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Hockersmith Trail camera

Though not always in the little tub, this mother and her three cubs are frequent visitors to Kate and Eric Hockersmith's Jasper Mountain property. Captured at the appropriate social (and safe) distance on the couples' trail camera. Data included with the photo showed the temperature was 102 at the time the photo was taken, perfect for a pool party.

Waitsburg School District will open online education only

Board members voted to move instruction to an online platform, no in-person instruction in September

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg School board called an emergency meeting on Friday, August 7, to discuss the Fall 2020 reopening plan. The board voted to adopt an online reopening plan for the beginning of the 2020-21 school year.

The recommendation for an online-only opening was made following the announcement of online plans from other schools in the county and a sharp increase in coronavirus cases in Walla Walla County. As of Monday, August 10, there was only one confirmed case of the virus in Waitsburg, and 544 cases in the county. Walla Walla County's infection rate is five times higher than what has been deemed safe for in-person learning.

At a previous meeting, Superintendent Mark Pickel said he was hopeful students would have the chance to return to in-person learning in September, but student and staff safety was the district's top priority.

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) announced earlier in the week that it was unsafe for most students across Washington State to attend in-person instruction. OSPI urged schools to move towards online instruction, but state officials said they would not mandate online learning at this time. It was recommended to prioritize in-person instruction for elementary and special needs students.

Walla Walla Public Schools and College Place Public Schools announced last week that they were implementing online reopening plans.

Board members, teachers, staff, and parents on the Zoom meeting had questions including about teacher availability, schedules, special needs students, and students that require extra time with a teacher. Superintendent Pickel did not have answers about specifics but said he was meeting with necessary staff and committees to develop a detailed plan on Monday. Information will be released as the district develops a more comprehensive plan.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, at 6 p.m. The board will continue meeting remotely on Zoom. Instructions to connect to the meeting are on the school's website, www.waitsburgsd.org.

August 25, first day of school for Dayton and Starbuck students

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—With less than two weeks before the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, Jan and Sterling Leonard are concerned about sending their two children, Leann, and Christian, back into the classroom, considering the COVID-19 outbreak.

"I constantly question if we are making the right choice to have them return to school," Leonard said.

"It's my biggest hope that all school personnel will do whatever they can to take social distancing and mask-wearing seriously, to keep everyone safe."

Parents will get their first look at the Plan to Reopen Dayton schools at two scheduled Zoom meetings with the District superintendent and county health officials on Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. and on Aug. 17 at 3 p.m. Leonard said she would be attending one of those meetings.

A tremendous effort has been made by the state Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), the Washington State Secretary of Health, the County Health Department, and School District officials to emphasize student and staff safety in the schools.

Students are mandated by the state to wear face coverings except when a doctor's note or an Individual Education Plan (IEP) allows the exception. All staff and students will have their temperature checked every morning. All classrooms are set up to maintain physical distancing protocols.

Dayton School District Superintendent Guy Strot released the Reopening Plan for the Dayton School District, on Thursday of last week.

Strot is happy to report that all students will be able to attend school all five days of the week, but the District is also preparing a distance learning option and is providing special distance learning teachers to work with the 20 students who have elected the distance learning model, for students who are sick at home, and to provide support to teachers.

He said teachers are devoting time this summer to fine-tune distance learning instruction, and during the first week of school, students are going to practice distance learning in an intentional way.

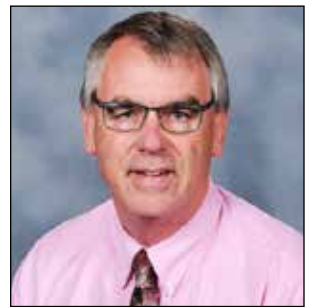
Strot said six positive cases in the county during any two-week period will necessitate closing both Starbuck and Dayton schools.

"It doesn't take much," he said.

As an example, ten positive cases in the county over a two-week period of time, spreading and lasting for three weeks, will necessitate closing schools for three weeks.

Based on current numbers of positive cases and COVID-19 tests that are pending in the county, Strot said the District wouldn't know whether the school can open to in-person instruction until the week before school begins.

Strot said there would be no fall athletic programs, and he will be surprised if



Superintendent Guy Strot

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

NEW DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AT COLUMBIA PULP

DAYTON—Columbia Pulp is pleased to announce that Brian St. Clair has been named the Director of Finance for Columbia Pulp. St. Clair will now lead the accounting team at North America's first tree-free pulp mill.

St. Clair spent the past two years working as a controller at Columbia Pulp, and brings more than 38 years of experience in financial management and accounting to the company, with nearly 30 of those years dedicated to the agriculture industry. St. Clair has served as an accounting manager, plant manager, controller, and chief financial officer for various companies across Washington. In previous positions, he has also been involved with company startups, mergers, and acquisitions, as well as assisting with analysis and negotiations for new, strategic partnerships and alliances.

St. Clair earned a Bachelor's degree in business administration-finance in 1981, at Central Washington University. Effective immediately, St. Clair will act in a fiduciary capacity to safeguard company assets and treat such assets in the company's best interest.

Please join Columbia Pulp in congratulating St. Clair on his promotion and wishing him success in this new role.

DAYTON KIWANIS CLUB MEETING TO HOST GUY STROT

DAYTON—The Dayton Kiwanis Club will meet on-line Thursday, August 13 at noon. The club will host Dayton School District Superintendent Guy Strot to discuss the status of this year's school opening.

The public is invited and can sign into the meeting at the following address:

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

The Meeting ID is 559 815 3650. No password is required to login.

SHAWN BROWN IS THE NEW PORT COMMISSIONER FOR DISTRICT NO. 1

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Shawn Brown has been elected by the Port of Columbia commissioners to fill the open seat on the commission, which was vacated in June when Dan Aschenbrenner moved out of District No. 1.

Brown said, "I am very interested in two things: First, giving back to this community that I have grown to love. Second, participating in the vital role of the Port around economic development."

Brown has spent the last seventeen years in the field of Real Estate as a residential lender. He said his experience in that capacity would serve the Port well since the Port is the "holder" of various real estate properties and conducts business with many tenants.

Also, Brown serves on the Dayton Chamber of Commerce board, and the Dayton Affordable Housing commission, and he looks forward to working with the city and the Port to help drive economic development.

Brown was sworn in at a special meeting of the Port commissioners on Thursday, August 6, by the Port's Executive Director Jennie Dickinson.

"I am grateful for the great candidates that applied for the Port commission position, and I look forward to working with Shawn," she said. "I've gotten to know him through our work with the Chamber of Commerce and community events, and committees, and believe he will serve the citizens of Columbia County well as a Port Commissioner."

Brown was one of two candidates that were interviewed by the Port commissioners. Local businessman David Klingenstein was also considered.



Shawn Brown

VOTER TURNOUT HIGH IN COLUMBIA COUNTY

DAYTON—53.54-percent of all registered voters in Columbia County turned out for the August 4 primary election. 1,451 ballots have been counted, with 173 left to count.

Preliminary results show Marty Hall leading the incumbent Mike Talbott in the two-way race for county commissioner in District 2. Hall received 337 votes, and Talbott received 123 votes.

There were 24 write-in votes for county commissioner in District 1. The sole candidate, Ryan Rundell, will advance to the November General Election. Rundell was appointed to the board to fill the remainder of Norm Passmore's term, which will expire at the end of the year. He is seeking his first four-year term.

Vic Bottomly was knocked out of the three-way race, with Scott Marinella and Brooke Burns, for Superior Court Judge in Asotin, Garfield, and Columbia Counties.

Marinella garnered the most votes in the multi-county race, with 974 votes. Burns received 291 votes.

Since ballots will continue to come in over the next several days, the election will be certified August 18.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL TO HOLD VIRTUAL COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE IN WAITSBURG

WAITSBURG—The public is invited to a Virtual Community Roundtable in Waitsburg. The event hosted by Community Council will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 13 at 6 p.m.

Community Council fosters a trusted gathering place where people engage in dialogue, inquiry, and advocacy to build a vibrant region for everyone.

WALLA WALLA CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction projects on roadways in Walla Walla continue

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Isaacs Avenue: The final paving of Isaacs between Roosevelt Street and Wilbur Avenue is underway. Traffic is limited to one lane eastbound during this work. Sidestreet connections (Wellington, Ash, Cascade, and Cedar) will be paved after Isaacs is finished. Following the completion of the paving, traffic will resume with one lane in each direction up to the Wilbur intersection. The roadway will fully re-open to traffic by August 17.

The Spokane Street Bridge project downtown is expected to be substantially completed by the end of this month.

The 3rd and Maple Infrastructure Repair and Replacement Program (IRRP) has progressed through Phase 1, with curb and gutter cement poured at the work area south of Chestnut Street, West Maple, 3rd Avenue, and 2nd Avenue. For Phase 2, (3rd and East Walnut), all water work is complete, and the contractor has begun the process of installing the sewer main and services.

For the latest project news, visit gowallawalla.us.

JORDAN SCHNITZER MUSEUM OF ART OFFERS GRANT

Washington artists will have the opportunity to share their creative visions in response to the Black Lives Matter movement with help from a new grant program established by Jordan Schnitzer in partnership with Washington State University's Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art (JSMA WSU).

The JSMA WSU Black Lives Matter Artist Grant Program will distribute \$2,500 grants to 20 artists across the state of Washington to use their voices, experiences, and artistic expression to reflect on social justice efforts in response to systemic racism. This grant is complemented by \$50,000 grant programs at Jordan Schnitzer Museums of Art at Portland State University and the University of Oregon.

Artists residing throughout the state of Washington are encouraged to submit proposals for new work or projects, or recently created work directly responding to the current Black Lives Matter movement; marginalized communities; experiences with systemic racism and inequality; and artists whose work thematically connects to these experiences.

Interested artists should submit applications no later than September 30, 2020. Selected works will be exhibited online at the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art in fall 2020, leading to a gallery exhibition in winter 2021.

Contemporary artists that work in the following mediums are encouraged to apply: Work that is primarily visual, such as ceramics, drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, design, crafts, photography, video, and film making. These works may also incorporate aspects of performing arts, conceptual art, and textile arts and design.

Touchet Valley Weather

Aug. 12, 2020

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy
High: 79 Low: 51	High: 84 Low: 52	High: 87 Low: 55	High: 93 Low: 59	High: 100 Low: 66	High: 99 Low: 65	High: 104 Low: 71

Weather Trivia

What storm lasted the longest in the Atlantic?

Answer: In 1971, a storm called Ginger lasted for 28 days.

Weather History

Aug. 12, 1989 - Thunderstorms were scattered across nearly every state by late in the day. Thunderstorms produced wind gusts to 75 mph at Fergus Falls, Minn., and golf ball size hail and wind gusts to 60 mph at Black Creek, Wis. In the Chicago area, seven people at a forest preserve in North Riverside were injured by lightning.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation	Departure
Tuesday	92	63	91/63	0.00"	0.04"	0.04"
Wednesday	98	63	91/63	Trace	0.04"	-0.08"
Thursday	83	58	91/62	0.04"	0.00"	73.1°
Friday	79	54	91/62	0.00"	0.00"	76.4°
Saturday	84	59	90/62	0.00"	0.00"	-3.3°
Sunday	83	58	90/62	0.00"		
Monday	91	58	90/62	0.00"		

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
New 8/18	5:49 a.m.	8:05 p.m.	Prev Day	2:59 p.m.
Wednesday	5:50 a.m.	8:04 p.m.	12:25 a.m.	4:03 p.m.
Thursday	5:52 a.m.	8:02 p.m.	1:02 a.m.	5:06 p.m.
Friday	5:53 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	1:48 a.m.	6:04 p.m.
Saturday	5:54 a.m.	7:59 p.m.	2:45 a.m.	6:55 p.m.
First 8/25	5:55 a.m.	7:57 p.m.	3:52 a.m.	7:39 p.m.
Sunday	5:57 a.m.	7:55 p.m.	5:06 a.m.	8:15 p.m.
Monday				
Tuesday				

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

Boating Program reminds the public to be safe on the water

Recent drownings underscore the need for diligence

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—As summer heats up, the Washington State Parks Boating Program urges boaters and paddlers to adhere to safe practices on the water, including wearing a life jacket at all times.

In the last 30 days, 25 recreational boating accidents and five fatalities have occurred across the state.

“We are asking all boat and paddle-craft owners and operators to help reduce fatalities and injuries on the water,” said Rob Sendak. “Boaters need to take personal responsibility for their safety as well as the safety of their passengers.”

According to Washington’s recreational boating accident data, in the last five years, trends show most accidents and fatalities happen between May and August, and 75% of fatality victims were not wearing a life jacket.

The Boating Program offers the following tips as essential steps to recreate safely on the water:

- Get educated and know navigational rules, emer-

gency procedures, and basics of safety on the water. Learn more at BoaterEd.org.

- Share a float plan with a family member or friend with the details of your trip in the event of an emergency.

- Always wear a life jacket that is properly fitted and U.S. Coast Guard-approved.

- Carry all required safety equipment such as flares, navigation light, a horn or whistle, and a first aid kit. Learn more at BoatPrepared.org.

- Stay sober and alert. Learn more at BoatSober.org.

- Follow state and local public health guidelines for outdoor recreation. Be adaptable and flexible to rapidly changing situations.

- Be patient at boat launches and other water access sites. If you find the parking lot is full, find somewhere else to go or return home. Learn more at RecreateResponsibly.org.

About the Washington State Boating Program

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission administers the state’s Boating Program, which provides leadership in boating safety and environmental education and outreach. The goal of the program is to reduce accidents and fatalities, increase stewardship of Washington waterways, and keep rec-

reational boating a safe, accessible, and enjoyable pastime. For more information on the Boating Program, visit www.parks.wa.gov/boating.



Beka Compton

Gracie demonstrates proper water safety.

Remodeling and facility updates are moving along at Waitsburg Town Hall

The Main Street building is in the middle of a commercial kitchen remodel and other projects.

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The long list of renovations for the Waitsburg Town Hall is quickly getting shorter. Board members have been busy painting, installing new fans, and completely remodeling the commercial kitchen.

Right now, the kitchen at the Main Street building is nothing more than an empty shell with a couple of exposed water pipes. Even most of the sheetrock has been torn down, but it’s all with the promise of a more accessible, user-friendly space.

The remodel starts at the kitchen’s door, with a new handwashing sink replacing the old silverware cart. A commercial dishwasher/sanitizer, a multi-bay sink, and rinse off station will help with quick clean up after events.

On the back wall, a new stovetop, oven, and 36”

griddle will make breakfast events a breeze. Jim Davison, who sits on the Town Hall Board, said they are looking at adding a bigger motor to the exhaust system to support a large hood and fan above the cooking appliances.

A large walkway is being added for easier access to the storage room. The board is hoping to have at least one mobile countertop to quickly move items between the kitchen and main hall. They are also hoping to expand the size of existing doorways to meet ADA guidelines.

The heavy slide-up door over the serving counter has limited days. Davison said they plan on redoing that wall, adding cupboards and extended counter space, and replacing the current serving counter door with accordion-style doors. That heavy slide-up door has been the source of more than a few light-hearted complaints over the years.

“A lot of people who use the kitchen are seniors, and this door is just too heavy,” Davison said. “It’s time for something new.”

Davison said the push for all the updates came from the new board members, who were elected last November. Louie and Marie Gagnon, and Allen Huwe have been working hard at Town Hall since February.

Starting in the foyer with new paint, they are making their way through the main hall, back to the kitchen.

“Marie has seen things that many boards have missed,” Davison said. “Her help has been more than appreciated.”

The board has received some outside help, too. Matt Tunnell, who helped remodel the Prescott Lions Club building, has been lending a hand with tear down and floor plans. Davison said many other Town Hall board members have been involved as well.

The project is funded by money raised from Town Hall fundraisers. Tickets to a dinner canceled earlier this spring played a role.

“We had to cancel the dinner, so we decided to make the best of the time and get some projects done,” Davison said, referring to the event that was postponed by the coronavirus outbreak. The Town Hall Board plans on holding a dinner, once the pandemic restrictions are lifted, and tickets that people purchased earlier this year will be honored.

As the board wraps up the preparation phase, they do have some kitchen equipment for sale. A built-in dishwasher and a used stove are both available for purchase. To purchase equipment, contact Jim Davison at (509) 337-6110.

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winter sports are allowed.

While he is not optimistic about the future of basketball, he is confident about golf, softball, baseball, and track during the spring months. He said football and volleyball could take place in early March after the cold and flu season ends.

A couple of changes are taking place at the elementary, middle, and high schools.

Elementary school students will be released at 2 p.m., and middle school and high school students will be released at 12:30 p.m.

Lunches for Grades K-5 will either be in the classroom or staggered in the cafeteria.

MS/HS students will be provided with a sack lunch. They can take the 12:30 p.m. bus home, or they can stay on campus to eat lunch, read, and do homework until 2 p.m.

Teachers will work all day without breaks and have their planning time at 2 p.m.

Initially, MS/HS students will be on a three or four-period schedule.

Strot is hoping for a return to a more typical school schedule in the second semester, depending on the COVID-19 situation.

The Plan for Reopening Dayton Schools has been emailed to parents. It has been posted on “All Things Dayton,” on the District Facebook page, and the District website.

Starbuck School District Superintendent Kevin Graffis said the health and safety of the students and the staff is vital to reopening school in Starbuck.

Graffis said masks would be required for both students and staff, and social distancing guidelines will be followed. Also, protocols

will be in place to handle meals and transportation to meet the state’s requirements.

“However, we must be proactive and prepared during these ever-changing times to continue educating our students, if, and when, circumstances change throughout the year,” he said.

The District is considering three stages for learning models, which will provide the ability to “pivot” between them if the need arises.

For 100 percent In-Person Learning, Stage 1, all students and staff will participate onsite with in-person instruction, five days a week.

For Hybrid Learning, Stage 2, the youngest learners, or students in the greatest need for additional support, can receive staff instruction, onsite, a minimum of two days per week. All other students will participate in distance learning. Staff will be required to be onsite for planning and delivering instruction.

For 100-percent Distance Learning, Stage 1, the school will be closed to access, and all students will participate in online distance learning. Staff will be required to be onsite for planning and delivering instruction.

Graffis said there is more need now than ever before, to rely on a collaborative effort, with families, to develop a quality instructional framework for teaching and learning, which will serve each child, well.

The Starbuck School District serves 38 students in grades K-8.



Superintendent Kevin Graffis

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

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

Thursday, August 13
Chicken alfredo
Diced carrots
Broccoli salad
Dinner roll
Banana/ Milk

Tuesday, August 18
Baked fish/ Rice pilaf
Stewed tomatoes
Salad/ Roll
Sunset gelatin
Milk

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

Tuesday, August 18
Spaghetti with meat sauce
Italian blend vegetables
Garlic bread
Caesar salad
Fruit

Church Directory

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
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Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
337-6235
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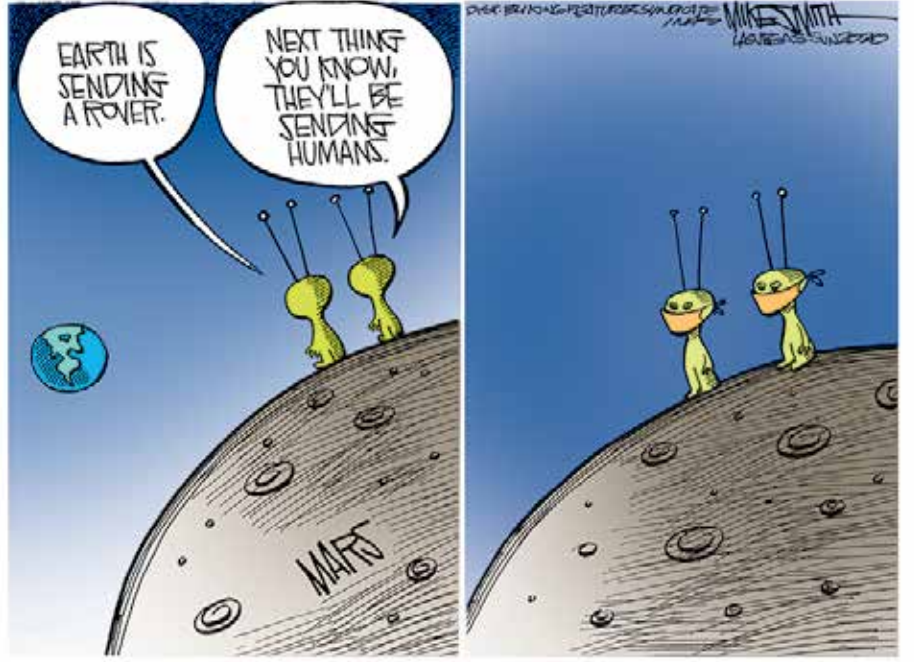
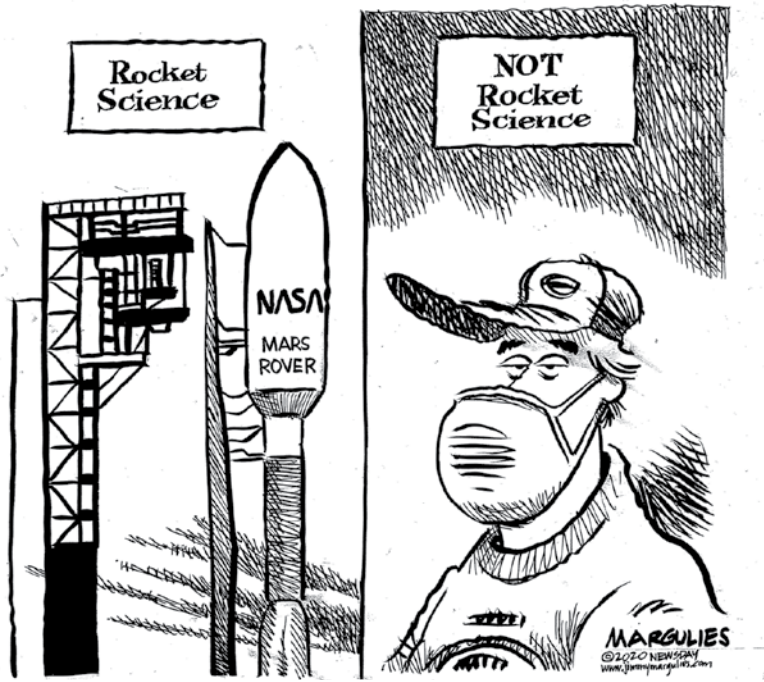
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LETTERS

TRIAL ATTORNEY MAKES CASE FOR BRANDON JOHNSON FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

I am writing this letter in support of Brandon Johnson for Walla Walla County Superior Court judge. I have known Brandon and his wife Sarah for over 20 years. I am a civil trial attorney from Kennewick and have tried numerous cases in Walla Walla County.

Brandon is a perfect fit for a Superior Court judge and would do an excellent job. He is very intelligent and has had a wide variety of experiences in the practice of law over the years. He has practiced in many different areas of the law, which is very important for a Superior Court judge. He has also served recently as a judge pro tem (a substitute judge in Superior Court), an arbitrator and a mediator with much success.

I know he is well respected by attorneys and the judiciary in the Tri-Cities area. He definitely has the legal ability and intelligence to do the job but more

importantly he has the compassion that is necessary as a judge when you have to make the difficult decisions that will impact people's lives forever.

I know he will always follow the rule of the law, hold people accountable when it is required and yet understand the necessity to be unbiased to make a decision that is appropriate for all parties before the court. I would want my clients or family members to be in front of Brandon as judge.

I only wish I could vote for Brandon, but I encourage everyone in Walla Walla County to vote for the candidate who will serve your county as a Superior Court judge in a manner that respects the law and all people who will appear before him.

Christopher Mertens
Kennewick

WWCSO

- July 28**
Vehicle damaged after verbal argument. Burbank
- July 31**
Victim called to report his daughter's motorcycle taken sometime during the night. Prescott
- August 2**
Child accidentally locked in a running vehicle without AC. Walla Walla County
- August 4**
Reports of malicious mischief, firework found in mailbox. Walla Walla County
- August 5**
Verbal argument between male and female going through separation/divorce. Walla Walla County
- August 6**
Warrant arrest during traffic stop. Waitsburg
- August 7**
Malicious mischief to a small garden fence. Walla Walla County
- Vehicle prowl reported at Waitsburg Grocery. Waitsburg
- August 8**
Deputies took a report of a stolen vehicle that was recovered nearby. Touchet
- Theft of a bicycle. Walla Walla County

AREA COVID-19 TESTING SITES

Testing sites for COVID-19 are available in Walla Walla and Columbia Counties. As COVID-19 cases continue to rise, be aware of symptoms, and know where to test if necessary.

Providence St. Mary's Medical Center- W Poplar St, Walla Walla
24 Hour ER Access
• Appointment required
• Referral not required
• Testing for all patients
Remain in your vehicle and call the hospital for further instruction (509) 897-3320

Providence Urgent Care- 1025 S 2nd Ave, Walla Walla
• Appointment not required
• Referral not required
• Testing for certain patients
• 7 a.m.- 4 p.m for pre-op screening
• 8 a.m.-4 p.m for symptomatic patients

Providence Family Medicine- 1111 S 2nd Ave, Walla Walla
Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
• Appointment required
• Referral required
• Testing for all patients

Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center- 77 Wain Wright Drive, Walla Walla
Monday- Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
• Appointment required
• Referral required
• Testing for certain patients

Rite-Aid- 2028 E Issacs Ave, Walla Walla
Sunday-Saturday, 10 a.m- 5 p.m.
• Please schedule an appointment online at rite-aid.com

Waitsburg Clinic- 235 Main St, Waitsburg
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m- 5 p.m.
• Appointment required
• Limited to established patients
Please call ahead for COVID testing at the Waitsburg Clinic (509) 337-6311

Columbia Family Clinic- 1012 S 3rd, Dayton
Monday- 8 a.m- 8 p.m, Tues/Thurs/Fri- 8 a.m- 6 p.m, Saturday 10 a.m- 2 p.m.
• Appointment required
• Limited to established patients
Please call ahead for COVID testing at the Columbia Family Clinic (509) 382-3200

Columbia County Health Department- 270 E Main, Dayton
Columbia County Health Department requires patients to call ahead and obtain approval before testing. Testing is open to residents of Columbia County. (509) 382-2181

If you think you may have been exposed to COVID-19, self-isolate at home. Walla Walla County Department of Community Health, or the Columbia County Health Department, depending on where you live, will contact you to confirm exposure and give you further instructions.

BIRTHDAYS

- August 13: Shawn Thomas, Tammy Wood, Mark Leid, Angela Williams, Forrest Waltermire.
- August 14: Jim Wills, Gary "Bubba" Brookshire, Lassie Wittman, Pamela Cresswell, Betty Kress, Joan Helm, Daniel Stanley.
- August 15: Kathy Patton, Courtney Durkee, Erica Grende, Jean Hofer, Nicholas Lloyd, JoAnn Gagnon, Jennifer Lambert.
- August 16: Gracie Compton, Roberta Long, Jerry Hall, Tammy Pauley, Patty Froke, Maita Hagedorn.
- August 17: Addisen Ford, Pauline Stanton, Kenneth Leaverton, Casey Davison, Lance Munden, Larry Williams, Ken Graham.
- August 18: Kay Pettichord, Wiley Miller, Angela Hopkins, Clark Hulce, Nicole Page, Levi Fluharty, Paula Cooper, Jeanie White, Keith Williams, Alex Dill, Janell Groom, Chris Wood, Vincent Wright, Madison McCaw.
- August 19: Nicki Johnson, Steve Barr, Lucas Mohny, Georgia Rose Leisure, Brandon Crawford, Christopher Rohlfing, Leslie "Zee" Sumlin.



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Janice Lloyd Eastman

Janice Lloyd Eastman of Spokane Valley passed away Aug. 6, 2020 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane following a brief illness. She was born Nov. 15, 1944 in Walla Walla, WA to John and Dorothy Baxter Lloyd. She spent her early years in Waitsburg, WA before the family moved to Superior, MT where she graduated from high school in 1963. She attended Kinman Business University in Spokane, and upon graduation went to work for The Spokesman-Review where she spent her entire professional career, 43 1/2 years. She married Don Eastman in 1968 and they later divorced.

She was a 20-year volunteer with SCOPE in Spokane Valley, and is remembered for her generosity, helpfulness and willingness to participate in community activities.

She is predeceased by her parents, aunts and uncle Bettie Chase, Beatrice Pugh, Albert Lloyd and cousin Elizabeth Abbey. She is survived by cousins Sally Baker, Austin, MN, Bruce Abbey, Waitsburg, and Faye King, Odessa, as well as many friends. At her request, there will be no service. She will be buried in the Waitsburg City Cemetery in Waitsburg, WA.

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Charges dropped, justice served

Prosecuting attorney weighs in on the decision to dismiss charges against Reid Ngiraswei

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Columbia County Prosecuting Attorney Dale Slack has weighed in on the decision to dismiss without prejudice the charges of Assault in the First Degree and Assault in the Fourth Degree, which were filed against Reid N. Ngiraswei, on Apr. 27, 2020.

The charges allege that Mr. Ngiraswei approached two Dayton residents and, in an ensuing altercation, stabbed one individual and punched or slapped the other. The stabbing victim suffered grave injuries and was flown to Kadlec Regional Medical Center.

Slack said, "I've had five or six people ask me 'what ever happened with that stabbing over at the Club?' and I assume for every person who asks me about a case, ten more quietly wonder. We don't average even one stabbing a year, and I don't want people to think it quietly disappeared for some nefarious reason."

At the onset of the investigation, the crime appeared to have no motive and was troubling to the Office of the Prosecution, and the Office of the Defense. After further investigation and witness interviews, evidence suggests Mr. Ngiraswei legitimately believed

he was acting in defense of another individual, said Slack.

Slack explained that a defense based on the "defense of others" requires not only good faith and rational belief that one is using force to save another from a crime, but also that the force used is necessary to rescue the other person and is proportional to the force being used against the person one is rescuing.

In this case evidence exists to support Ngiraswei's belief that he was rescuing another person; however, the amount of force used was in excess of that needed to accomplish that rescue according to Slack.

"To proceed to trial and obtain a conviction simply because Mr. Ngiraswei used too much force would, I believe, have resulted in injustice under the circumstances of the case."

The State will dismiss the charges, with prejudice, at the end of two years, if Ngiraswei abides by certain conditions, which include no-contact orders with the two people involved in the crime, and that there are no further criminal charges.

Slack said he believes the time Ngiraswei spent in jail, while the case was being investigated, will deter him from any future "unwise" behavior. Ngiraswei has no past criminal history, and he has been employed full-time, at a useful trade, since his honorable discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps.

Ngiraswei has signed a waiver of speedy trial, and the statute of limitations to allow for the above resolution.

STEM program cut at Waitsburg Elementary, raising questions about levy item

Waitsburg School District will not offer K-5 STEM classes for the foreseeable future

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Many parents within the Waitsburg School District questioned a levy line item, STEM/Fine Arts, following the resignation of the STEM teacher Pam Beasley.

At the beginning of the 2019-20 school year, music teacher Shelby Pomerinke resigned. It was decided to postpone hiring a music teacher until the next school year, and the board opted to offer a one-year, K-5 STEM program, taught by Beasley.

A former kindergarten teacher, Beasley has always been an advocate for the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics program. In recent years, she has returned to school to complete her Ph.D. in Transformational Leadership, with a focus on early learning and STEM. She is currently working on her dissertation, which explores the effects of STEM programs throughout a child's life.

Beasley said that she knew, going into the school year, that the STEM program was temporary, but it was well-received by the kids and parents. She was hopeful that a sustainable agreement could be reached allowing Beasley to continue teaching.

"I knew that budgets would be tight with COVID-19, and I also knew that I needed some time

to do research for my dissertation," Beasley said. "So, I offered to teach part-time Spanish and asked about doing STEM in the mornings for the district."

Beasley said she offered to continue teaching the program for free, but the proposal was rejected due to union concerns. She said that she offered to write a grant to fund the program, which the board also turned down. She finally offered to assist in science classrooms in the district and was again told no.

Beasley did not feel that the positions she was offered were a good fit for her, and she resigned in May. Her resignation was accepted by the school board at the June meeting.

Many of the materials for the elementary STEM program were funded by the Ken Beasley Science and Technology for Kids Foundation, which honors Beasley's late husband and his love for science and technology.

Waitsburg School District Superintendent Mark Pickel said the STEM/Fine Arts line included in the levy was intended to fund the middle school robotics course, taught by Mr. Starring, and the high school forensics course, taught by Mr. Kiefel. It was not meant to sustain the STEM program that Beasley had been teaching.

The school district anticipates hiring a music teacher, with the timeline contingent on the pan-



Pam Beasley

dem status. Pickel hopes that the music program will return in the 2020-21 school year. Many of the candidates the district originally considered before the pandemic curtailed hiring, expressed interest in re-interviewing when the position is again open. The district will also add an art class, taught by Ms. Ball.

"We had to come up with a special (class) that would balance out PE, to give teachers their planning time," Pickel said. "We thought we could generate some interest with something STEM related, but it was never meant to be a sustained program. The intent was to hire a new music teacher this year."

The STEM funds raised through the levy, which goes into effect in 2021, will support the high school and middle school forensics and robotics materials, project kits, and ongoing training for both Kiefel and Starring.

Superintendent Pickel said that there is a lengthy process the school must go through in order to adopt a sustainable STEM program, and, unfortunately, the school is not in a position to take these steps amid the pandemic. The school would have to explore staffing options

and pursue professional development, as well as develop a curriculum. The curriculum would have to be presented to, and approved by, the parents within the district, something Pickel felt would be extremely difficult, as all meetings are still remote.

Moving forward, Beasley said she hopes to put a community STEM program together when the coronavirus pandemic is over and social distancing guidelines are relaxed. Her goal is a weekday evening class, and a Saturday family class.

"My heart and soul is in Waitsburg," Beasley said. "It's hard to think about leaving."

Parents who are concerned about the STEM program, or have further levy questions, are encouraged to speak to the school board during the public comment time of regular meetings. Meetings are always on the third Thursday of the month. Meeting login information can be found at www.waitsburgsd.org.



Lane Gwinn

A typical "traffic jam" in downtown Waitsburg, during Harvest. Always a show and always fun to see as larger and larger equipment navigates the tricky turns through town.

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RCW 11.40.030
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(RCW 11.42.030)
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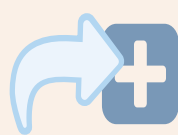
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Ordinance Amendments: Title 11-Zoning Code
Notice is hereby given that the Dayton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on during the next regular meeting on August 25, 2020 at 6:30 PM. The hearing is to take testimony for or against the proposed amendments to Title 11 of the Dayton Municipal Code. Copies of the draft ordinance may be reviewed at Dayton City Hall, 111 S. 1st St., Dayton, WA 99328 or at www.daytonwa.com. The public hearing will be held via Zoom. Guidance on how to attend can be found online or by contacting staff at 509-382-2361 or info@daytonwa.com
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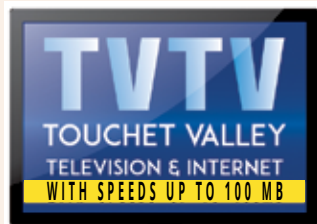
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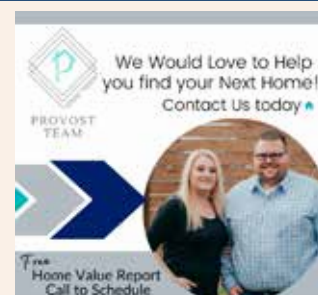
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Regina Weldert: a woman of many talents or a Jacqueline of all trades

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Regina Weldert, of Dayton, has been many things in her life, including a goat farmer, shepherd, and factory worker. She went back to school later in life and became a fish biologist. I've known her as a coffee roaster and coffee shop owner. To her fans, she is the finest roaster in Southeast Washington. For four years, she has owned and operated her coffee shop, Rey's Roast, on Main Street in Dayton. The COVID-19 pandemic has now altered her course, but it hasn't stopped her from doing what she still loves: roasting Arabica beans. I had the chance to catch up with her recently and listen to more of her story.

"I've been working at one vocation or another since I was 16 years old. In a few weeks, I'll be 70," said Weldert.

Her varied experience gives her unique wisdom about life, which she's always willing to share.

Regina began roasting coffee at Blue Mountain Station in Dayton in 2013, soon after the Port of Columbia facility opened. She was one of the first tenants at the facility, and soon the little roastery began to attract visitors looking for a chat and a cup.

Weldert opened Rey's Roast espresso shop at 242 E. Main Street in downtown Dayton in 2016. Rey's Roast was curated to feel like your living room, complete with sofas, comfy chairs, floor lamps, and shelves full of books and magazines. She created a gallery in her shop for local artists, photographers, as well as display space for local crafters selling jewelry, handbags and hats.

The true core of the business was always about creating space for people: a safe place to gather and connect, where everyone was welcome. More than one local group made weekly rituals of meeting around the table, sharing conversation, and mutual care.

Unfortunately, physical distancing wasn't feasible in the cozy shop and had to close due to the COVID-19 pandemic. After the mandated closure, Weldert made the difficult decision to close Rey's Roast coffee shop permanently. Though the COVID-19 pandemic spurred her decision, she had been mulling it over for some time.

"The decision to close was hard," she says. "But I was getting tired."

Operating the shop was a chance to share the art of coffee roasting and the taste of a well-brewed cup of coffee with her community and friends. Weldert didn't need to go to school to learn how to roast. She started the way a lot of famous rock and roll bands



Mike Ferrians

Regina Weldert has a little more time now to stop and enjoy the flowers with her charming dog, Tank.



did: experimenting in her garage. Before long, she had perfected her technique.

Since then, she has built a strong relationship with her "specialty coffee" dealer in Los Angeles, who sources beans from South America and other places on fair trade practices. She does not plan to stop roasting coffee beans anytime soon.

Rey's Roast has customers in Michigan, North Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Hawaii, and Alaska and will continue to supply beans to Ten Ton Coffee in Waitsburg and Locally Nourished Cafe in Dayton. Customers can buy fresh roast by the pound at the Blue Mountain Station's Co-op market or send an email to reysroast@live.com. Soon, her beans will be for sale at Elk Drug.

Like many small business owners, Weldert describes her business as a labor of love. And has a friendly reminder to offer up: "You want business in your town? You need to support them!"

With the shop closed, Weldert has found time to

pursue her latest interest: A YouTube channel called *Conversation with Regina*. She started earlier this year, and so far, you can see her conversational videos about fear, happiness, and a segment called "Coffee with Diana." Her videos start with a welcoming, "Hi! I'm Regina, and you are YOU!"

"You know, I'm, like, the love and compassion gal," she said, on her upload about "Happiness," as she goes on to talk about giving and receiving respect. It's true; she is. On her chats, she aims to be authentic and honest and isn't interested in using her channel as a platform for angry critique or blaming.

"You can get further with honey than you can with vinegar," she said.

And did I mention that Weldert is also a writer? Find a video of her reading an original short story titled *Holding the Darkness at Bay* on her YouTube channel. The story has a challenging subject that ends with a beautiful truth.

Meanwhile, when not roasting, YouTubing, or writing, Regina loves to golf.

"The golf course is one of the great things we have in Dayton!" she said. I didn't ask her handicap.

Tech Talk: Shortcuts

Navigate

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

Not all shortcuts are created equal. One should probably be wary of, for instance, construction shortcuts. I'm no expert, but my guess is creating long-lasting, safe buildings is not the ideal time to start cutting corners.

Technology shortcuts, however, can be lifesavers. One of the more generalized tech shortcuts might even fall under the term "life hacks" and applies to any device.

For example, it's a good idea to avoid saving files directly to a device's hard drive. That way, you never reach the point of "full" and have to play the what-gets-deleted game. Instead, opt for external storage. Use a mix of cloud-based and static external storage.

While you're at it, use that external storage drive to back up all hard drives. In the event of a computer catastrophe, a complete recovery can be made in no time.

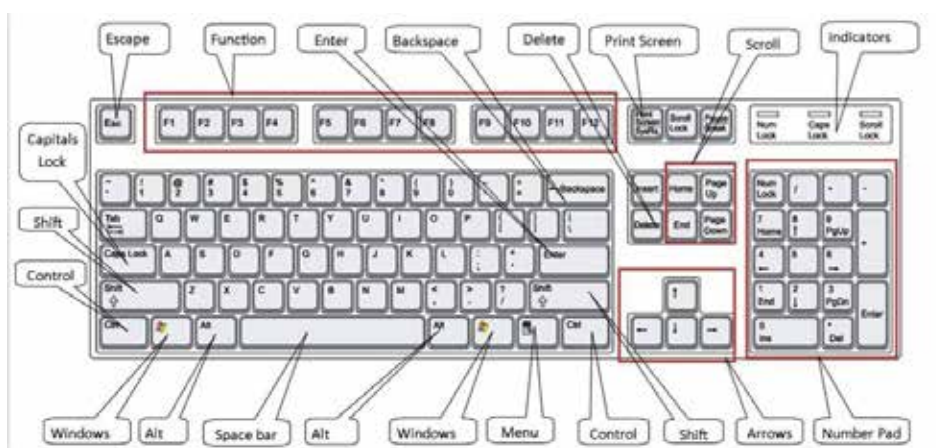
Another good tech habit is to organize. Better if you can do it when the device is new, but there's no wrong time to start. What's in your digital junk drawer? How many loose files are currently saved on your desktop, crowding up the place? How many tabs are open in your browser? Do you side scroll endlessly looking for apps you know you downloaded? These are personal questions, I know. If you're someone who scrambles to find where that missing file got off to, this may be the right time to make a change.

Keyboard shortcuts enhance workflow, which is something worth looking into if you use a computer for your livelihood. Still, workflow enhancement should be a priority even if you only use your device for fun. With both hands remaining on the keyboard, using shortcuts to perform tasks is often faster than using a mouse.

Use a shortcut to zoom into that *Waitsburg Times* article you're reading online. Save your eyesight and time.

Keyboard shortcuts vary from operating system to operating system and keyboard to keyboard. The common thread is you, the user. Deep dive into your options menus and assign the "hotkeys" or keyboard shortcuts that best suit your workflow.

Here are the common ones you should know for both Mac and PC. Windows shortcuts tend to use the Control and Alt keys, while Mac OS uses a mix of Command, Shift, and Control. I'm challenging you to memorize these, using the idle



brain space that was once reserved for phone numbers.

The first one, which works the same on both operating systems and is imperative for switching between applications, is to hit and hold Command while lightly tapping the tab key. With each tap, a menu of all the open programs appears, highlighting the selected option. When the keys are released, the selected app is live. Command + tab over to find windows that get lost on the desktop. It's also incredibly handy for the quick copy and pasting of text.

Shortcut command	Mac OS	PC
Switch between apps	Command + tab	Command + tab
Emoji & Symbols menu	Command + space	Windows + ; (Semicolon)
Create a new file	Command + shift + N	Control + shift + N
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SPORTS & SCIENCE

What is herd immunity?

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

Herd immunity sometimes referred to as HIT for Herd Immunity Threshold, is the point at which a virus has more difficulty spreading because a significant amount of people have become immune. It is essential to know that once herd immunity is achieved, it does not mean a virus is gone, or everyone is immune at that point.

A simple way to think of it may be to think of a wildfire. When firefighters have stopped the fire from spreading, it is similar to having reached herd immunity in a pandemic. The fire is not out yet, and a danger of reignition exists until it is entirely extinguished. A change in the wind could expose the fire to a new location and start everything back up again.

The most basic formula for calculating herd immunity is $1 - (1/R_0)$, where R_0 is the reproduction number. R_0 represents the number of people a person with the virus is likely to infect on average. It is not the number of people infected in the next twenty-four hours but the number of new cases per case. So, think of R_0 as a measure of how infectious a virus is.

The larger the reproduction number is, the higher percentage of the population will need to be immune before herd immunity is reached. For example, a virus whose $R_0=2.1$ makes the formula look like $1 - (1/2.1) = .523$, so 52.3% would need to be immune before herd immunity kicks in. Now a more infectious disease whose $R_0=12$ would look like $1 - (1/12) = .916$, so 91.6% need to be immune. Here is a table of some well-known infectious diseases, their R_0 number(s), and the necessary herd immunity percentage.

Disease	R_0	HIT %	Source
Measles	12-18	Up to 94.4%	CDC
Chickenpox	10-12	Up to 91.6%	Ireland Health Services
Smallpox	3.5-6	Up to 83.3%	Nature Magazine
Seasonal flu	0.9-2.1	Up to 52.3%	BMC Medicine

The R_0 values of disease should be thought of as a scale for how infectious a disease is and not a precise value that never changes. For example, the R_0 range of 12-18 that is quoted for measles was arrived at between 1912-1928 in the United States. If we were to lose herd immunity for measles it is hard to say what the R_0 value would be today.

Since populations change over time, herd immunity also changes. All births, deaths, and migrations in or out of the community, have an affect on herd immunity. Anyone entering the population with immunity increases herd immunity as does anyone leaving the population without immunity. On the other hand anyone entering the population without immunity decreases herd immunity as does anyone leaving the population with immunity.

If you are interested in seeing a visual representation of a more advanced model, I'd suggest the model located at <https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/without-a-vaccine-herd-immunity-wont-save-us/>. It allows you to set three variables R_0 , death rate, and immunity duration then start a simulation that graphs for you how many days it takes for the HIT rate to be reached. No math required.

When will college football start?

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

According to ESPN reporting, college football season will either be pushed back to start on September 26th or postponed until spring. What is certainly clear right now is that there is not a detailed league-wide plan to deal with the pandemic. Each college is making its own decision on whether or not to play.

The NBA has succeeded so far with the "bubble" experiment in Orlando. MLB baseball, despite the cancellation of several games in the first week, has managed to keep their season going with a quarter of the season completed. College football, however, is on a completely different scale. Let me explain why.

An NBA team has a maximum of fifteen players on its roster. Only twenty-two NBA teams are active right now. That's 330 players in the Orlando "bubble." Major League Baseball has an active roster of twenty-eight players currently. All thirty teams are active, so that's 840 players to keep virus-free.

Now consider college football. An NCAA roster can have as many as one hundred and twenty-five active players on a team. Eighty-five of those players can be on scholarships. There are currently one hundred thirty NCAA Division I-A teams. Depending on how many players per team you are looking at, that is somewhere between 11,000 to 16,000 players.

With that increased size comes increased complexity. Another significant difference between the pro and college games is that the professional leagues have commissioners to set rules for the entire league. The NCAA does not have the authority to place regu-



lations on how teams handle COVID-19 testing and screening.

Several colleges are still in the process of determining if, when, and how many students will return to campus this fall. At the time of this writing, the major conferences (Big Ten, PAC-12, SEC, ACC, and Big 12) are still determining if there will be college foot-

ball this season.

Some conferences like the Mountain West and the Mid-American conferences have already canceled their fall football seasons. The NCAA has also announced that all championships for Division II and III fall sports are canceled. My best guess is this will get pushed out to spring.

MLB American League Leaders

ERA		Batting Average		Strike Outs		Runs Batted In	
C. Bassitt	OAK 1.08	D.J. LeMahieu	NYN .397	S. Bieber	CLE 43	B. Judge	NYN 19
L. Lynn	TEX 1.16	N. Cruz	MIN .361	L. Lynn	TEX 30	N. Cruz	MIN 16
Z. Plesac	CLE 1.29	K. Lewis	SEA .355	L. Giolito	CHW 27	K. Seager	SEA 14
F. Montas	OAK 1.57	H. Alberto	BAL .349	G. Cole	NYN 26	A. Santander	BAL 14
S. Bieber	CLE 1.63	C. Correa	HOU .345	D. Bundy	LAA 25	G. Urshela	NYN 13
Wins		Home Runs		Saves		Stolen Bases	
S. Bieber	CLE 3	A. Judge	NYN 8	L. Hendriks	KC 5	A. Mondesi	KC 4
G. Cole	NYN 3	M. Moreland	BOS 6	J. Jimenez	DET 5	A. Kiner	TEX 4
L. Lynn	TEX 2	M. Trout	LAA 5	Z. Britton	NYN 5	M. Tauchman	NYN 4
F. Montas	OAK 2	M. Kepler	MIN 5	B. Hand	CLE 4	L. Robert	CHW 4
D. Bundy	LAA 2	J. Soler	KC 5	A. Colome	CHW 4	S. Long Jr.	SEA 3

STANDINGS

AL West	W	L	PCT	GB
Oakland	12	4	.750	-
Texas	6	8	.429	5
Houston	6	9	.400	5.5
Seattle	6	11	.353	6.5
Los Angeles	5	11	.313	7.0
AL East	W	L	PCT	GB
New York	10	6	.625	-
Baltimore	7	7	.500	2.0
Tampa Bay	8	8	.500	2.0
Boston	6	9	.400	3.5
Toronto	5	8	.385	3.5
AL Central	W	L	PCT	GB
Minnesota	10	6	.625	-
Detroit	8	5	.615	0.5
Cleveland	10	7	.588	0.5
Chicago	8	8	.500	2.0
Kansas City	7	10	.412	3.5

Mariners Hitting

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	BA	OBP	OPS	WAR
Austin Nola	34	4	11	1	7	3	.324	.395	.983	+0.2
Kyle Lewis	62	11	22	3	10	7	.355	.420	.936	+0.7
Dylan Moore	41	8	12	3	6	0	.293	.326	.935	+0.4
Kyle Seager	59	10	17	2	14	7	.288	.377	.868	+0.2
J.P. Crawford	58	13	16	0	4	10	.276	.391	.753	+1.1
Tim Lopes	42	6	10	1	4	1	.238	.273	.654	+0.0
Shed Long Jr.	60	5	12	1	4	5	.200	.262	.562	+0.0
D. Vogelbach	34	1	3	1	2	8	.088	.262	.438	-0.4
Dee Gordon	30	3	5	0	1	2	.167	.219	.419	+0.1
Evan White	57	2	6	1	5	5	.105	.175	.368	-0.6

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

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Progress takes a rest

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

It's almost scary to write about our kitchen remodel because it is moving along at breakneck speed and with fewer snags than anticipated. I don't want to jinx the amazing progress we've made and still need to make. To date, we have a level floor, and we have light. Daniel has been busy; he demolished the kitchen. He worked with our contractor, Gary, to level the floor, lay down the new floor, complete dry-wall repair, add sockets, fix broken sockets, change the refrigerator socket to the new sub-panel in the kitchen, add drywall to the places that were destroyed by past inhabitants, taped, skimmed and painted. He even painted our backsplash a hot color—Tabasco! And all in a week! And, without moving out the refrigerator or our monstrous rolling butcher block table.

The cabinets are due to be delivered Tuesday, at which point we should have a kitchen sink again. Now that's exciting! Washing dishes in our small bathroom sink is not the most convenient. Do I wash a dish or brush my teeth? Are the dishes out of the sink so I can brush my teeth? If not, that could get messy.

Meanwhile, our kitchen "stuff" is still played outside on the deck, on the lawn (covering up the crabgrass), in the upstairs bedroom, and the laundry room. The good news is that I am beating all my friends on Fitbit. I have more steps accumulated just from making a cup of coffee than my friends do playing tennis. Coffee, coffee pot, and cups are all in different locations, I tend to walk around in circles a lot.

With the dustiest part of the remodel done, (hopefully), I decided to start tack-



Vicki and Daniel on No Progress Day.

ling the mess. Needless to say, dust is everywhere. I feel like I should start naming the dust bunnies, they've almost become pets. Even Mugsy is sneezing while dragging dust from one end of the house to the other. I considered attaching a dust rag to his tail, but he'd probably just run around in circles, literally chasing his tail. Currently, he's too focused on catching every fly flitting around the house to be a good duster. Everything we eat tastes gritty.

I usually try to be kind to the environment and not be wasteful, and now I'm just trying to be kind to my sanity. We're using paper plates and plastic silverware, but I won't give in to plastic wine glasses. Some

things are sacred. I have found that my toaster oven can substitute for an acceptable pizza oven, and store-bought rotisserie chicken is a lifesaver when it's 107 degrees, and it's too hot to stand over the grill.

My garden is laden with zucchini, peppers, cucumbers and the tomatoes are finally starting to ripen, just need someplace to cook them. There are still mysterious goings-on. I planted two seeds of Cinderella Pumpkin in the same planter. They came from the same package. One is growing a large green striped fruit ball; the other plant has bright yellow fruit. And one I didn't plant volunteered a few feet away and is developing a small light green round ridged fruit? Squash certainly seems to have a mind of its own here.

Today is our day of rest, and we're both tired. No Home Depot runs, no dusting or cleaning, and I am not even going to try and figure out the squash plants. Today is officially a No Progress Day, a mental and physical recoup time out. Dust can accumulate, and those random plants can just keep appearing. I enjoy riddles when I'm not too tired.



Courtesy photo

Amil Doyle, left, describes the characteristics of Giant-hyssop or Horse-mint (*Agastache*) to four of the six attendees of Blue Mountain Land Trust's (www.BMLT.org) second "Botany in the Blues" outing of the 2020 season. The group, led by botanist Doyle, travelled to the Sawtooth Ridge trailhead (near Bluewood) last Saturday where they learned about the many abundant wild-flowers, lichens, trees, and ferns during their three-mile roundtrip walk along the ridge. Highlights included finding Pinedrops (*Pterospora andromeda*), Wintergreen (*Pyrola*), and Broomrape (*Orobanchaceae*).

This was the fifth of the *Botany in the Blues* series of workshops since the first outing in 2018. Mr. Doyle also led a botanical excursion to Zumwalt Prairie in 2019 for the Blue Mountain Land Trust. Both of this year's workshops included an online instructional session several days before each of the field trips. Additional sessions of the popular *Botany in the Blues* workshops are anticipated in 2021.

Dayton Lions Club continues community involvement



Dan Aschenbrenner

DAYTON—Dayton Lions Club members Glen Mendel, Jim Neace, Terry Hoon, Dave Elkins and John Bailey took a break from scraping and painting some of the bleachers and dugouts at the high school athletic field. This week they are painting the dugouts near the Booker Rest Home Annex with help from the Dayton School District who provided the paint, rollers and brushes.

Raffle quilt was a highlight at Quilts in the Garden at the Boldman House Museum

The quilt will be raffled on "Ladies Night Out" in December

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—In a diary entry dated March 5, 1933, Marie Boldman mentions making the "Flower Garden Quilt," similar to the raffle quilt, which was on display at last Saturday's quilt show at the Boldman House Museum.

Sylvia Beuhler said Marie Boldman saved quilt patterns from newspapers during the 1920s and 1930s. Ruby Short McKim published the "Flower Garden Quilt" pattern, sometime in 1929 or 1930. *The Spokesman-Review* published in their newspaper between 1930 and 1933 and Boldman saved it.

"She was an excellent embroiderer, and she embroidered most of that type of quilt in the Boldman Collection," Beuhler said.

Early in 2018, embroiderers Sylvia Beuhler, Mary Luce, Susan Richter, Sue Rittenhouse, Eulalee Schreck, Katy Wamble, Dianne McKinley, Tamara Fritze, Donna Molesh, and several others, began working on a new quilt based on "The Flower Garden" pattern.

This King-size quilt has 25 nine-inch square stamped blocks, alternating with blocks of green, and a white picket fence border.

"Donna Molesh drafted and pieced all the fence pattern blocks that border the quilt because the newspaper quilt pattern measurements were off," Beuhler said.



Photos by Michele Smith

Above: It's not too late to enter the drawing to win "The Flower Garden" quilt, which was on display at last month's show "Quilts in the Garden," at the Boldman House Museum. Right: People's Choice for Antique Quilt went to Sylvia Beuhler for "Dresden Plate."



Reading suggestions to get started examining issues of race in America

THE TIMES

As America confronts the realities of racial inequity in our country, many people are looking towards books to help them examine these difficult issues. Goodreads website provides a handy list of some of their most popular titles in this genre. Find more at: <https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/racial-equity>

White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism - by Robin DiAngelo, published 2018

The *New York Times* best-selling book exploring the counterproductive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged, and how these reactions maintain racial inequality.

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander, published 2010

"Jarvious Cotton's great-great-grandfather could not vote as a slave. His great-grandfather was beaten to death by the Klu Klux Klan for attempting to vote. His grandfather was prevented from voting by Klan intimidation; his father was barred by poll taxes and literacy tests. Today, Cotton cannot vote because he, like many black men in the United States, has been labeled a felon and is currently on parole."

How to Be an Antiracist - by Ibram X. Kendi, published 2019

Ibram X. Kendi's concept of antiracism reenergiz-

es and reshapes the conversation about racial justice in America—but even more fundamentally, points us toward liberating new ways of thinking about ourselves and each other. In *How to Be an Antiracist*, Kendi asks us to think about what an antiracist society might look like, and how we can play an active role in building it.



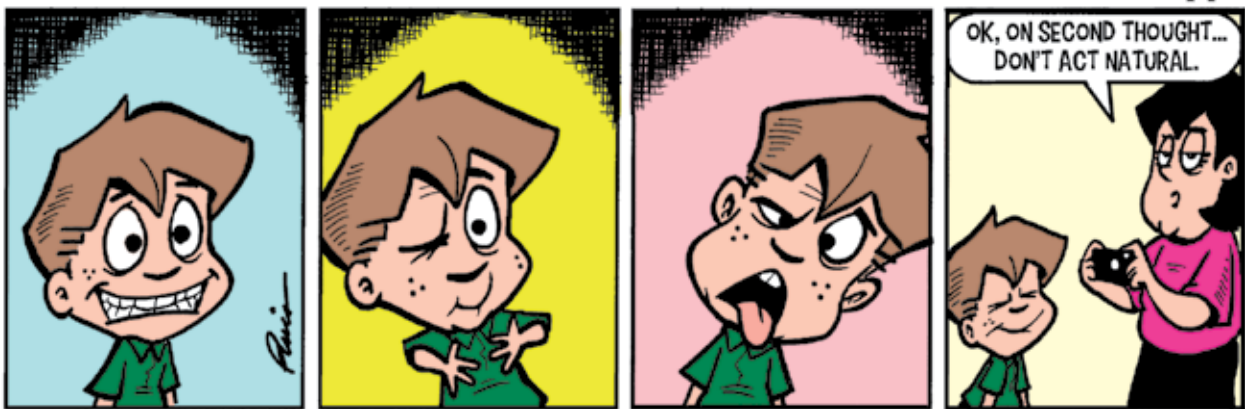
So You Want to Talk About Race - by Ijeoma Oluo, published 2018

In this breakout book, Ijeoma Oluo explores the complex reality of today's racial landscape—from white privilege and police brutality to systemic discrimination and the Black Lives Matter movement—offering straightforward clarity that readers need to contribute to the dismantling of the racial divide

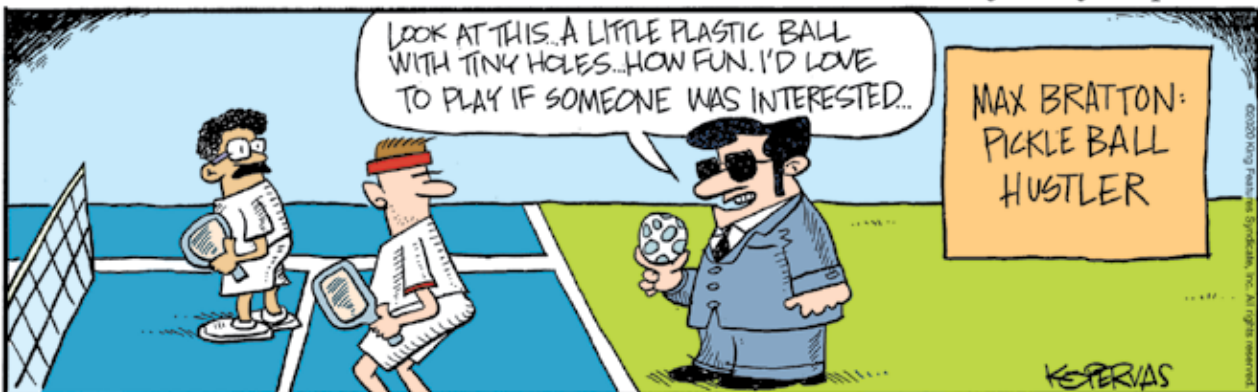
Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor - by Layla F. Saad, published 2019

Me and White Supremacy teaches readers how to dismantle the privilege within themselves so that they can stop (often unconsciously) inflicting damage on people of colour, and in turn, help other white people do better, too.

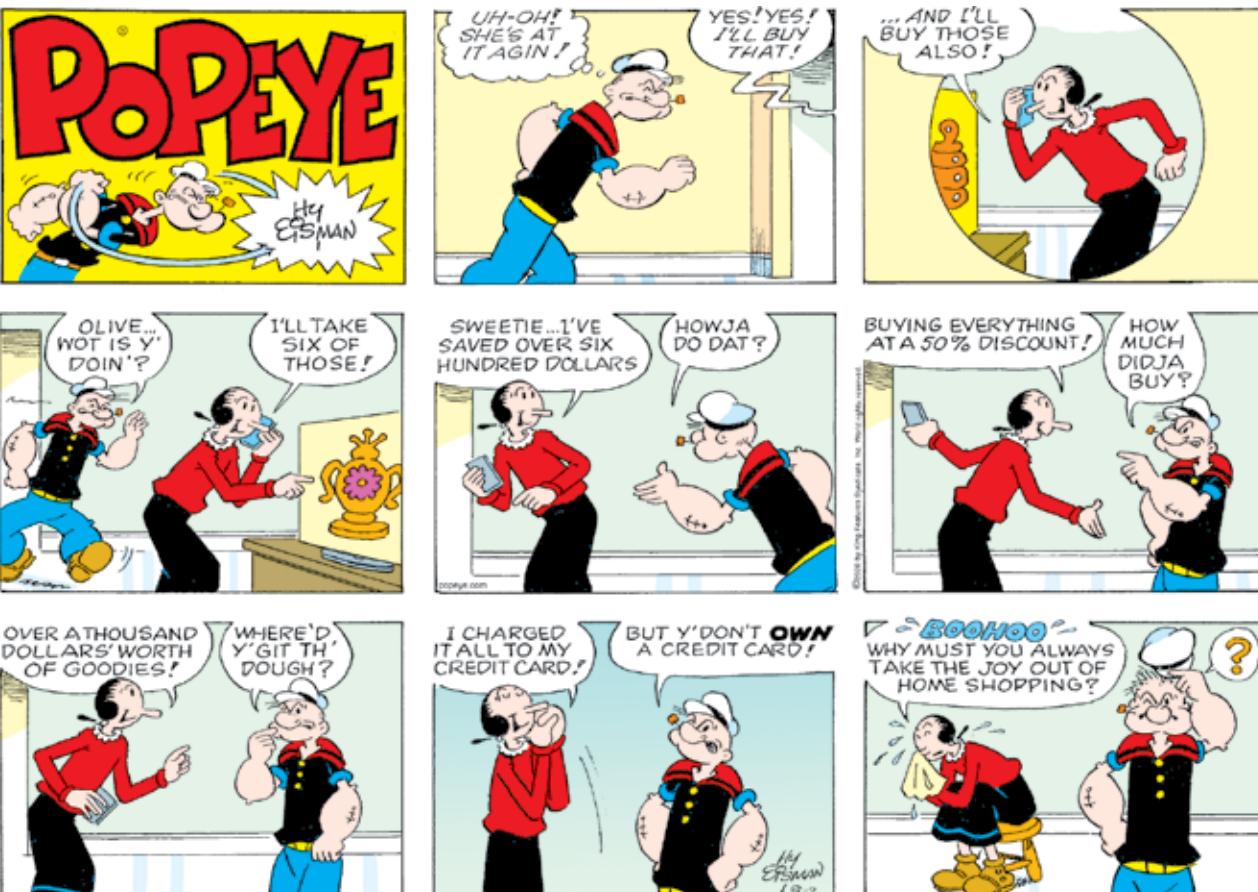
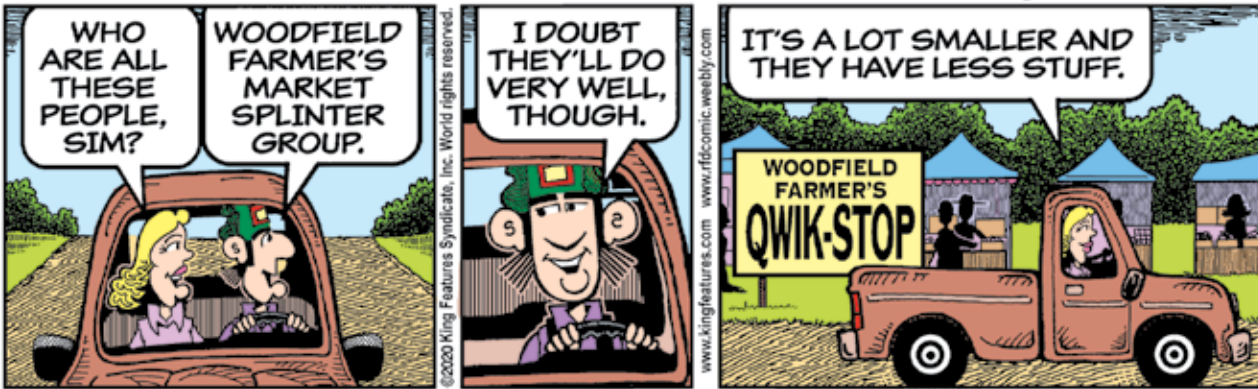
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Out on a Limb



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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

September 1, 2011

After recent bicyclist-vehicle collisions that resulted in death and injuries in 2011, local authorities are asking vehicles to be on the lookout for bicyclists, and they're telling bicyclists to take precautions to stay safe.

Just as some residents in the Touchet Valley were watching the news about Hurricane Irene making landfall on the East Coast on Sunday, they were suddenly taken aback by a local weather event of their own. After late afternoon clouds gathered over Waitsburg, winds picked up out of nowhere and took huge clouds of dust from the dry fields with them, towering high over the city and surrounding countryside.

The Starbuck School District was audited for school years 2008-2010, and the district did not violate state laws in any way, the report said. The audit checked for misappropriation or misuse of public funding in the district. The report did say "certain matters" were discussed with the district, and it is working with the district to solve them.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

August 17, 1995

Looking for something new to farm? Julie and Jack Wyatt of Dixie have the answer. Emus. Raised for their meat and fatty oil, the couple says emus are one of the fastest-growing agribusiness in the nation, with breeders in every state.

[Photo caption] Richelle Coleman, 4, of Walla Walla, takes a shot during putt-putt gold game at RC Mini Golf in Waitsburg. Her sister, Nicole, 8, looks on. Girls are granddaughters of Dorothy Coleman of Waitsburg.

The Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons has granted a three-year approval to the cancer program at the St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla. The center has been approved for the past 15 years.

Fifty Years Ago

August 27, 1970

Several of the Waitsburg male golfers take part in the Thursday evening competition at the Dayton Golf Course each week in the summer.

An appreciation day for those who worked so diligently on the Touchet Dam legislation will be held in Walla Walla at 12 noon, Friday, August 28, in the ballroom of Eddie Mays Inn.

Stanley E. Francis, Administrator of the Inter-agency Committee for Outdoor Recreation, has notified the County of Walla Walla that a regional recreational plan for the County has been approved. The County is now eligible to make an application for matching funds to create and update parks, Commissioner Jim Stonecipher told the Times this week.

School bells will ring Monday morning, August 31, as Waitsburg school children return to their studies.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

August 31, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reed and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Hesper Archer and family left Thursday for a week's fishing trip on the Clearwater.

Roy Allen returned the first of the week from Mt. Adams, where he was picking huckleberries. Roy reports lots of berries and a bear on one side of the bush while gathered on the other side. He also stopped on the road home to pick up a couple salmon.

One Hundred Years Ago

September 3, 1920

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kingman served a three-course dinner Tuesday in honor of their daughter, Marion. Those present were Mrs. N. Brown of Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. D.G. Ingraham, Mrs. Montgomery, Georgia Montgomery, Mary Dixon, Florence Shuham, and Hazel McCown. Miss Marion is to teach in Centralia this year.

Malcolm McCownis hauling lumber to his ranch at Coppei preparatory to build a large bunkhouse. He and his family expect to use the new bunkhouse until the erection of the new farmhouse which is to replace the one recently destroyed by fire.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

September 6, 1895

Last Thursday was the 37th marriage anniversary of our esteemed townspeople, Lewis Cox and wife and a host of their friends gave them a complete surprise by marching in unheralded. What a pleasant thing it is to be thus remembered by friends. A royal good time was the result.

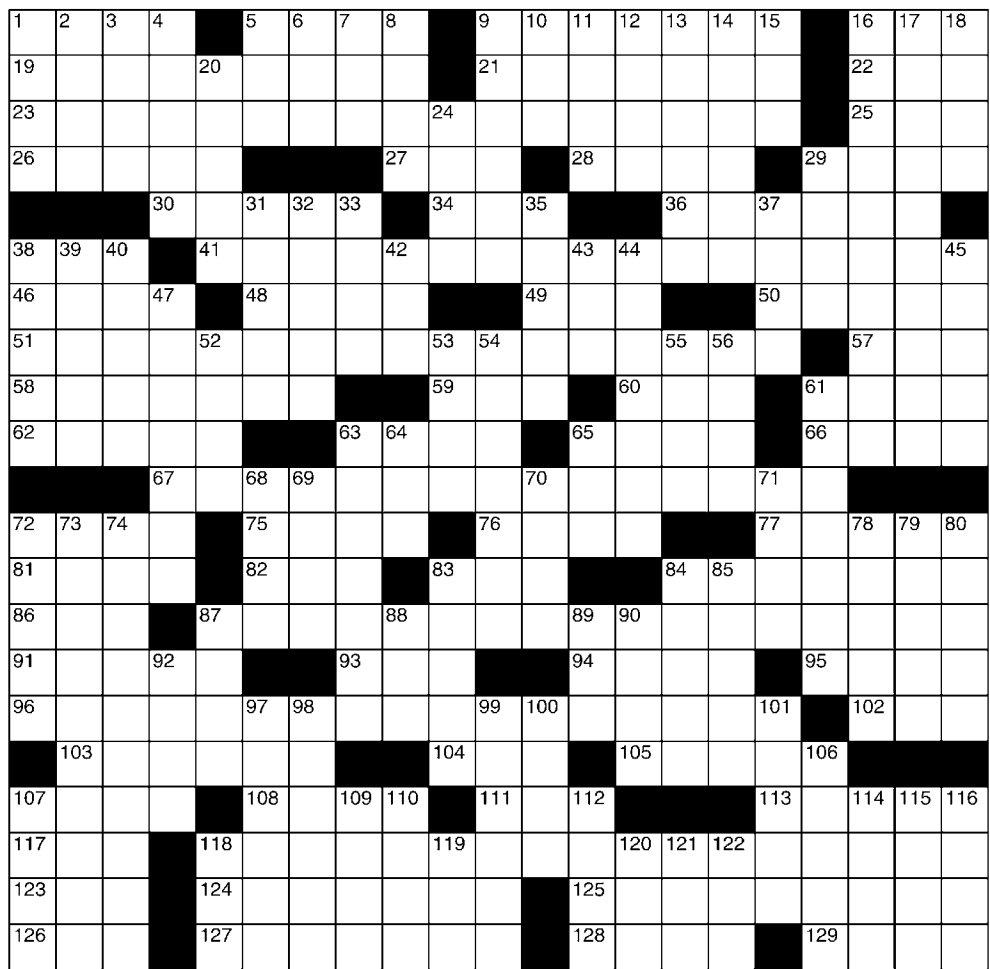
Hon. W.G. Preston now has the nobbyest cart in her neck 'o the woods. In fact, there is nothing at all like it here or elsewhere. It was made to order, is painted red, has pneumatic tires, and runs like an airship. And he nearly always has a handsome lady by his side—sometimes his wife—sometimes not.

FUN & GAMES

Super Crossword

NO CLOUDS UP NORTH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sheep kin
 - 5 Rick Blaine's love, in film
 - 9 Certain vacuum tube
 - 16 Crunches work them
 - 19 Item added, as to a library
 - 21 Decks out
 - 22 Statute
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 Certain Ivy Leaguer
 - 26 Split nation
 - 27 10% of XXX
 - 28 "— smile be your umbrella"
 - 29 SAT, for one
 - 30 Not taut
 - 34 List-curtailling abbr.
 - 36 Solo, in a way
 - 38 Brick-hauling trough
 - 41 Riddle, part 2
 - 46 — Plus (razor brand)
 - 48 Off-road vehicles, informally
 - 49 Egypt, once: Abbr.
 - 50 Aged person
 - 51 Riddle, part 3
 - 57 Pal of Pooh
 - 58 Nebraska city on the Platte River
 - 59 Never, in Germany
 - 60 Batman player Kilmer
 - 61 Any of 12 popes
 - 62 Blew it
 - 63 "Got it, dude"
 - 65 Maiden
 - 66 Pace
 - 67 Riddle, part 4
 - 72 The impish Simpson
 - 75 Daredevil Kniewel
 - 76 Neap, e.g.
 - 77 Bay State sch.
 - 81 Regrets bitterly
 - 82 It's looked up in a dict.
 - 83 Tall, graceful tree
 - 84 Resort with snowy trails
 - 86 "Ooky" TV cousin
 - 87 Riddle, part 5
 - 91 Satellite-tracking prog.
 - 93 Cereal grain
 - 94 Scuttle stuff
 - 95 Muttigata
 - 96 End of the riddle
 - 102 The, in Nice
 - 103 Certain book page size
 - 104 Ramp (up)
 - 105 Start
 - 107 Some are unsaturated
 - 108 Guesses at SFO
 - 111 Create a hem, e.g.
 - 113 Actor Sam
 - 117 Exiled Amin
 - 118 Riddle's answer
 - 123 TV room
 - 124 Painter Manet
 - 125 Fully informed
 - 126 Assn.
 - 127 TV talk great
 - 128 Reassuring touches
 - 129 Earring type
- DOWN**
- 1 Stare openly and stupidly
 - 2 Eight, in Lima
 - 3 Rent- (Hertz's business)
 - 4 Heads, in France
 - 5 Prefix with thermal
 - 6 "Charlie's Angels" co-star Lucy
 - 7 Pine- —
 - 8 "You — both know ..."
 - 9 Papeete's island
 - 10 Summer, in France
 - 11 Texter's "bye now"
 - 12 Cereal grain
 - 13 Gifted speaker
 - 14 Franklin — Roosevelt
 - 15 Subj. for U.S. newcomers
 - 16 Chief port of Egypt
 - 17 Become even
 - 18 Take a dip
 - 20 Milan's La —
 - 24 Knotted
 - 29 Actor Jannings
 - 31 Sharp
 - 32 Actress — Lee Crosby
 - 33 Leg joint
 - 35 Lead to
 - 37 Preholiday nights
 - 38 "Gattaca" actor Ethan
 - 39 Additional
 - 40 Gloomy, in verse
 - 42 Pack-toting equine
 - 43 "Prob'ly not"
 - 44 Nonpublic
 - 45 Uneven, as leaf edges
 - 47 Collars
 - 52 Prefix with thermal
 - 53 Military group
 - 54 Each evening
 - 55 Ogden with funny poetry
 - 56 Additional
 - 61 Created in advance
 - 63 Frozen sheet in the sea
 - 64 FedEx alternative
 - 65 English "Inc."
 - 68 Healing drugs, briefly
 - 69 Eye layer
 - 70 Goals
 - 71 Destroy
 - 72 Lead to
 - 73 Luger pistol, e.g.
 - 74 Drawing back in
 - 78 Sans-serif typeface
 - 79 Intuit
 - 80 Wise sorts
 - 83 One dining
 - 84 Done in, as a dragon
 - 85 Brick bakers
 - 87 Concept
 - 88 Extension for PC music files
 - 89 Statute
 - 90 — chic (fashion style)
 - 92 Part of B.A.
 - 97 Go too far on
 - 98 Concept
 - 99 Live (at)
 - 100 YSL part
 - 101 Subdivision in taxonomy
 - 106 Short-term staffers
 - 107 Pal of Rover
 - 109 Water, in Spanish
 - 110 Old ruler of Iran
 - 112 Larrup
 - 114 "Oh, ri-i-ight!"
 - 115 "In — of flowers ..."
 - 116 "Charlie's Angels" co-star Cheryl
 - 118 Napping spot
 - 119 Mr. Capote, to his pals
 - 120 W-2 pro
 - 121 Ex-Giant
 - 122 Part of L.A.



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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Connie's Zucchini "Crab" Cakes

"These really taste like crab cakes but without the crab, and are a really good way to utilize that bumper crop," says Patty Jo on All Recipes.com.



This recipe caught my attention for several reasons. My zucchini plant has decided to go into high gear, I have the Old Bay Seasoning, and I had a 1/3 package of "fake" crab in the refrigerator. Although the recipe doesn't call for crab, as it's supposed to be a kind that makes you think it has crab, but doesn't, much like the "fake" apple pie, made with crackers, but it has all the seasonings one finds in an apple pie, but I had the fake crab to put into the fake crab cakes. ☺

This had over 1000 reviews. I encourage you to go to the site to read some. I try to so I can see what others have done. One review said they baked them in the oven, rather than frying them, at 400 degrees, 12-15 minutes on each side. All said to drain the zucchini. Some didn't have the Old Bay Seasoning so substituted different seasonings.

I can see that this can be a flexible recipe. I chopped up some cheddar cheese, (a couple of tablespoons) and wished I had put more. I had thought of adding the grated Parmesan cheese (in a jar) and forgot.

I also doubled the recipe.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 ½ c. grated zucchini
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 Tbsp. butter, melted
- 1 c. bread crumbs **
- ¼ c. minced onion
- 1 tsp Old Bay Seasoning
- ¼ c. all purpose flour*
- ½ c. vegetable oil for frying

DIRECTIONS:

In a large bowl, combine zucchini, egg, and butter. Stir in seasoned crumbs*, minced onion, and seasoning. Mix well.

Shape mixture into patties. Dredge in flour.

In a medium skillet, heat oil over medium high heat until hot. Fry Patties in oil until golden brown on both sides.

MY NOTES:

The recipe says bread crumbs, the direction says seasoned crumbs. One review said she used Italian bread crumbs, another used half & half, plain and seasoned because the Italian crumbs overpowered the Old Bay seasoning. I did the half and half.

I took a hand full of zucchini and squeezed out the juice, but not too tightly, as to leave some juice in it to absorb the bread crumbs. I continued with that method until I had squeezed it all.

I was surprise how easily they made into patties, first making a ball, then flattening to make a patty. I put them on a tray, covered in the refrigerator for a while (optional).

As I mentioned, I added chopped fake crab and cheese. I think next time I will add tuna fish and more cheese.

I did fry them which browned them nicely. I found using two spatulas worked better to flip them. In hindsight, I think I would have flipped them one more time, making sure they got very warm in the center. I put the cooked ones in a warm oven to keep warm.

**I also used bread crumbs to coat them rather than flour. One review said she thought it made them a bit more crunchy.
 Enjoy ☺

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

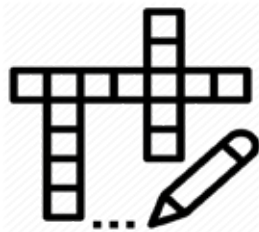
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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THE LAST PAGE

Walla Walla County 4-H to hold virtual showcase

Area 4-H members will compete virtually

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla County 4-H is not going to let a pandemic steal success from the youth in the area. A virtual showcase will be held in response to the cancellation of the Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days.

The virtual showcase is open to all Walla Walla County youth with a current 4-H project. Inspired by exhibits and classes from a traditional fair, the exhibition will feature both livestock, small animals, and still life exhibits.

“We want to make this as fair-like as possible,” Melanie Owens, 4-H Extension Coordinator, said. Even though “we won’t be meeting in person and won’t have the extra fair activities.”

Livestock and small animal exhibitors will have the chance to submit videos demonstrating their skills showing animals. Equestrians will have fitting and showing classes, as well as a possible riding pattern. Still life exhibits, like clothes, baked goods, and art, will also be judged via photographs.

4-H’ers will be able to participate in virtual judging competitions. Livestock and still-life judging competitions are being put together as 4-H officials are working out details.

“Those kids that want to participate are absolutely welcome, and those kids who aren’t interested or life has just been far too crazy, that’s completely okay,” Owens said. “4-H has never had a fair-requirement to complete the year, we probably never will. Fair is a showcase.”

The goal is to have all the judging completed around the time the Walla Walla Fair would be ending. Owens is hoping to avoid any added stress to students as they step into their new school year.

Owens went on to say that participating in the virtual showcase may qualify

kids for the Washington State Fair. Typically held in Puyallup, the State Fair will be virtual this year. State fair qualifications are decided by each county’s 4-H organization. Exhibitors will likely qualify by earning a blue ribbon, though qualifications are still being determined. Oral demonstrations will also have a chance to compete at the State level if their county-level presentations meet state qualifications.

Currently, 4-H is not planning on taking the showcase public due to privacy concerns. Owens says details on 4-H entries include participants’ personal information, and the organization wants to keep the exhibitors safe. Organizers are hopeful that they will be able to put a slideshow together at a later time for public viewing.

Walla Walla 4-H Extension officials are currently working out the final details, which they will send out via the leader and family mailing list. They are also looking for help from knowledgeable community members and former 4-H members for judging. If you are interested in helping, or if you are a 4-H parent or leader, contact Melanie Owens at mowens@wsu.edu. The 4-H Extension Office is still working remotely, but phone lines are being monitored.

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