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Beka Compton

"It was an excellent year, all of our ranches had pretty close to the biggest yields yet. It's hard to beat our land in Waitsburg, but it was a record year all around.," one local farmer said. As harvest wraps up, many farmers are reflecting back on a stellar crop.

Walla Walla YMCA childcare option for Waitsburg students

The Valley's largest non-profit, licensed childcare provider needs staff to start program

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

The school year is right around the corner, and September 8th is the first day for Waitsburg students. As schools kick off a virtual learning experience, many parents are worried about childcare and ensuring their kids stay up to speed. Waitsburg Schools, partnered with the Valley's largest non-profit, licensed childcare provider, may have a solution.

Walla Walla YMCA CEO Karen Hedine said that the childcare conversation is long overdue in Waitsburg. Still, she couldn't think of a better time to have that talk than now, as many parents are having to pick between returning to work or staying home with children.

Over the summer, the YMCA staff developed a pandemic-approved summer camp program that embraced the quality activities the YMCA has always provided while staying conscientious of the potentially-deadly virus. Rigorous cleaning procedures, personalized supply kits for each kid, and 'home-pod' style seating are a few of the new measures that made the summer camps successful and will carry over into the daycare program.

The 'pods' at the summer program consisted of groups of six to eight children, and the groups stayed together for all activities. Staff tried to create "pods" with children that generally spend time together outside of the program, whether siblings, family friends, or classmates. Hedine said the pods allow students to safely distance, helps make cleaning easier, and also make contact tracing simpler should a child or family member test positive for the COVID-19 virus.

"A lot of the cleaning goes on without the kids noticing," Hedine said during a phone interview last week. "We are trying to keep things as normal as possible for them. A lot of the cleaning goes on quietly, without the staff making a big deal, but it is happening, and happening often."

The school district and the YMCA will work closely together, with the district providing Chromebook laptops, WiFi hotspots, and meals.

Superintendent Mark Pickel said that the district has reached out to both Pastor Matthew Wyatt and Reverend Stan Hughes, and it looks like the Waitsburg Christian Church will be able to provide space, with the Presbyterian Church as a possible backup.

"Reverend Stan said he had to bring the idea to his church's board for approval," Pickel said. "We are very thankful that we have two spaces so close to the school as options, and that both churches are open to the idea."

The entire program, however, is contingent on staffing. The YMCA is seeking people 18 years old and older who enjoy working with children and can pass necessary background checks to run the program. Hedine said prior experience is

City seeks mediation with County

No progress on Interlocal Agreement for law enforcement, E911, and district court services

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton City Council is seeking mediation with the County over the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for Law Enforcement, Dispatch, and Court services after talks have stalled.

The decision was made at a Special City Council meeting on Monday after the City Council heard from Dain Nysoe of the Public Safety Committee, Mayor Zac Weatherford, and City Attorney Quinn Plant.

"We are at an impasse right now," Mayor Weatherford said about the negotiations.

Weatherford said the City has an obligation to understand and know what level of service will be provided by the County and that information has been largely withheld.

"At this point, there has not been a lot of progress, and I think the Mayor is correct, there is a little bit of an impasse," said the city attorney, Quinn Plant.

Plant said the City would like more accountability, including a process for solving disputes, as well as assurances that calls are answered within a reasonable amount of time, and that there are deputies on duty, at any given time, in the city.

"I think the County believes that the City is just stalling. So, we are kind of at this impasse where we're saying we need more information," Plant said. "The County is saying you have everything."

Plant has discussed the mediation option with the County's negotiator, Lance King, and he said they seem agreeable.

"It may result in a new contract. It might get us closer to a new contract," Plant told the Council.

The Dayton City Council approved a motion by Dain Nysoe for the City and County to enter mediation with the County as soon as possible. The City is also requesting the cost be shared equally between the two parties.

The City and the County have been in back-and-forth talks since March when the City received a request for payment of 45-percent of the County's annual law enforcement budget, 35-percent of the County's annual dispatch budget, and 35-percent of the County's district court budget for county-provided services.

This represents an annual increase of \$199,500, according to City Administrator Trina Cole.

The original interlocal agreement was entered into by both parties on Jan. 22, 2007, and it was amended once on Dec. 3, 2012.

Resolution No. 1433, execution of an Engagement Letter with Foster Harvey P.C. to provide professional bond counsel services in the issuance of Water and Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds, 2020 project was also discussed and adopted by the Dayton City Council on Monday.

City Administrator Trina Cole has said the bond refunding is for current outstanding water and sewer debt and will provide a cost savings of about \$575,000 over the course of about 24 years.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE CHANGE

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Columbia County Public Transportation announced a slight schedule change to Saturday services, starting September 5th, 2020.

Saturday transportation vehicles will run from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m., a change that General Manager David Ocampo said will help the services run as efficiently as possible. After studying data from the last year, Ocampo noticed that the Saturday out-of-town service vehicle was consistently back around 1:30 p.m. That trend has stayed consistent with the restriction in place from the COVID-19 pandemic.

This schedule change will only affect the Saturday service. Weekday services are still running, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

GARFIELD COUNTY FAIR CANCELLED

POMEROY—The Garfield County Fair and Rodeo, scheduled for September 18-20, has been cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Fair officials look forward to seeing everyone in 2021.

CORRECTION

The photograph by Terry Lawhead illustrating the article *Whistling Through the Wallouse* on page 7 of the August 27 edition was taken facing northwest on the Middle Point Trail off the North Fork of the Touchet River.

BLESSING BOX VANDALISM MET WITH OVERFLOWING COMPASSION FROM THE COMMUNITY

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Over the weekend, the Waitsburg's Blessing Box located next to the Waitsburg Christian Church was damaged yet again. Vandals broke the glass out of the door and threw the donated food onto the property and street. Instead of being upset, Pastor Matthew Wyatt viewed the incident as a blessing.

The Blessing Box gives out hundreds of pounds of food each month to struggling families, according to a letter posted on Facebook by Wyatt. Wyatt thanked the vandals for giving Waitsburg a chance, once again, to show what they are made of: Love, hope, resolve, and belief in the greater good.

Wyatt discovered the damage around 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, and by 8 in the morning, a volunteer had arrived with materials to repair the door. By 11 a.m., the Blessing Box was overflowing with new donations of non-perishable food items. An endless line of cars dropped off enough food to create a reserve stock.

"This is the Waitsburg I know and believe in. Not what you did, but what came after. You allowed that to shine once again," Wyatt said in the public letter to the vandals. "This is the Waitsburg I hold onto. You will not steal that from us. You can't. It just continues to shine brighter. Thank you for the blessing."

Donations of non-perishable food and essential personal hygiene products can be left at the box on Main Street at anytime.



Matt Wyatt

A swift response to vandalism gets the Blessing Box up and running again.

FLOOD RECOVERY GROUP SEEKS HOUSING, DONATIONS FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Blue Mountain Region Long-Term Flood Recovery Group has identified many families in the area that are still dealing with the effects of the February 2020 flooding. The group is asking the community's aid in finding housing and basic household supplies for victims still trying to recover from the event.

Currently, the group is seeking housing for a family of five- two adults and three small children. Accommodation in Waitsburg is preferred, but the family is open to housing in the Dayton community as well.

The recovery group is also seeking dishes, a small dining room table with chairs, living room furniture, a full or queen size bed, and a washer and dryer.

The Long-Term Recovery Group is always looking for volunteers to help local families with unmet needs. Sign up today to be contacted by the Volunteer Resource group when help is needed by emailing Joy Smith, of Waitsburg.

Any housing leads or item donations, and volunteer interest, can be sent to the Recovery Group at waitsburgcc@icloud.com, or by phone at (509) 539-8773.

CAMPGROUNDS CLOSED DUE TO THE RATTLESNAKE FIRE

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Incident Commander Mike Almas of the Northern Rockies Incident Management Team is leading efforts on the Rattlesnake Fire burning in the Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness 20 miles south of the Pomeroy Ranger District and thirteen miles southeast of Dayton.

The fire has closed Tucannon Road at the Tucannon Campground with no access to Panjab or Lady Bug campgrounds. Panjab Trail 3127 and Rattlesnake Trail 3129 are closed. Forest Road 4620, known as Patrick Grade, is also temporarily closed at the Forest boundary due to fire traffic. In addition to these road and trail closures, there is an area of closure south of the Panjab and Tucannon Creek junction.

On Monday, the fire was estimated at 486 acres. It has been burning in a fifteen-year-old fire scar, since Aug. 19. Fire activity increased on Saturday due to an anticipated cold front, which brought westerly winds with gusts as high as 25 to 35 mph and tested fire containment lines. Four crews remain on the fire to improve lines, mop-up, and patrol along the east and west flanks of the fire. Crews are using pumps and hoses to cool hotspots in the steepest areas on the north side of the fire, and helicopters are available to assist with bucket drops.

Private lands, wilderness, recreation activities, and an endangered fish species have been threatened by the fire.

Updates on the Rattlesnake Fire are at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7069/>.

WALLA WALLA VA 'MOVING FORWARD' PLAN BEGINS AUGUST 31.

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Walla Walla VA Medical Center will be moved to the first phase of its 'Moving Forward' plan on Monday, August 31. The plan will be implemented across Walla Walla VA campuses, including facilities in Walla Walla, Richland, Lewiston, Ida., and La Grande, Ore. Yakima's campus is not included in this first step.

The 'Moving Forward' plan brings veterans back in for face-to-face appointments. All veterans will go through temperature screening when entering the campus, and then proceed to parking their vehicle.








Using the VA's VEText messaging system, veterans can text "HERE" to 530-79. This alerts the veteran's primary care provider that they are on campus and ready for their appointment, and acts as a check-in. The veteran's provider team will alert them when to enter the building for their appointment.

Veterans who do not have cell phones registered in their chart may proceed to appointments as long as they have the green verification form that confirms they have an appointment. Staff will advise the veteran where to wait.

The Walla Walla VA encourages everyone to follow them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages to stay up to date with what's happening at the VA. For more information about the 'Moving Forward' plan, contact Linda Wondra, Public Affairs Officer, at (509) 386-1117.

Touchet Valley Weather Sept. 2, 2020

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

						
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Sunny
High: 92 Low: 55	High: 91 Low: 58	High: 98 Low: 63	High: 96 Low: 60	High: 94 Low: 59	High: 91 Low: 55	High: 92 Low: 58

Weather Trivia

What was the costliest hailstorm in the United States?

ANSWER: In July 1990, Denver had damages totaling \$625 million.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	84	64	86/59	0.00"	0.00"
Wednesday	85	60	85/58	0.00"	0.14"
Thursday	86	56	85/58	0.00"	-0.14"
Friday	89	56	85/58	0.00"	70.9°
Saturday	86	58	84/58	0.00"	71.3°
Sunday	77	54	84/57	Trace	-0.4°
Monday	77	61	84/57	Trace	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Weather History

Sept. 2, 1985 - After teasing residents along the Gulf of Mexico for two days, Hurricane Elena finally came ashore at Biloxi, Miss. The hurricane, packing winds of 127 mph, caused more than a billion dollars damage.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
Full 9/2	Wednesday	6:15 a.m.	7:28 p.m.	8:12 p.m.	6:28 a.m.	New 9/17
	Thursday	6:17 a.m.	7:26 p.m.	8:32 p.m.	7:33 a.m.	
Last 9/10	Friday	6:18 a.m.	7:24 p.m.	8:52 p.m.	8:36 a.m.	First 9/23
	Saturday	6:19 a.m.	7:22 p.m.	9:11 p.m.	9:38 a.m.	
	Sunday	6:20 a.m.	7:20 p.m.	9:32 p.m.	10:40 a.m.	
	Monday	6:22 a.m.	7:18 p.m.	9:56 p.m.	11:43 a.m.	
	Tuesday	6:23 a.m.	7:16 p.m.	10:23 p.m.	12:47 p.m.	

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

Shop 'n Go 2 now open for business

Hiring local people

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Texaco truck stop at 533 W. Main St. is now open for business as the Shop 'n Go 2. The new owners are Gurmit Ghuman, Victor Virk and Paul Soh, and they held a grand opening for their fifth business on Friday of last week. The family owns four other fuel marts, in Walla Walla, Pasco, Prosser, and Granger.

Ghuman said the business located at the corner of Hwy. 12 and Cameron St. is a convenient location for truckers, people passing through Dayton, and for local customers.

Look for fishing tackle, first aid and automotive products, an expanded line of snacks, along with a variety of beverages and deli foods inside the food mart. Some Indian specialties along with traditional hot dogs, pizza, burritos, and chicken strips are to be served in the deli, all of which can be accessed through the drive thru window on the south side of the building.

Ghuman said an automated car wash is coming soon, along with shower facilities, and an RV dump site.

Not to worry about gas wars with other local retailers, he said with a smile.

"We don't want to fight with anybody. We just want to be competitive."

During Friday's grand opening, unleaded gas was selling for \$2.69 and 9/10-percent. Ghuman said the price is fair for a branded product. The Shop 'n Go 2 will change affiliation from Texaco to Conoco in the next couple of months.

Ghuman is currently hiring help for Shop 'N Go 2, and can be reached at (206) 261-8196.



Michele Smith

Gurmit Ghuman is pictured between Paul Soh on his right and Victor Virk on his left. They are the new owners of the Texaco truck stop at 533 W. Main St.

Hospital board discuss using CARES Act funds for improvements

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Last week, the Hospital District board of commissioners was invited by Commissioner Bob Hutchens to share their thoughts about whether some of the remaining Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funding received by the District should be used for hospital projects and services. Hutchens serves on the District's Finance committee.

CCHS CEO Shane McGuire explained that any project or service must meet COVID-19 criteria.

Many hospital districts have received CARES Act money, and all are facing reporting requirements, possibly as soon as Aug. of next year. If the funds are not spent, they will need to be returned. Although the hospital District is seemingly "flush" with cash because of that infusion, spending could pose some potential risk for the District's finances.

McGuire said there is also real possibility vendors and contractors might not get to projects in a timely fashion.

One project the administration has been thinking about is upgrading the hospital power plant.

McGuire said when the generator kicks in for its weekly test, the in-rush exceeds the capability to power equipment and all else in the hospital. To avoid this, the electrical engineer has to delay-start certain

systems.

Hospital Controller Tom Meyers and Finance Manager Matt Minor both believe an upgrade to the power plant is a CARES Act defensible project.

"Everything we do is to buy time, but now we are in a situation with the CARES money we could take on a \$300,000 plant upgrade," McGuire said.

McGuire posed the question, "Do we want to be more conservative or less conservative with how much we are holding on to knowing we may just have to give that money back at the end of the day?"

Commission Chair Wes Leid and Commissioners Jim Kime and Colleen Sproul all agreed that it makes sense to spend some of the money for projects which meet the criteria set for CARES Act distribution but to proceed with caution.

Administrator's report:

McGuire said the District has not returned to business, as usual, due to lower patient volumes in the clinics and the hospital. Six hundred fewer claims have been processed each month since the COVID-19 challenge began.

"If we didn't have the CARES funding, and other sources, there would be a different discussion at the table. We are very thankful for the position we are in and the work that is being done by the teams around the table."

Dental office and other projects:

"I do think we have a lot stacked against us to get

any of our large projects off the ground this year," McGuire told the commissioners.

A general contractor administrator told him the outlook for construction this year is poor because of the backlog of projects, high lumber prices, and lack of available workforce.

McGuire said the dental office for Medicaid patients won't be up and running until the summer of 2021.

The good news is the Washington State Department of Health is providing \$86,197 for that project, which will be added to the \$250,000 already received from the Washington State legislature.

McGuire will be asking the commissioners for additional money for operations.

The commissioners authorized McGuire to rebid the project, looking for a general contractor who will accept the total project, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00.

Plans for the assisted living project and for improving the Med gas/Med air and suction in the hospital will be presented to the board of commissioners at the next board meeting on Sept. 23.

Walla Walla Community Hospice takes Pond and Garden Tour virtual

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Did you think this year's Pond & Garden Tour was canceled? In light of the pandemic and social distancing mandates, Walla Walla Community Hospice considered forgoing the 19th annual event. However, there were still some beautiful gardens to spotlight in the Walla Walla Valley. Traditionally the event features ten properties and consists of a self-guided tour, vendors, working artists, live music, Master Gardener presentations, and multiple raffles. It attracts three to four hundred attendees. This year, the event will be, like most current events, virtual. Five unique properties were selected, and professional photographs were taken by local photographers, Steven Lenz, Donna Laseter, and Vicki Zoller. Property owners were interviewed and filmed by Elkhorn Media Group. In the end, the visual materials and audio will be edited by Elkhorn into five one-minute videos.

The videos will stream on Zoom and Facebook on Saturday, September 26th, at 11 a.m. The very brief livestream will open with an introduction by WWCH staff and followed with Q&A opportunities with the property owners.

Though not their largest annual fundraiser, and more of a treasured community event, the tour does turn a net profit, which posi-

tively impacts the work of Hospice. To offset the loss of that revenue, WWCH will be asking for donations, especially from those who traditionally support this event. For every \$25 donation, a name will be entered into a raffle. This year's generously donated raffle items are a Todd Telander original oil painting (painted en plein air at one of the properties), a one-night stay in a garden suite with a private hot tub, and breakfast for two at the beautiful Inn at Blackberry Creek, and a \$50 gift certificate for Wenzel's Nursery.

The tour includes some landmark properties and range from small and casual to expansive and extensively landscaped. As always, the properties reflect the personalities and lifestyles of the property owners.

If you would like to learn more about this event, contact Brad by email at brad@wwhospice.org or by calling (509) 525-5561. If you are interested in registering for this event and in receiving an invitation to the interactive Zoom webinar, links to the Eventbrite page can be found on their website (wwhospice.org) or the Facebook event.

Walla Walla Community Hospice serves Columbia, Walla Walla, and NE Umatilla counties offering compassionate care for their patients and support for their loved ones and caretakers. In addition, WWCH offers educational opportunities surrounding end of life care and planning.

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

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

Thursday, September 3

Lasagna
Mixed Veggie
Salad, Roll
Fruit Cocktail
Milk

Tuesday, September 8

Baked fish, rice pilaf
Stewed tomatoes
Caesar salad, roll
Sunset gelatin
Milk

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

504 Main Street
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tuesday, September 8

Pulled pork sandwich
Potatoes
Vegetable (Chef's choice)

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT MEAL DELIVERIES

Starting September 8, Waitsburg School District will resume home meal deliveries for students. Staff will deliver meals Monday-Thursday. To sign up for meal deliveries, families must submit a Consent for Meal Deliveries form, and return it to Susan Wilder, Director of Nutritional Services. Susan can be reached at swilder@waitsburgsd.org.

The consent form can be found on the school's website, www.waitsburgsd.org.

Church Directory

St. Mark Catholic Church

405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg
Mass Sunday 5 p.m.
382-2311

Fr. Steve Werner

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

504 Main
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
337-6589

Pastor Stan Hughes

Waitsburg Chapel

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Brandon Johnson has integrity and skills. I support Brandon Johnson for Superior Court Judge in Walla Walla. He has a sharp mind, excellent skills for this position, and is a man of integrity. He will be an impartial judge and respect all who enter his courtroom.

It is wonderful that we have an experienced, young professional equipped to do an excellent job for us. Brandon is dedicated to the law and our community.

Walla Walla will be well served by Brandon Johnson as our Superior Court Judge. Please join me and vote for Brandon.

Jane Kreitzberg
Walla Walla

Walla Walla County COVID death toll reaches five, cases continue to climb

THE TIMES

On August 28, the Walla Walla County health officials were notified of the fifth COVID-related death in the county. A woman in her 80's, who tested positive for the COVID-19 virus, passed away.

"We wish to express our deepest sympathies to the woman's family and friends during this difficult time," said Meghan DeBolt, Director of Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH).

As of Tuesday, Sept. 1, Walla Walla County had 770 confirmed COVID-19 cases, with 139 active cases. There are only three cases that are currently hospitalized.

Case counts are subject to change as new cases go through case investigation and tracing. More information about local cases, including community of residence, age, and gender, can be found at www.co.walla-walla.wa.us. DHC would like to remind residents that there are resources available. If you need resources or support, please call the Community Health Helpline at (509) 524.2647 (Daily | 8-5) or email them at health@co.walla-walla.wa.us. English and Spanish language assistance is available.

Walla Walla County is still in Phase II of Governor Inslee's 'Safe Start' plan. Additional information about the 'Safe Start' plan can be found at www.coronavirus.wa.gov.

Blue Mountain Land Trust Earns National Recognition

Strong Commitment to Public Trust and Conservation Excellence

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—One thing that unites us as a nation is land: Americans strongly support saving the open spaces they love. Since 1999, the Blue Mountain Land Trust has been doing just that for the people of Southeastern Washington and Northeastern Oregon.

Today the Blue Mountain Land Trust announced it had renewed its land trust accreditation – proving again that, as part of a network of accredited land trusts across the nation, it is committed to professional excellence and to maintaining the public's trust in its conservation work.

"There are over 1,300 land trusts in our nation, but only 443 have achieved accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission," said Land Trust President Linda Herbert. "I am proud of Blue Mountain Land Trust's re-accreditation, building on the hard work of the earlier board and staff members, including Tara Lord and Tom Riley. It speaks to our diligence, transparency, and professionalism as we work to preserve and protect the lands of the Blue Mountain Region."

The Blue Mountain Land Trust provided extensive documentation and was subject to a comprehensive third-party evaluation before achieving this distinction. The Land Trust Accreditation Commission awarded renewed accreditation, signifying its confidence that the Blue Mountain Land Trust's lands will be protected forever. Accredited land trusts now steward almost 20 million acres—the size of Denali, Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, Glacier, Everglades, and Yosemite National Parks combined.

Since its founding 21 years ago, the Blue Mountain Land Trust has acquired 14 conservation easements totaling almost 6,500 acres. By the end of 2020, it expects to close an additional four easements that total 16,618 acres, bringing its easement holdings to 23,118 acres. The Land Trust also hosts very popular natural resources education events every year. In 2019, over 2,000 community members attended one or more of its 40 in-person events. This year, over 3,400 people attended its Wild & Scenic online film festival. The Land Trust is also home to the Blue's Crew, an all-volunteer group that works with the United States Forest Service to improve the quality and accessibility of trails in the Blue Mountain region.

"It is exciting to recognize the Blue Mountain Land Trust's continued commitment to national standards by renewing this national mark of distinction," said

Melissa Kalvestrand, executive director of the Commission. "Donors and partners can trust the more than 400 accredited land trusts across the country are united behind strong standards and have demonstrated sound finances, ethical conduct, responsible governance, and lasting stewardship."

The Blue Mountain Land Trust is one of 1,363 land trusts across the United States, according to the Land Trust Alliance's most recent National Land Trust Census. A complete list of accredited land trusts and more information about the process and benefits can be found at www.landtrustaccreditation.org.

About the Blue Mountain Land Trust

The Blue Mountain Land Trust is a not-for-profit organization that collaborates with communities and landowners to conserve the scenic, natural, and working lands of the Blue Mountain region.

The Land Trust works to protect precious spawning streams for native fish, preserve important wildlife corridors, safeguard our community's agricultural heritage, and connect people with the land and its abundant natural resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

The Land Trust protects land and serves communities in four Washington counties (Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, and Asotin) and seven Oregon counties (Umatilla, Union, Baker, Grant, Wheeler, Gilliam, and Morrow.)

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Booker Rest Home in Phase 2 of Governor's long-term plan

Staff works to ease social isolation

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The separation from family and friends and decreased socialization with each other have been difficult for Booker Rest Home residents since the facility was locked down in March to protect its vulnerable population.

There is now a little light at the end of the tunnel since Governor Jay Inslee announced his Safe Start for Long Term Care Facility Reopening Recommendations and Requirements on Aug. 12.

The good news is the Booker Rest Home is now in Phase 2 of the governor's four-phase approach to reopening, according to Katie Roughton, RN, DNS.

What that means is that if a resident is unable to understand communication technology or is unable to visit outside, he, or she, can choose an Essential Support Person to visit them inside their rooms, for up to an hour, once a day.

Roughton said the Essential Support Person will need to take all precautions, including handwashing and wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including eye protection, which they must provide. PPE is required before entering the facility, and the Essential Support Person must keep out of the main resident care areas, speaking only with the person they are there to see.

Restrictions are also in force for outside visitors, who need to sanitize their hands and wear masks prior to bringing residents out to visit. Only two outside

visits can take place at the same time, and social distancing requirements must be met.

Roughton said all visitors to the Booker rest home are required to make an appointment.

Since the beginning of the lockdown, Booker Rest Home staff have been working hard to ease the feelings of isolation by creating fun activities for the residents while adhering to social distancing requirements.

Activities are varied with different themed weeks, including dance-week, where different dances are done each day, and the staff dresses to match the theme. Activities have included a dog show, a 50's party, a summer fun day, outdoor art projects, a visit from a pig, charade games on an iPad, and hallway bingo. Roughton said they have continued outdoor walks, crafts, and playing their favorite dice game, Farkle.

When residents said how much they missed their monthly outings to restaurants, Activities Coordinator Jessica Reger stepped up to bring dining-out in. Every month the residents are able to pick a local restaurant and place their orders for delivery.

"The Booker staff have truly stepped up to bring the residents joy while keeping them safe," Roughton said. "I can't say thank you enough to the great group of people that come to work every day to care for our residents."

Roughton said the governor's phased approach to reopening long-term care facilities details what can be done in each phase for outside appointments, dining, visitors, activities, testing and admissions, screening of employees, vendors, and visitors and residents.

"Phases 1 through 3 are the strictest phases, and Phase 4 is business as usual."

The lower the COVID-19 risk in Columbia County,



Courtesy photo
Elsie Robins was up for some summer fun on July 24 during the bean bag toss.

the faster the Booker Rest Home can return to normal operations. If county risk increases, the facility must be phased down, said Roughton.

YMCA - FROM PAGE 1

always a bonus, but it is not required.

Childcare providers would be responsible for helping kids with their school work and lead the STEM and physical activities that the YMCA has from their program. The YMCA will provide staff with CPR and first aid training, as well as COVID training that addresses personal protective equipment for children and adults, and how to explain COVID to children.

"I don't want to diminish their responsibilities, but we would like the childcare providers to feel like super camp counselors for the kids," Hedine said. She explained that while the childcare program would provide a space for schoolwork, they still wanted kids to have fun and enjoy the program.

Should the program find sufficient staff to start, the cost to parents would be in the \$4.00 an hour range and with half and full-day options. Hedine said that the program is unable to accept state childcare pay; however, they are working on ways to help parents with the cost. She said the YMCA accepts community donations and has a list of wonderful sponsors who have supported YMCA programs in the past. If you are interested in becoming a YMCA sponsor, contact Hedine at khedine@wymca.org, or donate online at www.wwymca.org/give/

Hedine said that the YMCA is hopeful that the childcare program will open on September 8th. If you are interested in applying for a position in the Waitsburg childcare program, contact Cris Benson, Director of Human Resources at cbenson@wymca.org, or go online at www.wwymca.org/employment to complete an application.

WWCSO

August 25

Deputies were dispatched to a death investigation near Russett Road. Walla Walla County

A female was transported to the hospital for crisis evaluation. Burbank

A caller reported a stolen pressure washer in the 700 block of Main Street. Waitsburg

A hit and run incident took place in the 1100 block of S. Wilbur Street. Walla Walla

Theft of fuel from a Blaze King company vehicle. Walla Walla County

August 27

A man was arrested for DUI by State Patrol. Waitsburg
Officers responded to a domestic dispute that involved a firearm. Touchet

August 28

Reporting party called to report that a taillight had been broken overnight in the 100 block of E 3rd Street. Waitsburg

A caller reported that a riding lawn mower had been stolen from the 3000 block of Melrose Street in the beginning of July. Walla Walla

August 29

An adult male was taken into custody on a felony warrant. Walla Walla County

August 31

Deputies took a report of malicious mischief. Dixie

BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 3: Delbert Mock, Glenn Bickelhaupt, Alice Mercer, Michael Adams.

Sept. 4: Rosella Bains, Doris Worden, Ray Russell, James Laughery, Blaine Bickelhaupt, Katy Broadhead, Gil Sharpe.

Sept. 5: Corinne Baker, Fred Singer, Linda Marshall, Lowell Houtchens, Ellen Webster, Linda Mercer, Scott Zuger, Garrick Sampson, Margaret Brown, Edna Cheshire.

Sept. 6: Summer Wood, Caris Cole, Jeanette Hansen, Robert Henze, Nancy Wittman, Orrin Anderson.

Sept. 7: Scott Rarick, Nancy Crowe, Maxine Mercer, Kristi Kiefel, Bob Danforth, Chris Pearson, Jeff Pierson, Justin Reedy, Joy Lindsey.

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

No. 20-4-00150-36
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 In Re the Estate of MORRIS C. JONES, Deceased.
 The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal

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Personal Representative: STACY L. PREST

Date of First Publication: August 20, 2020

/s/Shaw Prest STACY L. PREST

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

Case No. 20-4-00152-36
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 (RCW 11.40.030)
 In Re the Estate of FELIX S. DURAN
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The Personal

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Date of filing copy of Notice to Creditors: 08/21/2020

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/s/ Name: ADRIANA C. DELEON-DURAN

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE
 Description of proposal—
 Ordinance Amendments to

Dayton Municipal Code Title 17: Critical Areas Code
 Location of proposal—City of Dayton, Washington
 Lead Agency—City of Dayton, Washington

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that the proposed non-project action does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment.

An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.450. This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) on August 31, 2020; the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issuance. Submit comments to the following:

Responsible official—
 Meagan Bailey, CFM
 Position—Director of Planning and Community Development
 Phone—509-382-2361
 14-day period complete/
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 September 14, 2020 @ 5:00 pm

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA
 NO. 20-4-00020-7
 Notice to Creditors
 RCW 11.40.030
 In the Matter of the Estate of:

MARILYN L. LEWIS,
 Deceased.

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Restoring an Heirloom

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

I don't know when Dad purchased the gun or from whom or where, but one of its few outings captured on film was in 1977. My brother was a toddler and dad had hunted a gray squirrel on his parent's farm in what used to be the middle-of-nowhere Appalachia.

The Herrington and Richardson Topper Model 158 (H&R) was the shotgun built for everyone. An ordinary, functional firearm built for the budget-minded. Overly simplistic yet wholly reliable described the H&R firearms line from 1871 to 1986 under the parent company.

Dad's H&R saw its last hunt somewhere around 1992 when a zealous child acting crafty with a gray squirrel failed to properly lock the action. I secured provisions for Brunswick stew and learned a frightening lesson in the process. The top-break action blew open, ejecting the casing and busting the gun's forearm. Miraculously, I did not suffer the same consequence. As a pre-teen, I had little use for a busted gun or the ability or knowledge to repair it. I left it to rust in an attic for nearly thirty years.

Returning home in 2020, I finally decided to grab the old H&R from the attic and haul it back to Waitsburg. Given their basic style and seemingly low-grade stocks, H&R firearms don't carry much monetary value. Given the gun was useless otherwise, I decided to try my hand at a home restoration job, finding my first experience to be as terrifying as expected.

Ordering a Burchwood Casey complete re-bluing kit, I went to work one afternoon in the shop, thinking the directions were straightforward and simplistic. I learned quickly, however, that our hot, dry summer climate play a major role in the complexity of the endeavor, so much so that I basically enjoyed doing the job twice.

The first crucial step was stripping the rust and bluing from the barrel and action. Using a kit-provided swab and applying the rust and blue removal chemical was easy, as was using steel wool to gently rub off rust and debris. The kerfuffle came when the stripping chemical began drying into a sticky paste on the barrel in the 90-degree heat.

Using the supplied degreaser, I quickly removed the gunk from the barrel, performing a second and third coat of rust and blue remover in some cases, quickly working the steel wool and sand paper to remove everything, then promptly cleaning.

Lesson 1: Perform your firearm restoration in a climate-controlled area.

During the rust/blue removal step, the directions say to clean the metal until it shines, taking great care in the process. Simple enough. The problem occurs where interpretations of "shine" may vary. My cleaning job resulted in what appeared to be a rust-free, lustrous surface, yet later during the bluing step, I learned otherwise.

Lesson 2: Sand and polish the metal at least twice again once you think you have it "shiny" using the rust removal chemical and degreasing thoroughly when finished. You want as near a mirror finish as possible.

Degreasing is another critical step as bluing will not work with unclean metal. Grease and oil prevent the bluing chemical from contacting the metal surface, creating a blotchy appearance. Be sure to use latex or nitrile gloves during the process as fingerprints can show plainly from skin oils. As with the rust and blue removal, once you think the parts are clean, degrease at least twice again, scrubbing diligently. Sanding tough areas when removing rust and bluing can help tremendously, the gun action being the most difficult area.

Sound fun so far? The above steps are simply tedious. Bluing is utter madness. Bluing is a clear chemical that reacts with the steel, darkening it to the rich, almost black finish most guns bear. The directions say to apply quickly, and thoroughly,



Brad Trumbo

Post-restoration hunt for Eurasian collared doves.

with an optimal 30 to 45 second soak and no longer than 60 seconds. This could not be stressed enough, which led me to believe the gun would self-destruct at 61 seconds. I decided to blue the H&R barrel in three sections, similar to what the direction recommended.

Lesson 3: Blue the barrel one or two inches at a time. By the time I had the area evenly coated, the starting point had been sitting for 20 seconds, leaving an uneven soak time before washing in cold water and breaking the chemical reaction.



Brad Trumbo

The refinished parts awaiting reassembly.

Although it would have been excruciatingly slow, wiping a single blue streak around the barrel at a time would have been far better in the long-run for creating an even finish and would have required about the same amount of time. Thankfully, the finish darkened as it "cured" over 24-hours.

Lesson 4: Coating many small areas is preferable

over fewer large areas providing a better finish.

With the metals finally finished, I turned to the stock. The original wood was light and wide-grained with an orangish tint when finished. The replacement forearm was beautiful walnut. How to match them up?

Once sanded clean, I used "special walnut 224" stain from the hardware store for the stock, matching with the new forearm as close as possible. Wiping on two light coats with a rag, I then applied teak oil to both stock and forearm. Finally, a light wipe of clear furniture urethane gave gloss and superior weather protection that looked good to me.

Lesson 5: I am a better carpenter than metalsmith.

Overall, I was pleased with the outcome. The barrel finish could be better and the process simpler, knowing what I know now, but the result was far better than the prior condition. And, I suppose learning a new skill requires starting somewhere.

Regardless, the H&R heirloom found its way back into action, plucking a plump collared dove on its first outing as a reborn small game scattergun. A bird I doubt my dad had ever even heard of.

We don't know where we're going, but we're on our way

A conversation with Julia Mead

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES



Photo by Mike Ferrians

Julia Mead, an active member of Columbia County's rural village community.

When Julia Mead graduated from high school at the age of 17 and started college, she decided her motto would be, "I don't know where I'm going, but I'm on my way."

She finished nurse's training in Walla Walla in 1982. A year later, she met her first and only blind date, Charles "Skip" Mead IV.

When asked, "Who is Julia Mead?" her answer is, "A transplant to Columbia County who sank her roots down."

Two sons, six grandchildren, and 37 harvests later, she hasn't slowed down a bit.

"I see myself as a fixer," she said in a recent chat. "I guess because I'm a nurse. I like to help and to repair things."

Like many of us, Mead deeply values the preservation of rural village life in the valley. "Maybe I was born in the wrong century, but I like old things. I have a lot of respect for the past. So, I'm a protect, preserve, and restore kind of person."

In the past, Mead has helped to fix many things. Years ago, she was a member of "Citizens for Community Projects," a working group that completed many projects, including a helipad for Dayton's hospital campus; and the bridge over the Touchet River that connects the athletics field to the school.

Mead was Little League president for 12 years as well as a coach. She was part of a group that helped procure funding for Columbia County's first K-9 unit. She has given countless hours to other projects, including live productions at the Liberty Theater.

"I was absent at a meeting of the Columbia County Health Foundation years ago, and then found out I was president," she says with a smile. "I know nothing but busy. I like projects," she said. "There's a lot to be proud of here, and I try to be a giver rather than a taker."

She is one of several folks who formed "Friends of

the Fairgrounds" in Columbia County in 2017 and is their current president. Their goal has been to preserve the historic, rural feel of the complex.

"We didn't think it needed to be all fancy with metal and glass," she said.

The group has raised well over \$190,000 in those three years. When the pandemic hit, they were working on ADA bathrooms for the pavilion and structural upgrades for the youth building. The group currently has 22 members, and more are always welcome.

"We want it really to be a venue for community and family events," she said, in addition to the annual fair itself.

Even though COVID has brought community groups to a pause, Mead is clear about the nature of change.

"Change for me is easy, but the older I get, the more set you become," she said, "and I find myself at times politely questioning the need for a change. But we all have to be adaptable and flexible. Change isn't always comfortable, but it's necessary."

For one who sank her roots in Columbia County, the fruits of her labor have been full of positivity and faith in the community. How has the pandemic changed this? Not one bit.

"It will change the way we've been living our lives," she said. "But we depend on each other here, so we need to support each other."

Mead sees the importance of young people helping to bind up the wounds of isolation imposed upon the elderly population. She is hopeful of the opportunities for new leadership among younger adults and the need to undergird and strengthen local businesses.

"Continuance is a word that comes to mind," she said. "We have some strong, talented, and creative minds that I think are going to help us balance our response to this huge change that COVID has brought about. We need to help each other stay positive. In the long run, I think this situation can result in things being even better than they were."

In other words, we may not know where we're going, but we're on our way.

SPORTS & LIFESTYLES

Mariners' rebuild with trade deadline deals

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

The Mariners marketing department must be wondering if it is still a good idea to sell jerseys with names on the back. Dan Vogelbach, Taijuan Walker, Taylor Williams, Austin Adams, Dan Altavilla, and Austin Nola will all be wearing different uniforms next season. The Mariners were very active during this year's trade deadline and have made deals with the Toronto Blue Jays and the San Diego Padres.

Here is a breakdown of the trades starting with the two Toronto moves. Mariners acquired cash from the Toronto Blue Jays for Dan Vogelbach. Despite hitting thirty home runs for the Mariners last season, Vogelbach has struggled over the last two years to be more than an all-or-nothing hitter. Ultimately, he will not be part of the team's rebuild. Taijuan Walker, once a top prospect the Mariners re-acquired this past offseason, was traded to Toronto for a player to be named later. No doubt, the Mariners were hoping for more in return when they signed Walker to a one-year contract this offseason.

Now for the seven-player trade with the San Diego Padres. Seattle acquired OF Taylor Trammell, INF Ty France, C Luis Torrens, and RHP Andres Munoz from San Diego Padres for C Austin Nola, RHP Austin Adams, and RHP Dan Altavilla. All of the players the Mariners picked up in this deal are intriguing.

Catcher Luis Torrens was a highly touted catching prospect in the Yankees farm system but was left unprotected as a twenty-one year in the Rule 5 draft a few years

ago. The Yankees thought that no one would be interested in a single A catcher enough to draft him and promote him to the major leagues. Since the Padres' minor league system was one of the worst in baseball, they signed Torrens, playing him at the major league level all season. He didn't perform well as a hitter, having skipped so many levels at once. The next season the Padres played him on their double-A team for further development. In ninety-seven games at the double A level last year, he hit .300/.373/500 with fifteen home runs. Still only twenty-four years old, he may turn out to be the best player in this trade.

Andres Munoz was consistently averaging ninety-nine miles an hour on his fastball and topping out at 103 mph. Munoz underwent Tommy John surgery (Ulnar collateral ligament reconstruction) in 2019 missing the entire 2020 season, so this is a bit of a gamble by Seattle but an interesting one. Munoz also has a mid-80s breaking ball to go with his fastball and has the potential to be the Mariners' future closer. Munoz will be twenty-two next season.

Ty France is a versatile infielder that can play multiple positions and had a great season hitting .399/.477/.770 at triple-A El Paso. In twenty games this year, he hit .309/.377/.491 with the Padres.

Finally, Taylor Trammell is the centerpiece of this deal. Trammell has the potential to be a leadoff hitter similar to a Brett Gardner. He has currently ranked the sixty-eight prospect in all of baseball and probably becomes the Mariners starting left fielder next season. All in all, not a bad return for Austin Nola, who was having by far his best year in the majors.

MLB American League Leaders

ERA	Batting Average	Strike Outs	Runs Batted In
S. Bieber CLE 1.20	T. Anderson CHW .330	S. Bieber CLE 84	J. Abreu CHW 32
L. Lynn TEX 1.93	Kyle Lewis SEA .328	L. Giolito CHW 66	M. Trout LAA 32
F. Valdez HOU 2.35	H. Alberto BAL .321	G. Cole NYY 60	N. Cruz MIN 29
D. Bundy LAA 2.47	J. Abreu CHW .315	L. Lynn TEX 56	K. Tucker HOU 29
K. Maeda MIN 2.53	D. Fletcher LAA .313	K. Maeda MIN 48	A. Santander BAL 29
Wins	Home Runs	Saves	Stolen Bases
S. Bieber CLE 6	N. Cruz MIN 13	L. Hendriks OAK 10	J. Ramirez CLE 8
D. Keuchel CHW 5	L. Voit NYY 13	B. Hand CLE 10	A. Mondesi KC 8
K. Maeda MIN 4	T. Hernandez TOR 12	Z. Britton NYY 8	W. Merrifield KC 7
L. Lynn TEX 4	J. Abreu CHW 12	A. Colome CHW 7	A. Kiner TEX 6
M. Gonzales SEA 4	M. Trout LAA 12	T. Rogers MIN 7	J.P. Crawford SEA 5



STANDINGS

AL West	W	L	PCT	GB
Oakland	22	12	.647	-
Houston	19	14	.576	2.5
Seattle	15	22	.405	8.5
Texas	12	21	.364	9.5
Los Angeles	12	24	.333	11.0
AL East	W	L	PCT	GB
Tampa Bay	25	11	.694	-
New York	19	14	.576	4.5
Toronto	18	15	.545	5.5
Baltimore	15	19	.441	9.0
Boston	12	23	.343	12.5
AL Central	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	22	13	.629	-
Cleveland	21	14	.600	1.0
Minnesota	20	16	.556	2.5
Detroit	16	16	.500	4.5
Kansas City	14	21	.400	8.0



Mariners Hitting

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	BA	OBP	OPS	WAR
Kyle Lewis	131	29	43	8	21	21	.328	.418	.945	+1.6
Dylan Moore	78	16	22	5	10	7	.282	.364	.902	+0.8
Kyle Seager	129	19	35	5	26	15	.271	.344	.809	+0.8
J. Marmolejos	48	5	11	4	10	3	.229	.275	.795	-0.1
S. Haggerty	47	6	13	1	6	3	.277	.320	.746	+0.4
J.P. Crawford	132	22	33	1	9	17	.250	.342	.683	+0.7
Tim Lopes	100	10	24	1	10	4	.240	.283	.623	-0.1
Evan White	104	8	17	5	17	8	.163	.228	.584	-0.4
Jake Fraley	23	3	4	0	0	2	.174	.269	.574	+0.0

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

Combine Art Collective celebrates first anniversary

Local artists Wayne Chabre and Jeanne McMenemy create special show for the occasion

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Combine art collective is celebrating its one-year anniversary with featured artists Wayne Chabre, sculptor, and Jeanne McMenemy, owner of Calligraphica. Though there will be no reception, a showing of the artist's work will be available for viewing beginning Thursday, September 3 at the gallery's regular business hours.

Wayne Chabre, born in Walla Walla, graduated with a B.A. in Art from Gonzaga University and served in the Peace Corps in Africa as a graphic artist for the Agricultural Information Service. After his Peace Corps service, he lived and worked in Oregon, met and married Jeanne McMenemy, and returned to Walla Walla, where the two have since collaborated on one son, Ara, and a perennial art and restoration project of their 134-year-old Victorian home.

In his singular art pursuits, Chabre is a sculptor who has received major public commissions from the University of Oregon, the Oregon Arts Commission, the Washington State Arts Commission (ArtsWA), the Doernbecher Children's Hospital and Oregon Zoo in Portland, the Spokesman-Review Newspaper (Cole Publishing), Spokane, Tri-Met Transit, Portland, Multnomah County, OR, the City of Stockton, CA, City of Jacksonville, FL, and the City of Seattle. On Walla Walla's Main Street, Chabre's popular sculpture, "Guard Pigeon," stands proudly observing the Liberty Theatre. At the same time, the collaboration from Chabre and McMenemy of "Delicate Balance" graces the corner intersection of Main, Park, and Boyer Streets. Chabre's Fanny Weller sculpture sits in front of the Weller Public Library.

In addition to commissioned public sculpture, Chabre has won multiple awards in NW gallery show exhibits and also displayed work in Lake Oswego, OR, Gallery Without Walls, and the San Juan Island Sculpture Park. He is represented by The Art Spirit Gallery, Coeur d'Alene, ID.

Jeanne McMenemy was raised in Portland, OR, and studied violin, painting, design, and ceramics attending Whitman College, Montana State University, and Portland State University.

Jeanne's art career includes that of being a Portland studio potter from 1972-76, creating functional ceramic ware as private commissions and for sale in galler-



Left: *Ebullient Bird* —Photo courtesy of Wayne Chabre



Right: *Color of Moonrise* —Photo Courtesy of Jeanne McMenemy

ies. After the move to Walla Walla, she continued to produce pottery for ten years while studying and refining her calligraphy skills through classes and workshops in OR and CA. McMenemy worked as a graphic designer at the Walla Walla Public Library, at Coffey Communications, and extensively with ArtWalla. She was Art Director for "Windows on the Past," the downtown mural project in Heritage Park. Having taught both ceramics and calligraphy in Portland and the Carnegie Art Center in Walla Walla, the YWCA, and WWCC, she has collaborated with Wayne on several public art commissions in OR and WA, and 1983 established Calligraphica, a calligraphy and graphic design studio.

Combine Art Collective is honored to celebrate its one-year anniversary with these distinguished artists.

Combine is located at 130 E. Rose St., Walla Walla, in the Showroom on Colville featuring TMACS, TMACS Epicurean Kitchen, The Market by Andy's, Bergevin Lane Vineyards & Tasting Room, Sivana, Mark Ryan Wines.

For more information and to view the artist interview, visit www.combineartcollective.com or the gallery's YouTube channel.

Kitchen Accomplished (nearly) & trip averted

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

A slug could slime its way across the country faster than it will take to complete our kitchen remodel. The cabinets need different trim than they anticipated. Evidently, the walls and ceiling were even more crooked than initially thought. The wrong doors have to be replaced with the right doors and glass panels, three drawers still do not have facing or knobs, need I go on?

Like dominos, Daniel can't finish his part (moldings, trim, painting, pantry door paint, and doorknob), or install the dishwasher, garbage disposal, and permanent sink installation until the countertops and the trim are completed.

Bottom line: we are still living with our kitchen boxed up on the patio. And what little we can put back into the kitchen is getting scrubbed, washed, and scrubbed again. Between hand sanitizer and scrubbing pots and pans, my hands feel like sandpaper. At least the coffee, mugs, and coffee pot are all in the same place now, so no more walking in circles just to make a cup of coffee.

To add insult to injury in the dust department, we also just had underground sprinklers installed. Digging up dirt, moving dirt, pulling up weeds and grass created more dirt and dust. While trying to adjust the watering times for the new sprinklers, we have overwatered, created a muddy yard, and now we trample the mud along with dust, into the house. And, we just found out the sod won't be delivered for two weeks!

My wish is to have a completed kitchen, grass, a good crop of vegetables, and a



clean house simultaneously before summer is over. Ever the optimist!

Good News! The countertops are in! Dishwasher, sink, and garbage disposal are in their permanent homes. Crossed fingers, no leaks! Now, we wait, not patiently, for the completion of the cabinet installation.

I found the same type of random squash I have growing in a friend's garden. I now know they're mini pumpkins, which could have been amongst the Cinderella pumpkin seeds. However, the butternut squash seeds I planted are growing into lovely dark green acorn squash. That one remains a mystery, along with the cucumbers we have in the front yard, which I know I didn't plant. They were good in our salad last night, so no complaints.

The zucchini is still unstoppable, as is the swiss chard, cucumbers, and peppers. The tomatoes are lagging. Opining from friends suggest it could be herbicidal drift, too much water, too little water, too much sun, not enough sun. Last year I had more tomatoes than I could manage and hardly any basil. This year the basil is going gangbusters; they need to coordinate better for pasta sauce!

Just to escape the mud and dust, we planned a quick get-a-way to Sonoma on the way to Los Angeles next week, but the fires in Sonoma have put an end to that plan. The hotel advised us that we could stay there, but it's possible we'd have to evacuate, and that romantic rooftop dinner is not going to happen. We canceled! We still intended to head to Los Angeles for our Doctors and Dentist, but my Dr. had mercy on us and was ok with a telephone call visit and a reschedule for the beginning of December.

Through this annoying and laborious remodel, I am constantly reminded that I made the right decision to move here. The best people live in Waitsburg, for sure. Because, through this remodeling mess, we have been the recipients of wonderful dinners delivered to us or invited to a friend's home, all have been a great respite from our gritty, dusty kitchen.

Gracie Reviews: Hand Sanitizer

Drop the Germ-X and pick-up some of Gracie's top hand sanitizer picks

By Gracie Compton

Now that quarantine rules have relaxed a bit, we've been going out a little more. I finally got to go grocery shopping again, and it almost felt like a vacation. Mom says it's because I'm a textbook extrovert.

The slightly-relaxed rules have given me a chance to test out the heap of different hand sanitizers Mom has collected lately (some people have a shoe problem, my mom has a hand sanitizer problem).

Not sure what sanitizer you want? Here are a couple of my favorites!

One of the biggest bottles in the bunch is a CHI brand sanitizer. The CHI was one of the first 'cool' sanitizers that was brought home, and I like it because it doesn't have an overpowering smell, like some of the generic ones. The best part about the CHI hand sanitizer- Mom picked it up right here in Waitsburg, at Blush Salon.

My Ama brought us liquid hand sanitizer from a place in Walla Walla, the 2nd Street Distilling Company. I'm pretty sure if any virus survives this sanitizer, it deserves to live. It's strong, and it means business. This hand sanitizer is watery, so we put it in spray bottles, and a spritz or two was all I needed. Mom laughs and says she hopes she doesn't



Beka Compton

A quick spritz (or splash) of Azure Mountain Botanical's hand sanitizer after shopping is enough to make anyone smile. A word of caution from Gracie- this sanitizer gets everywhere when operated by a three year old! Brooke at Blush had these bottles of CHI hand sanitizer earlier this year. It's one of Gracie's favorites!

get pulled over after using it because it smells like whiskey-whatever that means. The smell only lasts a couple of seconds, and your hands don't feel sticky or dried out after using it (plus it clears out your sinuses). Many stores in Walla Walla carry it, we've seen it at the Plaza Safeway.

Azure Mountain Botanicals in Dayton makes the best smelling sanitizer I've tried yet. It's scented with a Thieves-type essential oil blend. Did you know that the popular EO blend got its name from the Black Plague days? A group of thieves was robbing the sick and dying, but they never fell ill. The thieves lathered up in a secret blend of essential oils that supposedly helped keep them healthy. Shame

on them for stealing from the sick, but the scented legacy they left is appreciated. The highly-recommended hand sanitizer can be found at the Blue Mountain Station, in Dayton. They even have a refill station so you can reuse your bottle and only pay for the sanitizer.

While the pandemic has been tough on many, my family and I have enjoyed seeing the creativity and flexibility of companies like 2nd Street Distilling and Azure Mountain Botanicals. They've changed up their models to help keep us safe, and Mom says the best hand sanitizers are made right here, in our little valley.

Record Store Day at Hot Poop



Brianna Wray

Owners Jim McGuinn and Pat McIlvaine are at the ready to assist with any audio-visual needs.

Three record release dates extend the fun

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Record Store Day (RSD) comes around just once a year. This past Saturday, August 29, Hot Poop celebrated the thirteenth annual event with a somewhat demure version of its usual festivities.

Record store day is all about getting music lovers inside brick and mortar record stores, connecting listeners with the establishments that keep music and musicians alive. To participate, store owners sign contracts attesting that they will not sell any of the select RSD merchandise online for at least three years.

Even without live performances and spaced six feet apart, audiophiles were able to find limited editions, re-releases of classics, and special pressings by artists new and old.

Though there were never more than 12 people in the shop at once, the day was highly successful. "We broke a record, no pun intended," the store reported.

Three separate release dates are anticipated for the 2020 RSD season. The next will be September 26, with all new music from Camille Yarbrough, the Yardbirds. We can also expect an alternate version of Fleetwood Mac's *Rumors* and re-releases from artists like Britney Spears, Coolio, and Hootie & the Blowfish.

The third RSD Drop date will be October 24, so there's plenty to look forward to.

Hot Poop is Walla Walla's only bing bang stereo shop. Find everything from musical instruments to televisions, as well as new and used CDs, tapes and vinyl. Learn more at www.hotpoop.com.

2020 Refuge Outdoor Festival

Adventure, healing, boldness...
virtually

THE TIMES

The Washington State Parks Folk and Traditional Arts Program (WSPFTAP) has teamed up again with the organizers of Refuge Outdoor Festival. In past years the festival was a three-day camping experience geared toward people of color. It centers on building community through outdoor recreation, conversations (community talks, workshops), music and art that appeal to a diverse and inclusive audience.

This year, the festival is going virtual. Due to the current social distancing measures and efforts to



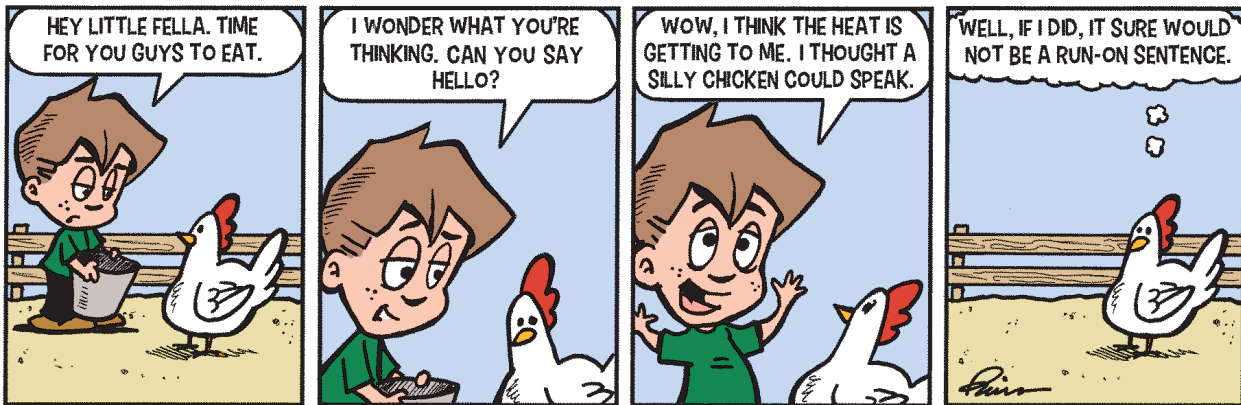
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keep our communities safe, WSPFTAP has recorded a variety of performances and conversations at safe parks. Live streaming sessions will showcase art, music, connections and giveaways.

The online camp-in takes place Sept 18-20. Tickets are available on a sliding scale.

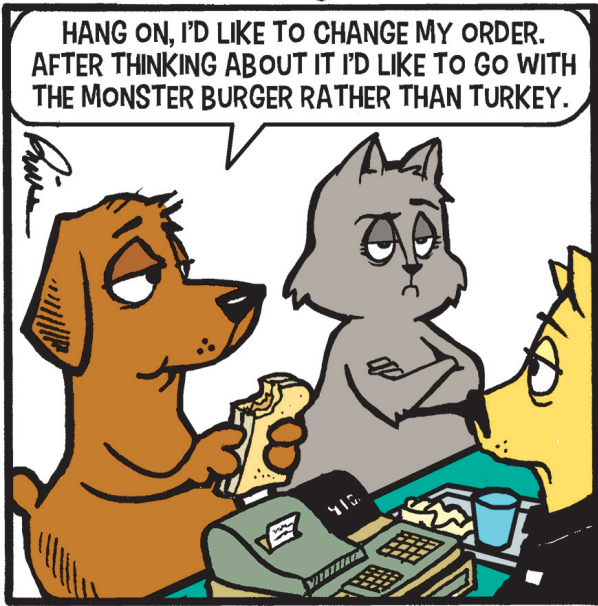
Amber Waves

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

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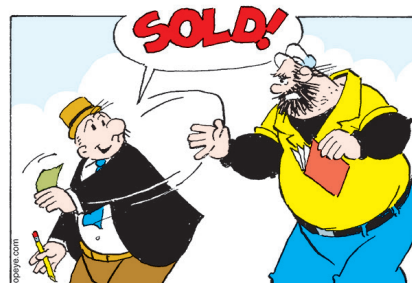
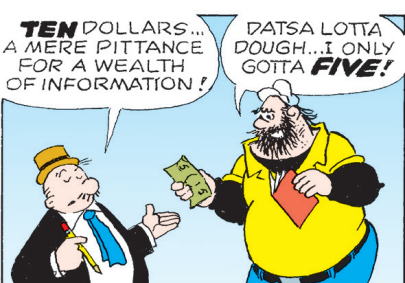
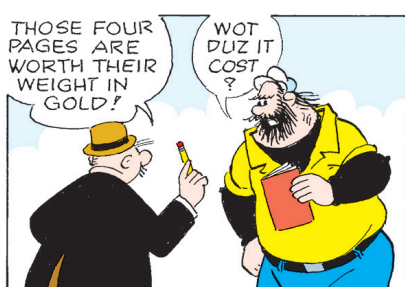
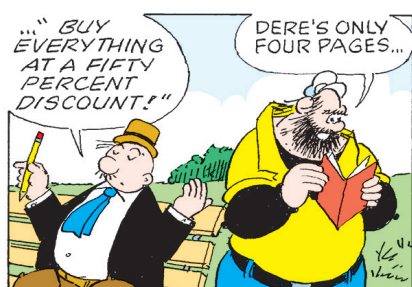
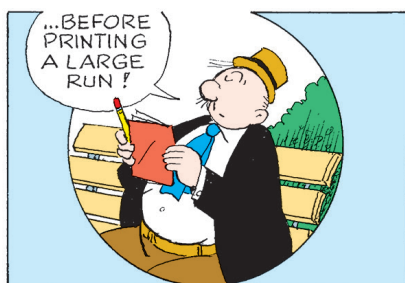
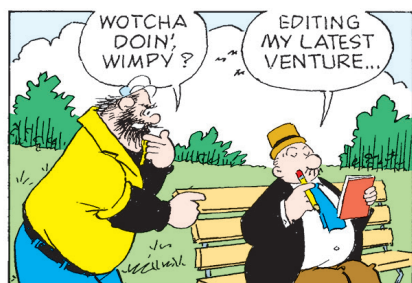
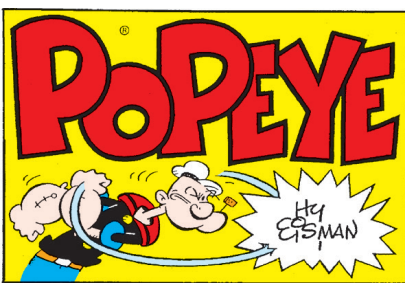
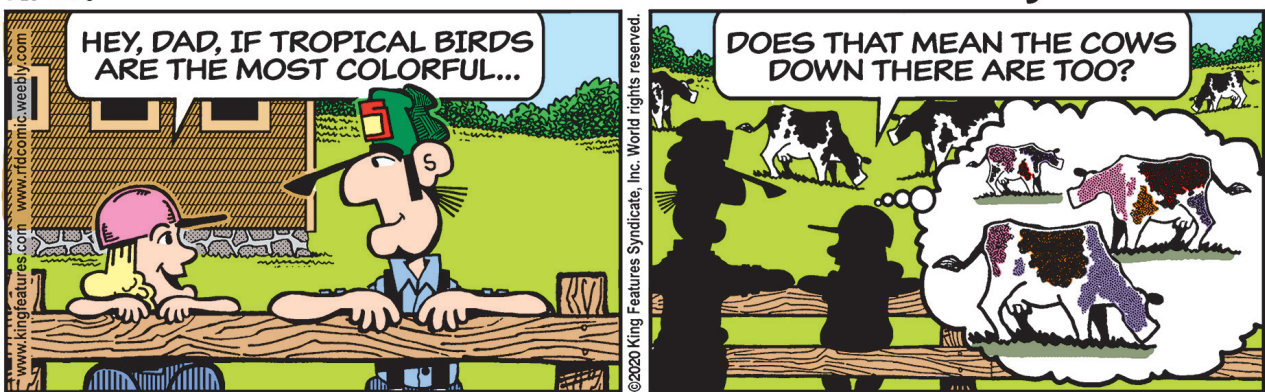
LAFF-A-DAY



"Is this the same husband who was missing three times last year?"

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

September 22, 2011

It was a day of Victorian fashion, museum tours, buffalo, corn on the cob, and Butlers at Waitsburg's Fall Festival on Sunday. The attendance was anything but sparse.

Bill Thompson was a good friend. I share that distinction with scores of folks in this community and extending the population to Palouse. He died September 17, 2011, in Waitsburg. He was 81 years old.

Nancy Metro has been recently hired by the Walla Walla Catholic Schools in the new position of director of admissions and community relations.

[Photo caption] Colleen Delp shows mini cheerleader Amy Wyatt how to root for the Bulldogs last Thursday at the Dayton football game.

"This corner of the world (and state) is a diamond in the rough," said Suzanne Fletcher, who was appointed director of the Washington Tourism Alliance.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

September 7, 1995

Seventy-two seventh and eighth-grade students began school this week in Preston Hall, the school building that hasn't been used much since 1985 and opened Tuesday as a showpiece for the Waitsburg School District. "After all these years, it's alive," beamed principal of the junior high grades, Dan Butler, sitting inside one of the new classrooms in the refurbished three-floor school on Main Street.

[Headline] First Savings offering Walla Walla's first bank in a grocery store

They're slick and slithery and coming to Dayton. Sure to be a hit at this year's Columbia County Fair is the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry's unique display of rare and exotic reptiles, amphibians, turtles, and other crawly creatures.

[Photo caption] Jenny Maners of Waitsburg washes her prize-winning pig before showing at the Frontier Days Fair in Walla Walla last week. Maners, a student at Waitsburg High School, was a winner in the competition. Fair attendance topped 105,000, a new record for the 129-year-old fair.

Fifty Years Ago

September 17, 1970

Local wheat growers will help host five prominent Japanese millers who will visit grain production and marketing facilities in the United States this month. The group will arrive in Walla Walla on Friday, September 18, and will be the guests at an informal dinner in the Empire Room of the Eddie Mays Inn at 6:30 p.m.

Word has been received here of the death of a former longtime Prescott resident, Mrs. Blanche Hardy, of Battle Creek, Mich., who died there on Sunday.

Whitman College's Harper Joy Theatre will present a season of nine productions for 1970-71, including one American premiere and one American college premiere, theatre Director Jack Freimann has announced.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

September 21, 1945

Local CampFire guardians this year are Mrs. Homer Reed, Mrs. J. N. Carson, and Miss Barbara Woods. Assistant guardians are Mrs. Hollis Hawks, Mrs. Melvin Combs, and Mrs. Roy Danielson.

Mrs. and Mrs. Denzil Mock, Miss Elsie Broeckel of Walla Walla, Sgt. Darrell Mock and Miss Velma Mock were Sunday guests at the home of Miss Broeckel's Uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Broeckel at La-Crosse.

Philip Marbach, who has farmed the C.B. Preston ranch for the past few years, is leaving to farm his father's ranch northwest of Walla Walla. Don Thomas has rented the Preston farm.

One Hundred Years Ago

September 24, 1920

Dorothy Call entertained a number of her friends at her home Friday evening of last week. Those present were Marion Ballard, Vera Woodworth, Alice Lewis, Margaret Cutting, Ruth and Edna Eichelberger, Verna Atkinson, Dorothy Dixon, Amanda Barnes, Francis Samuels, Elzada Thomas, Henry Roberts, Walter Snodgrass, Fred McConell, Donal Duncan, Gordon Keiser, Everett Thomas, Vernon Rice, and Harold Rice.

Mrs. Al Brouillet of Spokane is visiting her niece, Mrs. Riley Wise, for a few days. The Brouillet family will be remembered here by many oldtimers, as they formerly lived here, Mr. Brouillet being engaged in the blacksmith business.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

September 27, 1895

A plan is on foot for a grand coyote drive. Not for many years have coyotes been so numerous as they are this year, and a drive would doubtless result in bushels of fun as well as rid the country of one of the worst nuisances.

On Wednesday night, thieves carried off J. W. Coles double-trees, single-trees, axe, etc. and played the same contemptible trick on Grandpa Hicks. When will this thing end?

Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Fine, who have been visiting their son T.M. Fine and family for the past three weeks, left this week for their home in Joseph, Ore.

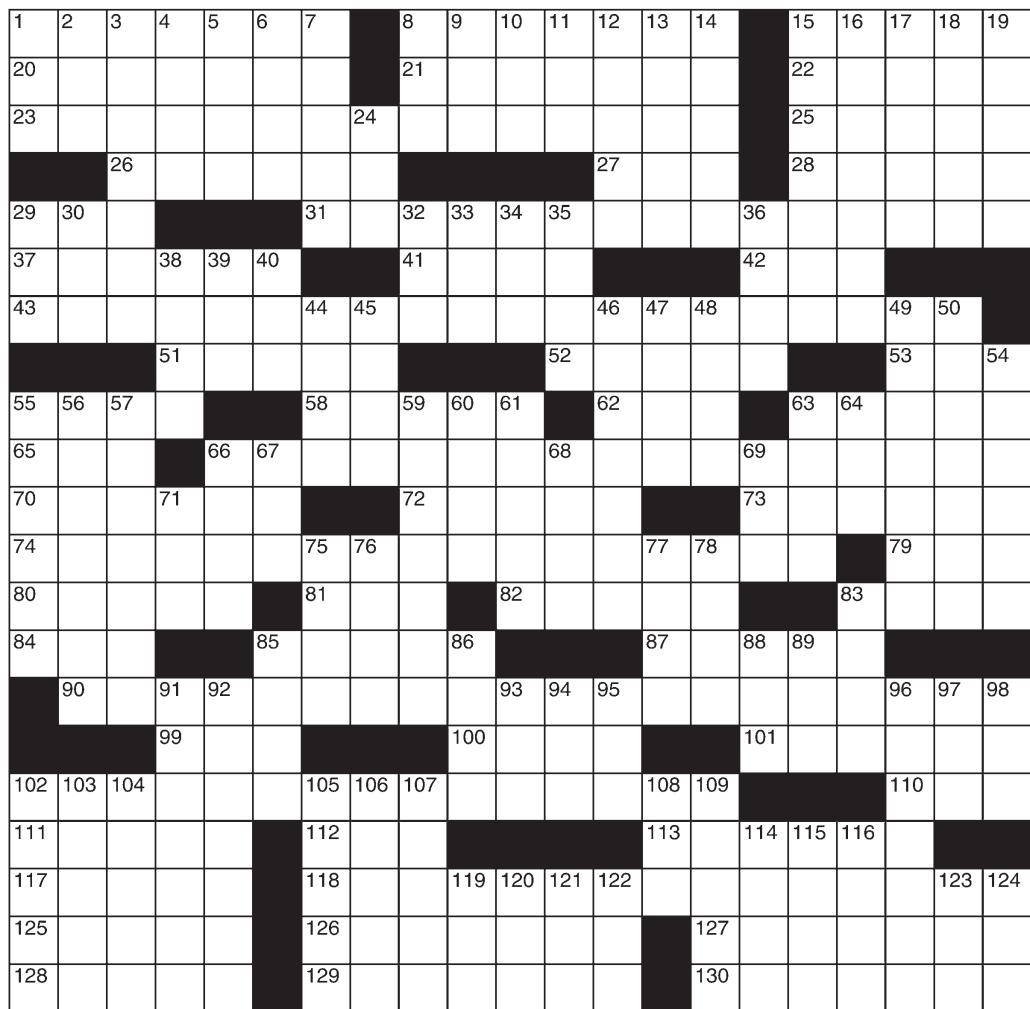
Wm. and Miss Ada Philips and Ed Kimmel have gone to Pullman to attend the Agricultural College.

FUN & GAMES

Super Crossword

THE END IS IN SIGHT

- ACROSS**
- 1 Rum brand
 - 8 River of D.C.
 - 15 Winger of Hollywood
 - 20 Qom native
 - 21 Great Plains tribe
 - 22 "Sk8er Boi" singer
 - 23 Method of making customers' mixed drinks?
 - 25 Surrender
 - 26 Dairy farm machine
 - 27 Mai — creature
 - 28 Slithery metal deposit
 - 31 Added a coward as a Facebook connection?
 - 37 "Unto the Sons" author
 - 41 Apple center
 - 42 Arles article
 - 43 Prosecuting attorney's statement about his last-ever client?
 - 51 Bewildered
 - 52 Dentist's filler
 - 53 On the — (in hiding)
 - 55 Gift add-ons
 - 58 Nice smell
 - 62 "A mouse!"
 - 63 Popular pain reliever
 - 65 Golf rarity
 - 66 Noted U.S. lithographer
 - 70 One nosing around
 - 72 R&B singer with the 2003 hit "4Ever"
 - 73 Exemplars
 - 74 Forebode the spilling of Chablis and Chianti?
 - 79 Golf ball holder
 - 80 Black — cattle
 - 81 Wide foot spec
 - 82 Yule tunes
 - 83 Bunks, e.g.
 - 84 TV "Science Guy"
 - 85 Garb
 - 87 Bellybutton variety
 - 90 Email a large image file in error?
 - 99 Color tone
 - 100 Vivacity
 - 101 Nasty type
 - 102 Funds given to a certain soccer player?
 - 110 IM giggle
 - 111 Lift up
 - 112 Teeny-tiny holding
 - 113 Seer's site
 - 117 Estate in the country
 - 118 Trumpeting beast wins someone's affection?
 - 125 Ashley or Mary-Kate
 - 126 Monte Carlo locale
 - 127 Vail, for one
 - 128 Must have
 - 129 Get more precipitous
 - 130 Climbed monkey-style
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Baby's tie-on
 - 2 Football coach
 - 3 Parseghian
 - 3 Tony's wife on "The Sopranos"
 - 4 Voting "nay"
 - 5 Cambodian money unit
 - 6 Like a cold, damp cellar
 - 7 Like the article "a" or "an": Abbr.
 - 8 Golf average
 - 9 Hosp. scrubs sites
 - 10 Longest river in Scotland
 - 11 Photo finish?
 - 12 Photo finish
 - 13 In advance
 - 14 Waggish sort
 - 15 Hotel chain with a sun logo
 - 16 Showed plainly
 - 17 Rest period
 - 18 Poet Rainer Maria —
 - 19 Mayflower man John
 - 24 Make a gaffe
 - 29 Giant Mel
 - 30 Yell of cheer
 - 32 Here, in Haiti
 - 33 Long period
 - 34 Gun org.
 - 35 Salami seller
 - 36 Rock's Lewis
 - 38 JFK data
 - 39 JFK jet, once
 - 40 Lifesaving team, in brief
 - 44 2018 is one
 - 45 TV's Jamie
 - 46 Lacking in variety
 - 47 Absconded
 - 48 Counterfeit
 - 49 Lift up
 - 50 Untangled
 - 54 Untidy states
 - 55 New York's — Zee Bridge
 - 56 "AWOL" or "FAQ," e.g.
 - 57 1714-27 king of England
 - 59 Most unctuous
 - 60 Lo — (Chinese dish)
 - 61 Songwriter Harold
 - 63 Totals (up)
 - 64 Falsification
 - 66 Middle marks
 - 67 Large vase
 - 68 Retort to "Are not!"
 - 69 Author Anaïs
 - 71 Letters on an AC
 - 75 Actor Bruce
 - 76 Yard intruder
 - 77 Bump on —
 - 78 "The jig —"
 - 83 Test version
 - 85 Action
 - 86 Old New York ballpark
 - 88 Robbins of "Short Cuts"
 - 89 Hard water
 - 91 Forked (out)
 - 92 Many beach mementos
 - 93 TV Tarzan player Ron
 - 94 "Thwack!"
 - 95 Ending for serpent
 - 96 Get rid of, as a bad habit
 - 97 — de Oro
 - 98 Slithery creature
 - 102 — Rex (cat variety)
 - 103 Force out of the country
 - 104 Counterfeit
 - 105 Water jugs
 - 106 Ignited anew
 - 107 Irk
 - 108 "Just joking!"
 - 109 Hair lock
 - 114 Egyptian sacred cross
 - 115 Twice CCI
 - 116 Slant
 - 119 Bakery buy
 - 120 With it, man
 - 121 Exist
 - 122 "The Muggler" actress
 - 123 R&B singer
 - 124 Bummed out



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

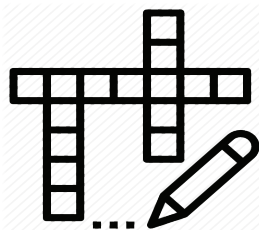
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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

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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Slow Cooker Blackberry Pork Tenderloin

This caught my eye so I decided to make it. I've never picked blackberries before. I asked my friend if she had them on her property. She said she had lots and be sure to wear long sleeves and jeans. I had heard they were sticky, and discovered it was an understatement. The thorns were more like knives. We picked for over an hour and guess what?! She shared her bounty with me. It's a good thing as I'm not sure I had enough for my recipe. ☺



This called for pork tenderloin, but locally I found pork sirloin roast. It was not as tender as a tenderloin, but all in all, it worked fine.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 (2 pound) pork tenderloin
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp ground black pepper
- 1 Tbsp dried rubbed sage
- 1 Tbsp crushed dried rosemary or to taste
- 1 (16 oz) jar seedless blackberry jam
- ¼ c. honey
- 2 Tbsp dry red wine (such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, or blend)
- ½ c. dry red wine-same as above
- 2 Tbsp honey
- 1 c. fresh blackberries

DIRECTIONS:

Season the pork tenderloin on all sides with salt, pepper, sage and rosemary. Place the tenderloin into a slow cooker and spoon the blackberry jam, ¼ c. honey, and 2 tablespoons of red wine over the pork. Set the cook to low and cook until very tender, 4 to 5 hours. About 15 minutes before serving time, pour ½ c. red wine, 2 tablespoons of honey and the fresh blackberries into a saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium-low heat and simmer until sauce thickens slightly and some of the blackberries burst, about 15 minutes. Serve sauce over tenderloin.

MY NOTES:

Several things: I didn't have sage. When I went to the store, I got the roast, seedless blackberry jam, and looked for the sage. At \$7 for a small jar, I decided to see what else would work. If I make it again, I'll splurge and get the sage. I found a jar of poultry seasoning that had sage in it, but the sage flavor didn't come through very strongly. We had boxed Merlot. If you need to borrow some, let me know. ☺

I decided to sear the meat and put it in a slow over. I baked it at 300 for almost three hours. In hindsight, it should have been 250 for three hours. The roast was large so if you use a smaller tenderloin, I would use less time, or use the crock pot.

I added the jar of jelly. It felt like a lot. Baking the roast made quite a bit of juice and the jelly disappeared into it. One of the reviews used the juice in the sauce. I'm not sure if they substituted the wine for the juice. In hindsight, since the juice has the seasonings and the jelly, I think I would bake (or crock pot it) until almost done, take some of the juice out, then add the jelly. I think it would keep more of the jelly flavor.—A thought.

I would make twice as much sauce and I added a bit of sugar, but that is a preference.

We saved the juice from the pan, since there was quite a bit, to see if we can reuse it.

When served, it looks like an entrée from an expensive restaurant. I made mashed red potatoes with the skins on and added green beans.

ENJOY. The recipe came from All-Recipes if you want to read the reviews.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

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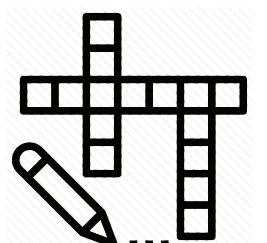
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Super Crossword

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THE LAST PAGE



Happy Birthday to Bob Patrick

THE TIMES

World War II veteran Bob Patrick celebrated his 94th birthday in Dayton last week surrounded by the closest friends and family- COVID style, with a little

flair. A parade of more than 20 vehicles, led by the Color Guard, drove by with signs, music, and plenty of waves, with a few fellow veterans even stopping to salute. Bob was presented with a Valor Quilt, pieced together by Linda Clarys. The patriotic quilt was cre-

ated with appreciation and gratitude for Bob's service. He entered the military in 1944, serving in the Philippines. His brother, Richard, served in the military as well. From everyone at *The Times*—Happy Birthday, and thank you for your service, Bob!

The Cookie Chronicles Chapter 17—The birthday party

Will You Still Need Me, Will You Still Feed Me?

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

As chronicled in Chapter 16, August 27th was Cookie's tenth birthday—the Big One - O. Which translates, more or less, to age 64 in human terms. So if 60 is the new 40, that's not all that bad.

It seemed important enough to require some sort of special celebration, and despite the limitations of gatherings in the time of Covid, we were able to gather a few close friends and their humans together on a sunny summer afternoon in our garden.

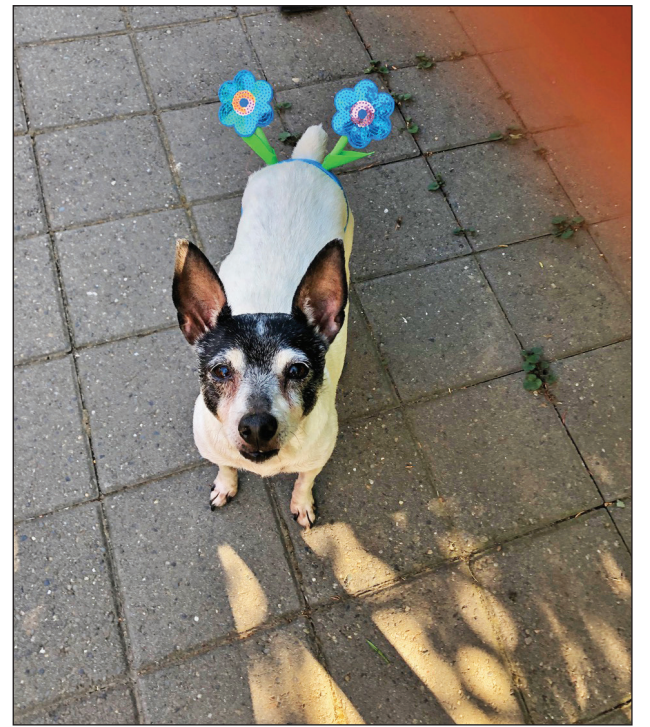
These pictures tell the story.



There were toys and party favors for all the guests.



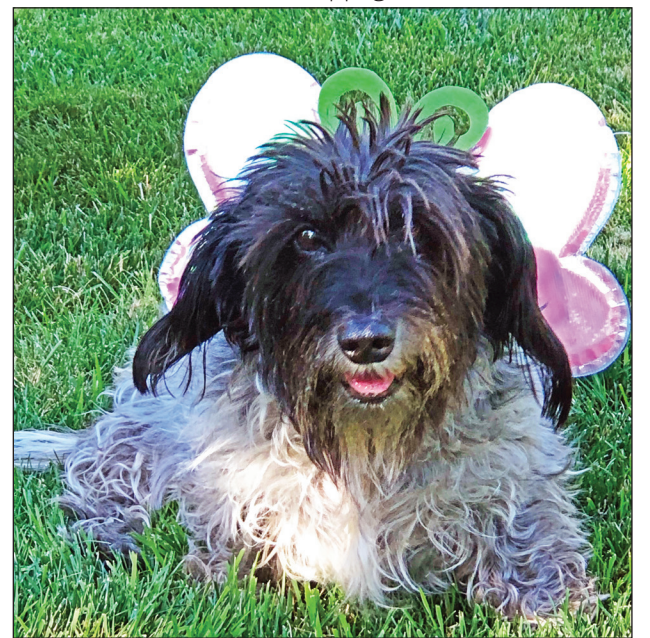
A happy birthday hug from Mom!



Mr. Remington was a happy guest, although his costume did suffer some slippage.



The weather was perfect, the lawn was cool, and there was always a chance to play some ball.



Monkey looked fetching in her princess wings.



A party needs good food. We made special bacon/peanut butter snacks. Good for both humans and dogs.



Monkey, Cookie, Mugsy, Remy and Gracie all got along quite nicely.



The birthday girl! Needless to say, a good time was had by all!