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Beka Compton

This mule deer buck has been enjoying the grass hay fields just outside of Waitsburg. When the grass doesn't satisfy cravings, he enjoys eating cayenne pepper plants and tomatoes.

Port of Columbia September meeting

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Port of Columbia Commissioners met for a regular meeting on September 8 via Zoom.

The Commissioners appointed Shawn Brown as chairman, filling the position left by the late Earle Marvin.

"I want to reiterate that I so much appreciate Commissioner Marvin's service to the Port, and I have his wife and family in my prayers as they move forward through this difficult time," Brown said.

Port of Columbia Executive Director Jennie Dickinson said that she reached out to Commissioner Marvin's family on behalf of the Port. She shared that there is no service planned at this time due to COVID-19 concerns.

The Port of Columbia is currently seeking applicants for the vacant board seat. Letters of interest and resumes can be submitted to the Port of Columbia via mail, email, or in person. To be eligible to apply, interested individuals must live within District 2 and must be registered voters. Port Commissioner districts are the same as Columbia County Commissioners district boundaries. The commissioner's term will run through December 31, 2022. Information regarding districts can be found on the Port's website, <https://www.portofcolumbia.org>.

Commissioners hope to interview candidates at the October 13 meeting.

At the August meeting, Commissioner Sean Milligan suggested that the commissioners start meeting in person. Though meeting restrictions had been lifted, Dickinson said she was hesitant to meet in person as the Delta variant continued to infect people. She suggested a product called the Meeting Owl, which looks like an Amazon Alexa device. The product is a speaker, microphone, and 360-degree camera. It allows people to safely meet and provide a remote option for those unable to attend in person. The plan is to have a Meeting Owl and a dedicated mini laptop available for upcoming meetings.

Various maintenance needs, including new locks on an office space, shrubbery trimming, and valve tests, have been ongoing at Port properties at the Rock Hill Industrial Park.

Over Labor Day, Lyons Ferry Marina hosted kid's karaoke in place of the traditional movie night, with Dickinson reporting that it was 'very popular.' Anderson Perry & Associates have been at the marina, beginning the pre-design work for pull-through RV sites.

Extra bug-spraying was necessary this last month at Blue Mountain Station. Dickinson reported that they are currently planning for the upcoming Fall Festival, scheduled for October 9. There will be pumpkins for sale and events, including pumpkin painting. Oktoberfest food will be served, and music will be provided by Gary Winston and the Real Deal, a Walla Walla-based band.

The Port of Walla Walla had requested to meet with the Port of Columbia regarding railroad projects, but a date was not set. Dickinson addressed the weeds along the Port's right of way along the railroad tracks. She reported that the weeds had been sprayed, but they did not seem to respond, and that she would work with the railroad operator to have the weeds cleaned up.

Dickinson talked about housing in Columbia County, sharing that the July unemployment rate was the lowest she had ever seen, at 3.9%. She reported that there had been a dramatic increase in wages in the area, but the housing market was very tight, and childcare was still a significant problem for residents.

"It's going to be very difficult to conduct economic development if people don't have a place to live, and people can't find childcare," Dickinson said.

Heibert selected to fill Dayton city council vacancy

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton City Council met for a hybrid meeting on September 8, 2021.

Columbia County Sheriff Joe Helm shared that 57 traffic tickets were written over the past month, 38 were within city limits. He said that a new deputy is currently going through his Field Training Officer (FTO) program and that he is doing well. He said that the department hopes to have the new deputy working on his own as soon as training is complete.

Sheriff Helm and County Prosecutor Dale Slack are currently planning town hall-style meetings, likely to be hosted at the Liberty Theater, to help explain the policing reform laws and the impact on how the Sheriff's Office handles calls.

"We want to educate people and let them be aware of why we are responding to certain things and why we are no longer allowed to respond to other things so that we can get the community involved and make them aware of the safety concerns we have from sheriff's office and the prosecutor's office regarding these laws and how they will impact our community," Helm said. Further information will be shared as it develops.

The sheriff's office is currently working with Mayor Zac Weatherford to help solve animal control issues. Helm said that it is not necessary to deputize a city employee to enforce city ordinances. Deputizing an employee could create liability issues for the city and the sheriff's office, he said.

"It would make a city employee my employee if I were to deputize them," Helm explained. "I met with the prosecutor, and the mayor and he has been provided with a ticket book."

City officials may enforce city ordinances. Mayor Weatherford added that he would train city employees on writing tickets for city ordinance infractions. Helm said that he could help with traffic violations as long as deputies were available.

Belinda Larson, Dayton Chamber of Commerce Director, asked the council to remove the motorcycle parking stalls on Main Street. She said that the motorcycle spaces are rarely used, and the space could be used to accommodate more cars in an effort to improve downtown parking.

Council members said that you cannot see around any large vehicles to safely pull onto Main Street from the side street, if they are parked in the dedicated motorcycle parking. Weatherford said that he would advise the council to consider removing the spaces as part of the Main Street Safety Plan.

Weatherford said that he received two letters of interest to fill the vacant council position left by Delphine Bailey, who resigned last month. After an executive session, the board selected Heather Hiebert to fill the position for the remainder of the term. The other applicant, Laura Auckerman, is on the ballot for the November 1 election.

Heather Hiebert has lived in Dayton since 1978 and operated a business for many years. She has served on the Planning Commission, and volunteers at the senior center.

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NEWS BRIEFS

AT THE LIBERTY:

Respect

THE TIMES

Respect is an Aretha Franklin biopic starring Jennifer Hudson. It follows Aretha's career from a child singing in her father's church's choir to her international superstardom. *RESPECT* is a remarkable true story of the music icon's journey to find her voice.

Rotten Tomatoes critics rate this film as 68% favorable, with the audience at 95%. It has a PG-13 rating for mature thematic content, strong language including racial epithets, violence, suggestive material, and smoking. The runtime is 144 minutes.

This movie shows September 17-19 and 21 on Fri. & Sat. at 7:30 pm, Sunday at 3 pm, and Tuesday at 6:30.

The Liberty Theater is maintaining distancing and mask requirements. Please help us provide a relatively safe environment for all by complying with the mask requirement and maintaining social distancing. We appreciate your assistance and support.

Coming September 24, 25, 26, and 28 – the Manhattan Short Film Festival for 2021. The Liberty Theater in Dayton is one of 400 locations across the globe, showing this film festival for 11 days starting in late September. Dayton is the only location in eastern Washington showing this film festival more than one day (once in Spokane), and there are no showings in eastern Oregon. Don't miss this opportunity to view the ten selected best short films (of 960 submitted from 70 countries) each night at the Liberty Theater and help the worldwide audience determine the best film and actor. See the Liberty Theater website for more information, and to reserve your seats, because seating is limited due to COVID distancing precautions.

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BOOK SALE TO SUPPORT WELLER LIBRARY SEPT. 18

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Friends of the Weller Public Library will be set up at the Waitsburg Farmers Market this upcoming weekend, with books and ice cream.

Friends of the Weller Public Library will have books for sale, as well as ice cream and music. Everyone is welcome!

The Waitsburg Farmers Market located at Nancy's Dream Garden Center, 124 Warren Street, in Waitsburg. The market runs from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

MILLRACE GRADING PROJECT STARTS MONDAY

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—A section of Millrace Road, starting at the north end of Main Street, will be closed to traffic for the foreseeable future. Colbert Construction broke ground on Monday, September 13, beginning work on the Millrace Grade Project.

The project, which was originally scheduled to start in 2020, aims to make Millrace Road safer for all traffic by leveling out and widening sections of the road, improving railroad crossings, and adding sidewalks for foot traffic. The improved road could also serve as a detour route for Highway 12 and Preston Avenue traffic, if needed.

The road will be closed to traffic. City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe estimates that the road will be closed for one month.



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Touchet Valley Weather Sept. 15, 2021

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Scattered Rain	Scattered Rain	Few Showers	Few Showers	Sunny
High: 74 Low: 45	High: 70 Low: 51	High: 71 Low: 54	High: 66 Low: 50	High: 65 Low: 48	High: 66 Low: 50	High: 68 Low: 51

Weather Trivia

How far can dust storms travel?

ANSWER: They have been known to travel across entire oceans.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	83	57	82/56	0.00"	0.15"
Wednesday	88	63	82/56	0.00"	0.14"
Thursday	83	61	81/56	0.00"	+0.01"
Friday	75	60	81/56	0.15"	69.0°
Saturday	75	57	81/55	Trace	68.3°
Sunday	78	55	80/55	0.00"	+0.7°
Monday	74	57	80/55	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:31 a.m.	7:03 p.m.	4:45 p.m.	12:03 a.m.
Thursday	6:33 a.m.	7:01 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	1:09 a.m.
Friday	6:34 a.m.	6:59 p.m.	6:05 p.m.	2:22 a.m.
Saturday	6:35 a.m.	6:57 p.m.	6:33 p.m.	3:37 a.m.
Sunday	6:36 a.m.	6:55 p.m.	6:56 p.m.	4:51 a.m.
Monday	6:38 a.m.	6:53 p.m.	7:16 p.m.	6:02 a.m.
Tuesday	6:39 a.m.	6:51 p.m.	7:35 p.m.	7:11 a.m.

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCES FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

New THINK Toolbox among resources to help address behavioral health impacts

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA —As students and educators head back into the classroom and restart the in-person learning routine, the Department of Health (DOH) provides behavioral health tips and resources for navigating the emotional responses that children, teens, and adults may have experienced during this exciting and stressful time.

The COVID-19 Back-to-Classroom THINK Toolbox is a resource to help with adjusting to the return of in-person school and learning. THINK, which stands for Teaching with Healthcare Informed Neurological Strategies for Kids, is a toolbox with information to help school-age children and teens deal with the emotional impacts of COVID-19 and tips on how to build and maintain resilience and practice self-care during a disaster.

"Children and teens are uniquely affected by the pandemic," says Dr. Kira Mauseth, co-lead for the behavioral health strike team at the Department of Health. "Children and youth process information differently than adults. They need different structures in place to support them through disasters and large transitions, such as promoting recovery in the classroom and return to back-to-classroom education. The THINK Toolbox was developed to address these areas and some of the trauma and stress that we've all experienced as a result of the pandemic."

Increased anxiety, acting out, and behavioral regression at home or school are behavioral health responses that parents, caregivers, and teachers are likely to see or encounter in students this fall. Also, be aware of "red flag behaviors" such as suicidal thinking or expression (talking about it), violence, and aggression – these behaviors will require more or additional professional support. For children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), they are twice as likely to experience more intense and more frequent behavior problems during the pandemic.

As schools are now open for in-person learning, 'back to classroom' education and recovery for students are also underway. When promoting recovery in the classroom, it is important to remember that some students come from groups that the COVID-19 pandemic has more severely impacted.

With this in mind, building resilience for students is key. Activities that facilitate cooperation and communication and helping children and youth develop self-efficacy (their belief in achieving a goal) are very important aspects of resilience in the classroom. Activities that also provide structure, consistency, and the opportunity to contribute should also be strongly emphasized.

"As a parent and a physician, I know that in-person learning is hugely beneficial to children's overall well-being," says Umair Shah, MD, MPH, Secretary of Health. "In-person interaction helps ensure equitable access to education for all students. The work we do now to keep them safe will, in the long term, lead to a brighter and healthier future for our kids."

Teachers, coaches, school staff, mentors, parents, and caregivers are also at risk for additional anxiety right now. For these groups, practicing self-care in the ways that specifically work for them is the best medicine. More than ever, patience and compassion are required right now.

Additional Resources:
[A COVID-19 Behavioral Health Toolbox for Families \(wa.gov\)](#) includes tools for children with autism spectrum disorder

[K-12 Schools Requirements 2021-2022 \(wa.gov\)](#)
[National Parent Helpline](#), 1-855-427- 2736

The Washington State COVID-19 Response: [Mental and emotional well-being webpage](#)

[A Mindful State](#): a people-powered resource that connects individuals to mental health resources and empowers them to share their stories.

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She said that the Port does have land that could potentially be used as a part of the Common Roots Housing, a developing land trust based out of Walla Walla that aims to provide permanently affordable housing to qualifying buyers. Still, she felt that housing within the city would be the best option. Commissioner Milligan said that Port property would be best utilized for a business, such as a childcare center, which would align with the mission of the Port more closely than housing would. Milligan did say that the Port should remain engaged with the housing efforts.

Dickinson shared that the Port's marketing company had thought of a new tagline, "Dayton, Let's Go!" for marketing and tourism purposes, to take the place of the "Discover Dayton" theme previously used. She said that she had asked the Chamber of Commerce if they would be interested in the new tagline, and they were not.

Dickinson gave a brief update on the broadband project, saying she submitted all of the pre-contract requirements, including a statement of permits and clearances, a finalized budget, and a completed scope of work. Now, she is working on a pole attachment agreement with PacifiCorps (Pacific Power). She said that the Port will have to 'make ready' poles, or replace poles in need that are related to the project, which is included in the budget.

Dickinson said that the Port has secured all but \$96,500 in matching funds, and she was able to get confirmation from the National Association of Counties that ARPA funds can be used to match the grant. That information has been sent on to Columbia County officials. The City of Dayton approved matching funds last month, and Dickinson is optimistic about a match from the County. Dickinson asked Columbia County for roughly \$100,000 in matching funds. She said she will reach out to local organizations, including Wildhorse Foundation, Innovia Foundation, Warren Foundation, or the Blue Mountain Community Foundation, and possibly the Port of Columbia for matching funds if necessary.

The broadband project will eventually be expanded to include a larger portion of Columbia County, stretching to the county line, including Huntsville. At least one internet provider partner has agreed to offer service with the expansion.

"There are a lot of homes along Highway 12, and the population is fairly dense," Dickinson said. She said that she will move forward with exploring details.

FALL FESTIVAL CANCELLED FOR 2021

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg Historical Society Board of Directors has had to make the unpleasant decision to cancel the 2021 Pioneer Fall Festival on Sept 19. The board felt cancellation was the best course of action due to the surge in covid cases in the area.

Please mark your calendars for the 2022 Festival, September 18, 2022.

HISTORICAL CEMETERY TOURS AT MT. VIEW CEMETERY

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Historical Cemetery Tours are back at Mt. View Cemetery. The Fall Tour will be held on Saturday, October 2 at 10 a.m. Some new and exciting changes will be taking place which will be announced closer to the tour date. The tour will cover many of the same points of interest and some new historical gems for those who have attended previous tours.

This year pre-registration is required and will be limited to 50 participants. The tour is free, but participants can bring canned food items for the Blue Mt. Action Council and the Blue Mountain Humane Society. General parking will be at the Mormon Church overflow parking lot directly across from the Mt. View Cemetery entrance at 2120 S. Second Avenue. Handicapped parking will be inside the gates.

Register for the event at: www.wvpr.us or by visiting the Parks and Recreation office at 55 E. Moore Street.

For more information or questions, contact Joanna Lanning at (509) 200-6646 or jlanning@wallawalla.gov.

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

THE CITY OF DAYTON is hiring a full time, permanent **City Clerk/Treasurer**. This position is 40 hours a week. Bachelor's Degree in Finance or related field is desirable, with at least 5 years' experience in governmental accounting is preferred. Wage DOE. Job description, application and salary schedule are available at daytonwa.com, or in person at Dayton City Hall, 111 S 1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328. Position will remain open until filled.

THE CITY OF DAYTON is hiring a full time, permanent **Building & Community Development Associate**. This position is 40 hours a week. Four-year undergraduate degree in Planning or a related field is required, with two years municipal planning or experience. Master's degree may substitute for one year of

experience. Wage DOE. Job description, application and salary schedule are available at daytonwa.com, or in person at Dayton City Hall, 111 S 1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328. Position will remain open until filled.

THE CITY OF DAYTON is hiring a full time, permanent **Public Works Superintendent**. This position is 40 hours a week. Supervisory experience, basic computer knowledge, Current Water Distribution Manager II and Wastewater Treatment Operator II certifications or obtain within one year of employment. Valid Washington drivers license with CDL Class B with Tanker endorsement. Wage DOE. Job description, application and salary schedule are available at daytonwa.com, or in person at Dayton City Hall, 111 S 1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328. Position will remain open until filled.

THE COLUMBIA COUNTY Maintenance Department is hiring a full time, permanent Facilities Maintenance Assistant. This position is for 40 hours a week, wage DOE. Job description, application and salary schedule are available at www.columbiaco.com/jobs.aspx, or in person at the Columbia County Auditor's Office, 341 East Main Street, Dayton, WA 99328. Position will remain open until filled.

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physical agility and dexterity.
Qualifications Required:
Minimum of 18 years of age with a valid state issued driver's license. High school diploma or equivalent. Position closes at 4 pm on Friday, September 24, 2021. Depending on availability, anticipated starting date is Friday, October 1, 2021. Applications are available M-F 8 am - 4 pm at Waitsburg City Hall, 147 Main Street, Waitsburg Washington or on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com.



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR:

PARA EDUCATOR (7 hrs./day). The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for Para Educator position for the 2021-2022 school year. Must hold an AA degree or equivalent.

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

Application materials are available online @ www.waitsburgsd.org or by calling the District Office at (509) 337-6301. Please direct questions and inquiries to Mark Pickel, Superintendent. E-mail mpickel@waitsburgsd.org. Positions are open until filled. Waitsburg School District is an E.O.E.

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>

Stoncroft Christian Women's Group Luncheon

Wednesday, September 15, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Waitsburg Town Hall, 142 Main Street. \$15 Reservations and Cancellations by September 10th. 509-399-2005

Waitsburg Gun Club

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

Walla Walla County Commissioners

Every Monday and Tuesday of the month at

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

Friends of the Weller Public Library
Sept. 8, 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main St., Waitsburg

Waitsburg Celebration Days Meeting
September 21, 2021. 6:00 p.m. Location to be announced

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.
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Thursday, September 16

TBA

Tuesday, September 21

TBA

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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Tuesday, September 21

Spaghetti & meat sauce
Vegetable
Coleslaw
Garlic bread
Fruit

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thurs., September 16

B: Breakfast burrito
L: Nachos
Bell peppers
Mangoes

Fri., September 17

B: Waffle
L: Tuna or Egg salad sandwich
Celery & peanut butter
Apple slices
Cookie

Mon., September 20

B: Omelette & sausage
L: Cook's choice



Weds., September 15

B: Longjohn
L: Early Release Day Sack Lunch



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Evening Worship 6 p.m.
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Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
337-6235
Rev. Jimmie Daves

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

NEWS & COMMENTARY

LETTERS

Letter to the Editor

I have noticed that a number of local shops have discontinued wearing masks and have removed the signs mandating the wearing of masks in public buildings, shops stores, etc.

This flagrant defiance of the current law is very discouraging, to say the least. Forgoing all references to science or politics; this is a mandate! Not a suggestion by the State of Washington, but a law.

At a minimum, can we all agree that the Miriam Webster dictionary is correct when they define mandate as:

1. Mandate – a verb: to officially require something
2. Mandatory – An order

To consider ourselves law abiding citizens we cannot just obey the laws we choose to. If that were the case, I choose not to pay the fine for breaking the speed law when I did 86 MPH in a 65 MPH speed zone.

Or, maybe I will just wear my mask, not speed and not shop or support businesses that don't believe the law applies to them.

Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi
Waitsburg

IN SUPPORT OF WALLACE

To the Editor,

I am writing this letter in support of Korinda Wallace for Dayton School Board District.

It has been my pleasure to work with Ms. Wallace since this last spring as we organized the Columbia County Conservatives. Ms. Wallace moved here from rural Oregon where she grew up, to take jobs related to her degree in horticulture from OSU. Coming from a small town she understands the need to become involved in the local community she lives in order to keep it strong.

While she is home schooled, I feel this gives Ms. Wallace the understanding of what an education free from institutional biases and with high standards should be. Reading, writing and arithmetic should take precedence over political ideology and agendas, and if any agenda should be pushed then it should conform to what RCW 28A.405.030 says;

Must teach morality and patriotism.

"It shall be the duty of all teachers to endeavor to impress on the minds of their pupils the principles of morality, truth, justice, temperance, humanity and patriotism; to teach them to avoid idleness, profanity and falsehood; to instruct them in the principles of free government, and to train them up to the true comprehension of the rights, duty and dignity of American citizenship."

Ms. Wallace, is a true conservative who loves her country and community and wants to serve it where she feels she can be most beneficial. Please join me in voting for Korinda Wallace for School Board this November.

Charles Amerein
Dayton

BIRTHDAYS

September 16: Lois Mettler, Kevin Steffanson, Bruce Harris, Jerry Mock, Pam Davis, Dan Bickelhaupt, Carter Henry.

September 17: Gustavo Reese, Tom Duckworth, Elizabeth Alleman, Mindy Eaton, Nathan Hansen, Nathan Hamann.

September 18: Ashley Wilson, Jeff Pietila, Rob McKinney, Naomi Davis, Eric Laughery, Clinton Davidson, Annika Garbe.

September 19: Teighan Anderson, Tom Wagner, Kelly Price, Robbie Ezell, Marina Huff, Paul Hall.

September 20: Owen Senter, Rhonda Newbury, Monte Duncan, Robyn Dunleavy, Alex Solis.

September 21: Bob Rabern, Kenneth Crawford, Fred R. Gritman, Diana Larsen.

September 22: Marty Dunn, Phyllis Rubel, Cheryl Hansen, Marie Gagnon, Misty Nix, Lynn Rohlfing, Kyle Sickles, Dale Holloway, Matt Stoutenburg, Dorothy Rude.



INSLEE STATEMENT ON 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11 TERRORIST ATTACKS

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"My fellow Washingtonians, today marks the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people in this country on September 11, 2001. As we remember this tragedy and honor our nation's resilience, this time is also an opportunity to strengthen our national consciousness and consider what we can keep doing to advance freedom.

"Twenty years is a long time, but all of us who lived through these events remember where we were that day. I was in our nation's capital, serving in Congress, where I saw the smoke rise from the Pentagon. No one could be sure at first what was happening or how it would end. I was fortunate to be led to a safe place that day while the chaos and uncertainty played out, but many others put themselves in harm's way to help others. The courageous passengers on United Flight 93 likely saved the U.S. Capitol building and prevented more loss of life. I am eternally grateful for the sacrifices of first responders, our military, and others for their rescue, recovery, and security they provided our nation in the aftermath of these events.

"I know this is a very tough time for some, including our heroes who served our armed forces in its aftermath. A generation of young Americans and their families suffered the physical and mental scars of the wars waged after the attacks of 9/11. If you're having a hard time, please know how much we appreciate your service. You are not alone. If you need help, don't hesitate to call the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255.

"Survivors of the attacks themselves and the first responders who helped them still need our support. Too many who survived that day still live with medical complications. If you or someone you know might benefit from the federal September 11th Victims Compensation Fund, I urge you to go online to www.vcf.gov to see if you are still eligible to file a claim.

"The Afghans who helped our nation and our allies – the Afghans who believed in our nation's mission and risked their lives and their families' lives to help – also need our support right now. My office and many other partners in the state are working right now on ways to provide opportunities for those who resettle here.

"Please keep all of these people with you in your heart when you reflect on this somber anniversary this weekend. Trudi and I certainly will."

WWCSO

September 3

Male was arrested for Theft of a Motor Vehicle and Residential Burglary. Monroe Street, Walla Walla County

September 5

A woman alleges that she was assaulted by her husband. Old Highway 12, Walla Walla County

September 7

Hit and run. Coyote Loop, Prescott

September 9

Attempted burglary of a storage unit. Second Avenue, Burbank

September 10

Safe possibly emptied after couple separated. B Street, Prescott

September 11

Adult male taken into custody on a warrant. Preston Avenue, Waitsburg

Corrections officer arrested for assault, gang terrorism

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Gang Intelligence Team, a division of the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office, working with multiple regional partners, arrested two men in the early hours of the morning last Thursday. The sheriff's office has spent the past several months collaborating with the Spalding County Sheriff's Office in Griffin, Georgia, as well as federal law enforcement agencies.

Intelligence generated from traffic stops in Walla Walla County led to a joint investigation into two local members of the Pagan's 1% Outlaw Motorcycle Gang (OMG). The Pagan's are a national 1% OMG, a term which originated from a statement made by the American Motorcycle Association in response to a motorcycle rally held in Hollister, Calif., that turned violent. The group frequently participates in violent crimes, trafficking, and racketeering. In the last several months, Pagan's members nationwide have allegedly participated in bombings, shootings, felonious assaults, and homicides, according to information provided by the WWSO.

Dustin Wendelin, a corrections officer with the Washington Department of Corrections, was arrested at approximately 6:00 a.m. at the Washington State Penitentiary on September 9.

Charles Montgomery was arrested at approximately 9:00 a.m. at his residence in Umatilla County, Oregon, on September 9.

Both men are indicted in Georgia with charges of Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Battery, and three counts each of violation of the Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention Act. Both also hold leadership positions in a local Pagan's chapter. Their extradition to Georgia is the first step in a joint investigation into the West Coast Pagan's OMG, and investigation continues with additional charges pending, according to the WWSO.

CCSO

September 6

Violation of court order. 3rd Street
Trespass. Rose Gulch
9-1-1 call. Palouse Falls Road

September 7

Accident, injury unknown. Hartsock Grade
Suspicious activity at Northwest Business Services. Clay Street
Attempt to locate. Pine Street

September 8

Unwanted person. Main Street
Suspicious activity. Turner Road
Suspicious activity at Blue Mountain Station. Artisan Way
Theft. Country Village

September 9

Violation of court order. Main Street
9-1-1 call. Green Giant Camp
Theft. Main Street

September 10

Intoxicated person. Columbia County Fairgrounds
Malicious mischief. Columbia County Fairgrounds
Fraud. 3rd Street

September 11

Accident, non injury. Commercial Street
Civil problem. Pine Street
Burglary. 7th Street

September 12

Missing person. 2nd Street
Suspicious activity. Highway 12
Parking complaint. Washington Street

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Harmful algae blooms poses threat to pets in Tri Cities

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

At least three dogs have fallen victim to toxic algae bloom on the Columbia River, just north of the Tri Cities.

The first report was received by the Benton Franklin Health District on Monday, September 13, and by the end of the day, the health officials were looking into the death of two other dogs who were swimming near Leslie Groves and Howard Amon parks.

All three dogs are suspected to have been affected by Harmful Algae Bloom, or HABS, a rapid growth of algae or cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) that can be harmful to people, animals, and the local ecology.

HABS can look like foam, scum, or mats on the surface of the water, and colors vary, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The blooms can occur in freshwater, including lakes and rivers, and bodies of saltwater, including the ocean and salt water bays.

Symptoms may vary slightly depending on the water that the bloom is thriving in. Symptoms will also differ depending on how long the person or dog was exposed, how they were exposed, and which type of toxin they were exposed to.

Animals and people may be exposed to cyanotoxins by skin contact with water while swimming, drinking contaminated water, breathing in tiny droplets that contain certain toxins, eating fish or shellfish that contain toxins, and eating contaminated blue-green algae nutritional supplements.

Human symptoms that occur after touching or swimming in contaminated water, or breathing in contaminated air, include irritation of the eyes, nose, throat, and lungs.

Eating contaminated shellfish or supplements may result in symptoms that include stomach pain, headache, dizziness, muscle weakness, vomiting, diarrhea, and liver damage.

Symptoms in dogs and other mammals include excessive salivation, vomiting, fatigue, staggered walking, difficulty breathing, convulsion, liver failure, and death within hours or days.

Avoid bodies of water that show signs of HABS. If you suspect a toxic bloom, do not let pets or livestock drink or swim in the water, and do not let dogs lick potentially harmful water off of their coats. Avoid grazing or eating near the water, and do not let dogs eat dead animals, including fish, found near the water. The mats of algae may look like a play toy to water-loving pups, but do not let them eat the algae.

If you have come in contact with a harmful bloom, call your healthcare provider immediately- the same goes for dogs, livestock, and other animals. Call the vet!



Courtesy photo

Toxic algae blooms can be deadly for both humans and animals. Headlines coming out of California last month were a testament to the deadly nature of toxic blooms. In August, a Northern California couple, their one-year-old daughter and the family dog were found dead on a remote trail in the Sierra National Forest, near Mariposa, Calif. The couple were reported to be avid hikers. The trail and surrounding areas were initially closed and treated as hazmat sites over concerns that potentially toxic gases were being released from old nearby mines, the LA Times reported, but gases were ruled out. Now, officials are investigating the possibility of toxic algae or other hazards that may have contributed to the deaths.



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SBA Disaster Loan Program enhanced due to challenges from Delta Variant

Increased loan cap to \$2 Million, expanded use of funds to pay and prepay business debt, streamlined review processes, and deferred payments; first approval and disbursement of loans of \$500,000 or less also introduced.

THE TIMES

WASHINGTON, DC—On September 9, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman announced significant enhancements to the COVID Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program, a federal disaster relief loan designed to better serve and support our small business communities still reeling from the pandemic, especially hard-hit sectors such as restaurants, gyms, and hotels. The SBA is ready to receive new applications immediately from small businesses looking to take advantage of these recent policy changes.

"The SBA's COVID Economic Injury Disaster Loan program offers a lifeline to millions of small businesses who are still being impacted by the pandemic," SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman said. "We've retooled this critical program – increasing the borrowing limit to \$2 million, offering 24 months of deferment, and expanding flexibility to allow borrowers to pay down higher-interest business debt. We have also ramped up our outreach efforts to ensure we're connecting with our smallest businesses and those from low-income communities who may also be eligible for the companion COVID EIDL Targeted Advance and Supplemental Advance grants totaling up to \$15,000. Our mission-driven SBA team has been working around the clock to make the loan review process as user-friendly as possible to ensure every entrepreneur who needs help can get the capital they need to reopen, recover and rebuild."

Key changes being announced by the SBA include:

- Increasing the COVID EIDL Cap. The SBA will lift the COVID EIDL cap from \$500,000 to \$2 million. Loan funds can be used for any normal operating expenses and working capital, including payroll, purchasing equipment, and paying down debt.
- Implementation of a Deferred Payment Period. The SBA will ensure small business owners will not have to begin COVID EIDL repayment until two years after loan origination so that they can get through the pandemic without having to worry about making ends meet.
- Establishment of a 30-Day Exclusivity Window. To ensure Main Street businesses have additional time to access these funds, the SBA will implement a 30-day exclusivity window of approving and disbursing funds for loans of \$500,000 or less. Approval and disbursement of loans over \$500,000 will begin after the 30 days.
- Expansion of Eligible Use of Funds. COVID EIDL funds will now be eligible to prepay commercial debt and make payments on federal business debt.
- Simplification of affiliation requirements. To ease the COVID EIDL application process for small businesses, the SBA has established more simplified affiliation requirements to model those of the Restaurant Revitalization Fund.

The enhancements to the COVID EIDL program will allow more businesses greater and more flexible support from the over \$150 billion in available COVID EIDL funds. Additionally, these changes will help entrepreneurs access capital at a time when, according to a recent Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses survey, 44 percent of small business owners report having less than three months of cash reserves, and only 31 percent reporting confidence in gaining access to funding.

Eligible small businesses, nonprofits, and agricultural businesses in all U.S. states and territories can apply. Visit www.sba.gov/eidl to learn more about eligibility and application requirements. The last day that applications may be received is December 31, 2021. All applicants should file their applications as soon as possible.

For additional information on COVID EIDL and other recovery programs, please visit www.sba.gov/relief. Small business owners may call SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard of hearing) or email DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov for additional assistance. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST. Multilingual representatives are available. Small business owners may also contact SBA's Resource Partners by visiting www.sba.gov/local-assistance.

In addition to the policy enhancements, the SBA has invested in optimized processes and increased capacity to improve the customer service experience for applicants. Directed by Administrator Guzman to swiftly and drastically enhance COVID EIDL, the revamped management team implemented new processes and performance management, such as prioritizing personnel for COVID EIDL and increasing the average number of loan application decisions made. The SBA accelerated daily processing of loan increases from close to 2,000 applications to more than 37,000 applications daily. Loan officer productivity also went from 1.86 applications per day to 15 applications per day. As a result of these increased loan review rates, the 600,000+ loan increase backlog has been cleared, and new applications can be processed immediately. At the same time, and to ensure taxpayer dollars are used to support businesses that need COVID EIDL funding most, the SBA has increased fraud controls and is working in collaboration with the SBA Inspector General to closely monitor the program.

All business owners that have received previous loans through the SBA's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF), or Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) can still benefit from COVID EIDL. To learn more about the application process, visit www.sba.gov/eidl.

BURN BAN LIFTED NORTH, WEST OF HIGHWAY 12

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Columbia-Walla Walla Fire District 2 officials announced September 14 that the burn ban has been lifted on lands north of highway 12, and west of Highway 12. Fire officials urge area residents to continue to follow the Department of Ecology fire restrictions. A statewide burn ban, mandated by Governor Inslee, remains in effect through September 30, 2021.

To learn more about current burn bans, visit <https://tinyurl.com/z2s9bcm>.

Umatilla National Forest reopens most lands in Lick Creek Fire footprint

THE TIMES

PENDLETON, Ore.—With the Lick Creek Fire 100% contained and in patrol status, Umatilla National Forest officials will reopen most National Forest lands within the Lick Creek Fire footprint today. Additionally, access will be reopened into portions of the Tucannon River drainage.

The modified closure prohibits access on the Pomeroy Ranger District to some roads and trails within the Lick Creek Fire burned area, National Forest lands surrounding the Green Ridge Fire, and lands surrounding the Elbow Creek Fire on the Walla Walla Ranger District. These areas remain closed to protect public and firefighter safety. Hazards within the closure areas include burned or dead trees, uncontained fireline and ongoing suppression operations (such as the presence of firefighting resources, large equipment, and aircraft). Public entry is prohibited within the areas identified in the closure, which includes lands, roads, trails and recreational facilities, as described below.

Green Ridge and Lick Creek Fires closure area boundaries include all lands east of: Forest Service Trail (FST) 3103, Forest Service Road (FSR) 46-300, FSR 46 to the junction of FSR 4610 and then from FSR 4610 to Panjab campground; lands south of FST 3139, FSR 4022 to the junction of FSR 42; lands west of: FSR 40 from the junction of FSR 42 to the junction with FSR 44, and then bordered by the Wena-ha-Tucannon wilderness boundary to the Oregon/Washington border; and lands north of the Oregon/Washington state border between FSR 4039 and FST 3103. In addition, multiple roads are closed within proximity to ongoing suppression operations, including FSR 46 from the junction with FSR 4610 south to the junction of FSR 46-300, FSR 4610, and portions of FSR 4610-50, FSR 47, FSR 4022, FSR 4022-45, FSR 40-150, FSR 40, FSR 40-180, FSR 41, FSR 44, FSR 4304-52 (non-motorized access allowed on this road) and FSR 4304-80 remain closed. Rose Springs Sno-Park is also closed, which includes a portion of FST 3283. Midway Campground is also closed.

Elbow Creek Fire closure area boundaries include all National Forest lands east of Bear Creek; south of FSR 6222; west of FSR 6212 and to the Forest boundary on the south. In addition, portions of FSR 6212 and FSR 6222 are also closed.

Visitors planning a trip to areas within the closure should cancel any plans for the next several weeks. A detailed map describing the updated closure area is available at the end of this news release, on the Forest website and at any Forest office. Closure barriers and signs will be posted on the ground.

With much of the Lick Creek Fire footprint reopening, forest visitors should be cautious when entering any recently burned area and be aware of increased haz-

ards, particularly snags (which are recently burned or dead trees). Forest officials ask that visitors do not camp or linger in a burned area. Dead or dying trees that remain standing after a fire are unstable, especially in high winds. Loose rocks and logs can be present in a burned area and are unpredictable, creating a falling hazard. Additionally, burned vegetation can also contribute to landslides, mudslides and erosion when rain occurs. The ground in a burned area can also be unstable, due to burned-out roots beneath the surface. After soils and vegetation have been charred, rainfall that would normally be absorbed could run off extremely quickly.

Forest visitors may also encounter firefighter traffic, downed trees in roadways, dusty roads and areas of smoke. Please be alert when traveling on the Forest.

Fire danger on the Umatilla National Forest is HIGH. For areas that will re-open to the public, Phase B Public Use Restrictions are in effect. Under these restrictions:

1. Campfires are ONLY allowed in designated campgrounds and recreation sites. Liquefied or bottled gas stoves and heaters are allowed for cooking and heating. A list of designated recreation sites is available on the forest's website.
2. No internal combustion engine operation (including chainsaws), except for motorized vehicles or if authorized by a valid permit (commercial and personal use firewood permits are regulated by the conditions of the permit and separate from restrictions under this public use restriction) .
3. Electrical generators operated under the following conditions are allowed:
 - in the center of an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material, or;
 - when fully contained within a pickup truck bed that is empty of all flammable material, or;
 - when factory installed in a recreational vehicle and the generator exhaust discharge is in the center of an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material.
4. No off-road/off-trail vehicle travel or travel on roads not cleared of standing grass or other flammable material. Vehicle travel is never permitted on currently closed forest service roads where access has been impeded or blocked by earthen berms, logs, boulders, barriers, barricades or gates, or as otherwise identified in a closure order.
5. Smoking is allowed only in enclosed vehicles and buildings, developed recreation sites, or in cleared areas.

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.

For more information regarding Restrictions, please contact the Information Hotline at (877) 958-9663.

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>.

Fireworks amendment fails in 1-2 vote

Columbia County Commissioners voted against an emergency fireworks ban amendment

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Fireworks have been an issue for city and county officials as fire conditions continued to worsen in Walla Walla and Columbia Counties. Columbia County Commissioners held a public hearing on Tuesday, September 7, to discuss an ordinance to allow the county to impose emergency bans on fireworks should local fire conditions warrant it.

Currently, Columbia County and the City of Dayton cannot impose a ban on firework sales and use, even if there is immediate fire risk due to drought or surrounding fires. The Revised Code of Washington (RCW) specifies the times fireworks can be sold and used during the year. There are only two times a year that Washington state allows the sales and use of fireworks. For July 4th celebrations, fireworks can be sold and used between June 28 and July 5. For New Year's celebrations, fireworks can be purchased, not used, from December 27 to 30. Fireworks may only be used on December 31, from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

RCW 70.77.250 allows counties and cities to adopt a more restrictive code than state law; however, ordinances to allow emergency bans are not effective until one year after they are passed. This means the county would have to pass the new ordinance before

June 28, 2022, for it to go into effect by June 28, 2023

The commissioners discussed Ordinance 2021-06, which would amend Title 8 of the Columbia County Code. It would allow county officials to temporarily ban firework sales and use during extreme drought or at times of high fire risk. There are many municipalities in the state that have adopted similar temporary ban ordinances as drought, and extreme fire conditions have increased over the last decade.

The stated purpose of the amendment is to address potentially high risks to public health and safety within the unincorporated areas of Columbia County due to fire hazards resulting from the sale and discharge of fireworks.

The Columbia County Code defines “fireworks” as any composition or device, in a finished state, containing any combustible or explosive substance to produce a visible or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration, or detonation, and classified as common or special fireworks by the United States Bureau of Explosives.

Under the proposed amendment, the county fire marshal could declare a temporary ban under specific fire danger components and indices, including a Burning Index of at least 18, fuel moisture content below 8, and energy release component is in the 90th percentile, must have been recorded in at least one of three Remote Automated Weather Stations (RAWS).

The commissioners received mixed feedback regarding the amendment during the meeting. Dayton resident Cindi John asked if it would be possible to provide a safe area that could be watered down and designated for fireworks discharge.

“My opinion is that this is an infringement upon our rights as US citizens,” one speaker said. “I don't believe that we have the history that shows that firework abuse has led to any sort of major fire in the area.”

Other speakers voiced concerns that the amendment would take away their right to discharge fireworks on Independence Day and New Year's.

Melissa Bryan of Dayton said that the amendment would infringe on citizens' rights.

“I believe that the fire nature for fireworks is not

that severe that we would need to enact the law,” Bryan said. “I understand that we are trying to prevent fire, however, I don't believe that the Fourth of July is something that we need to be so overly burdened by; that we are so concerned about fire that we are willing to shut down everything.”

Another speaker against the amendment said everyday items, including cigarettes and equipment blades, pose a bigger fire threat than fireworks.

Fred Clarke of Dayton was concerned the amendment does not address large fireworks, including mortars, that reach high altitudes and cause large explosions. One speaker said that those fireworks do not cause fires due to their altitude. Clarke remained firm on his stance, saying that the wind can carry sparks from the fireworks, which may result in ignition.

Commissioner Rundell stated that in 2018, fireworks were reported to have started 19,500 fires across the United States, resulting in five civilian deaths, 46 civilian injuries, and \$105 million in direct property damage. This data can be found on the National Fire Protection Association's website, www.nfpa.org. He acknowledged the tradition of fireworks in United States history, referencing a letter written by John Adams on July 3, 1776. ‘It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more.’

Commissioner Marty Hall said that it is a good idea to have the ordinance on the books, hoping that they will never need to use it.

Commissioner Chuck Amerein said that he did not support the ordinance, and he would like to see an ordinance that was less restrictive. All three commissioners supported a designated area for people to safely discharge legal fireworks.

Commissioner Marty Hall made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-06. The ordinance failed, with Hall voting in favor and Rundell and Amerein voting against approval.

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Time flies, even if I can't

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

Early this week I had to make another trip to the Tri-Cities, this time to have my car serviced. Another great ride with my top down, music blaring, enjoying the perfect weather and empty highway. Of course, I made a quick Costco run as well. Evidently, the last time I was in Costco, I was either oblivious or disinterested because I didn't register that they were already selling Halloween costumes. I should have noticed the candy. Yes, the seasons are changing quickly, and I'm almost glad to have a good reason to yank out my garden.



However, this last trip to Costco nearly made me cry. It's early September, yet there were Christmas decorations making their first appearances on the shelves, and aisles full of toys to start the kids yearning and whining. Luckily, there were numerous liquor options as well, adults need their compensations.

Then to add to my dismay, I took Mugsy for a walk when I got home and saw the myriad of houses already decorated for Halloween. I'm still wearing my summer sandals with sunscreen smeared all over my face!

This morning while enjoying our coffee on our sun-drenched deck, Daniel noticed that the leaves were beginning to drop from the trees. Autumn is coming,

We are resigned to the fact that few, if any, of our green tomatoes will ripen on the vine. So, it's on to plan B; we'll make pickled green tomatoes and maybe even have a few fried to ease our tomato disappointment this year.

What dismays me the most is that the older I get, the faster time seems to fly by. Once Labor Day hits, the rest of the days, we just zoom through. Halloween, Thanksgiving, Chanukah, Christmas, and suddenly, it's the New Year! I know I'm not alone with this feeling, but that doesn't appease me!

Although aging may not be fun, I'm reminded of the cliché, "it beats the alternative." As the years fly by, I will experience falling asleep on the couch every time I turn on the TV or open a book. I will have a growing dependency on Advil, find new lines and wrinkles all over my face, gain five pounds every time I look at a potato, and lose my tolerance for almost everything.

If that was not enough, I have voluntarily added some challenges, the first of which was buying a restaurant with Daniel so we can work long, crazy hours; proof that you don't necessarily get wiser as you get older. Or planting too many plants to manage, so I am not only frustrated but humiliated by bugs, weeds, and having a dog. Not to mention that most of Waitsburg's residents are much better gardeners than I am.

Being an optimist by nature, I will try to look on the bright side of aging as the years take flight. The restaurant has forced me (unwillingly) to become a member of Facebook and Instagram. Learning new things, albeit not things I really cared about before, are an excellent way to exercise my brain.

I can walk around my front yard in my sweatpants, nightgown, and sweatshirt, looking like a crazy lady, and no one comments. They have just accepted that I'm a weird old lady who likes swearing at her tomato plants.

I've been trying to think of other compensations about aging, but they elude me. So, I will be grateful that I am in good health, I have a job (or two), I've been vaccinated, and the hoverflies, spiders, and yellowjackets will all soon be gone, as will be my tomato plants!

Save the green tomato!

Green tomatoes late in the season may not be a total loss with these easy, indoor ripening techniques

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

All is finally here! I've been waiting for it all summer. Unfortunately, my tomato plants didn't get the message that their expiration date was quickly approaching. The first frost date for 2021 is expected on October 21.

Like many other people in the area, my tomatoes are late. My plants remained pretty bare up until last month when everything decided to grow at once. They grew, and grew, and grew, but they would not ripen up. This weekend I had to pick green tomatoes earlier than usual, after having my hand forced by the local wildlife.

If you end up like me and have plenty of green fruit at the end of the season, don't worry, they can still be saved, and you can enjoy a crop of tomatoes.

If you can, bring the entire tomato plant indoors for the winter, hang it upside down in a dry, sheltered area, such as a garage, and leave it be. You'll still have the great flavor and some of the benefits of vine-ripened tomatoes. I've deployed this tactic on loaded cherry tomato bushes and had lots of luck.

The remaining options all involve picking the green fruit and bringing them indoors. A little bit of a hit-or-miss solution, tomatoes will sometimes ripen if you place them on a sunny windowsill. This is

the simplest option, by far, however, the color doesn't tend to be as vibrant, and I've found that the texture of the tomato isn't quite as pleasant. If you place the tomatoes blossom-side down, the fruit tends to rot less readily. Turning the tomatoes will help prevent soft spots and will encourage even color.

Placing green tomatoes in a brown paper bag with a ripe apple is something I have not tried, personally, but I have heard great things about it. Ripe apples give off ethylene gas, which helps speed up the ripening process. Store it in a dry, cool area and check the bag often for signs of rot if you try this technique.

My favorite indoor ripening technique involves the news! Tomatoes will ripen slowly when individually wrapped in newspaper and stored in a box in a dry, dark area. Right now, I have a wax-lined fish box full of beefsteak tomatoes, wrapped up in old versions of *The Times*, tucked away in my basement. The tomatoes do need to be checked often for signs of rot—I check mine daily. Do not stack the tomatoes more than two deep, as they will bruise as they ripen.

There is still about a month of growing time, but it looks like the warm weather is quickly giving way to cold and wet. Hopefully, your tomatoes behaved and ripen, unlike mine!



Photos by Beka Compton

Top: It hurt my heart to pick these beefsteak tomatoes as early as I did, but the deer suddenly developed a taste for tomatoes and it was only a matter of time before they got these ones.

Left: Newspapers work wonders when ripening early tomatoes. I may be a little biased, but I think these are some of the prettiest newspapers I've used yet. I'm expecting the tomatoes to be ready in two to three weeks.

Book vs Movie: Fried Green Tomatoes

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

Evelyn Couch is caught in a monotonous life. The dowdy woman is stuck in an unhappy marriage, struggling with failing self-esteem, but that changes when she visits a nursing home in the 1980's.

Her life changes when she meets Ninny Threadgoode, a lively elderly woman residing at the nursing home. The pair starts meeting weekly, and Ninny shares the story of a young girl, Idgie, who is the very definition of a free spirit.

She grew up in Whistle Stop, Georgia, your typical 1930's small Southern town, between World War I and II. The youngest of the Threadgoode children, Idgie pulls away from formal society after her brother, Buddy, is struck and killed by a train, and explores life through more 'masculine' avenues, at least by Southern society's standards. After some years go by, Ruth Jamison (Buddy's former girlfriend) reaches out to tomboy Idgie for an intervention at the request of the Threadgoode family.

Idgie resists Ruth's friendship, but a deep bond forms between the young women. Ruth leaves, marrying an abusive man and falling pregnant, only to be rescued by Idgie before giving birth. Idgie's father, known as Papa Threadgoode, loans her money to open up the Whistle Stop Cafe. Idgie hires Sipsey, a Black woman, and her son, Big George (both of whom worked for the Threadgoode family home) and the cafe quickly gains a reputation for some of the best barbeque in the state, and their fried green tomatoes.

When Ruth's husband visits Whistle Stop to try and take the baby, he goes missing and is presumed murdered. The town suspects Idgie, however, the local sheriff

offers to release her if she agrees to help pin the murder on Big George. During the subsequent trial, the local Reverend thinks up alibi's for both Idgie and Big George, and both are released.

Ruth is diagnosed with cancer shortly after, and eventually passes away. Ninny's stories start to dwindle, but not before she reveals exactly what happened to Ruth's husband, which does, in fact, involve barbeque.

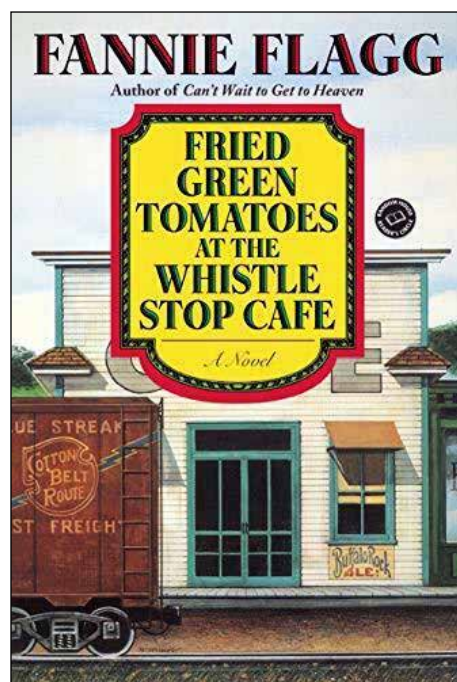
The movie, which was released in December of 1991, closely follows the novel, *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe*, written by Fannie Flagg published in 1987. Both the film and the book received great reviews, however, there were some glaring differences.

The film heavily implies that Ninny is actually Idgie; the novel clarifies that Ninny married Idgie's brother, Cleo, which alters the tone of the story and the relationship between the viewer and the character.

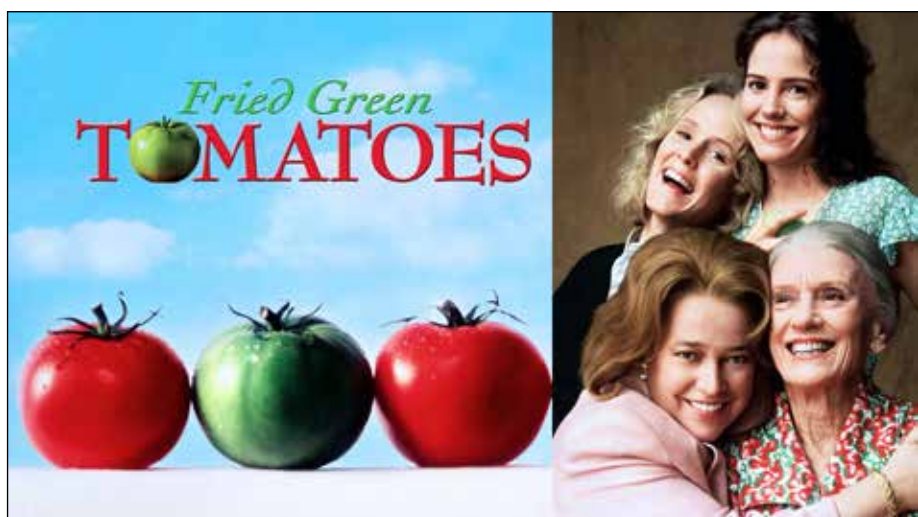
The film also implies that the relationship between Idgie and Ruth was platonic on all levels. The novel, however, implies that the two are in an open relationship, which is never questioned, scorned, or ridiculed by people. The exploration of Ruth and Idgie's relationship and the acceptance of a non-traditional love made the book stand heads above the movie, in my personal opinion, especially when you consider when and where the story took place.

The signature dish, and namesake, fried green tomatoes, is symbolic of the connections and shared tastes amongst women. The dish becomes a staple between Ruth and Idgie, and later on between Evelyn and Ninny.

The novel has become a feminist icon, while the movie is a family favorite. Both are worthy of experiencing!



Author and screenwriter, Fannie Flagg was nominated for an Oscar for the adaptation of her book.



SPORTS

Inside the matchup Seahawks vs. Titans

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

This week Seattle hosts the Tennessee Titans in their first home game of the season. The early schedule for the Seahawks looks like a typical division one school's three-game tune-up against junior colleges. Last week, the Seahawks won 28-16 against the Indianapolis Colts. It would be hard to find anything wrong with the previous week's performance. Solid running game. Check. Russell Wilson accurate and in control. Check. New tight end fitting in seamlessly. Check. Dominating wide receivers. Check. Improved defensive play. Check.

The Titans Ryan Tannehill is in his ninth season as a quarterback. Last week did not go well against the Cardinals. He threw an interception, fumbled twice, and was sacked six times for the loss. He only fumbled four times total last season. Tannehill did spread the ball around, finding six different receivers for three or more passes.

Derrick Henry, the Titans' primary running back, also had a bad week against the Cardinals. He gained only eight yards in the first half. Henry finished the game with fifty-eight yards on seventeen attempts. His 3.4 yards per carry last week is well below his career average of 4.9 yards per carry. Last year Henry led the NFL in rushing yards with 2,027. That places him fifth on the single-season rushing record and makes him only the eighth running back to go over two thousand yards

in a single season.

Wide receivers A.J. Brown and Julio Jones are the Tennessee receivers to keep an eye on. In Brown's first two seasons, he averaged over one thousand yards receiving. He has scored twenty touchdowns in his first thirty-one games for the NFL. Jones is in his eleventh year in the NFL and is twentieth on the all-time list for receiving yards at 12,925. To put that in perspective, he is only one hundred sixty-four yards behind Steve Largent after fourteen years with the Seahawks.



Even the Titan's kicker Michael Badgley had a disappointing week. He missed his only field-goal attempt and one out of two of his extra points. Over his career, Badgley has a perfect 30-30 for field goals inside forty yards but just 22-36 at forty yards or farther.

The primary cause for the Titans' issues last week was their offensive line. The Cardinals' ability to push the Titans line back behind the line of scrimmage resulted in turnovers, sacks, and problems with the running game. Should they have a similar performance against the Seahawks, this game could be over very quickly.

Seattle is in good health going into next week's game. Only running back Rashaad Penny is listed as doubtful with a calf injury. Three others are listed as questionable, wide receiver Penny Hart with a concussion, center Ethan Pocic with a sprained knee, and rookie wide receiver Dee Eskridge also with a concussion.

MLB AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

Wins			Batting Average		
G. Cole	NYN	14	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	.318
H. Ryu	TOR	13	Y. Gurrriel	HOU	.316
C. Bassitt	OAK	12	M. Brantley	HOU	.315
F. Montas	OAK	12	T. Hernandez	TOR	.308
L. McCullers Jr.	HOU	12	T. Anderson	CHW	.302

ERA			Home Runs		
R. Ray	TOR	2.69	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	45
G. Cole	NYN	2.78	S. Ohtani	LAA	44
L. McCullers Jr.	HOU	3.12	S. Perez	KC	42
C. Bassitt	OAK	3.22	M. Semien	TOR	39
J. Berrios	MIN/TOR	3.52	K. Seager	SEA	34

Strike Outs			Runs Batted In		
R. Ray	TOR	220	J. Abreu	CHW	107
G. Cole	NYN	217	S. Perez	KC	105
D. Cease	CHW	202	R. Devers	BOS	103
F. Montas	OAK	181	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	103
L. Giolito	CHW	180	T. Hernandez	TOR	102

Saves			Stolen Bases		
L. Hendriks	CHW	34	W. Merrifield	KC	40
R. Iglesias	LAA	31	C. Mullins	BAL	28
A. Chapman	NYN	26	M. Straw	HOU/CLE	27
M. Barnes	BOS	24	S. Marte	MIA/OAK	23
R. Pressly	HOU	24	J. Ramirez	CLE	23

MARINERS HITTING

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

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	BA	OBP	OPS	WAR
M. Haniger	547	99	140	33	82	48	.256	.321	.802	+2.3
J.P. Crawford	544	79	146	8	45	50	.268	.333	.702	+3.2
K. Seager	535	68	111	34	94	57	.207	.285	.728	+1.8
T. France	506	72	145	16	61	37	.287	.359	.798	+3.8
D. Moore	298	35	52	12	40	36	.174	.271	.607	+0.9
L. Torrens	294	33	68	14	40	27	.231	.296	.725	+0.9
J. Kelenic	275	28	45	10	31	27	.164	.243	.548	-2.2
T. Murphy	244	32	50	11	32	35	.205	.304	.677	+1.0
J. Fraley	178	23	38	9	30	40	.213	.359	.747	+1.6

STANDINGS

AL West	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	84	59	.587	-
Seattle	78	66	.543	6.5
Oakland	77	66	.538	7.0
Los Angeles	70	73	.490	14.0
Texas	53	90	.371	31.0

AL East	W	L	PCT	GB
Tampa Bay	89	55	.618	-
Toronto	81	63	.563	8.0
New York	80	64	.556	9.0
Boston	81	65	.555	9.0
Baltimore	46	97	.316	42.5

AL Central	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	82	61	.573	-
Cleveland	69	72	.489	12.0
Detroit	68	76	.472	14.5
Kansas City	65	78	.455	17.0
Minnesota	63	81	.438	19.5



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SPORTS & LIFESTYLES

DW Wolfpack practices resume

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG/DAYTON—Sports seasons are resuming for Wolfpack athletes, as students return to the classroom for in-person instruction following a COVID-19 outbreak.

Middle and high school cheer, and middle school volleyball, will practice in

Waitsburg from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. The bus will leave Dayton at 3:30 p.m. for athletes. Middle school volleyball will play against John Sager Middle School on Tuesday, September 21, at the Waitsburg High School Gym. The game starts at 5:30 p.m.

High school volleyball will practice from 4 p.m. - 5:45 p.m., in Dayton. The practice bus will depart Waitsburg at 3:45 p.m. DW Volleyball will play Walla Walla Valley Academy Knights on Thursday, September 16, at the Dayton High School Gym. The game will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Middle and high school football will practice in Waitsburg, with practice beginning at 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. DW Wolfpack Football will play Highland High School Scotties on Friday, September 17, in Cowiche. The game starts at 7 p.m. The next home game for Wolfpack Football will be Friday, October 1.

Middle school football will travel to John Sager Middle School on September 23 for their first game. Kick off is at 4:00 p.m.

For schedules, practice updates, photos, and stats, visit www.dwsports.org.



Photos by Beka Compton

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Tue, Sep 14 6:30 pm	River View High School Conference Game	Away 36509 S Lemon Dr, Kennewick WA Get Directions
Thu, Sep 16 6:30 pm	Walla Walla Valley Academy GAME LOCATION: Dayton High School Gym Conference Game	Home 614 S 3rd St, Dayton WA 99328 Get Directions
Sat, Sep 18 1:30 pm	Cle Elum-Roslyn High School GAME LOCATION: Dayton High School Gym Conference Game	Home 614 S 3rd St, Dayton WA 99328 Get Directions
Tue, Sep 21 6:30 pm	Columbia High School (Burbank) Conference Game	Away 755 Maple St, Burbank WA 99323 Get Directions
Tue, Sep 28 6:30 pm	Warden High School Conference Game	Away 101 Beck Way, Warden WA 98857 Get Directions
Thu, Sep 30 6:30 pm	Tri-Cities Prep GAME LOCATION: Dayton High School Gym Conference Game	Home 614 S 3rd St, Dayton WA 99328 Get Directions

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Tue, Sep 21 5:30 pm	John Sager Middle School GAME LOCATION: Waitsburg HS Gym Conference Game	Home 605 Main St, Waitsburg WA 99361 Get Directions
Thu, Sep 23 4:00 pm	Olds Junior High Conference Game	Away 1051 W Clark St, Connell WA 99326 Get Directions
Thu, Sep 23 5:00 pm	Olds Junior High Conference Game	Away 1051 W Clark St, Connell WA 99326 Get Directions
Wed, Sep 29 5:30 pm	Finley Middle School GAME LOCATION: Waitsburg HS Gym Conference Game	Home 605 Main St, Waitsburg WA 99361 Get Directions
Mon, Oct 4 5:30 pm	Warden Middle School GAME LOCATION: Waitsburg HS Gym Conference Game	Home 605 Main St, Waitsburg WA 99361 Get Directions
Mon, Oct 11 5:30 pm	McFarland Junior High School GAME LOCATION: Dayton HS Gym Conference Game	Home 614 S 3rd St, Dayton WA 99328 Get Directions

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Thu, Sep 23 4:00 pm	John Sager Middle School Conference Game	Away 1755 S College Ave, College Place WA 99324 Get Directions
Tue, Sep 28 4:30 pm	Wahlake Junior High School GAME LOCATION: Waitsburg Football Field Conference Game	Home 421 Coppei Ave, Waitsburg WA 99361 Get Directions
Tue, Oct 5 4:00 pm	Warden High School MSFB 8th Conference Game	Away 101 Beck Way, Warden WA 98857 Get Directions
Tue, Oct 12 4:00 pm	Finley Middle School Conference Game	Away 37208 S Finley Rd, Kennewick WA 99337 Get Directions
Tue, Oct 19 4:00 pm	Columbia Middle School GAME LOCATION: Waitsburg Football Field Conference Game	Home 614 S 3rd St, Dayton WA 99328 Get Directions
Tue, Oct 26 4:00 pm	John Sager Middle School GAME LOCATION: Waitsburg Football Field Conference Game	Home 421 Coppei Ave, Waitsburg WA 99361 Get Directions

VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Fri, Sep 17 7:00 pm	Highland High School	Away 17000 Summitview Rd, Cowiche WA 98923 Get Directions
Fri, Sep 24 7:00 pm	White Swan High School Conference Game	Away White Swan 98952 Get Directions
Fri, Oct 1 7:00 pm	Warden High School GAME LOCATION: Waitsburg Football Field Conference Game	Home 421 Coppei Ave, Waitsburg WA 99361 Get Directions
Fri, Oct 8 7:00 pm	Tri-Cities Prep Conference Game	Away 8125 W Argent, Pasco WA 99301 Get Directions
Fri, Oct 15 7:00 pm	Mabton High School GAME LOCATION: Waitsburg Football Field Conference Game	Home 421 Coppei Ave, Waitsburg WA 99361 Get Directions

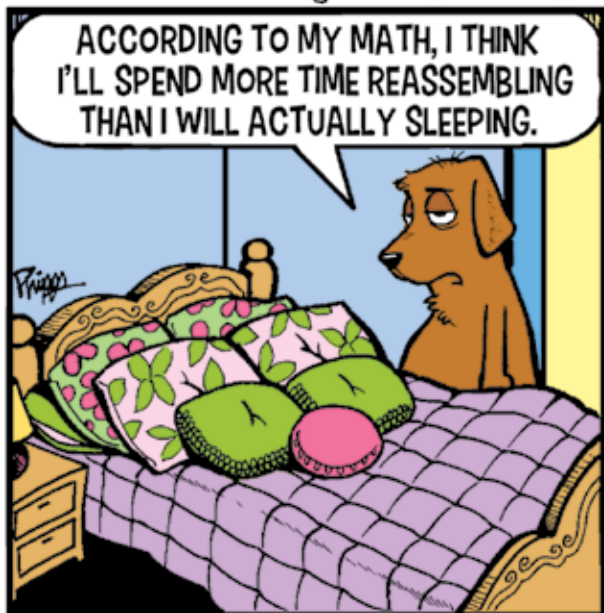


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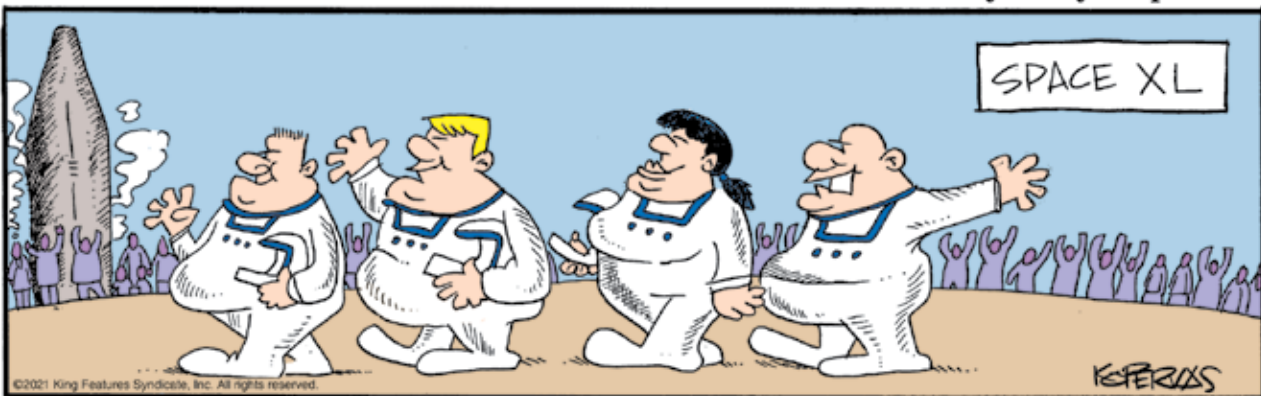
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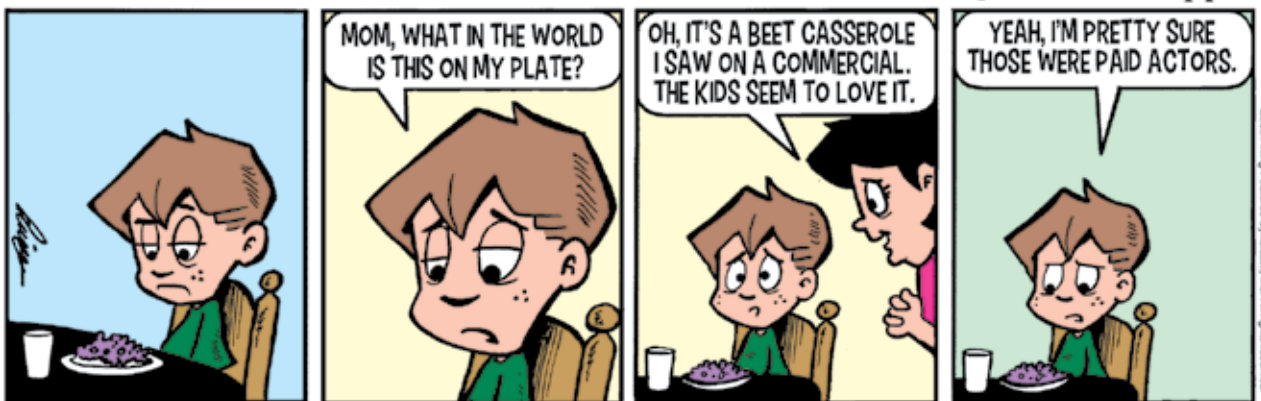
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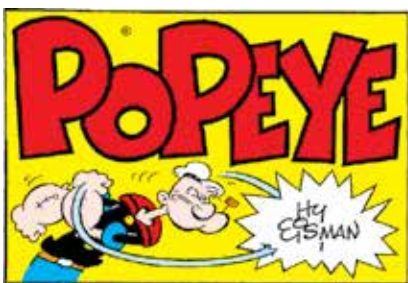
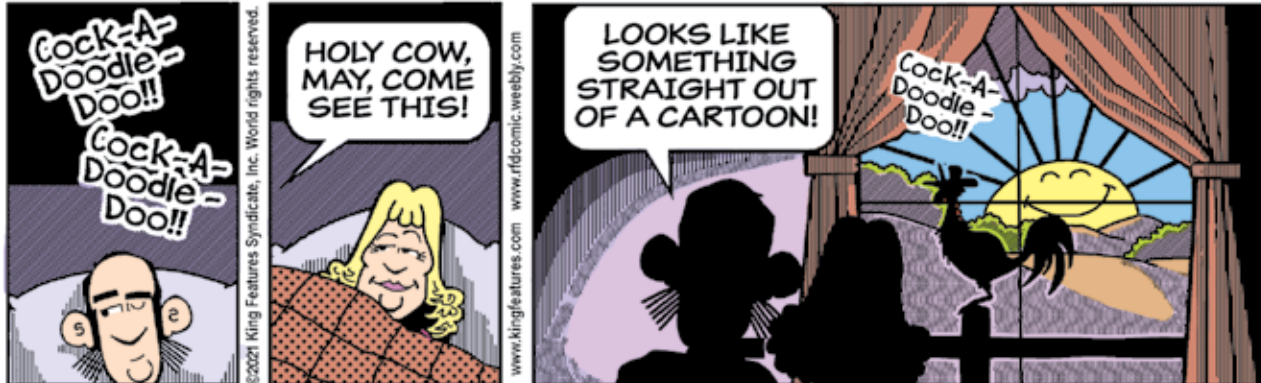
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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

September 15, 2011

Waitsburg resident Jane Butler, age 90, has deep family roots in the Touchet Valley through her husband Bob. Butler has lived in town about 50 years, non-consecutively, and is being honored for her family history with the Pioneer of the Year award from the Waitsburg Historical Society. "I feel honored," Butler said of the award. She learned she was to be the honoree at the upcoming Pioneer Fall Festival on Sep. 18 through a letter from Bettie Chase, a member of the historical society. The Historical Society in 1986 began giving awards annually to locals whose ancestors helped the region grow, Chase said. In 2001, Chase herself was an award winner because her grandparents settled in the area in 1865.



[Photo Caption] Waitsburg residents Bruce Donohue (left) and Allison Bond (right) visit with their friend and house guest Catherine Bellows on a recent stop at Cousse Coffee Co.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

September 19, 1996

Thunder, lightning and a spatter of rain only added to the evening as the Commercial Club served up luscious barbecued salmon for the 38th time Thursday evening. A record crowd of 1,029 diners were accounted for with a record sale of tickets at the gate. The 1995 total was 957, according to Ivan Keve, ticket sales chairman. Proceeds from the event are put to use by the organization throughout the year for projects which include the community swimming pool renovation, Home-town Christmas, Easter Egg Hunt and others.

Fifty Years Ago

September 16, 1971

An issue of great interest to local high school students was decided last Wednesday night when School Board 401-100 adopted a more liberal dress code. The new regulations state that "Pantsuits and pants may be worn as long as they are not grubby." Principals Dick Kinart and Glynn Davis, who will administer the code, defined "grubby" as dirty, unclean and sloppy. The ruling was changed to allow innovations in style to be followed without saying that any mode of dress is acceptable. Included in the stipulations passed Wednesday was the phrase "Hair should be of moderate length, neat, and conform to safety regulations in shop or lab."

Seventy-Five Years Ago

September 20, 1946

Sixty parents and teachers attended the first fall PTA meeting and teachers reception Wednesday at the high school with Mrs. Ralph Baim presiding.

A group of golf enthusiast met in Dayton Monday evening to discuss proposed plans for a Country Club to serve the Waitsburg-Dayton area.

Bailey Funeral Home received a new Cadillac ambulance and funeral coach Wednesday after waiting over a year for delivery according to Gene Ray, owner of the business.

One Hundred Years Ago

September 16, 1921

R. D. Roberts has a force of carpenters erecting a large machine shed at the farm southeast of this city.

There are 5,069 automobiles in Walla Walla County according to figures obtained from the auditors' office.

Among the Waitsburg boys who left this week for State College at Pullman were Jack Beckley, Dick Roberts, Marvin Hales, Dillard Howell and Orin Walker.

Mrs. W. H. Beckley and daughter Adda of La-Crosse moved to town this week where they will spend the winter. Adda is attending the high school here.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

September 18, 1896

Forty pounds No. 1 small white beans for \$1.00 at Neace Hanger Co.

The United Artisans, a fraternal order admitting ladies on the same equality as gentlemen, will organize with a good live membership on Wednesday next at the Odd Fellow's Hall.

Sol Hardman and Pete Wade closed their saloon last Saturday, their license having expired. It is not known yet where're they will renew their license or not.

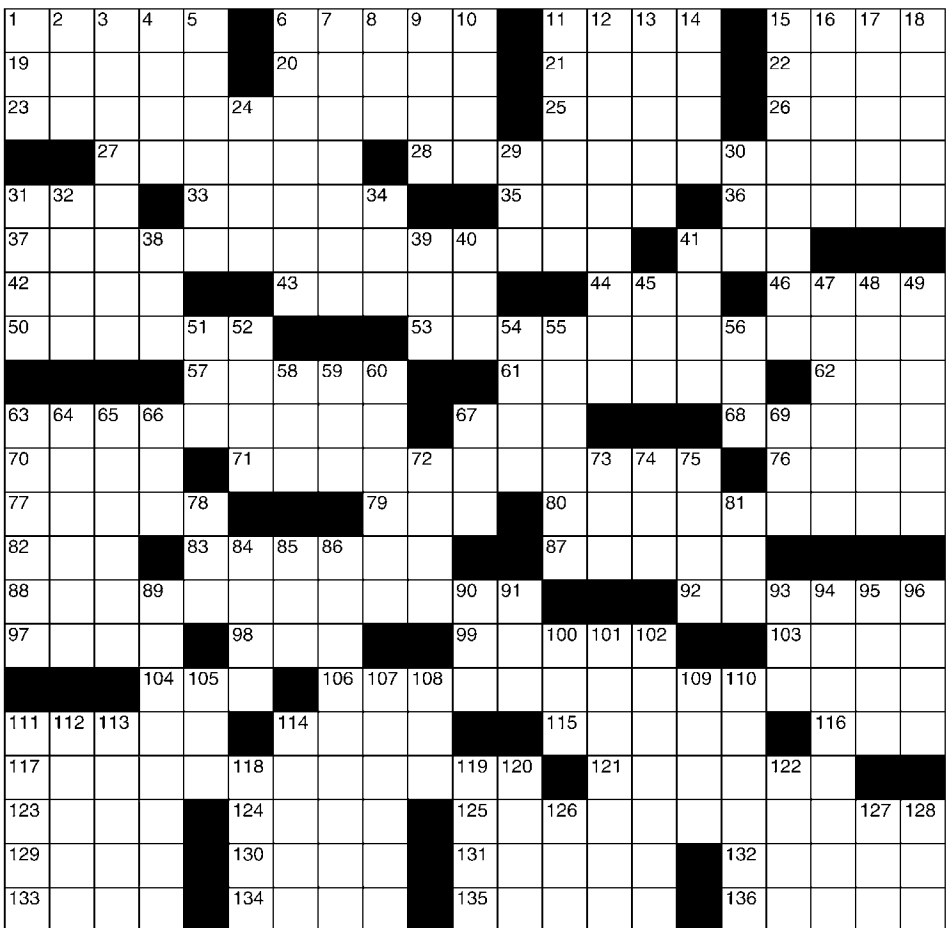
Prof. E. Hultsch of Oto, Iowa, has been elected principal of our public schools for the present year and with his wife will arrive next week.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

ON A FIRST-NAME BASIS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Father
 - 6 Gather
 - 11 No. on a car lot sticker
 - 15 Quaint letter salutation
 - 19 Pool table fabrics
 - 20 Large town, in Italian
 - 21 Burn slightly
 - 22 Purple fruit from a palm
 - 23 Candid bow wielder? [Anne]
 - 25 Green Hornet's valet
 - 26 Lisa formerly of "The View"
 - 27 Bread eaten at Passover [Victor]
 - 31 Subside
 - 33 Earnest and solemn
 - 35 D.C. VIPs
 - 36 Four doubled
 - 37 Ebony-colored card given on February 14? [Karen]
 - 41 Stable scrap
 - 42 Writer Ayn
 - 43 Houston site
 - 44 Little bit
 - 46 A Great Lake
 - 50 Cry of worry
 - 53 Precious gem that formed just recently? [Neil]
 - 57 Port in Italy
 - 61 Boot leathers
 - 62 Chi preceder
 - 63 Hueless Focus or Fiesta? [Betty]
 - 67 Self-help writer LeShan
 - 68 Butts in
 - 70 Long-eared hopper
 - 71 Undersized carriage with a fold-down top? [Martin]
 - 76 Prefix with plane
 - 77 University of Maine's town
 - 79 Reply to "Are you?"
 - 80 Annoyed small songbird? [Christopher]
 - 82 PD alert
 - 83 Mutiny
 - 87 Pioneer in graph theory
 - 88 Sweetheart prone to sulking? [Ron]
 - 92 Sailor who flew on a roc
 - 97 Absorbed by
 - 98 Follower of "Co.," often
 - 99 Little bit
 - 103 The last Mrs. Chaplin
 - 104 Showery
 - 106 Robust artisan working in precious metal? [Oliver]
 - 111 Venue
 - 114 Byte lead-in
 - 115 Brand of fake fat
 - 116 Wee, in brief
 - 117 British noble who feels no affection? [Patty]
 - 121 Quartets doubled
 - 123 Oratorio solo
 - 124 "Der —" (nickname for Konrad Adenauer)
 - 125 Clear quartz fashioned to look like a suitor's flower? [Billy]
 - 129 Mets' clubs
 - 130 In tatters
 - 131 Tickle pink
 - 132 Long-term con
 - 133 Louver strip
 - 134 ERA or HRs
 - 135 Quick
 - 136 Up to now
 - 40 General on Chinese menus
 - 41 Stage prize
 - 45 Total up
 - 47 More stringy group
 - 48 Possible follower of "Psst!"
 - 49 Menlo Park "wizard"
 - 51 Grow mellow
 - 52 Ring arbiters
 - 54 Meat stamp inits.
 - 55 Subtlety
 - 56 Horned viper
 - 58 Osaka drama
 - 59 "— y plata"
 - 60 "This is not —!" ("Red alert")
 - 63 Self-reflective question
 - 64 Talk about ad nauseam
 - 65 1950 Asimov classic
 - 66 Five doubled
 - 67 Elegant tree
 - 69 With 109-Down, unprocessed facts
 - 72 "Mon Oncle" star Jacques
 - 73 Actress Joanne
 - 74 MSN rival
 - 75 Employs
 - 78 Suffix with audit or arm
 - 81 — Lanka
 - 84 Revise copy
 - 85 Ryder vehicle
 - 86 A maestro conducts it
 - 89 In Maine
 - 90 Doze off
 - 91 Dude
 - 93 — de plume
 - 94 Removes via very hot water, as impurities
 - 95 "No" voter
 - 96 Writer Roald
 - 100 Oxfam or Amnesty Intl.
 - 101 Huge statues
 - 102 Voted in
 - 105 Twisty fish
 - 107 Gung-ho
 - 108 Writer Santha Rama —
 - 109 See 69-Down
 - 110 Fishhook lines
 - 111 Hefty slices
 - 112 Deep pink
 - 113 Madonna musical
 - 114 Groove for a letter-shaped bolt
 - 118 Ingests
 - 119 Old Chrysler
 - 120 Bombardier humor
 - 122 Sextet halved
 - 126 "I reckon so"
 - 127 Body of water
 - 128 Drop the ball



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Roasted Squash Risotto



At the age of twelve, I attempted my first risotto. I stirred and stirred, carefully following the instructions in a copy of Bon Appétit magazine. Slightly panicked that it wasn't looking right, I darted back and forth between staring at the stove and rereading the recipe, until magically I had a sumptuous pot of creamy, savory rice. That stressful half-hour taught me a little bit about culinary science, and a lot about perseverance in the kitchen.

- Ingredients:**
- 2 pounds acorn or butternut squash, peeled and seeded, 1/2-inch diced
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil, plus a 1/4 cup
 - 2 tablespoons fresh sage, minced
 - 1 teaspoon fresh thyme, minced
 - Salt and fresh ground black pepper
 - 5 to 7 cups chicken stock
 - 2 cups finely chopped onions
 - 1/4 teaspoon crushed red chili flakes
 - 2 cups Arborio or Carnaroli rice (see notes)
 - 1 cup dry white wine
 - 2 tablespoons butter
 - 1 1/2 cups grated Parmesan
 - 1/4 cup fresh parsley, minced
 - Crispy sage leaves (see notes)

Directions:
 Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In large bowl toss squash with 2 tablespoons olive oil, sage, thyme, and a pinch of salt. Spread in single layer on two sheet pans lined with foil. Roast until tender, about 30 to 35 minutes. Cool and set aside.

Bring stock to a boil in large pot. Then turn heat down to low, cover, and keep hot.

Set Dutch-oven over medium heat. Add 1/4 cup of olive oil, onions, chili flakes, and 1/2 teaspoon of salt. Slowly cook onions, stirring frequently with a wooden spoon for about 10 minutes. Onions will soften and become translucent, but don't let them brown. Adjust heat if they start cooking too fast. Then, ladle 1/2 cup of the hot stock into the onions and continue to cook for another 5 to 10 minutes, without letting them brown. Stir until the onions are golden, shiny, and the stock has completely cooked away.

Add rice to the onions, stirring quickly to fully coat in oil. Cook at moderate heat for 3 to 5 minutes, stirring constantly, and lightly toast the rice. Rice is done when it is shiny white and makes a clicking sound in the pan as you stir. Don't let the onions or rice brown.

Pour in wine and stir as it fully absorbs into rice, about 3 minutes. Once liquid is all gone, add another 1/2 teaspoon of salt, half the squash, along with 2 cups of stock, so the rice is just covered. Continue to stir frequently, making sure to scrape around sides of pan. Adjust heat to maintain a gentle simmer.

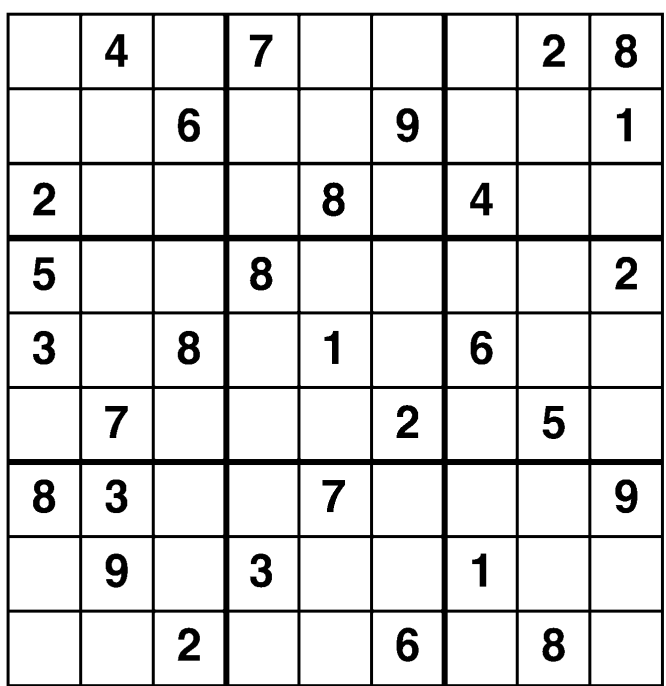
Again, when all the liquid has been absorbed, and rice has thickened, add another cup of stock. Stir until fully absorbed. It should take 4 to 6 minutes in between each addition of liquid. Continue to cook, stirring constantly, and when liquid is again all absorbed, add two more cups of the stock.

After 5 cups of stock has been stirred in, start checking the risotto for doneness. The rice should be slightly al dente and suspended in a creamy emulsion. If the rice needs to cook longer, add more stock 1/2 cup at a time, up to 7 cups total. Stir and taste as you go. When the risotto has the perfect level of creaminess and the right texture, add the remaining squash, and stir quickly to heat through. Take off heat, stir in the butter, parsley, and Parmesan, until fully melted in. Taste and adjust seasoning, adding more salt if needed, and fresh ground black pepper. Serve immediately in warm bowls, garnishing with crispy sage leaves.

Notes:
 To make the crispy sage leaves, heat a couple tablespoons of olive oil in a small skillet. Clean and dry 2 dozen sage leaves. In batches, fry leaves for 3 seconds per side, until crisp and darkened in color. Drain on plate lined with paper towels, seasoning with a pinch of salt while still hot. This can be done while the squash is roasting.
 Risotto rice is available in large supermarkets, either imported or domestically grown. Cooking the rice in the oil and onions seals the outside of the grains, preventing them from cooking too fast. The silky texture is created by the gradual addition of stock and the constant stirring.
 Serve with a crisp chilled Pinot Grigio and a salad for a delightful family meal. Mangia! Enjoy.

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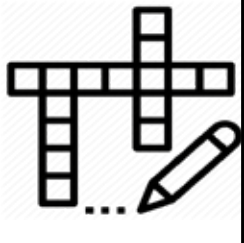


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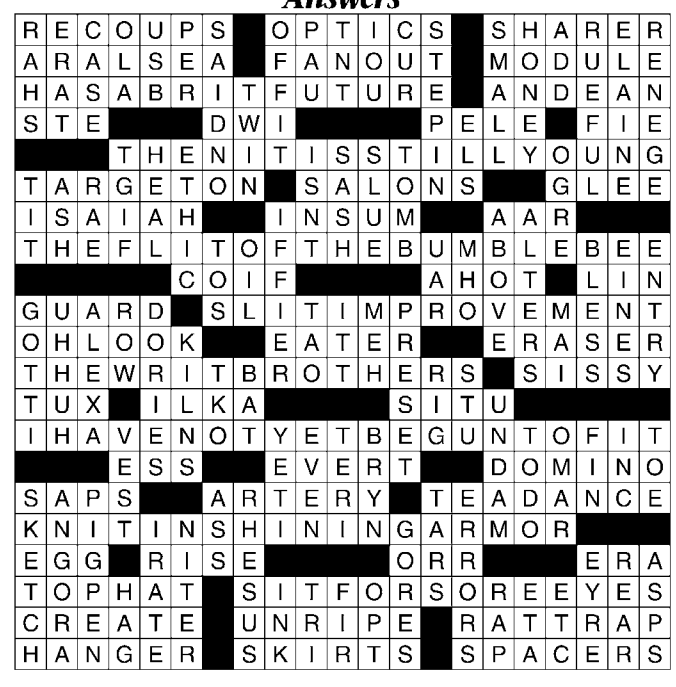
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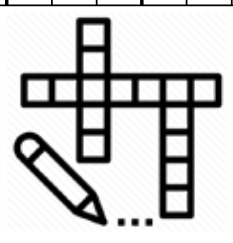
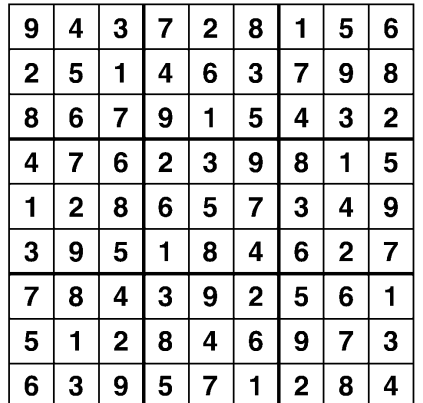
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Left: 4-H: PenPals 4-H Club members getting ready for the 2021 Columbia County Fair Livestock sale.



Left: Waitsburg FFA showmen Jasper Morrow, Daylan Marlow, Garrett Palmer, Megan Forney, and Makenna Barron

Right: Nyla Hays shows Pig, owned by her cousin, Ellyson Hall. Pig is Ellyson's bottle calf, born earlier this spring on a family ranch.



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