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Brad Trumbo

Marvin Shutters closes in on Yuba, pinching a rooster pheasant between them. Brad Trumbo gives a moving tribute to his friend and fellow bird hunter in this week's Palouse Outdoors.

Economic Development Steering Committee monthly meeting

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Economic Development Steering Committee met via Zoom on November 2.

Jennie Dickinson kicked the meeting off with an update regarding a grant from the Innovia Foundation for startup businesses. Two businesses in downtown Dayton, Table Rock Meat and Main Street Marketplace, have benefitted from the grant in the past. This year \$5,000 has been awarded to Annie's Attic, a new cafe and a vintage furniture business coming to Dayton, both owned by Laura and Tony Auckerman.

A second startup, the Starbuck Lodge, owned by Deb Hays and Zonie Dedloff, also received a \$5,000 grant. The new lodge will include five rental cabins and a bath house.

Dickinson reported that the Main Street cafe, Locally Nourished, has leased the former Village Shoppes to expand their business. The owner's partner will move his t-shirt business into the space, as well.

Dickinson said the Community Task Force is working with the Eagles to restore the facade of the historic building. She said that she believes the rebuild will be one story, but the saved facade will help maintain the beauty downtown.

She said the Columbia County Commissioners have not given her an answer regarding the funds for the broadband project. She

was supposed to have an answer by the end of October.

The Port is still trying to focus on Commercial Street, and some of the complications regarding the Touchet Valley Trail project, but there was not much more to report.

A brief update regarding the proposed childcare center was shared. Currently, the port is researching the remodel costs for the proposed site, a Christian church, to determine if they are within reason. Another plan is being developed in the event the church location is too expensive to use.

When asked if the trail project could be closed after elections, Dickinson said it could potentially be shut down, but there is a legal process that must be followed. The process includes reopening the comprehensive plans, making change recommendations, holding a public hearing, and adopting changes.

"Decisions are meant to be made with public input," Dickinson said. She added that if anything is done illegally, there could be recalls or the potential to open agencies up to lawsuits.

Vicki Zoller asked what would happen if the commissioners voted against providing funds to the Port for the broadband, would it end the broadband project. Dickinson said no, the Port of Columbia would look for funds elsewhere.

Shane McGuire, CCHS CEO, shared that he has signed a lease for the new assisted living facility. The foot-

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Columbia County Commissioners' Nov. 1 meeting

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Columbia County Commissioners met on Monday, November 1. They discussed multiple resolutions, set a date for a public hearing regarding levy certifications, and discussed a behavioral services contract.

The commissioners discussed Resolution 2021-48, Award 2017 Bridge Rail Update. This is a federally funded resolution aimed at fixing bridges, including the Turner Road Bridge. They were unsure of when the work would happen. The commissioners awarded the contract to Frank Gurney, Inc.

The commissioners then discussed Resolution 2021-49, Notice of Weight Restrictions. The resolution was identical to the 2020 resolution. One permanent restriction, on Tucannon for 513, and the two seasonal restrictions included Hartsock Grade and Hatley Gulch. This resolution can be in effect for a maximum of 400 days, in accordance with RCW 36-75.

The following resolution, Resolution 2021-50, covered a long list of county roads that could be closed for the winter. The roads, which are closed for climatic reasons, include gated roads and roads that could be closed for extended or short periods due to weather-related conditions, according to Chuck Eaton, Public Works Director. This resolution does not cover asphalt or paved roads that are regularly plowed.

Commissioner Hall said he would like to know the cost of the current rental agreement with Asotin County and if the rental option would continue to be an option if the county decided not to partner for the purchase.

Eaton said that road classifications could be raised or lowered depending on the situation, if necessary. The commissioners approved the resolution.

Eaton brought up potential equipment acquisitions. The county rents a Flaherty chip spreader with an operator from Asotin County. That machine needs repair, and Asotin officials approached Eaton, suggesting Garfield and Columbia's counties share the cost of a new Flaherty with Asotin County. The total cost would be roughly \$360,000, but Eaton was unsure how the costs would be split. Eaton said that the county spends an estimated \$111,500 per year for chip sealing and painting.

Commissioner Hall said he would like to know the cost of the current rental agreement with Asotin County and if the rental option would continue to be an option if the county decided not to partner for the purchase.

Eaton said that Barker Construction is selling equipment, and the county has contracted with them for snow blowing services in the past. The company has offered the snowblower to the county for \$24,000. Commissioner Amerein asked if the county could inspect the snowblower

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Christmas light contest on the horizon

WAITSBURG—Calling all Christmas decorating enthusiasts! The Times is searching for sponsors and prize contributors, and any volunteers interested in putting together what will hopefully be an annual event in Waitsburg.

The idea was spearheaded by Waitsburg-resident Cindy Daves, earlier this month, after watching holiday traditions fade away over time.

"After seeing our community Christmas Celebrations fade, I am looking forward to bringing back an old Christmas Tradition, hosting a Christmas Light Contest. During this challenging time within our community, I want to give families something to look forward to," Daves said.

There are three judging categories: Best of Show, Theme- Capturing the Christmas Spirit, and Kids at Heart. If you are interested helping out or sponsoring the contest, contact Cindy Daves at ironwoodsolutions@yahoo.com, or The Times at editor@waitsburgtimes.com.

Lets Light Up the Town!

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AT THE LIBERTY:

SHANG-CHI And the Legend of the Ten Rings

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Marvel Studios' Shang-Chi and The Legend of The Ten Rings stars Simu Liu as Shang-Chi, who must confront the past he thought he left behind when he is drawn into the web of the mysterious Ten Rings organization. This is both a martial arts and superhero origin movie with lots of action. Critics note that this movie expands the Marvel cinematic universe because it is different than other Marvel movies.

This movie has very good reviews on Rotten Tomatoes, 98% favorable from the audience, and a 92% from the critics. The movie is rated PG-13 for sequences of violence and action, and language. Runtime is 2 hr and 12 minutes. Shang-Chi will show on Oct. 29-Nov. 2 and Nov 5-9 (2 weeks). Viewing times are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm, Sunday at 3 pm, and Tuesday at 6:30 pm (not 7:30).

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WALLA WALLA COUNTY ANNOUNCES FIVE ADDITIONAL COVID-19-RELATED DEATHS

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—On October 27, the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health confirmed three COVID-19-related deaths in the county. County health officials were notified that a man in his 60s, a woman in her 70s, and a man in his 80s, who tested positive for COVID-19, passed away.

DCH announced two additional COVID-19-related deaths on October 29. County health officials were notified that a man and a woman in their 70s, who tested positive for COVID-19, passed away.

“Our thoughts and heartfelt condolences go out to the individuals’ families and friends during this difficult time,” officials said in a release.

Case Overview (as of 11/02/21 @ 10:00 pm):

- Confirmed Cases: 9,039
- Recovered: 8,641
- Deaths: 103
- Active: 295 (includes 3 WSP inmate & 2 WSP staff)
- Home Isolation: 275
- Hospitalized: 20

Case counts are frequently changing as new cases go through county case investigation and tracing. More information about cases, including the community of residence, age, and gender, can be found on the Walla Walla County COVID website.

DCH would like to remind everyone that resources are available for anyone in the community who may feel the stressful impacts of COVID-19. Those looking for help can visit www.covidwwc.com/struggling-to-cope or email health@co.walla-walla.wa.us. Both English and Spanish language assistance are available.

PROVIDENCE ST. MARY NAMED AMONG TOP IN NATION FOR STROKE CARE

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Providence St. Mary Medical Center has been named among the top 10 percent in the nation for treatment of stroke and a recipient of the Stroke Care Excellence Award according to new analysis by Healthgrades. It was one of only five hospitals in Washington State to receive the designation for 2022.

Every year, Healthgrades evaluates hospital performance at nearly 4,500 hospitals nationwide for 31 of the most common inpatient procedures and conditions. Healthgrades Specialty Excellence Awards recognize hospitals with superior performance in specific specialty lines and specialty focus areas.

“We want to provide information to make finding a healthcare specialist an easier experience for consumers. Patients can feel confident knowing that hospitals that are recognized for their performance in stroke care provide high-quality care and superior outcomes,” said Brad Bowman, MD, Chief Medical Officer and Head of Data Science, Healthgrades.

Providence St. Mary also received five-star ratings for its carotid artery procedures, appendectomies, treatment of sepsis, and for treatment of diabetic emergencies. For its analysis, Healthgrades evaluated approximately 45 million Medicare inpatient records for nearly 4,500 short-term acute care hospitals nationwide to assess hospital performance. Healthgrades recognizes a hospital's quality achievements for cohort-specific performance, specialty area performance, and overall clinical quality. Individual procedure or condition cohorts are designated as 5-star (statistically significantly better than expected), 3-star (not statistically different from expected), and 1-star (statistically significantly worse than expected).

'WINTER STARTS NOW' AT GESA POWER HOUSE THEATRE

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Bluewood Alpine Race Team (B.A.R.T.) will host a screening of Warren Miller's *Winter Starts Now*, the 72nd annual ski and snowboard film by Warren Miller Entertainment, at Gesa Power House Theatre on Saturday, November 13. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. for a pre-funk party (food truck, silent auction, giveaways). The film screening begins at 7:15 p.m.

Winter Starts Now will chase winter from coast to coast. From Alaska's Prince William Sound, where the only fresh tracks encountered belong to bears, to Maine's community of craftsmen and women devoted to sliding on snow. From kids with huge Olympic dreams to adaptive shredders who leave even the most able athletes in the dust. Viewers will road trip with big mountain skiers Marcus Caston and Conner Lundin as they chase winter all the way to Alaska, before catching up with speed riding legend JT Holmes, and meet new friends like Madison Rose and Vasu Sojitra.

This movie takes viewers on a journey to the highest peak in America, to the best-groomed trails at beloved resorts, and to the mom & pop's that have stood their ground throughout the everchanging ski world. The film is an homage to every skier who lives for the thrill and finds solace on the chairlift.

This event is a rental by Bluewood Alpine Race Team (B.A.R.T.), a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and inspiring life-long participation in the sport of skiing, character development through good sportsmanship and hard work, family cohesion through mutual participation and fellowship through teamwork. For more information about B.A.R.T. visit skibart.org.

General admission tickets (\$24) are available online at www.phtww.org or by calling the Gesa Power House Theatre box office at 509-529-6500. All proceeds go toward the B.A.R.T. youth.

Touchet Valley Weather

Nov. 3, 2021

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Wednesday	Mostly Cloudy	60	43
Thursday	Scattered Rain	61	42
Friday	Mostly Cloudy	57	40
Saturday	Mostly Cloudy	56	39
Sunday	Isolated Rain	55	40
Monday	Cloudy	51	33
Tuesday	Few Showers	50	34

Weather Trivia

What causes wind shear? **?**
Answer: A sudden change in wind speed and/or direction.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Monday	60	46	59/41	0.12"	0.92"
Tuesday	58	46	58/41	0.07"	0.52"
Wednesday	56	48	58/40	Trace	+0.40"
Thursday	73	50	57/40	Trace	49.9°
Friday	66	41	57/40	0.73"	48.6°
Saturday	44	33	56/39	0.00"	+1.3°
Sunday	42	36	56/39	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Weather History

Nov. 3, 1989 - Cold weather prevailed in the central United States. Six cities in Texas, Minnesota and Michigan reported record low temperatures for the date. The low of 7 above zero at Marquette, Mich. was their coldest reading of record for so early in the season.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Phase	Time
New 11/4	☉	7:37 a.m.
First 11/11	☾	6:43 a.m.
Full 11/19	☾	5:15 p.m.
Last 11/27	☾	7:47 p.m.

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BIRTHDAYS

November 4:

Jim Nelson, Rick Davis, Taryn Streeter, Allyson Hurd, Victoria Brewer.

November 5:

Dwight Thomas.

November 6:

Josh Wilson, Greg Zuger, Dave Dilts, Albert Meyer, Pauline Tedrow, Sharon Bode, Jacob Mulhair, Heath Pierson.



November 7:

Robin Hilton, Stan Mock, Roberta Collingwood, Desiree Zuger, Maybelle Leinbach, Elizabeth Xaudaro, Kelsey Tarp.

November 8:

Bruce Gentry, Melvin Keiser, Jennifer Harwood, Kristen Baker, Dana Weir.

November 9:

Frances Scott, Robert Hawks, Jodee Liebermann, Alan Jackson Jr., Corrie Cozier, Lillian Carpenter.

November 10:

Kaitlin Vaughn, Ruby Potter, Stephanie Zuger, Nathan Stroobants.

NEWS

EDSC - FROM PAGE 1 ings have been poured for two of four units, and he observed that one foundation was being poured on Tuesday. He anticipated a June finish date, and he anticipated 30 residents on opening, with at least eight people on a waitlist.

McGuire said he had a great partnership with the project's developer, Ron Asmuth, and the city and county have both been excellent to work with. This project is being funded by Asmuth, not from taxpayer money.

There was no update regarding affordable housing in the county. Chelsey Eaton reported on behalf of Columbia County Public Health. She shared that Martha Lanman's last day will be November 4.

She said that COVID-19 test results are going well, and there were two positive cases as of Tuesday. She said that there will be two more vaccination clinics and they were not sure what will happen after that. The nurse that was overseeing the clinics was leaving the department, and they needed to fill that position to meet state safety requirements.

Eaton said there have been a lot of calls interested in the booster shots, as well, and vaccination is going very well. More than 100 people were scheduled to receive a vaccination, whether first, second or booster shot, on Tuesday.

She said that leadership is still in limbo as of Tuesday, November 2, but it seemed that duties will be split between Eaton and Delphine Bailey, both long-time employees with the department.

Shane McGuire said that he believed the hospital received a USDA grant to improve access to acute care. He said there are currently 13 beds in acute care, and 12 elsewhere, making 25 beds in total.

Dayton School Superintendent Guy Strot reported that parent-teacher conferences are this week, so there is no school on Friday, and Wednesday and Thursday will be half-days.

There will be a presentation on November 9 from the Innovia Foundation, seeking public input on how to support students in Dayton. Strot said that a scholarship fund, meant for students who excel in school but cannot afford college, is being considered. For more information regarding that event, visit <https://tinyurl.com/3c5vskwk>.

He ended his report by sharing that there is an opening on the school board, for position number 2, and they are accepting applications from interested individuals. He said that applicants must live within the position's boundaries, and to contact the auditor's office to determine eligibility.

Dena Martin, from the county's planning department, shared that everything is going well. Building permits have slowed a little bit, saying she heard an equipment shortage has slowed construction.

The committee heard an update from Columbia Pulp, before they adjourned.

BOCC - FROM PAGE 1 which had an attractive price if the machine is in good condition. Eaton said he would be willing to send mechanics to inspect the machine if the commissioners are interested.

Barker Construction also has a contract with surrounding area windmill companies to clear snow from their access roads, and Commissioner Hall asked if there was any possibility of picking that contract up with the purchase of the snowblower. Eaton said that the contract could be possible but could not say for certain.

The commissioners were interested in learning more about the equipment purchases, and Eaton will provide additional information.

The commissioners will hold a public hearing to discuss fee schedules on November 15, at 12:15 p.m. Attendees are welcome to bring lunch and eat during the hearing, keeping people who work during the day in mind.

A public hearing was also set for December 6 to discuss improvement plans, transportation plans, and construction.

Chuck Belany commented on the broadband project, referencing a friend who shared that their internet provider, CenturyLink, had installed its own broadband infrastructure in Weston, Ore. He also said that someone in town asked him if broadband in surrounding areas had attracted new business.

Commissioner Rundell stated that the commissioners have not yet decided on how to spend the money. Still, he felt that the county should provide some money for the broadband project, with Commissioner Hall adding that they may have trouble finding a working home for the ARPA funds if they don't use it for the broadband project.

Columbia County Extension presented their budget for preliminary review. The overall budget increased by roughly \$2,000, attributed to communications, including internet needs, according to extension representatives.

After discussing the vacant administrator position at Columbia County Public Health, the commissioners are considering splitting the position between two interim directors. Current Public Health employees Chelsey Eaton and Delphine Bailey would split the responsibilities. A final decision was not made at the meeting. Pay increases will be discussed later.

The commissioners met with Dinita Warren, a provider at Blue Mountain Counseling, regarding a behavioral services contract. The last contract the county held with the counseling provider ended in December 2020. The renewed contract would be almost identical to previous contracts. Warren said she did not expect anything to happen with the contract being inactive for nearly a year; however, she noted that it may get questioned in an audit. The new agreement will be in effect from December 2021- December 2022.

The commissioners heard from Misty Yost, who shared a letter written and signed by the E-9-11 department staff. The letter, expressed support for E-9-11 Director Ashley Strickland, following aggressive letters and inquiries regarding the director's use of a department pickup that was purchased through grant money.

The letter expressed that Strickland has boosted morale, with one person saying that, Strickland was the best supervisor they have had in their 25 years with the department. They said Strickland has adequately staffed the office to avoid workplace crisis, kept the equipment in great working order, and encouraged calling him in the event of an emergency. They described the previous workplace environment as toxic, suffocating, and chaotic.

"While publicly scrutinizing the county's budget is expected and understood, making personal attacks against a county employee is appalling, uncalled for and does not promote positivity," stated the signees.

The commissioners adjourned the meeting shortly after Yost presented the letter.

COLUMBIA COUNTY ELECTION RESULTS

City of Dayton		Columbia County Port –	
Council Member #1			
Laura U. Aukerman	485	Shawn Brown	546
Boe Stevenson	316	Seth Bryan	787
Write-in	1	Write-in	1
Council Member #3			
Cindi John	392	Commissioner #3	
Teeny McMunn	424	Jack Miller	698
Write-in	3	Johnny Watts	682
Council Member #5			
Marchand Hovrud	514	Dayton School District No. 2	
Vicki Zoller (Write-in)	224	School Director District #1	
City Council Member #7		David D Bailey	566
Fred Crowe	391	Karinda Wallace	651
Tyler Dieu	430	Write-in	5
Write-in	2	School Director District #4	
		Aneesha Dieu	666
		Anna Berg	546
		Write-in	9
		School Director District #5	
		Jeff McCowen	987
		Write-in	28

Results as of 8:15 pm Tuesday, November 2

Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

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

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

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

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

Friends of the Weller Public Library
Oct. 20, 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main St., Waitsburg

Waitsburg Celebration Days Meeting
For information email abbysot@hotmail.com

American Legion Post #35 Waitsburg,
First Monday, 4 p.m., Town Hall, 121 Main Street, Waitsburg

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings
Board of Columbia County Commissioners work session meetings Second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.

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

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

Tues., November 9
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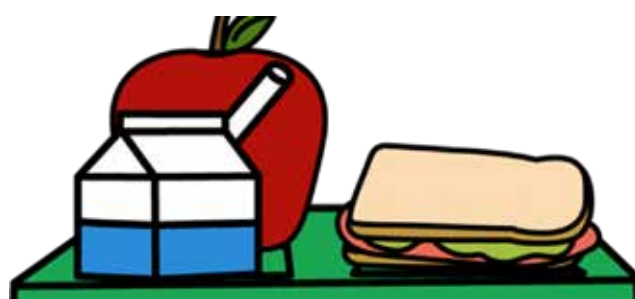
Thurs., November 11
TBA

Fri., November 12
TBA

Mon., November 15
TBA

Tues., November 16
TBA

Weds., November 17
TBA



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
320 W. 2nd
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Bible Study
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
337-6235
Rev. Jimmie Daves

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SHERWOOD TRUST PRESENTS CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COMMUNITY LEARNING EVENT NOVEMBER 16

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Sherwood Trust is presenting a free community workshop to highlight how civic engagement can support mutual understanding. The virtual event on November 16 is the final of a four-part series that explores how everyday equity and empathy can support inclusive communities where everyone has a sense of belonging.

“We welcome community members to share in a live community learning experience that will leave you ready to do things differently by inspiring hope and motivating action to build equity and empathy into your daily routine,” said Sherwood Trust Program Director Julia Leavitt. The event will take place online Tuesday, November 16, from 9-10:30 am PST. To register for the free online community event, please visit www.sherwoodtrust.org.

Participants will hear from local and state leaders in civic engagement. Keynote speaker Michelle Storms is Executive Director of American Civil Liberties Union of Washington (ACLU-WA). Storms is a recognized leader of established racial justice and civil rights organizations in the Pacific Northwest. A fierce advocate for civil rights and civil liberties in Washington. She has a history of building successful programs in service to civil rights, civil liberties, and civil legal aid.

“I believe in the promises of the Constitution, though I also believe they are still too far from being realized for too many people. At this moment in time, the values that so many of us hold dear are at risk,” said Storms. “The ACLU is an organization uniquely positioned to uphold peoples’ rights and freedoms. I look forward to partnering with our staff, board, community partners, activists, and supporters across the state to advance justice, equity, and fairness.”

Before becoming the executive director in March 2019, Storms served for two years as Deputy Director of the ACLU-WA, managing a team of public policy advocates and leading the organization’s efforts to reform police practices across the state.

“The community learning event is an opportunity to get engaged in your community,” Leavitt says. Panel speakers include Mary Campbell, Executive Director of Community Council. George Cheung, Director of More Equitable Democracy, and Rodney Outlaw, Youth Engagement Director, Walla Walla YMCA.

Mary Campbell is Executive Director of Community Council (www.wcommunitycouncil.org), a nonprofit whose mission is to foster a trusted gathering place where people engage in inquiry, dialogue, and advocacy to build a vibrant region for everyone. Its region includes Columbia and Walla Walla counties and northeastern Umatilla County.

After serving on the Board for five years, Mary became the Executive Director in 2014. Before her work with Community Council, Campbell served as an Assistant Attorney General for Washington, serving as general counsel to Washington State University. She served as an Assistant Attorney General for the Oregon Department of Justice for ten years, advising various state agencies. Campbell brings energy and passion to her commitment to equity and inclusion. She has seen the importance of bringing people together to discuss complex issues and craft solutions through her work.

George Cheung is the Director of More Equitable Democracy (www.equitabledemocracy.org). Before this, Cheung served as Program Director for the Joyce Foundation’s Democracy Program and Co-Chair of the Funders’ Committee for Civic Participation. Cheung was also executive director of the Win/Win Network, an affiliate of State Voices, and founder/executive director of Equal Rights Washington, a statewide LGBTQ advocacy organization. He holds a master’s in public policy from Harvard Kennedy School and a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science from Brown University.

Rodney Outlaw is the Youth Engagement Director at the Walla Walla YMCA (www.wwymca.org).

Outlaw, a resident of Walla Walla, is a graduate of the Conservatory of Recording Arts and Sciences with a degree in Audio Engineering. He has over twenty years in the Audio industry as an artist, producer, and studio and live sound engineer. He has contributed music to films and commercials.

Civic Engagement is the final event in a four-part series titled “Everyday Equity and Empathy.”

Community workshops are free, open to the public, and include live Spanish translation. To register for the free online community event, please go to the Sherwood Trust website: www.sherwoodtrust.org.

Sherwood Trust is a private, placed-based foundation that supports capacity-building to ensure that everyone in the Walla Walla Valley has a sense of belonging and contributes to a thriving region.

Founded in 1991 to continue Donald and Virginia Sherwood’s legacy to make the Walla Walla Valley a better place, it has invested more than \$35 million to strengthen nonprofits and improve communities here. For more information, please visit sherwoodtrust.org

For more information, please contact: Julia Leavitt at Sherwood Trust at 509-529-2791, or Julia@sherwoodtrust.org

WASHINGTON’S GET PROGRAM TO REOPEN SOON WITH HISTORICAL PRICING

THE TIMES

At its annual fall meeting, the WA529 Committee (GET’s governing body) voted to set the GET unit purchase price for the 2021-22 enrollment year at \$114.01. This is the first time in GET’s history that the unit price matches the current payout value, based on the cost of tuition and state-mandated fees at Washington’s highest-priced public university (currently UW Tacoma, \$11,401).

While this year’s unit price happens to match the current payout value, this was coincidental and due primarily to changes in actuarial assumptions about future tuition growth that the Committee relies on when setting the GET unit price. These two figures are calculated separately and have historically been different amounts.

According to Luke Minor, WA529 Director, the GET unit price is usually higher than the current payout value because the State guarantees that your GET account will keep pace with future in-state tuition costs, no matter how much it changes when a student uses their funds in the future.

“In the 13 years that GET savers hold their units on average, a lot can happen with tuition rates, state budgets, and financial markets,” Minor explained. “This makes it a balancing act to manage financial risk to the program while keeping the price affordable for families.”

Historically, it has taken multiple years for the payout value of GET units to “catch up” with their original purchase price. This year, those figures are the same, creating instant value for Washington savers.

“Future educational expenses weigh heavily on working families, and today’s immediate lowering of these costs for those investing in their kids through the GET program means the everyday burdens on working families just got a bit lighter,” said State Treasurer Mike Pellicciotti, who sits on the WA529 Committee.

WA529’s website (wastate529.wa.gov) offers details, charts, planning tools and answers for questions that families may have about the programs. Washington residents who want to help a student save for future education costs can open a GET or DreamAhead account online with no enrollment fee. The GET contact center staff is ready to help at 800-955-2318 or GETInfo@wsac.wa.gov. For questions about DreamAhead, the DreamAhead contact center can be reached at 844-529-5845.

For more details about this year’s GET unit pricing and information on the program’s 2021-22 enrollment period, which begins November 1, visit wastate529.wa.gov.

THE NUTCRACKER PLAYING AT GESA POWER HOUSE THEATRE

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Live Cinema series at Gesa Power House Theatre continues with a screening of The Royal Ballet’s current production of *The Nutcracker* on Thursday, December 23, at 7:00 pm.

The Nutcracker is a family favorite at Christmas time and is one of the most delightful ways to discover the enchantment of ballet. The story of Clara, a girl on a magical Christmas Eve adventure, is accompanied by sparkling music and even dancing sweets! Watch the company of The Royal Ballet in this much-loved ballet classic.

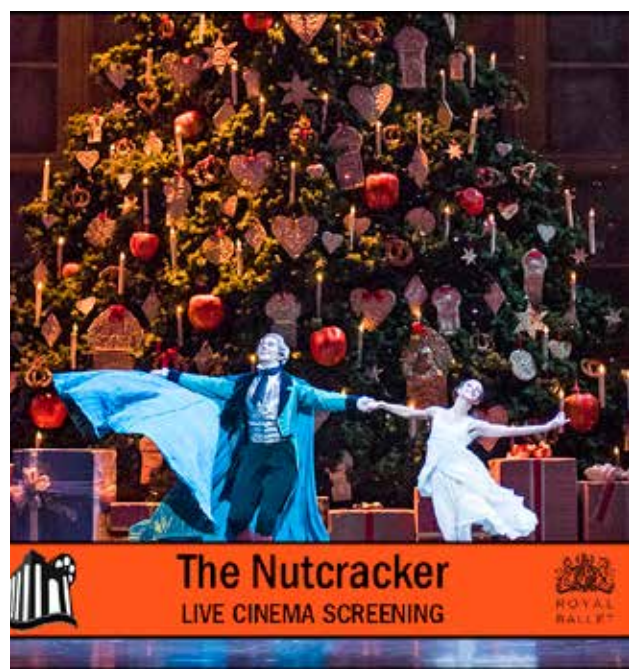
The cast for this production of *The Nutcracker* includes Akane Takada (The Sugar Plum Fairy), Cesar Corrales (The Prince), Christopher Saunders (Herr Drosselmeyer), Isabella Gasparini (Clara), Luca Acri (Hans-Peter/The Nutcracker).

Live Cinema Series broadcasts films of live performances. This offers audiences an equivalent to the best seat in the house, with incredibly detailed close-ups of the performers. The Live Cinema Series is supported by Shakespeare Walla Walla.

This screening has an approximate runtime of 2 hours 30 minutes. Beer, wine, popcorn, and snacks will be available for purchase and may be taken into the theater.

General admission tickets (\$15 adults, \$10 students) are available online at www.phtww.org or by calling the box office at 509-529-6500.

Additional precautions, such as required mask use for unvaccinated patrons, will be observed based on the latest guidance from state and county health departments



Got leaves?

WAITSBURG—The leaf bin is back. It is located at the city shop and open Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. The city shop will be closed for Veterans Day, November 11 and 12 and Thanksgiving, November 25 and 26.

You can drop off bagged or unbagged leaves, no other yard debris. The bin has no definitive end date and the city will keep it available until leaves stop falling.



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The Times was founded in 1878 by C.W. Wheeler and has been produced every week since then. It is one of the oldest newspapers in the state of Washington.

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We reserve the right to decline to publish any letter that we deem inappropriate for our readership. Letters may be rejected for libel and objectionable material.

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Due to volume during election season, *The Times* is unable to print all letters received. We strive to print as many as possible on a first come, first served basis. Letters that don't fit are moved to the following week.

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Nichole Michelle Wood

June 13, 1973 — September 29, 2021

Nichole (McKusick) Wood passed away in her husband's arms on September 29, 2021, at the age of 48.



Nichole Michele Wood

She was born in Pendleton to Connie Morris and Geary McKusick. "Nici" attended Milton-Freewater, Touchet, and Walla Walla Public Schools made lifelong friends, and knew how to make a lot of mischief. It was during a low point in her young life when she became addicted to drugs. After some struggles, she realized that acceptance and surrender were the keys. She turned her life around and was born again in Christ.

In 2002, Nichole met Joshua G. Wood, and after a whirlwind romance, they married on April 25th, 2003. Nichole was blessed with the arrival of two children, Mya Lynn (17) and Zechariah "Zacky" James (16), who inspired her to become her best self. She never took these blessings for granted and was their number one cheerleader. She did everything for her kids and supported them in every possible way.

Nichole shared her love for Jesus by attending multiple churches in the Walla Walla and Tri-Cities area. In 2015, she became a sister in the Washington State of P.E.O., Chapter BE - Waitsburg. She volunteered her time by helping others with addiction and life issues. She also was an active and involved parent with 4-H, sports, and anything else her kids endeavored. Her excess in energy was greatly appreciated as a parent helper in the Walla Walla and Waitsburg School Districts.

Nichole enjoyed a vastly extended family network and is survived by her 101yr old grandmother (Cassie McKusick), her husband (Josh Wood), her daughter (Mya), and her son (Zack). Her mother, Connie, preceded Nichole in death on September 27th, 2021, and her grandfather, Harry Stevenson, two weeks prior. All three succumbed to complications due to the COVID-19 virus. Her father, Geary, preceded her in death on March 19th, 2019. She also had three half-sisters that she tried to stay in contact with, Lisa, Erin, and Jenifer McKusick.

Nichole was a devoted Christian, loving wife, and mother who was loved, is missed, and will always be cherished.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for November 08, 2021, at 7 p.m. in the main auditorium of Life Church, Walla Walla.

Celebration of Life



Jerry Charles Tonne

July 31, 1948 – September 19, 2021

Join us at Laht Neppur in Waitsburg
Nov 13, 2-4 pm
to celebrate Jerry Tonne.
Beer and refreshments provided.



Waitsburg School District JOIN OUR SCHOOL BOARD

The Waitsburg School District No. 401-100 is now receiving applications for the position of School Board Director District 5 (At large).

Only individuals who reside within the boundaries of Waitsburg School District may apply.

Please submit a Letter of Intent to board@waitsburgsd.org

Need to confirm if you reside within the boundaries of the school district?

Please call one of the following for assistance:
Walla Walla County Auditor's Office (509) 524-5249
Waitsburg School District Office (509) 337-6301

Carroll Dean Smith

March 29, 1928 - October 21, 2021

With great sadness we mourn the passing of Carroll Dean Smith, age 93, a 50-year resident of Marin County, CA. He was the third surviving son of Charles Alfred Smith and Edith Wardrip Smith of Waitsburg, WA. He was predeceased by his brothers Lloyd Henry Smith and Elmer Mayes Smith.



Carroll Dean Smith

Carroll was born on March 29, 1928 in the family home above the train station in Bolles, WA where his father worked for a subsidiary of Union Pacific Railroad. His mother taught him to read the train schedules, igniting a lifelong love for trains and all things transportation.

Following graduation from Waitsburg High School, he worked a few jobs for railroad companies, including the Northern Pacific Terminal Company before joining the army on April 26, 1946. He was first stationed in Yokohama, where he met his future wife, Teresa (Terry) Florence Shimizu, a fellow office worker. Their son Dean was born three years later.

The United States was soon embroiled in the Korean conflict where Carroll, now a sergeant, was assigned to the Command Section at Pusan Logistical Command (later called the 2nd Logistical Command). He and four others including the Brigadier General, a Colonel, the Chief of Staff, and a Lieutenant Colonel organized the efforts to maintain the Pusan Perimeter which culminated in the amphibious landing at Inchon in September 1950, and the ultimate evacuation of the US troops from the east coast of Korea. Fourteen thousand US troops disembarked in Pusan after 2 days with little food and almost no water. Carroll was promoted to Master Sergeant. He was 23 years old.



In April 1952, Carroll, Teresa and Dean sailed on the U.S. General Simon Bucher for Seattle. After the birth of daughter Jacqueline, the family moved to Ankara, Turkey where Carroll was stationed until he retired from active duty as Lieutenant Colonel. After returning to the states, Carroll continued his education at the University of Washington in Seattle and the University of California at Berkeley. He joined the California Public Utilities Commission in Los Angeles and then settled in San Anselmo to work in the San Francisco office. Following retirement, he received his J.D. from Golden Gate University. He practiced transportation law for more than 10 years.

Carroll loved to travel, visiting places near and far including Alaska, Uruguay, Russia, Turkey and Israel. He supported many causes and was an early supporter of Kohelet Yeshiva (formerly Stern Hebrew High School) in Merion Station, a suburb of Philadelphia. He enjoyed writing essays and memoirs. He authored a book, A Toast to Betty.

Following the death of his beloved wife Terry, Carroll's life was filled with family, friends, community and social justice causes.

He met a wonderful woman, Marilyn Lee Curtis, to whom he was married for 18 years. Together they volunteered at the Church of the Holy Innocents in its treasury, thrift shop and food bank. They continued traveling, enjoying walks and spending time with family. They moved to AlmaVia Assisted Living in 2019, where they regaled staff and residents with warm conversations. Marilyn passed in December 2019.

Carroll Smith was a devoted father, husband, grandfather and community member. He was generous with his love for family and friends, and he contributed to an array of charitable foundations.

He is survived by his children, Dean Smith and Jacqueline Gomberg (Jonathan); grandchildren Arielle Landau (Joel), Hannah Zuber (Avi), Zoe and Aviva; great-grandchildren Dovi, Noam, Kira and Mickey. He is also survived by step-daughters Kati Haycock, Kris De Berg, Jackie Landsberg, and Diane Kemp, step-grandchildren Brooke, Brady, Jim, Randy, Julie, Dan, Jenny, Jana and Jake; and many step-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Elder Care Alliance for AlmaVia in San Rafael, CA, Kohelet Yeshiva in Merion Station, PA, or Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Corte Madera, CA.

A memorial service is planned for 2:00 on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at AlmaVia, 515 Northgate Drive, San Rafael, CA 94903. Vaccination cards must be presented.

Waitsburg Election Results

Results as of 8:17 pm Tuesday, November 2

City of Waitsburg	School Director District 4	
Council Member #1	Lisa Morrow	168
Kevin House	Write-in	19
Write-in		
Fire Protection District No 2	Commissioner Position 2	
Council Member #2	Jake Long	197
Jim Romine	Write-in	1
Write-in		
Council Member #3	Commissioner Position 3	
Randy Charles	Ashley Strickland	177
Write-in	Write-in	1
City Council Member #4	Waitsburg Park and Recreation	
Karen Stanton-Gregutt	Commissioner Subdivision 1	
Court Ruppenthal	Beth Daves	170
	Write-in	10
City Council Member #5	Commissioner Subdivision 3	
Rebecca S Wilson	Leroy Cunningham	192
Jilliam Henze	Write-in	3
City of Waitsburg Mayor	Commissioner Subdivision 5	
Kate Hockersmith	Bart Baxter	165
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Sarah Boudrieau		
Write-in		
School Director District 3		
Stephanie Cole		129
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Write-in		4

LEGALS & NEWS

Columbia County Public Hospital District #1 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Levy Certification: Public Hearing and Discussion/Approval; 2022 Budget: Public Hearing and Discussion/Approval
11/11/2021 at 3:00pm

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Columbia County Public Hospital District No. 1 will be held on November 11, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Administration Building on the District's Dayton, Washington campus. The purpose of the meeting: Levy Certification: Public Hearing and Discussion/Approval; Proposed 2022 Budget: Public Hearing and Discussion/Approval. Final disposition shall not be taken on any other matter at such meeting.

Item	Responsible
1. Call to Order 2. Roll Call 3. Open: Public Hearing: Levy Certification Discussion 4. Close: Public Hearing re: Levy Certification 5. Discussion/Approval of Levy Certification 6. Open: Public Hearing re: Proposed 2022 Budget 7. Close: Public Hearing re: Proposed 2022 Budget 8. Discussion/Approval of Proposed 2022 Budget 9. Adjournment	Bob Hutchens, Chair Bob Hutchens, Chair Tom Meyers, Controller / Matt Minor, Accounts Manager Tom Meyers, Controller / Matt Minor, Accounts Manager Bob Hutchens, Chair

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Columbia County Rural Library District Annual Budget Meetings

The Library Board of Trustees will be holding two public meetings regarding next year's budget:

Budget Workshop on Monday, November 8, 2021, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm online and in the Delany Building. This meeting's purpose is to work through budget details in preparation for the public hearing the following week.

Budget Hearing on Monday, November 15, 2021, starting at 7:00 pm, as part of the monthly Board Meeting.

Both meetings will be held virtually and in person and the public is welcome to attend. Details are available on the CCRLD website at daytonml.org.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Touchet Lowden Mosquito Control District that a public hearing will be held from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Monday November 8th, 2021 at the Touchet Fire Station, Touchet, WA, to consider setting the annual budget for the 2022 operating year.

Written testimony, which will be read into the record, may be sent to: Touchet-Lowden Mosquito Control District, P.O. Box 173, Touchet, WA 99360.

Dated this 28th day of October, 2021

Board of the Touchet-Lowden Mosquito Control District.

By: Alisha Scholz,
Secretary

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Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been established for Wednesday November 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Columbia Walla Walla Fire District #2 Station, 234 Main Street, Waitsburg WA 99361 to hear comments on the proposed 2022 Columbia Walla Walla Fire District #2 Budget amendment. Copies of the proposed budget amendment are available for inspection at the Columbia Walla Walla Fire District #2 Station during regular business hours. Please note, this may be a Zoom meeting depending on COVID rules at that time. If you would like to attend the Zoom meeting please contact clerkfire2@hotmail.com and a link will be emailed to you.

Columbia Walla Walla Fire Protection District #2

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STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY UNION GAP, WASHINGTON

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO APPROPRIATE PUBLIC WATERS

TAKE NOTICE:
That the Harrison-Ray Water Company of Burbank, Washington, on October 27, 1997, under Application No. G3-30128- applied to appropriate public waters, subject to existing rights, from five wells, adding up to 3,100 acre-feet per year at a rate of up to 5,200 gallons per minute to their water rights portfolio for continuous community domestic supply.

That proposed sources are located within the SW¼ NW¼ and SW¼ SE¼ of Section 1, SE¼ NW¼ and NE¼ NE¼ of Section 12, T. 8 N., R. 30 E.W.M., and NE¼ NW¼ of Section 7, T. 8 N., R. 31 E.W.M., all in Walla Walla

County.

That the proposed place of use is defined as that portion of Section 1, T. 8 N., R. 30 E.W.M., located southwesterly of State Route 12. That portion of Section 2, T. 8 N., R. 30 E.W.M., located southeasterly from the ordinary high water line of the Snake River and northeasterly of the northeastern right-of-way margin of the Union Pacific Railroad. That portion of Section 12, T. 8 N., R. 30 E.W.M., located southwesterly of State Route 12 and northeasterly of Hanson Loop Road. Those Portions of Farm Units 8 and 9, located in Section 7, T. 8 N., R. 31 E.W.M..

Protests or objections to approval of this application must include a detailed statement of the basis for objections. All letters of protest will become public record. Cash shall not be accepted. Fees must be paid by check or money order and are nonrefundable. Protests must be accompanied by a \$50 recording fee payable to the Department of Ecology, Cashiering Unit, PO Box 47611, Olympia WA 98504-7611, within 30 days from: November 4, 2021.

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NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET & PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Preliminary Budget for the Port of Columbia for 2022 has been prepared and is on file at the Port Main Office at 1 Port Way, Dayton, WA. The budget can also be viewed on the Port's website at www.portofcolumbia.org/port-info/policies-plans-budget/. Any taxpayer may obtain a hard copy of said budget at the Port office during regular business hours. A public hearing on the budget will be held November 10, 2021, at 3:30 pm during the Port of Columbia Board of Commissioners regular meeting via Zoom. The Zoom meeting link is <http://bit.ly/PortZoom> and can also be found on the homepage of our website at www.portofcolumbia.org.

Dated at Dayton, Columbia County, Washington, on the 27th day of October and the 3rd day of November, 2021.

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In the superior court of the State of Washington for the county of Walla Walla

No20-3-00169-36
Thomas Moore Plaintiff,

vs.
Tracy Moore, Defendant.
The State of Washington to
Thomas Moore:

You are hereby summoned to appear on December 1, 2021 at 9:30 am for a Non-Jury trial.

Please take note that this case is now at issue and the Clerk is requested to note it on the trial docket to be brought on for trial at the time set by the Court. This case is ready to be set for trial. The undersigned certifies this case to be at issue in that all pleadings are on file and no affirmative pleadings are unanswered.

Tracy Moore, Respondent.
PO Box 184,
Walla Walla,
Washington.
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November 4, 11, 18, 2021
11-4-h

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 21-4-00229-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of:
F. JOHN KNOWLES, JR., Deceased.

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

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: November 4, 2021.

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The Walla Walla County Conservation District (WWCCD) is issuing an Invitation to Bid on the Russell Creek Project. The project is located near S. 3rd Ave, Walla Walla, WA on Russell Creek and the barrier is located approximately 600 feet upstream from the road.

Coordinates: 46.032258, -118.331720
Major elements of this project include:
Remove and dispose of an early 1900's concrete box culvert and regrade a portion of Russell Creek. Concrete slabs are between 3-8 inches thick by ~10 feet square.
Install a series of post-assisted log structures (PALS) in approximately 200 feet of Russell Creek, locations to be field fit.

In-stream work window begins July 15, 2022 and ends September 30th.

Proposals will be for all materials labor, equipment and appurtenant items required as per project plans and specifications. **Bids must be guaranteed for 90 days from Submission date.**

The complete bid packet, with plans, specifications, the full ITB and other pertinent information can be obtained through the WWCCD office, materials will be available on a flash drive. Proposals will include a statement of qualifications, the elements of which will be used to award the bid. A 5% Bid Guarantee will be required. The project is funded with Federal funding and will follow Davis-Bacon wage determinations (**Prevailing Wages required**).

For questions, please contact Renee Hadley at (509)956-3756.

WWCCD retains the right to reject any and all bids and to waive minor irregularities in the bidding process. Bids must be received at the WWCCD office (via email or in-person delivery) before 3 p.m. Friday, December 3rd, 2021.

Walla Walla County Conservation District
325 North 13th Ave.
Walla Walla, WA. 99362
The Times
November 4, 11, 2021
11-4-c

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that the Mayor of the City of Waitsburg filed the 2022 Preliminary Budget with the City Council and City Clerk of the City of Waitsburg on October 1, 2021, setting forth a proposed complete financial program for fiscal year 2022, specifically showing the expenditures associated with each program and sources of revenues for which each program is proposed to be financed.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 7:00 pm., or soon thereafter, a budget hearing for fiscal year 2022 for the City of Waitsburg will be held at the Waitsburg Lions Club Building, 349 E. 10th St. Waitsburg, to discuss the proposed complete financial program for fiscal year 2022 for the City of Waitsburg.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 7:00 pm., or soon thereafter, a hearing shall be held at the Waitsburg Lions Club Building, 349 E. 10th St. Waitsburg, for the consideration of a proposed increase of property tax revenues for the fiscal year 2022. The proposed increase is one percent (1%) of tax revenues collected in 2021 plus any and all available banked taxing capacity, excluding increases resulting from additional new construction, state utility value increase/decrease and any applicable refund levy.

Copies of the 2022 preliminary budget will be available to the public on November 22, 2021 and may be obtained by contacting the City of Waitsburg at P.O.

Box 35, 147 Main Street, Waitsburg, WA, 99361 or (509) 337-6371. The preliminary budget can also be viewed on the City's website (www.cityofwaitsburg.com) on November 10, 2021.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the hearing and present evidence in favor or opposition of the proposals. The City of Waitsburg is required by the State of Washington to hold such a public hearing; any City Council action on the proposed 2022 budget, including a proposed tax increase, will not include a final approval of the above-mentioned proposed budget until after all hearings have taken place and all testimony is given.

Dated this 4th day of November, 2021
City Council, City of Waitsburg - By Randy Hinchliffe, City Clerk
The Times
November 4, 2021
11-4-e

Public Hearing Notice NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that the Waitsburg City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or soon thereafter in the Lions Club Memorial Building at the Waitsburg Fairground in order to hear public comments related to the City's potential surplus and sale of the First National Bank Building (City Hall) located at 147 Main Street.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the hearing and present evidence in favor or opposition of the surplus and sale of the city owned property. Written testimony may be forwarded to the Waitsburg City Council, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361.

The City of Waitsburg is required to hold such a public hearing; any City Council action on the surplus of City owned property will include the approval or rejection of the proposal.

Dated this 3rd Day of November 2021
Waitsburg City Council
The Times
November 4, 2021
11-4-f

OFFICIAL CALL FOR BIDS NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN That sealed bids will be received at the Waitsburg City Hall, 147 Main Street, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361, until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 for the following:

124 Main Street, Waitsburg, WA
Sealed bids will be opened and publicly read at 2 p.m. or soon thereafter on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at Waitsburg City Hall, 147 Main Street, Waitsburg, WA 99361 with the surplus ground going to the highest bidder once ratified by the City Council on Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Submitted bids need to be within 10% of the vacant lot's appraised value. Additional information is available by contacting Waitsburg City Hall, 147 Main Street, Waitsburg, WA 99361. Bids will be taken based upon the condition of the land being 'as is' with no warranty nor guarantee.

The Waitsburg City Administrator reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted and to waive any informalities in the bids. Bids must be sealed and plainly marked "sealed bid".

Randy Hinchliffe, City Administrator
November 3, 2021
The Times
November 4, 11, 2021
11-4-g

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been established for Monday, November 15, 2021 at 1:00 pm at the Columbia County Fire District #3 Station, 111 Patit Rd. Dayton WA 99328. to hear comments on the proposed 2022 Columbia County Fire District #3 Budget and to set the 2022 Levy Certification for Columbia County Fire District #3. Copies of the proposed budget are available for inspection at the Columbia County Fire District #3 Station during regular business hours.

The Times
November 4, 11, 2021
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Palouse Outdoors: Marvin's Time

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

Shaking hands across the table, I immediately pegged Marvin Shutters as Pennsylvania Amishman. His thick gray beard and high cheekbones were a dead giveaway. It's risky diving into your potential supervisor's culture during a job interview, but it seemed necessary. Although not actually Amish, Marvin was from Pennsylvania Amish country. He and I shared roots of the same Appalachian longitude, and I could see it in him. What I couldn't see was that Marvin would later become my one consistent upland hunting partner, sharing the unusually deep passion for running dogs on the prairie, photographing the hunt, and pondering shotguns.

Over the years, Marvin and I learned a lot about each other and how our dogs worked, reading every aspect of their body language, right down to knowing when they were scenting pheasant versus covey birds. Logging 100 miles or more over wheat stubble and grasslands, we shared some of the best pheasant hunts I've experienced in our corner of Washington.

Marvin was there the morning I tumbled my first pheasant over puppy Zeta. That same morning, I connected on my first Hungarian partridge (Hun) as we both shot into a covey of about 20 birds over my girl Finn. He was along the morning Finn and I bagged our second limit of roosters. The birds were so thick that I swapped Finn out for Zeta to get her more bird exposure.

Marvin had two roosters in the bag, so we ran Zeta and his pup, Felix, for his third. As Zeta dropped out of sight about 100 yards distant, my Garmin tracker beeped "point." Zeta has a fine nose and style, but her glory lies in flushing birds. When the tracker showed her standing longer than three seconds, I urged Marvin to get moving.

"Get over there Marv! Go, go! Zeta is not going to hold long." I yelled.

Marvin hunted on his own time and felt no urgency in the moment. He was halfway to Zeta when several roosters busted in the distance, earning Zeta an electric zap for her blunder. Luckily, young Felix hunted up his first Palouse rooster for Marvin's limit shortly after.

Another time we were high above Marengo hunting Huns behind Yuba, who was catching a fleeting scent as she cast across the ridgetop. A flash-point slowed her pursuit, and she began tracking moving birds – slowly, carefully, methodically. Two more "unproductive" points identified pheasant rather than Huns, and I clued Marvin in that she was working on cutting off a rooster that had snugged up his running shoes.

Dashing left and sky-lining on the ridgetop, Yuba went long before slamming onto point with the confirming intensity of a bird nearby. Again, I yelled to Marvin to get moving.

"Get over there Marv! Go, go! That's a running rooster, and he won't sit long.



Marvin Shutters and his pup Felix hunting ruffed grouse in the Blue Mountains.

Circle wide and approach Yuba head-on." I coached.

Marvin made it again on his own time, and the bird miraculously sat in wait. The cackling eruption of the football-sized rooster painted against the bluebird sky befuddled Marvin into a miss, as roosters so famously do. We never found Huns, but Yuba went on to pin several other roosters, with one falling to both Marvin and me by the end of the hunt. The dog work and setting remain etched into frail memory as one of our best days afield.

Unfortunately, no matter how we take time into our own hands, we cannot control it in the grand scheme of life. At just 54 years young, Marvin had grown weary of battling aggressive cancer. His time to hunt the pristine prairies of another life came on September 28th, 2021.

When meeting new acquaintances, hunters share our best stories, and I hear myself telling of hunts with Marvin more often than not. My recollection of yelling for Marvin to "get over there" for the flush suggests it was an every-hunt occurrence. Marvin moved as if hurry would sully the experience, like rushing the maturation of a fine single malt whiskey. Those who knew him well might agree that he was more likely distracted by calculating the odds of various flush trajectories while en route. I wonder now if he approached his new journey with the same contemplative dawdling or a newfound zeal?

It was comforting to know that Marvin was as easily flustered by the rush of wings as I, and he always hunted for the dog and the experience above all else. I like to think that Marvin was there in spirit on this year's pheasant opener, holding Zeta from breaking point, as I flushed and downed her first flawless solo rooster find. I had the parcel and birds to myself – a situation I typically savor. Despite the Zeta's skillful display and working with Yuba to put a limit in the vest, the hunt felt strangely unremarkable.

I suspected as much before his passing, but it is now confirmed. Days afield are incomplete sans Marvin's hyper-analytical discussion of shotguns and quick wit, making a fool of me with adept subtlety. The Palouse will never hunt the same without him.

Marvin Shutters and his pup Felix working roosters on the Palouse.



Marvin Shutters (Left) and Brad Trumbo pose with Trumbo's setters following a successful pheasant hunt.

Photos by Brad Trumbo

Who said, "Don't sweat the small stuff?"

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

I doubt the person credited with that expression didn't have a good grip on reality. Recently, I have learned that the "small stuff" becomes "big stuff" when it happens in a condensed time frame. As things pile up, what should have been a "small thing" can become a major annoyance or worse. Yesterday, I felt like Peter Finch in the movie *Network*. I was on the brink of screaming out my window: "I can't take it anymore!!"

I am usually very even-tempered. Unlike Daniel and my sister, I can take most frustrations in stride. But these past few days have been pushing me. It may be an exercise in futility to maintain my equilibrium. Imbalance has become my new normal, and even Mugsy is looking at me perplexed as I walk around talking to myself.

It started Thursday evening when I reminded Daniel that I had to make a quick trip to Walla Walla for a 9:04 a.m. COVID-19 booster shot appointment.

Daniel said, "Well, since you're going to Walla Walla, stop at US Foods; here's the shopping list, and then Butcher Butcher for these items."

My quick trip became a timing challenge. I need to be at the café on time for the pre-opening rituals. (Make iced tea, fill the ice bucket at the bar, turn on machines, lights, etc.). Somehow, I made it with five minutes to spare before our 11:30 opening time.

Often, I have the luxury of time because most of our patrons don't show up for lunch at 11:30 on the dot. However, last Friday, just my luck, we had a couple with their noses pressed up against the door at 11:29 waiting for us to open.

To add to the rush of Friday and Saturday, we were short-staffed by one. Considering there are only three of us, that equates to: one-third of our staff is missing. Of course, this adds stress to me and much more so on Daniel. But, we persevered, stayed away from each other, the knives, and had a large glass of wine when service and cleaning were done.

This Sunday, Daniel took off on a quick trip to Los Angeles for some medical appointments. He also had time for dinner at a good restaurant with a former colleague, which I knew he would enjoy. I was happy to have a break; I had a list of things I would be able to accomplish without interruption. (Clean the house, laundry, plant tulips, clean the rest of the yard, and give out Halloween candy). But that was not to be!

A friend asked if I could take her to Walla Walla for a quick trip to Walgreen's for her flu shot. I agreed, and off we drove to Walla Walla. Just as I was about to make



the left turn onto 9th Street, she let me know that, oops, she meant Rite Aid on Isaacs. We reversed directions, and she got her shot. Since we were already in town, we did some grocery shopping and gassed up my car. When I eventually got home, I tossed out my "to-do" list.

Today, when I was trying to finish the laundry, I had an urgent call from a client, which made me late for my CPA appointment in Walla Walla. As luck would have it when I turned onto Coppei, a semi-truck was ahead of me creeping along, making me even later, and the small things seemed to be winning. The good news is that I was able to pass him and discover that my car could go 95 mph with ease and grace, and I didn't get a ticket!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

FOR ALL HUNTERS

Written permission is required to hunt at Puget Sound Energy's Hopkins Ridge Wind Facility

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- The Last Resort, 2005 Tucannon Road, Pomeroy To verify store hours, call 509-843-1556 or visit www.thelastresort.com
- Four Star Supply, 2255 Villard St., Pomeroy To verify store hours, call 509-843-3693 or email theeter@fourstarsupplyinc.com
- Circle K, 426 W. Main St., Dayton To verify store hours, call 509-382-1042

For more information, contact Anne Walsh at 509-382-2043



Moves to make the Mariners a playoff team

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

This year the Mariners finished five games behind Houston for the division title and two games out of the second wild-card spot. Since the Mariners did not pick up Kyle Seager's option for next year, its 25-man payroll stands at around \$65 million and is the fifth lowest in Major League Baseball. It is also well below the luxury tax threshold of \$210 million. Seattle has a core of young players, and now is an excellent time to pick up some free agents to take this team to the next level.

The starting rotation needs to be addressed first. With all the injuries to the Mariners' starting rotation, only four pitchers (Flexen, Kikuchi, Gonzales, and Gilbert) managed over twenty-four games started and one hundred innings pitched.

Free-agent Robbie Ray was the best pitcher in the American League last year. Ray may be a bit of a risk as it was the first time that he performed at such a high level. However, among the free-agent starting pitchers, he looks like the best to make an impact. He led the league in games started with thirty-two, innings pitched 193.1, strikeouts 248, and an earned run average of 2.84. Anything close to that performance next year would make him the ace of the Mariners staff.

With several talented shortstops available in free agency, this is another area Seattle could improve. J.P. Crawford is a solid defensive shortstop but hasn't done much for the team offensively. Crawford's triple-slash line last year was .273/.338/.376. He's twenty-six, so it is unlikely there is any more untapped power coming from him.



Signing Carlos Correa would maintain the good defense and be a significant upgrade to the offense. It would also take away the best player from last year's division winners, the Houston Astros. Correa's triple-slash line last year was .279/.366/.485. Crawford could be kept as a utility infielder or traded.

While we are shopping from the Astros free agents, why not bring back Kendall Graveman. Graveman had a breakout year with Seattle before being traded to Houston at the trade deadline. He finished the regular season with a 1.77 earned run average and pitched eleven innings for the Astros in the play-

offs giving up two runs earning two holds and a win.

Finally, a familiar name could shore up the offense and replace the home runs lost by letting Kyle Seager go. Now at Tampa Bay Rays, Nelson Cruz averaged forty home runs a season while with the Mariners from 2015-2018. His triple slash from last season is .265/.334/.497. He will be forty-one by next season, and while I wouldn't expect him to hit forty home runs, thirty-plus is a reasonable projection. As a free agent, he could sign with any team, so the Mariners may need to offer him a two-year contract, but it would be well worth it

Coaches Corner:

by Troy Larsen

DW Wolfpack fights against undefeated Columbia-Burbank

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WAITSBURG/DAYTON—Dayton-Waitsburg hosted undefeated Columbia Burbank Friday night. After losing four starters to injuries last week and another starter in pre-game warm-ups, it was a tough game.

Without our two starting defensive ends, Columbia took advantage of the edges and ran for five first-quarter touchdowns. We could not contain the edges, and Columbia's runners did a great job being patient and following their blockers for some quick long runs in the first quarter.

In the first quarter, DW Monte Pettichord hit Kason Fortune for a nice 90-yard TD, showing our young Wolfpack team we can compete with anyone.

For the game, Hudson Reser ran hard, tallying up 28 carries for 101 yards and a touchdown. I am very proud of Reser and all his hard work. Hudson plays many roles for us and never complains. He just smiles and gets it done.

Pettichord had a great game as well, ending the

season throwing 8-14-227 yards and a touchdown. He is the focus of every defense in this challenging year. DW is very lucky to have a student athlete like Pettichord, he is doing everything right to make DW Football better on and off the field.

It was fun to watch sophomore Kaylub Prather volunteer to play offensive line and excel at the right tackle position, I believe he has found a new home there.

Sophomore Cyson Morris was another stand out Friday night with 3 catches for 90 yards. What was more important was his leadership on the field, blocking to the whistle and taking over the kickoff return responsibilities. We have a young inexperienced team that showed improvement in both their football skills and in football knowledge.

DW will have a lot to look forward to with a strong 8th grade class coming up and our current team hungry to get better.

DW Individual Statistics:

Rushing: Reser 28-101-TD -Fumble, Pettichord 4-26.

Passing: Pettichord 8-14-227-TD.

Receiving: Fortune 3-116 - TD, Morris 3-90, VanHoose 2-21.



Kason Fortune (6) breaks away for a 90 yard touchdown last Friday.

Beka Compton



Beka Compton

Monte Pettichord (10) takes a moment to scan the field for open receivers during the last home game of the 2021 season

DW Volleyball closes season against TCP

THE TIMES

DAYTON/WAITSBURG—Dayton-Waitsburg Wolfpack Volleyball played against Tri-Cities Prep on October 28. They lost against the Jaguars, with scores of 18-25, 11-25, 16-25.

Claudia Benevides had seven kills and one dig. Makenna Barron ended the game with two kills, one block, four digs, and one ace. Emily Rodrick marked five Assists, one block, and one kill.

"The team continued to grow and learn all season. As a coach, a person can't ask for more. Thank you to our seniors, Megan Forney, Ella Larson, and Trista Villaro, for a great season. I'm excited to watch this young team continue to grow next season," coach Tracy Barron said.

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"Courtesy Photo"

"Blue Mountain Station has been an instrumental partner in the growth of my honey company," said Hilary Kelsay, owner of Humble Honey, Co.. "Certified food facilities are a rarity in our valley, and if it weren't for Blue Mountain Station, I would not have been able to continue to grow and scale my business. Humble Honey Co. is Washington State's premium honey company, delivering raw & unfiltered honey to Safeway, Albertsons, Fred Meyer, and Super1."

Blue Skies at Blue Mountain Station

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The sprawling Blue Mountain Station has become a key player in Dayton and Columbia County's economy. It provides production space for fine candy makers, craft spirit distillers, soap crafters, and growers of organic produce. The road to success has been long and, at times, rather difficult.

The idea for the Station first came to light in 2007, when Jennie Dickinson was hired as Executive Director of the Port of Columbia.

"When I moved from the Chamber to the Port, it was June of 2007, and Downtown Dayton was full," Dickinson recalled. "I had been at the Chamber for eight years, tourism was good, events were good, Chamber membership was the highest it had ever been."

At the same time, the Port of Columbia had been feeling a lot of pressure about the job base in Dayton. Dickinson said that one of the first projects she took on as a Port manager was obtaining a grant from the State of Washington for a marketing study.

"The manager before had done an excellent job with brick and mortar," Dickinson said. "The guy was a builder, he helped build so many buildings back when you didn't have a prevailing wage, rules, and regulations. But they didn't have any business development direction."

The marketing study included lots of research and a survey of the community. Some in the community were resistant to various windmill projects, and the Port wanted to find out what types of development they would support. The top two answers were renewable energy and value-added agriculture.

With this data from the survey, the Port decided to purchase property and develop a natural and organic food processing park, Dickinson said. A feasibility study examined local, commercial properties, including the Seneca building, for a location suitable as a natural and organic food park.

The Washington State Department of Agriculture assessed the Seneca building and advised that it would be complicated and costly for it to be retrofitted as any kind of food park, especially one with a natural and organic label.

"Then we looked downtown," Dickinson said. "It was pretty much out of the question because of zoning."

Aside from zoning issues, the buildings that were located downtown were not suitable for food production companies. Spirit distillers, brewers, and winemakers have particular design needs for the production spaces, including specific pipe materials, floor drains, and ceiling heights. Coffee roasteries can produce a toxic and unpleasant smell as they burn off the outer layer of the coffee bean. They need appropriate ventilation to reduce odors and fine ash.

The Department of Ag also noted that it would be challenging to secure an organic label with the old wood in most buildings, and semi-truck access for shipping needs would be hard to guarantee.

"At the time, in 2008, the idea was for bigger businesses than what we ended up with at the Blue Mountain Station," Dickinson said. The original plans were for mid-sized food production businesses instead of the small businesses now thriving on Artisan Way.

After the Port completed an inventory of commercial property throughout the Touchet Valley, the property where the Station now lives rose to the top. The proposed property was within the Urban Growth Area, which was slated for development, and close to city utilities.

"We were accused of paying too much, but we had followed the law," Dickinson shared.

The Port of Columbia did not escape the economic crash in 2008 and wondered when they would be able to start the project. In 2011, Dickinson said they received a \$750,000 grant from the state to cover the majority of the development. Before long, Dickinson said she had small businesses expressing need and interest in the new space.

"They were little! One was a cheesemaker, one was granola, one was Rey's Roast," Dickinson said. "These little businesses said, 'I can't find space to do what I want to do.'"

Regina Weldert, owner and operator of Rey's Roast, said she had looked in Walla Walla to find a space, but the rent was way too high for her start-up. Every space needed upwards of \$40,000 to make it suitable for coffee roasting.

"Here, I have a brand-new facility, made for food processing, that is already to code and everything," Weldert said. "The rent is reasonable, but when you are just starting out in a business, that's exactly what you need."

Weldert, who branched out and opened a coffee shop on Main Street in Dayton, described the Blue Mountain Station as the net that catches you while walking the business tightrope.

The original businesses, who paid deposits for their suites, were able to have input on the specific design needs to make their business a success. High ceilings for winemaking and storage, low ceilings to control bacteria for cheesemakers,

copper pipes, water heaters that could keep up with the demands of food processing, floor drains, propane, food-grade wall coverings, three-compartment sinks, eye washing, and handwashing stations, and commercial hoods were just a few of the tailored items that were worked into the construction plans.

Since the building was expensive to construct, tenants at the Blue Mountain Station pay more rent per square foot than the other Port-owned buildings. An exception is the USDA building, which is full service as required by the federal government and pays roughly \$1.00 per square foot of their space. Dickinson explained that rent at the Rock Hill Industrial Park ranges between 15 and 25 cents and 45 cents at the high end. Spaces are priced according to the level of finish and fixtures.

The Station tenants, however, pay more per square foot at 50 cents, because of the complicated nature of the building. The exception to the rule is the Co-Op which does not produce food, so it did not need food-grade wall coverings or commercial hoods. The market acts as a visitor and information center for people stopping off the highway. The Co-op sells products that are produced at the Station and supports an estimated 45 regional businesses.

"They pay a reduced rate in rent because they are such a valuable part of this site," Dickinson said. "They were part of our original plan; when we were advertising it, it said that there would be a place to sell your products on site."

The Co-Op's rent, however, is comparable with the other Port-owned rentals, according to Dickinson.

Recently, the idea that the Port subsidizes rent for the tenants at the Station has gained popularity in the community, but the idea is unfounded. There is no subsidization at the Station.

Its current use brings in roughly \$70,000 annually in revenue. The Port keeps the surrounding farmland in crop, and owns a rental home in the area, for a total of approximately \$80,000 in revenue. Dickinson said that there is still growth to come, but cash flow has been better than she ever expected so far.

In 2018, there was an issue with the neighboring property's lease agreement, which resulted in the Port purchasing the partially completed Building 2 from the developer. The Port had to issue a bond and use its reserves to buy and complete Building 2. That took a toll on the Port's financial status, but the building was fully leased before construction was done.

"The tenants that are there- the rent more than covers the debt payment," Dickinson said.

Borrowing money to purchase and develop land is not new for the Port, Dickinson said. Where the Industrial Park now stands was once the Oliver Farm.

"The Port purchased the land in the early 1980s because Dayton needed to diversify the economy," Dickinson said, speaking about the Oliver Farm purchase. "If you go back through our records, we have a history of borrowing money to build buildings and then paying it off. Dayton Tractor, the one next to my office, the one where the USDA is, Building Number 3 where Jay's Garage is, Building Number 4 where Vestas was... all of those buildings. We borrowed money, built a building, rented them to businesses, and paid off the loan. The Blue Mountain Station is exactly the same."

"The Port has been a fabulous landlord, they are extremely supportive of small businesses, and it has been a joy to be here," said Nancy Monacelli, owner of Momma Monacelli's.

Monacelli said that she started her chocolate and fine candy business in a shared commercial kitchen. Moving into her own space was a step up for her business. Now, she has her production and small retail space in Suite H at the Station. Momma Monacelli treats are also available at the Co-op, giving her a bigger retail footprint.

"It gave me the ability to grow it to the point I could be profitable," she said. In the wake of the pandemic, Monacelli added espresso and a selection of baked items to her menu, something that would not have been possible in a shared kitchen.

Regina Weldert echoed Monacelli.

This is not necessarily the permanent location for all Station business. Once a business has developed a successful model, they often look for a building to own. Azure Mountain Botanicals, for example, started making their soaps and other skincare products at the Station before moving to Dayton's Main Street. The new owners of the Weinhard Cafe got their start in the Station's commercial kitchen before purchasing their restaurant.

The Station continues to thrive at its Artisan Way location, growing interest, attracting visitors, and embracing small businesses. Coffee, organic produce, sweet treats, and small-batch skincare products are just a few of the surprises waiting for you! If you'd like to check out the Station producers, visit their website, www.bluemountainstation.com, or, better yet, swing by 700 Artisan Way in Dayton.



Gluten-free Bear Claws baking up at Mama Monacelli's Kitchen

FUN & GAMES

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



OK, WELL, FOLKS, FOR STARTERS, THAT'S A PENALTY FLAG ON BOTH SIDES FOR TAUNTING.

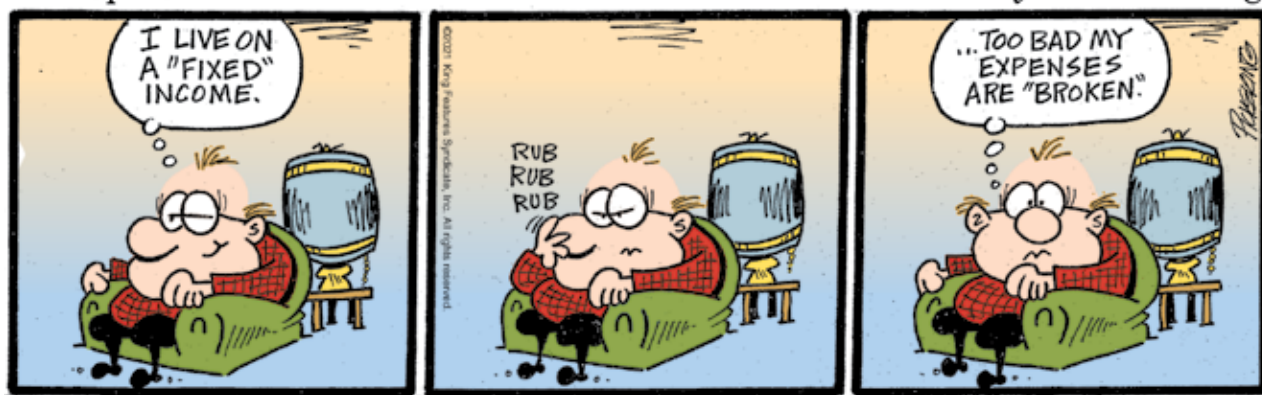
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"It's good to see Roscoe active again. ... He's been dormant since last football season."

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



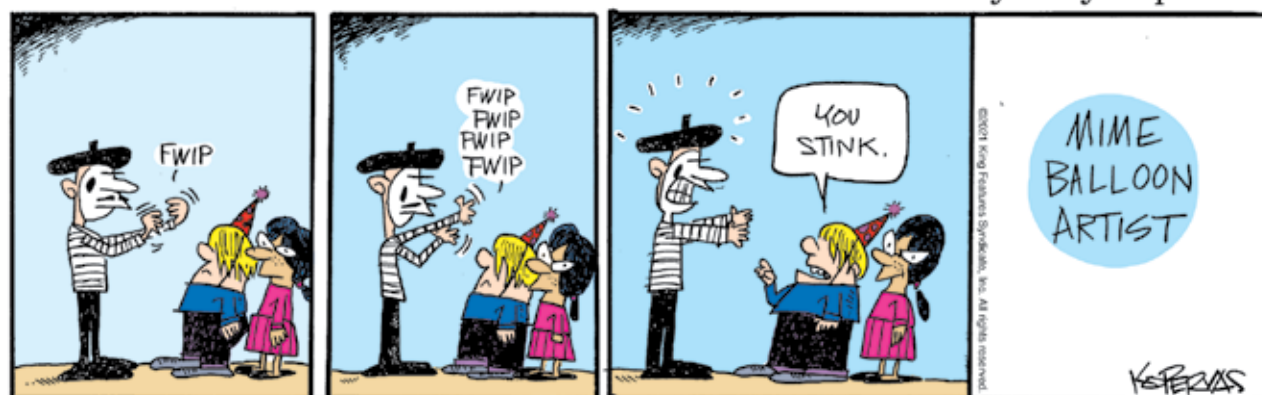
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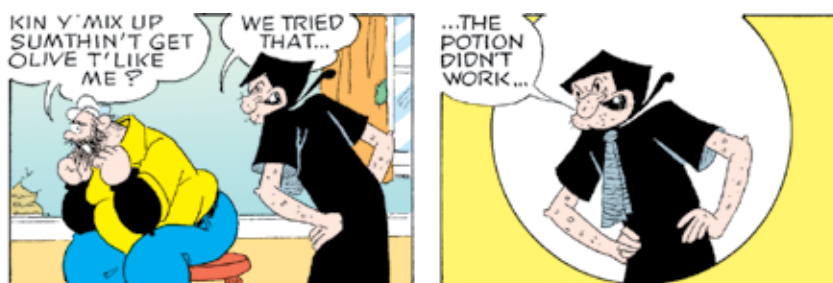
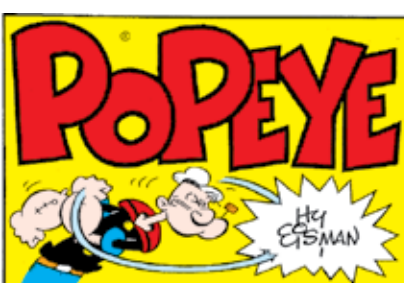
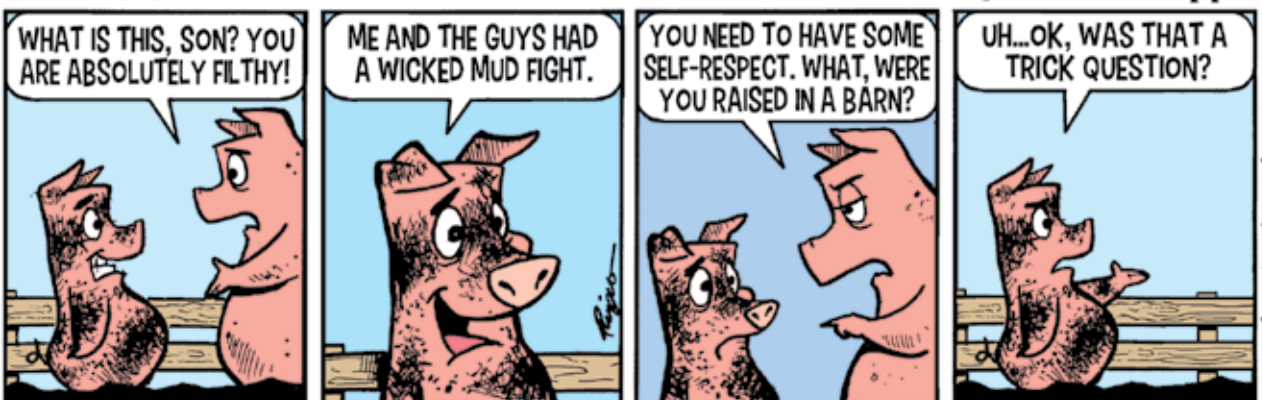
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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by Dave T. Phipps



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

November 3, 2011

Waitsburg Fire Department Captain Brian Callahan thought getting to the fire department five minutes before 5 p.m. would be just fine on Halloween last Monday. However, when he showed up, there were already parents waiting with their witches, monsters, ghosts, and princesses. This Halloween was the first year the Waitsburg Fire Department provided blinking safety flashers and candy for the local children as they donned costumes and went door to door for treats.



[Photo Caption] Skeleton Hannah Peralez, hobbit JJ Gleason, ninja Hayden Peralez and Gandalf Jayce Gleason take a ride with miniature horses and Grandma Pat down Main Street for trick-or-treating on Monday.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

November 7, 1996

Roger McGee, a transplanted native of the Louisiana bayous, acquired a burning desire shortly after he hit the Walla Walla country. That wish was to do a sculpture of Walla Walla-born Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright and to re-name the Veterans Administration hospital for the famous World War II general. But all McGee had at the time, back in the late 1970's, was the desire and hope and dream. He had loved art and working with his hands all of his life in Louisiana, but he was not a sculptor! So, he set out to be one, did so and has become a highly recognized one, at that. His heroic-sized Wainwright, due to be unveiled in the main parade grounds at the hospital Nov. 11, testifies to this man's self-taught abilities.

Fifty Years Ago

November 4, 1971

Waitsburg welcomes a new businessman – R. O. "Bob" Lowrey who comes to town from Kansas and Texas. Bob is in charge of the Trading Post in the former IOOF building on Main Street, which he is managing for his brother Jim of Walla Walla. Bob and his wife Nancy have five children: Carrie, Mike, Donna, Randy, and Loretta. They live at 412 East 6th. Bob was from Coffeyville, Kansas, later moved to Houston, Texas, where he has been living for the past nine years. Bob said that he likes the change of pace in Waitsburg – "It's so much different from Houston where everything was dog-eat-dog, or worse!" Phil Monfort, owner of the building, has done a good job painting up the premises and creating this new business in town.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

November 8, 1946

Weather in Waitsburg during the past week has been changeable with a hailstorm last Thursday followed by a few flakes of snow which quickly disappeared.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Auer entertained at dinner Sunday in honor of Elizabeth Danielson and Joe Abbey. Guests were Mrs. Ivy Baker, Mr. and Mrs. John Lloyd, and Mrs. Bruce Abbey.

Bob Callahan, Jack McCaw, Billy Smith, Junior Dutton and Cline Smith, all of Prescott, were home last weekend to visit their parents and attend the days of 49.

Joan Stonecipher was elected president of the American Legion Auxiliary when the group met Monday night.

One Hundred Years Ago

November 4, 1921

The Waitsburg Floricultural Society received this week their shipment of choice varieties of bulbs, over 1,000 of which they presented to Preston Park.

Several Waitsburg boys got mixed up with the police force Monday night, charged with carrying their Halloween pranks too far. They were brought to the city "strong box" but were permitted to go after depositing bail in the amount of \$5 each.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

November 6, 1896

The mills for making oatmeal and flour in Tacoma and Seattle are running night and day, and yet are behind in their orders. The demand for flour from the Orient, has been simply phenomenal, and the rolled oats trade cannot be supplied by the present mills.

The Republicans of the city had a grand ratification of the election of McKinley on Thursday night. A huge bonfire and the booming of cannon kept the people awake till midnight.

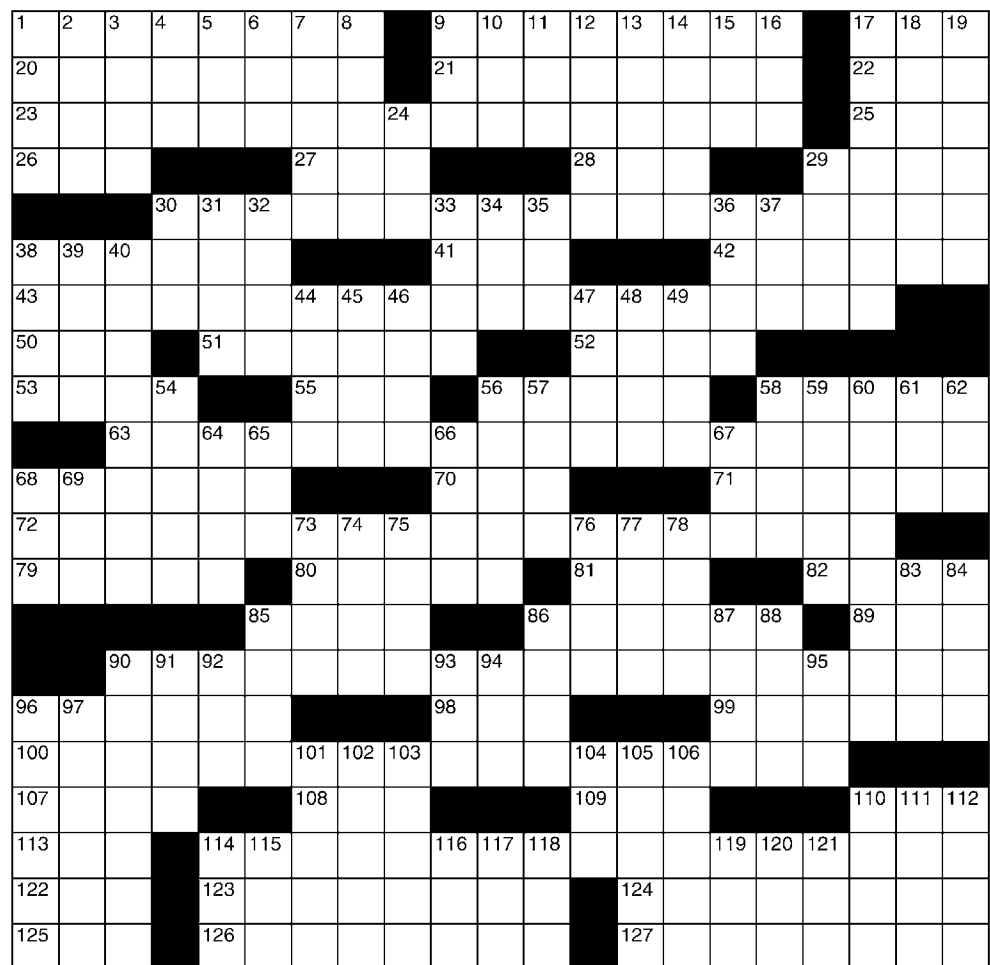
The bicycle cure for insanity, recommended by a learned French physician may be reckoned among homeopathic remedies - wheels cure wheels.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

CELEBRITY DOINGS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Costco rival
 - 9 Machine arranging sheets
 - 17 "That's icky!"
 - 20 Short, amusing tale
 - 21 Made a rustling sound
 - 22 Debate side
 - 23 "Beverly Hills 90210" actress competing in a bee?
 - 25 Capitol Hill VIP
 - 26 Suffix with propyl
 - 27 Fish eggs
 - 28 Beatle bride of 1969
 - 29 —"Pea
 - 30 "V for Vendetta" star doing wickerwork?
 - 38 Later time of life
 - 41 Kind of PC screen
 - 42 Most reserved
 - 43 "Lullaby of Birdland" composer clipping rams?
 - 50 Actress — Dawn Chong
 - 51 Yarn coils
 - 52 Ontario border lake
 - 53 The "E" of QED
 - 55 Manhattan sch.
 - 56 Bridal gown material
 - 58 Hindu sage
 - 63 "Charlotte's Web" star using fireplace bellows?
 - 68 Tarzan, e.g.
 - 70 Was inactive
 - 71 Minnesota port
 - 72 "A Brief History of Time" author peddling goods?
 - 79 Transparent kitchen wrap
 - 80 Actor Haim or Feldman
 - 81 Fair-hiring inits.
 - 82 Batting avg., e.g.
 - 85 Rocket org.
 - 86 See 109-Across
 - 89 Lead-in to mo or pitch
 - 90 "Paracelsus" poet making toast?
 - 96 Dazed state
 - 98 Atty.'s gp.
 - 99 Epic poem by Virgil
 - 100 "Tom Jones" novelist catching pop flies?
 - 107 Nothing but
 - 108 Week unit
 - 109 With 86-Across, "You bet!"
 - 110 Discontinuity
 - 113 Actress Gasteyer
 - 114 "Family Huddle" co-author rowing?
 - 122 Kindled
 - 123 Legendary lost island
 - 124 Employees' clip-ons
 - 125 Milwaukee-to-Miami dir.
 - 126 Soda jerk's workplace
 - 127 Locale of Iraq and Israel
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Fill fully
 - 2 In a while
 - 3 Nothing but
 - 4 —-fi film
 - 5 Successors of LPs
 - 6 Cut (off)
 - 7 In — surgery
 - 8 Less than
 - 9 15-season CBS show
 - 10 Have
 - 11 Sawmill sight
 - 12 In need of a refill of
 - 13 See 49-Down
 - 14 Pound
 - 15 20-volume ref. work
 - 16 Tpk., e.g.
 - 17 High hairdo
 - 18 Welcomes
 - 19 Sincere
 - 24 Director Ang
 - 29 — terrier
 - 30 Laugh sound
 - 31 Trendy Aussie boots
 - 32 Techie type
 - 33 "Oh, woe!"
 - 34 Pre-TiVo device
 - 35 Cruel Amin
 - 36 Court legend Arthur
 - 37 That gal
 - 38 Shrek, e.g.
 - 39 Name in jets
 - 40 "The Sound of Music" refrain starter
 - 44 Shipped out
 - 45 "Hey there"
 - 46 Ample, in dialect
 - 47 — pot (nasal cavity rinser)
 - 48 Big smile
 - 49 With 13-Down, do some karaoke, e.g.
 - 54 Florida city
 - 56 Serpentine
 - 57 Debate side
 - 58 Ugly remark
 - 59 Cardiff locale
 - 60 Not-to-be-missed thing
 - 61 Gathered
 - 62 "Sorta"
 - 64 Madeline of "First Family"
 - 65 Single bill
 - 66 "... even — speak"
 - 67 Rx safety org.
 - 68 Burro
 - 69 Sch. org.
 - 73 Va. neighbor device
 - 74 Emcee
 - 75 Sheik, e.g.
 - 76 Frau's "no"
 - 77 Former Spice Girl Halliwell
 - 78 Frayed
 - 83 Jai follower
 - 84 Sondheim's Sweeney
 - 85 Brand of spongy toys
 - 86 Goose's kin
 - 87 The same, in French
 - 88 Brand of luxury Swiss watches
 - 90 Be behind schedule
 - 91 Grand Ole —
 - 92 Male tyke
 - 93 "Cool," '90s-style
 - 94 Honshu sash
 - 95 ICU staffers
 - 96 Sandbanks
 - 97 Nadal's sport
 - 101 Rustic verse
 - 102 Bother badly
 - 103 City northwest of Grenoble
 - 104 OB- — (med. specialist)
 - 105 West African nation
 - 106 Tangential remark
 - 110 Ardent fond
 - 111 Son of Hera
 - 112 Furtive "Hey there!"
 - 114 Dawber of "Mork & Mindy"
 - 115 Platonic "H"
 - 116 Utmost
 - 117 "O Sole —"
 - 118 Deadly cobra
 - 119 Rockets' org.
 - 120 Long-snouted fish
 - 121 Poem variety



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

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

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MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

Pumpkin Sage Rolls



The beauty of autumn is in full colorful display, and the countdown to one of my favorite holidays, Thanksgiving, has officially begun. A celebration of the season in the form of a lovingly prepared feast, shared with friends and family, is a tradition dear to my heart. The menu served over the years has slowly morphed, the result of trying new recipes and perfecting those passed through the generations. Whether you are hosting the big meal, or you are a guest tasked with bringing a side, having a collection of tried-and-true favorite dishes to turn to can make all the difference. Over the next three weeks I will be sharing some of the classics which I have prepared for my loved ones, year after year. First up, these soft, buttery dinner rolls have just a hint of pumpkin sweetness balanced with the aromatic earthiness of sage.

Ingredients (yield 12 rolls):

- ¼ cup warm water
- 2 ¼ teaspoons instant yeast (1 package)
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- ¾ cup pumpkin puree
- 1 large egg, room temperature
- ½ cup milk, scalded
- ½ cup unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 ½ - 4 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
- 8 fresh sage leaves, thin sliced (see notes)

Directions:

Dissolve yeast in warm water in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Let sit for 10 minutes. Melt ¼ cup of the butter in a small saucepan, set aside.

Add brown sugar, pumpkin, egg, milk, melted butter and salt to the yeast, and mix well. With mixer running, slowly add 2 cups of the flour, then mix on medium speed for 2 minutes to fully incorporate. Next, slowly add more flour, ½ cup at a time, until a soft dough is formed. You might not use all the flour. Dump dough on to floured work surface and knead by hand for 5-7 minutes. Add more flour if needed as you knead, until a soft, smooth dough is created.

Lightly oil a mixing bowl, then place the dough inside and turn once so that dough is lightly oiled on all sides. Cover with a kitchen towel and let it rise in a warm spot for 45 minutes to 1 hour, until it has doubled in size.

Meanwhile, melt the remaining butter and whisk in the sage. Allow to steep on low heat for a few minutes, then remove from heat. Don't brown! Set aside.

When dough has doubled, punch down and then turn onto floured surface. Divide the dough in half, then cut each half into 6 equal-sized pieces, forming 12 pieces of dough. Divide each piece into thirds and roll the pieces between our hands to form dough balls. There will be 36 smooth balls of dough. Dip each ball into the melted sage butter to coat, and place 3 buttered dough balls into one cup of a standard muffin tin. Repeat with remaining dough to create 12 rolls. Make sure the rolls have plenty of sliced sage leaves throughout. Reserve leftover melted butter. Cover and allow to rise for 30-45 minutes, until rolls have doubled in size.

While rolls are rising, preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Bake for 15 to 18 minutes, or until beautifully browned. Brush tops with remaining sage butter, remove from pans and cool on wire racks.

Notes:

The best method for slicing the sage leaves is one called chiffonade. Stack the sage leaves together, then roll tightly lengthwise into a small roll, like a cigar. With a sharp knife, thinly slice crosswise through the roll. Unfurl the rings, to open up the long thin slices. This is a great technique to use with fresh flat-leaved herbs like basil, sage, and mint. I also use it as a cutting technique when prepping hearty greens like kale, spinach, or Swiss chard for a salad.

The oven is crowded prime real estate on Thanksgiving, but thankfully these can be made in advance, wrapped in foil and reheated just before serving. Wrap groups of 4 to 6 rolls together in foil, adding more butter to the tops to keep them from drying out. I usually place them in the oven to reheat while the turkey is out resting, and I'm at the stovetop making gravy.

Though they are perfectly paired with turkey and cranberry sauce, these attractive rolls would be a lovely addition to any autumnal dinner party. Enjoy!

Super Crossword

Weekly SUDOKU

Answers

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LAST PAGE



Books for sale by donation were a hit at the Monster Mash Bingo. Proceeds from the event benefited the Weller Public Library.



Adalyn Gleason won the Cutest Costume contest, but it wasn't much of a contest for the little bunny.



Oaklee Adams won the first kid's raffle drawing of the evening.



Dracula, AKA Olivia Kiefel, won the Scariest Costume award.



Laurie Richardson and Sherri Erickson were serving up yummy Halloween eats. Both raved about how much they loved the new Clinton Kitchen.



Firefighter Jesse Giaclone stopped by Main Street businesses to make sure everything was right and the candy was safe. Off he goes after a reassuring smile from *The Times'* Luke Chavez.



Left: Kay Dukes left the cauldron at home and opted to bring her broomstick, and some candy, to Main Street.



Isabel Anderson was awarded the the Most Creative Costume award.



Right: Kazmira Pennington was called for one of the many raffles at the Monster Mash.

Waitsburg photos by Beka Compton



Left: Columbia County Sheriff's Office was inspired by a young deputy at their Trick-or-Treat on Sunday.



Left: Commissioner Hall? Sure, but not Marty! Scarecrow Ellyson Hall, and her brother, Judson, had fun with costumes.



Dayton photos by Vicki Zoller
Dinos were let loose in Dayton on Halloween Day.

Below: Tim Quigg got a good laugh from a silly T-Rex and the Ghostbusters Stay Puft.



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