Runs Batted In		
G. Cole	NYY	158	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	78
C. Rodon	CHW	140	S. Ohtani	LAA	74
R. Ray	TOR	138	R. Devers	BOS	73
L. Giolito	CHW	133	J. Abreu	CHW	71
S. Bieber	CLE	130	J. Walsh	LAA	66

Saves			Stolen Bases		
L. Hendriks	CHW	23	W. Merrifield	KC	24
M. Barnes	BOS	19	C. Mullins	BAL	16
R. Iglesias	LAA	19	I. Kiner	TEX	15
R. Pressly	HOU	17	T. Anderson	CHW	14
A. Chapman	NYY	16	D. Moore	SEA	14

### Mariners Hitting

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	BA	OBP	OPS	WAR
M. Haniger	350	65	93	22	58	26	.266	.322	.831	+2.1
J.P. Crawford	344	48	95	5	31	32	.276	.338	.721	+2.7
K. Seager	343	33	73	17	52	33	.213	.285	.699	+0.8
T. France	306	42	84	9	41	26	.275	.356	.784	+1.8
D. Moore	216	26	41	8	28	23	.190	.276	.632	+0.8
T. Murphy	168	21	32	7	20	19	.190	.274	.631	+0.5
L. Torrens	161	20	35	10	22	15	.217	.287	.740	+1.0
T. Trammell	156	23	25	8	18	17	.160	.256	.615	-0.4
K. Lewis	130	15	32	5	11	16	.246	.333	.726	+0.6

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

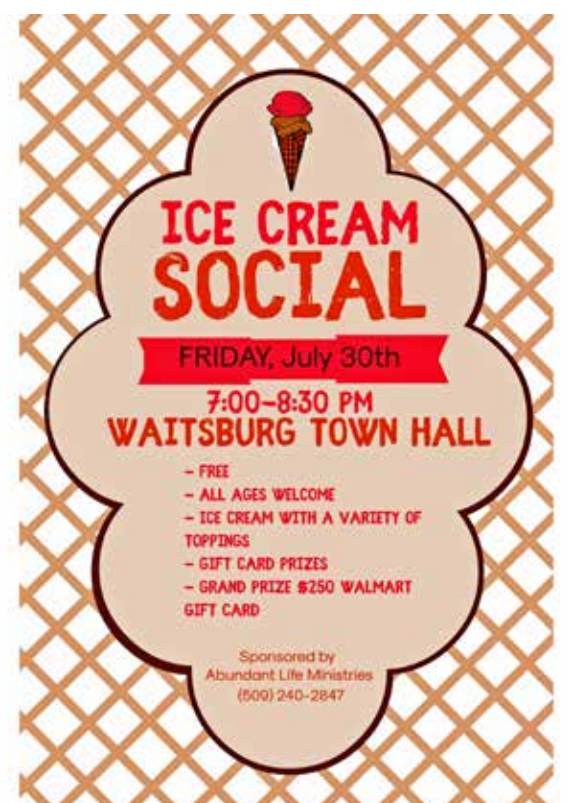
AL West	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	57	38	.600	-
Oakland	54	42	.563	3.5
Seattle	50	44	.532	6.5
Los Angeles	46	47	.495	10.0
Texas	35	59	.372	21.5

AL East	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	57	38	.600	-
Tampa Bay	55	39	.585	1.5
Toronto	48	43	.527	7.0
New York	48	44	.522	7.5
Baltimore	31	62	.333	25

AL Central	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	57	37	.606	-
Cleveland	47	44	.516	8.5
Detroit	44	51	.463	13.5
Minnesota	40	54	.426	17.0
Kansas City	37	55	.402	19.0



**Waitsburg Farmers Market WEEKENDS!**  
 at Nancy's Dream Garden Center  
 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
 124 Warren Street (off HWY 124)  
 Vendors include:  
 Dusty Britches Farm  
 Hummingbird Inspirations  
 River Valley Meat Company  
 Bread Head





## Everyone goes, especially dogs

*How to handle the problem at home with a pet septic system*

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

I have owned dogs living in apartments and houses. My first dog, Tupac, a miniature dachshund, lived with me in an apartment in Seattle. Apartment life means no yard, so we would go for walks around the neighborhood and local dog parks. Walks were when he could do his “business.” Unpaid, of course.

After Tupac found the perfect spot and checked his p-mail, I would pull out a poop bag, open it up, slip my hand in and pick up his gift-to-mom. I can’t lie; that first bagful was a test of my love for Tuppy. It was lucky for him that he was so adorable.

It’s been years since that first bag, and now I have two dogs, Wrecks and Monkey. I’m so accustomed to the process that not only do I pick up my dogs’ waste; I pick up other dogs’ abandoned poop as well. Not my favorite activity, but it is the neighborly thing to do.

I worry about the negative environmental impact of using plastic poop bags. The thought of filling landfills with bags of ‘Wrecks’s best’ feels problematic. However, it is never an option to leave waste on the ground where untreated toxins can get into the watershed. If you do use poop bags, it is recommended to double bag waste before disposing of the waste in the trash.

Recently, I moved from my loft above Ten Ton Coffee to a house with a big, fenced yard. My dogs, Wrecks and Monkey, are now working remotely from home and do most of their ‘business’ in the yard. I don’t need to use as many plastic bags, but I had to find a way to handle the clean-up at home.

Several options for handling pet waste at home are available. Some pet owners

bury the waste, which should be at least one foot deep and not close to vegetable gardens. Depending on how big your yard is, you can quickly run out of space. Unfortunately, burying the problem risks contaminating the watershed.

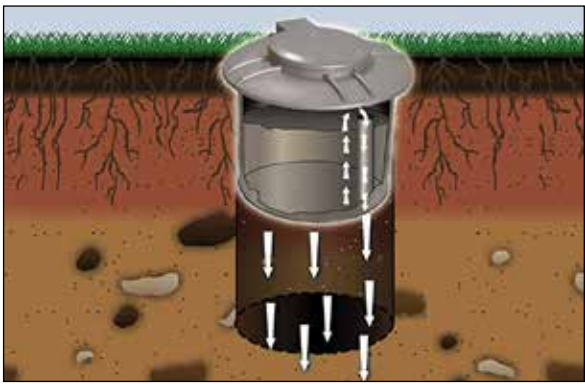
Another option is flushing waste. If you are uncomfortable bringing the waste to a toilet straight from the yard, it can be bagged in flushable poop bags. It is important to make sure the home’s plumbing can handle the bagged waste. Some products are designed to be connected to your home’s sewer line directly, bypassing flushing and the need to bag. Again, make sure your system is compatible with these products. If your system allows flushable bags, your dog’s waste will be processed at your local water treatment plant eliminating environmental issues. This is the best environmental choice for dog owners. It is important to remember that cat waste cannot be flushed as it may contain pathogens treatment plants cannot process.

Not trusting my sewer line can handle the job, I chose to install a pet septic system, specifically a Doggy Dooly. It is available from most pet supply stores and Amazon. This system is easily installed and simple to use. There are enzymes that are added to break down the waste. There are directions for DIY versions online; most use some sort of septic starter to break down waste.

It is recommended to do the following “perk test” at the location you are considering installing a septic system:

1. Dig a test hole approximately one foot wide by two feet deep.
2. Pour approximately five gallons of water into the hole.
3. Check the hole in 24 hours. If water is completely drained, you have moderately sandy soil, and the pyramid-style Doggie Dooley is recommended. If there is still standing water, check again after 48 hours.
4. If the water is gone, you can use either the tank style or pyramid style of Doggie Dooley.

If, after 48 total hours, there is still standing water in the hole, a dog waste septic system will not be an effective waste management system in that location of your yard. Test another site!



Doggy Dooley



Courtesy Photo

Far left: How a Doggy Dooley does its job.

Left: A DIY dog waste septic system.

Right: The BioBin is an above ground dog waste composter.



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## Foodstock 2021 in Dayton

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Good food, great music, and all things vintage could be found at the Blue Mountain Station over the weekend, for the 2021 Foodstock and Vintage at the Station.

The event highlighted the great vendors at the artisan market in Dayton, including three craft beverage producers, the Co-op and Nursery, and Mama Monacelli’s Kitchen. Local vendors for the Vintage Faire, showed off sweet finds that included glassware, books, jewelry and much more.

Attendees enjoyed tie-dyeing t-shirts, painting rocks to hide around town, and signing thank-you posters for firefighters responding to area wildfires. The fun was topped off with live music from Calico Bones, Brain Hunt, Nancy and Richard Monacelli, and Snooty Owls.

The Blue Mountain Station is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., showcasing craft beverages, locally grown produce, and much more! Stop by at 7 Artisan Way, in Dayton.



Photos Beka Compton

Calico Bones performing classic rock.



L to R, Jack Lyman, Mike McQuary, Howard Buehler, Ken Taylor, Kate Hockersmith, Carrie Hendrix and Glenn Morrison playing under the watchful eyes of the coffeeshop’s ‘portrait wall’.

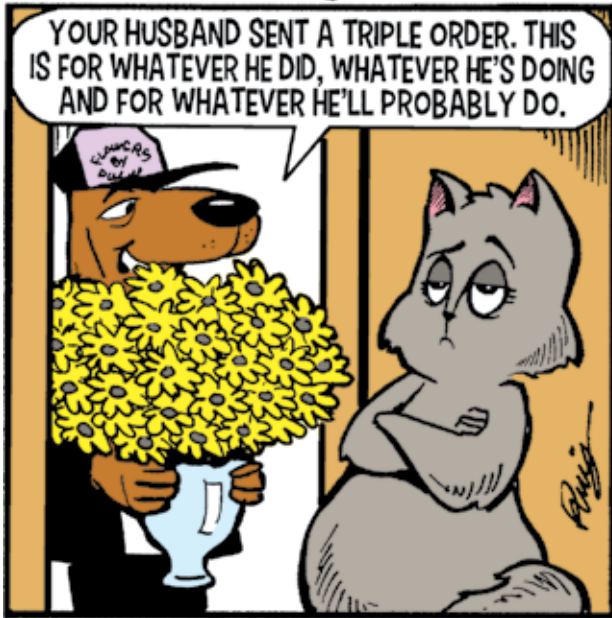
## Bluegrass jams return to Ten Ton

WAITSBURG—The Mythical/Moveable Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam is back! Friday, July 16, musicians gathered at Ten Ton Coffee for an evening full of music. Singing is still considered a high-risk, and jam organizers are asking that only fully-vaccinated musicians join the jams for the time being. If you are not fully vaccinated, and intend on being a spectator, organizers ask that you wear a face mask, covering both your nose and your mouth.

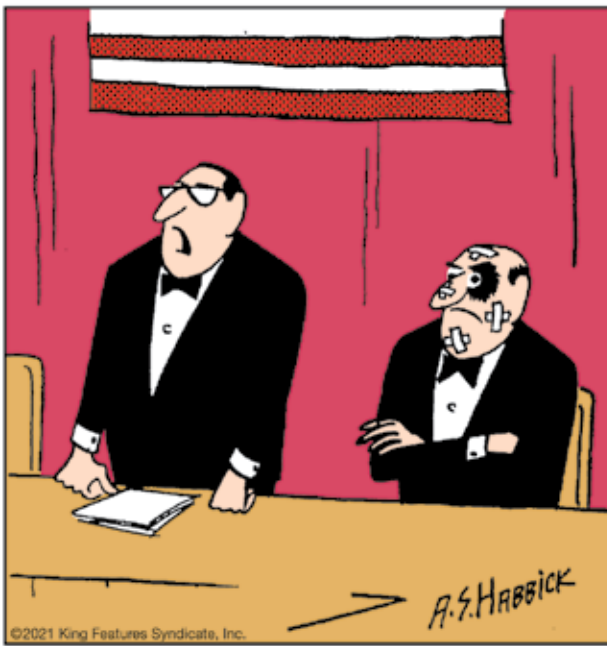
The jam moves to different venues each Friday so visit the Mythical/Moveable Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam Facebook page for jam locations and dates!

# FUN & GAMES

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



## LAFF-A-DAY



"Our next speaker is an outspoken man who is not afraid to speak his mind."

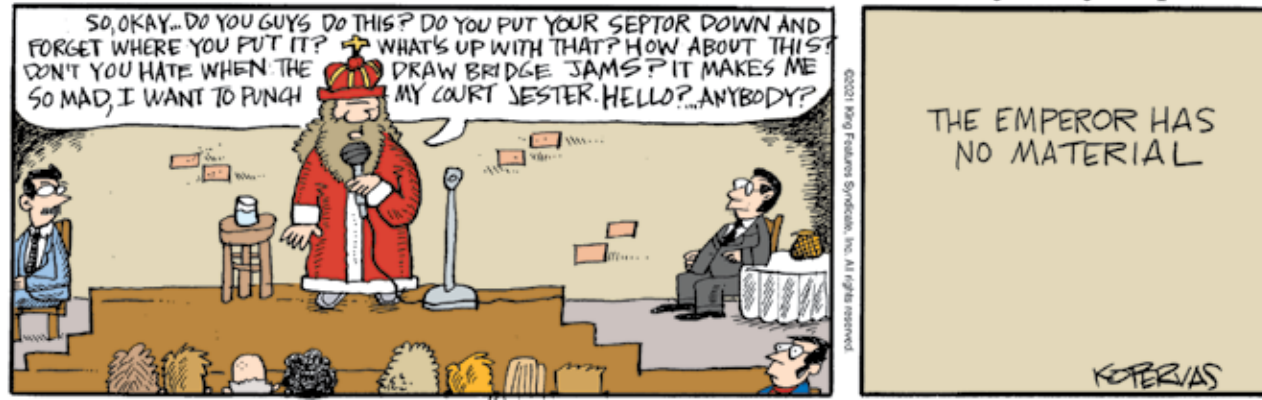
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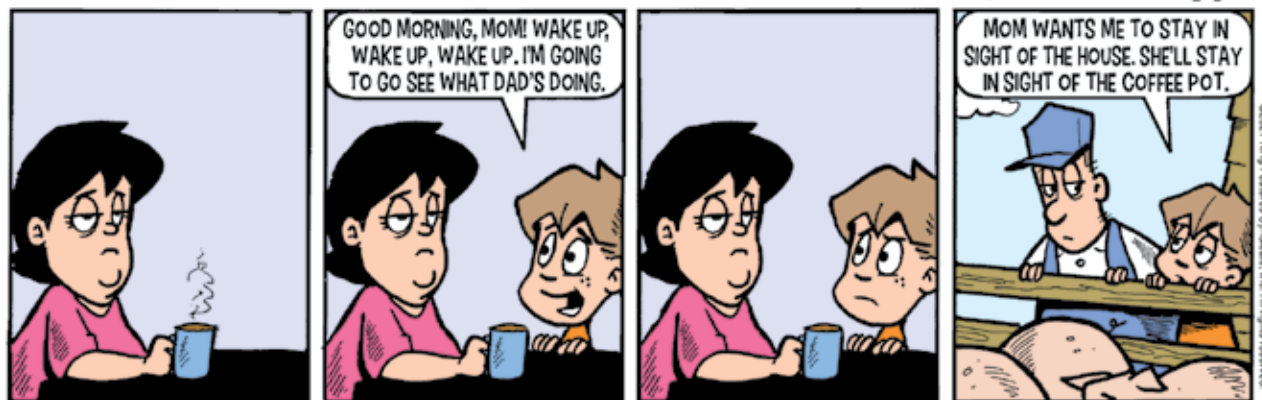
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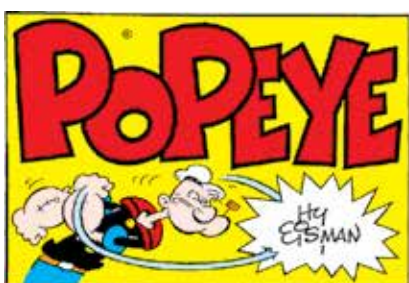
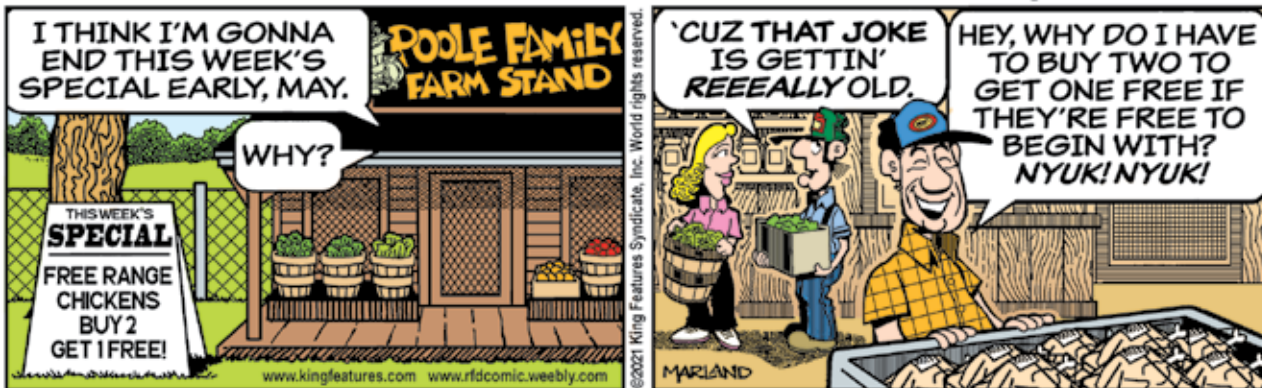
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



## PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

July 21, 2011

Susan Hosticka always wanted to do a "bee beard" to prove the hard-working insects are really quite gentle and harmless despite their reputation to the contrary. Late last month, during a field day for the state's beekeepers association at Washington State University, she finally had her Fear Factor moment when 4,000 bees crawled and buzzed around her shoulders, neck and head. "Not a single sting," said the co-owner of Octopus Garden Honey on South Touchet Road near Dayton. "It kind of felt like a scratchy wool sweater."



Twenty-Five Years Ago

July 25, 1996

The Pettyjohn Family picnic was held Sunday June 30, 1996, at the home of Sam and Georgene Grant, west of Prescott. Nearly one hundred members attended. Elda Grant and Blanche Martin Fletcher, both 95, were honored as the two oldest present. Hope Grant-Harriott, two years old, was the youngest.

Jonathan Pettyjohn was the first of the family to settle in this area. He and his wife Hannah Warner Pettyjohn, established a home for their family near the north bank of the Touchet River in Washington Territory. They built a log cabin home in 1858 five miles west of the present site of Prescott. The cabin stood until it burned during a wheat fire in 1944. Much of the original Pettyjohn land is still in the family and the subject of two Washington Centennial Farms, The Pettyjohn-Sanders Centennial Farm and the Pettyjohn-Grant Centennial Farm.

Fifty Years Ago

July 22, 1971

LeRoy "Bud" Todt, long-time law enforcement officer for Waitsburg, has retired from active police work, and submitted his resignation to the Waitsburg City Council. "Bud" plans to stay in Waitsburg, and told *The Times* "I will find something to do around here." Mayor Roy Leid said that the Council has received several applications for the newly-opened position, and will probably act on them Wednesday night, July 21. In the meantime, officer Jim Anderson will take over Bud's responsibilities, on a temporary basis.

Four trucks from the Volunteer Fire Department answered a call Friday afternoon to the Sweazy ranch farmed by Bill Payne, and located in Whoop-em-up Hollow. A trash fire was endangering the wheat, but no damage was done.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

July 26, 1946

Miss Virginia Bloor became the bride of Lt. Frederick Nichol of Boulder, Colo. On July 23 at the First Christian Church with Rev. Paul Koper officiating assisted by Rev. Harry Anderson.

Marilyn Collingwood, Joan Carson, Betty Anderson, Jean Gibson and Jacqueline Archer are vacationing this week at Camp Fire camp at the Kiwanis Camp in the Blue Mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Buroker are the parents of a son born Sunday afternoon at St. Mary Hospital. The new arrival, Michael Dean, weighed 8 1/2 pounds.

One Hundred Years Ago

July 22, 1921

C.A. Hales, well-known sheepman of this city, has just returned from a business trip to Chicago. He says spring lambs are looking up and he expects a better market soon.

The fire siren called out the fire department Sunday evening when a blaze was discovered between J. H. Diehls' blacksmith shop and Dr. P. W. Loundagin's veterinary barn. The fire, which threatened much disaster, was soon extinguished with no damage done.

Mrs. Frank Callahan entertained her Sunday school class Saturday afternoon. Mrs. D. P. Bailey brought the children over in her car. Those present were Margaret Cutting, Edith McCown, Celesta Buroker, Marion Bailey, Elizabeth Schmitt, Reba McKinzey, Paul Bailey, and George Cutting.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

July 24, 1896

Edwin Weary, a prominent pioneer farmer and sheep raiser of this county, died at his home at French Town last Monday. He was about 50 years old and served as County Commissioner with our townsman, J. W. Morgan.

Mrs. John Kirby and O. W. Pollard and children are huckleberrying in the mountains this week.

Petty thieving is going on in and about town almost every night. Mrs. S. Wood's cellar and kitchen have been raided several times. Ditto John James' cellar.

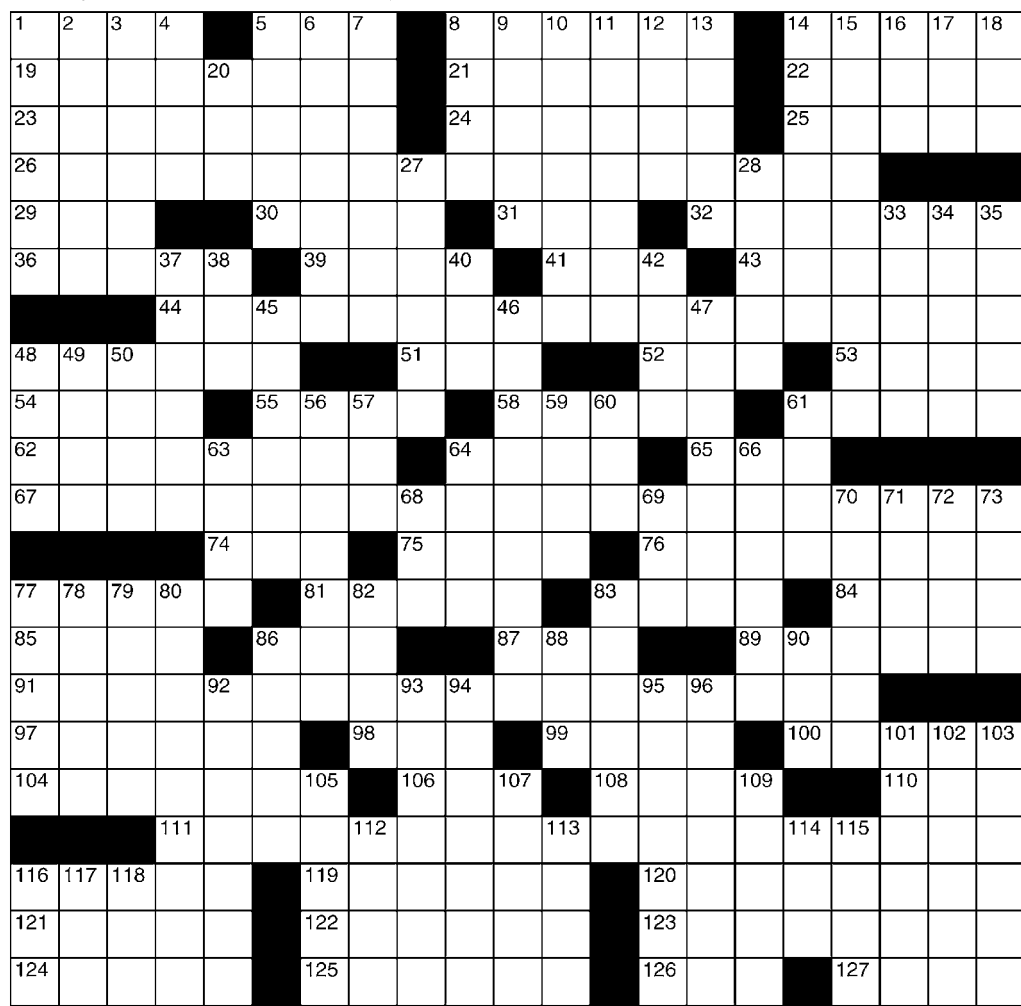
The meetings are still in progress in the tent in the school house yard. The attendance is good every night and quite an interest is being manifested.

# PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

## Super Crossword

A TEN FROM A HEN

- ACROSS**
- 1 Cookout rod  
5 Long wedge-shaped inlet  
8 Dermal drawing  
14 Alfalfa's girl in "Our Gang"  
19 Lacking a permanent shelter  
21 Sponge up  
22 Hawke of the screen  
23 Get closer  
24 Gated water channel  
25 Blue-footed bird  
26 Start of a riddle  
29 Sippy cup part  
30 "— yellow ribbon round ..."  
31 "Little" actress Issa  
32 Web page visitor's directory  
36 With 53-Across, walks across  
39 World power until '91  
41 New title for a bride  
43 Italian cardinal
- 44 Riddle, part 2  
48 "— à son goût" ("Each to one's own taste")  
51 Big-billed bird  
52 Actress Novak  
53 See 36-Across  
54 Violin master Hilary  
55 Big-billed bird  
58 Increase  
61 Belief set  
62 Just slightly  
64 Insects in forest trails  
65 E. African country  
67 Riddle, part 3  
74 River in Switzerland  
75 Real heels  
76 More like heaven's gates?  
77 In the company of
- 81 19th-century German industrialist Alfred  
83 Roman 2,505  
84 Sphere  
85 Root used to make poi  
86 Darjeeling, e.g.  
87 Singer Ocasek of The Cars
- 89 Like the firstborn child  
91 End of the riddle  
97 Soprano Auger or actress Sorkin  
98 Soccer's Hamm  
99 West African land  
100 Big name in baseball cards  
104 Put on anew, as a play  
106 "Lil" studio  
108 Done, in France  
110 Liquid in la Seine  
111 Riddle's answer  
116 Major port in Japan  
119 Terrarium creature  
120 Like firefighters and cyclists  
121 Swanky watch  
122 Like single-guy bands  
123 Extensive essay  
124 Megaphone noise  
125 Mole zappers  
126 Former JFK jet
- 127 Behaves
- DOWN**
- 1 Some afghans  
2 #1 Billboard song, often  
3 Hamper  
4 Arctic diver  
5 Say "Ouch!," say  
6 Pelvic-base bone  
7 Least ruddy  
8 Piece of work  
9 More skilled  
10 Big wave  
11 Hard-working people  
12 Whale variety  
13 Is compliant  
14 Formal arguer  
15 Redresses  
16 17th Greek letter  
17 R&D site  
18 A single one  
20 Mauna — nor vert.  
27 Exchanges for bills  
28 "Attack, Rover!"  
33 "Tara Road" novelist Binchy  
34 Curved  
35 —-Canada (oil giant)  
37 Many a meal on a blanket
- 38 Beatles' bud Sutcliffe  
40 Fleecy male  
42 Noted Fifth Ave. store  
45 Puzzlement  
46 Started a play-for-pay career  
47 Drunk, slangily  
48 Cartoonist Addams, for short  
49 Padlock part  
50 "Alas"  
56 Frat party dispenser  
57 Place to stay the night  
59 Off-road trucks, briefly  
60 British verb suffix  
61 Singer of the hit "Believe"  
63 Neither hor. nor vert.  
64 Take — (doze)  
66 Go on a trip  
68 Hosp. part  
69 Tach abbr.  
70 "My pleasure!"  
71 Suffix with multimillion  
72 Roger of "Cheers"  
73 "Dam it all!"
- 77 In a conflict  
78 Skiing gold medalist Phil  
79 Tough tests  
80 Student at a lecture, often  
82 Chicago mayor Emanuel  
83 Golden Arches java chain  
86 Faint trace  
88 Suffix of elements  
90 Drunk, slangily  
92 Cleaver  
93 Musical tone qualities  
94 "I dunno!"  
95 Detrains, e.g.  
96 Dawdles  
101 Relating to digestion  
102 Least ruddy  
103 High-end leathers  
105 Rave about  
107 Cheek tooth  
109 Speck in the sea  
112 Sushi staple  
113 Some male dolls  
114 Doc bloc  
115 Prefix with tarsal  
116 Sphere  
117 Fa-la link  
118 — mode



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## MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

# Creamy Corn Summer Pasta

My two favorite things about summer are enjoying home-grown produce and that time of day when the sun sets, and the temperatures finally start to cool down. The back porch is my favorite setting for dining al fresco, where I can watch swallows zip across the yard as the sky erupts into electric golds and pinks. This pasta, full of my favorite summer vegetables, is creamy without being heavy, and perfect for elegant backyard entertaining.



- Ingredients:**
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, plus more
  - 1 small onion, sliced thin
  - 3 ears corn, shucked and kernels removed (2 cups)
  - 1 medium zucchini, sliced thin half moons
  - 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
  - 2 garlic cloves, sliced thin
  - 1 to 2 tablespoons fresh sage leaves, chopped
  - ¼ cup half-and-half
  - 1-pound dried fettuccine or pappardelle
  - ½ pint cherry tomatoes
  - ½ cup grated parmesan cheese, plus more
  - ¼ cup fresh basil leaves, torn
  - ¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
  - Kosher salt
  - Fresh ground black pepper

**Directions:**  
Set a large pot of salted water over medium high heat, slowly bring to a boil.

In a large skillet or Dutch oven, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the onion and sauté for 3 to 5 minutes until soft. Add all but ¼ cup of the corn with ¼ cup water to the pan. Simmer until corn is almost tender, for about 5 minutes. Season with ¼ teaspoon of kosher salt and black pepper to taste. Transfer to a blender and puree until a smooth pourable texture, adding more water if needed. Set aside.

Return same skillet to medium-high heat and melt the butter. Add the reserved ¼ cup of whole corn kernels, zucchini, and sage. Sauté for 2 to 3 minutes until vegetables are just tender and butter starts to slightly brown. Add garlic and stir for another minute until fragrant. Add corn puree and half-and-half, bring to a simmer, then turn heat down to low. Keep warm on low, stirring occasionally, while you cook the pasta.

Turn heat to high on pot of salted water and bring to a rolling boil. Add pasta and cook until a minute or two shy of al dente, according to package directions, adding tomatoes during last 2 minutes of cooking time. Use a heat-proof measuring cup to reserve ½ cup of the pasta cooking water, then drain pasta.

Bring heat to skillet with corn sauce back up to medium. Add pasta with tomatoes, and half of the reserved pasta water. Toss to coat in the corn sauce. Cook for a minute, stirring frequently, and adding more pasta water if sauce is too thick. When pasta is cooked through, take off heat, stir in parmesan, basil, and red pepper flakes. Taste and adjust seasoning, adding more salt and pepper if needed. Serve in bowls with more grated parmesan and a drizzle of olive oil to finish.

**Notes:**  
This dish requires careful timing in the last few steps. Keep an eye on a timer and test the pasta while it is cooking in the water. You want the pasta to be slightly undercooked when you drain it so that it will finish cooking in the corn sauce. This technique, of finishing pasta in the sauce, works with many pasta dishes, be it cream sauces, meat ragu or tomato sauce. The trick is adding enough pasta water to the sauce to get absorbed into the pasta while it finishes cooking. The starchiness of the pasta water also helps to create a velvety sauce that sticks to the pasta. The cherry tomatoes, which are added whole to the pasta water, will cook and the skin will start to burst during last few minutes of the pasta cooking time.

This week, I made this using fresh homemade pappardelle noodles. The cooking time for fresh pasta is much faster and will require less time finishing in the sauce. We enjoyed this with a perfectly chilled glass of Viognier on our back deck, for a memorable summer meal. Buon appetito!

## LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

UPSET OAF FLAGS MAMMA  
PAULO FRO LORNE ARIES  
SYMBOL FORS ULFUR SILLY  
MOBY SKEE GISELLE  
THE WASTE LAND POET ELIOT  
OER DOH INTREPID  
PATH LEAF ALA ALBEE  
IDIOT EXT RANFL PERIODS  
COMPADRE IRK RAINHAT  
SNEEZE MEIR ADOSS DOME  
COLLAPSI BLEBEDS  
OH OH RONA V I I I LETHAL  
LIMEPIE DAL DISPROVE  
GLASGOW DWELLERS POMES  
AORTA EIN DESI MOSS  
CAPRIATI UNS GTO  
CLASSY ITEM SOFNECKWEAR  
ROLLEDR SOYA AEON  
ANGEL ATHLETIC ANIMALS  
MEADE ROBOT NHL NATTY  
PRESSE MEOWS GOP SNERD

### Weekly SUDOKU

#### Answer

3	6	7	2	4	8	1	9	5
4	9	5	1	6	3	2	7	8
8	1	2	9	7	5	6	4	3
5	4	8	6	1	9	3	2	7
9	3	6	5	2	7	8	1	4
2	7	1	3	8	4	9	5	6
6	8	4	7	9	2	5	3	1
7	5	9	8	3	1	4	6	2
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9



## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

9				6		3	
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		2			4		1
	7		5			3	
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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# THE LAST PAGE



All photos Beka Compton

Cars in the Large Car Demo, the final event of the night, wait for the crowd to count down to the start of the action.



The pink cars were in charge Saturday night! Alta Brown sizes up her competition just before jumping straight into the middle of the action.



Don't let the pink Cruiser fool you: Kendyl Bly, 5, and Josey Hunt, 3, were all business during the Powerwheels Demo.



The CrashMania Demo Derby, typically held during All Wheels Weekend, was held a little later than normal this year. The grandstands were packed with spectators, and the drivers put on a great show.

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