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Karen Huwe

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission voted January 27 to permanently close access to potentially dangerous areas at the park after four deaths in recent years. The closure includes the Castle Rock formation not far from the top of the falls. It attracts hikers and rock climbers creating a significant safety hazard. The park has been unsuccessful in keeping visitors from leaving the trail leading to the permanent closure.

THIS WEEK



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Dayton School board set date for public forum

Discussion at regular work session included sex education and SEL programs.

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton School Board convened a regular work session at 6 p.m. on February 2, 2022. Although both in-person and Zoom participation by the public was available, the meeting was sparsely attended by the public.

There were two topics on the agenda this evening for discussion.

The first topic for discussion was the sexual health curriculum. This topic consists of sex education for grades five through twelve and Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) for kindergarten through third grade.

Senate Bill 5395, passed by the Legislature and Washington voters in 2020, went into effect on December 3, 2020. It requires all public schools to provide comprehensive sexual health education by the 2022-23 school year, with some requirements be-

ginning in the 2020-21.

Superintendent Guy Strot explained that all public schools in the State must teach the subject once during the fourth or fifth grade, twice in middle school, and twice during high school.

Strot said the community forum slated for Tuesday, February 8, 2022, in the High School Auditorium would discuss sex education and social and emotional learning as the forum's only topic. Anyone interested in learning more is encouraged to attend.

The school will notify parents in writing at least one month before teaching a program in sexual health education. The district will make the materials for the programs available to parents, including making the material available electronically. Any parent or guardian who wishes to have their child excused from the planned instruction may do so.

A committee of about nine community members will be formed by the district to help shape how the training is conducted in the Dayton schools.

For the remainder of the meeting, Strot gave a presentation on the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), a framework to target support to struggling students with early intervention. This framework addresses both academic performance and wellness. He said that all districts within the state are moving to implement this system by 2028.

The evening's topics were presented to the board solely as background training and did not represent any change in policy or present any policies that the board voted on. As a component of MTSS, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) were also explained by the Superintendent.

The board made no decisions during the meeting, nor did the Board engage in any substantive discussion or debate during the meeting and adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Exercise is Medicine!

Join the fun! Come to Town Hall to try it out.

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Mature exercisers (those 60 years and older) will have fun improving strength and balance at EnhanceFitness classes offered at Waitsburg Town Hall. The one-hour classes are led by EnhanceFitness instructor Melissa Lambert, MS (Masters of Science in Kinesiology) on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:00 a.m. or 10:15 a.m.

There is no cost to attend the evidence-based group exercise and fall prevention program. The program empowers adults at all fitness levels to sustain independent lives, each participant exercises at their own pace.

Lambert introduced the EnhanceFitness classes in Waitsburg in 2019 which were well attended before the program was suspended due to COVID-19 restrictions in March 2020. Since the fitness class was highly attended, a ZOOM program was instituted. EnhanceFitness instructors had to apply to Project Enhance to offer ZOOM classes. Melissa was granted the right to offer classes via ZOOM in February 2021.

Lambert started her business, P.E.A.K



Karen Huwe

Melissa (right front) gets ready to lead an Enhance Fitness class.

Northwest (Perform Exercise Acquire Knowledge) in 2017. Melissa works to provide her clients and the community opportunities to learn how to perform and maintain exercise and make healthy lifestyle changes in a fun and positive environment. She works independently and in partnership with private organizations, and state and local agencies to offer community members evidence-based health, well-being, and fitness programs. Enhance Fitness is one of the programs P.E.A.K. Northwest currently provides to Waitsburg.

The Washington State Department of Health recently recognized Lambert in their "Outstanding Fall Prevention Award Program." Southeast Washington-Aging & Long-Term Care (SEWA ALTC) nominated her as an Enhance Fitness instructor for her outstanding work, effort, and service to her community.

Lambert has been a certified trainer for 13 years, working with the community,

sports programs, and kids. Before being certified in EnhanceFitness, she worked with individuals with chronic diseases or conditions. As a nationally Board-Certified Health and Well-Being Coach (NBC-HWC), she has the expertise to help individuals recover by developing fitness/exercise programs to improve their cardio/vascular functions, body composition, and flexibility. She is also a National Strength and Conditioning Certified Personal Trainer (NSCA-CPT) and an American College of Sports Medicine Clinical Exercise Physiologist; Exercise is Medicine Level 3 distinguished. (ACSM-CEP, EIM3)

Contact Melissa Lambert, M.S., board-certified health and wellness coach, certified clinical exercise physiologist and personal trainer, exercise is medicine level 3, by calling at 509-540-2940 or emailing EF@peaknorthwest.com.

NEWS

NEWS BRIEFS

AT THE LIBERTY: *Nightmare Alley*

THE TIMES

DAYTON—In *Nightmare Alley*, an ambitious young con man (Bradley Cooper) with a talent for manipulating people with a few well-chosen words hooks up with a female psychiatrist (Cate Blanchett) who is even more dangerous than he is. The cast also includes Toni Collette, Willem Dafoe, Rooney Mara, Richard Jenkins, Ron Pearlman and it is directed by Guillermo del Toro.

Rotten Tomatoes gives this an 80% favorable from the critics and 68% from audiences. Audience reviewers note that the movie is slow, but that it has a powerful ending. It is rated R for strong/bloody violence, some sexual content, nudity and language, and it has a runtime of 140 minutes. This movie will show at the Liberty Theater on February 11-13, and 15 with show times of 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 3 pm on Sunday, and 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Use of masks is required of guests, and seating is distanced between groups.

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CATE BLANCHETT

NIGHTMARE ALLEY Rated R

Times Traveler



Between the sunscreen and winter coats, Times reader Janet Lindquist was sure to save room in her luggage for a copy of her local paper to enjoy during her recent travels to Puerto Morelos, Mexico and Stroud, England.

PROVIDENCE ST. MARY RECEIVES GOVERNMENT- FUNDED NURSES, CNA FOR COVID-19 SURGE

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Providence St. Mary Medical Center received contracted nursing support from the Washington State Department of Health and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to care for COVID-19 patients.

Four registered nurses and one certified nursing assistant (CNA) arrived on February 7 and will begin caring for patients Tuesday in the medical unit and the Intensive Care Unit. There may be an additional three CNAs sent to the hospital.

Providence St. Mary applied to DOH for assistance due to staffing challenges amid the recent surge in COVID-19 hospitalizations. The contract with DOH stipulates that the provided staff can only care for COVID-19 positive patients, with no exceptions. FEMA pays the salaries of these traveling nurses and CNAs.

"We are grateful to the Department of Health and FEMA for nursing support," said Louise Dyjur, Chief Nursing Officer. "This will help us through the Omicron surge and provide much-needed relief for our caregivers who have worked so hard for so long during the pandemic."

The government-funded nursing support will be at Providence St. Mary through March 3.

CCSO

February 3
Domestic problem. Highway 12

Assault. 4th Street

Suicide threats. 4th Street

February 4
Accident, unknown injury. Highway 12

Welfare check. Cottonwood Street

Suspicious activity. Wagon Road

February 5
Malicious mischief. Artisan Way

Missing person. 3rd Street

Theft. Main Street

February 6
Welfare check. Turner Road

Civil problem. Willow Street

Fight. Touchet Road

WWCSO

January 31
Harassment. Elk Horn Road, Walla Walla County

February 5
DUI. Birch Street, Walla Walla



WAITSBURG HASA HOSTING FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE MARCH 5

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg Home and School Association (HASA) will host a Father Daughter Dance on March 5, at the Waitsburg Town Hall.

All dads and father figures are welcome to attend the dance, which begins at 6 p.m. Make sure your tie matches your date's fanciest dancing outfits! Light refreshments and keepsake photos will be available. Music will be provided by Walla Walla DJ.

Tickets are \$25 per couple, and can be purchased at the door.



LETTERS

Reader Question:

The very first thing I read each week upon receipt of the WT is 'Pioneer Portraits'. I always find it interesting and sometimes humorous. My curiosity was piqued with the 2-5-1897 report of Miss Cynthia Russell, committed to the insane asylum due to reading 'so many trashy novels'. Whatever became of Miss Russell? Or the family? As one suspected of occasionally reading a trashy novel or two, I'm curious as to the outcome of this sad event.

Many thanks for publishing the always entertaining WT.

B2

Dear B2,

According to Ancestry.com, Cynthia was born in Minnesota to Miles Russell and Hannah Hill in November 1869. She was 27 years old when she was committed to Eastern State Hospital at Medical Lake, Washington.

State and federal census data show her living in Dayton in 1883, 1900, and 1910. The data appears to confirm that she was released from the hospital sometime before the 1900 census. Unfortunately, she returned to the hospital sometime before her death at the facility on November 8, 1931.

Eastern State Hospital was built at Medical Lake in 1891 to relieve overcrowding at Western State Hospital. The state chose the location, in part for the medical properties the lake was supposed to have.

When Cynthia was at the hospital, the type of treatment was custodial care. Patients were isolated from their families and daily lives to relieve stress and protect themselves and their communities. Treatment focused on symptoms and included religious actions (prayer, exorcism, study), physical restraint, and other punishments. Most of these treatments were ineffective and custodial care fell out of favor by the early 1900s.

Mental illness and its causes were not well understood at the time, and those who suffered were often stigmatized in their communities. Nervousness, shyness, aggressive behavior, grief, and outsider behavior could lead someone to be committed to an asylum. Custodial care could lead to years at an institution with minimal options for effective treatment.

A list compiled from the logbook at the Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum in West Virginia from 1864 to 1889 has been making the rounds on the internet. It includes politics, reading novels, and laziness. It is usually posted as a humorous example of the reasons people were committed to the hospital.

Patients were treated at the West Virginia Hospital for illnesses including chronic dementia, acute mania, and melancholia. This list was sourced from the hospital's admittance log, and the entries recorded the reasons or cause why those patients were said to have developed their underlying disorders. The healthcare community in the 1800s did not believe novel reading, politics, or falling from a horse were symptoms of mental illness but were factors that may have produced or exacerbated mental illness.

Thank you for the support and letter,
Lane Gwinn, The Publisher

BIRTHDAYS

February 10: Susan Kenney, Betty Harpe, Ryan Wertz and Ryan Wertz.

February 11: Erika Heilbrun, Jeff Christensen, Jill Bickelhaupt, Micki Payne and Jean McCown.

February 12: Ken Cole, Jr., Benjamin Moser, Landis Potts and Lindsey Richardson.

February 13: Denise Shaffer, Lori Ann Witt, Tamra Fry, James Olson, Jonathon Baker, Justin and Travis Turner and Patty Mayberry.

February 14: Susan Talbott, Edith Wold, Gina Lytle, Susan Zuger and David Smith.

February 15: Ephraimia Reese, Andrew Wertz, Neta Henze McKenzie, Ansehl Hofer, Christina Hofer, Jack Otterson, Stacy Ashcroft and Wanda Witt, Andrew Wertz, Brianna Wray.

February 16: Jason Eaton, Mike R. Mayberry and Loren Eng.



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Real estate acquisition discussed at Monday Commissioner meeting

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Columbia County Commissioners met Monday, February 7, for a regular meeting. Equipment use and acquisition, and real estate acquisition were a few of the topics covered.

The commissioners were presented with a real estate acquisition firm recommendation, signed by the County Engineer and the acting Public Works Director, for needs related to three projects; Bowman Grade, Barnes Smith Bridge, and Starbuck Bridge projects; for the necessary right of way acquisition.

Hiring a real estate acquisition firm would lighten the already-heavy workload that Columbia County Public Works is experiencing and provide more in-depth knowledge of the acquisition process. Two consultants responded to the bid request, Common Street Consulting, and Epic Consulting. Both firms submitted their statement of qualifications, with Epic Consulting scoring highest based on qualifications.

Following federal guidelines, both consulting firms were interviewed via phone, and it was reported that Common Street Consulting stood out. The commissioners awarded Common Street Consulting the contract.

A similar recommendation was presented for phase two of the Kellogg Hollow Project, which requires a land survey to move forward. PDS Engineering was the most qualified; however, the county could still choose Anderson Perry & Associates if the commissioners felt it was a better fit. The commissioners awarded the contract to PDS Engineering, per the received recommendation.

The commissioners discussed additional compensation for Amber Phinney, the acting Public Works Director, to cover her new position's added duties and responsibilities. Before becoming the acting director, Phinney was the department's business manager and will continue to keep those duties, as well. The commissioners approved a 25% increase. Phinney and the commissioners agreed to revisit the issue in March to give her time to determine how much extra time the new responsibilities add to her workload. Previously, the commissioners had offered a 10% increase (roughly \$400 a month).

Jeff McCowen, who works in the Public Works Department for Columbia County and is qualified to operate the machinery, requested the use of the county's roller to smooth out the softball and baseball fields for the upcoming season. McCowen reported that the ballfields on Cottonwood Street were in rough shape, and their conditions had quickly deteriorated over the past two years. McCowen said he would donate his time to do the work. Commissioner Hall added that he knew of a farm willing to donate diesel towards the project. County Prosecutor Dale Slack said since the use of the county-owned machinery is for a public function, it would not be considered "gifting funds" if they allowed McCowen to operate the machinery. The commissioners approved the request.

Per Resolution 2021-058, passed last year, the county commissioners considered the purchase of a new tilt trailer, priced at roughly \$70,000. The original resolution had capped the price at \$60,000, but the commissioners were presented with detailed pricing research. No decision was made.

After two executive sessions, the commissioners heard from Dayton Chamber of Commerce Director Belinda Larsen and board member Anne Walsh. Larsen presented the commissioners with a newsletter that provided a brief description of 2021's events. The Chamber is currently preparing for the annual Brix and Brew event, scheduled for March 11. Walsh requested a reduction in fees, as parts of the fairgrounds will still be under construction, and there will be limited bathrooms as a result.

Walsh said that the Chamber board would like to request a total of \$150 in reduced fees, bringing the rental amount down to \$350.

The commissioners discussed miscellaneous topics, including the approval of the public health administrator job description, before they adjourned.

WALLA WALLA FAIR & FRONTIER DAYS ANNOUNCES 2022 PARADE MARSHALS, RODEO LEGENDS AND DISTINGUISHED SPONSOR

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—At the annual Showcase fundraiser this past Saturday, February 5th, the Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days made several announcements about the upcoming 156th Fair. It honored a business and three individuals for their long-standing involvement and support of the Fair by naming the Parade Marshals, the distinguished sponsor, and rodeo legend inductees.

This year's Parade Marshals are Clark and Carolyn Hansen. Clark has been a member of the Walla Walla Wagon Wheelers since 1968, and Carolyn has also had an active role with the Wagon Wheelers for many years. In addition to club events, they have been involved in the Washington State Sheriff's Posse. Clark has served on the advisory board for Walla Walla County LEOFF (Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters) as well as been president of the Walla Walla Pistol Club. Carolyn has volunteered for many positions for the Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days and serves as a trustee for the First Christian Church.

The Showcase announcements also included this year's rodeo legend inductees. The program began in 2008 to honor rodeo contestants and those working behind the scenes for their years of participation and efforts. This

year's inductees are:

Walla Walla native GL Longgood began competing in rodeos during college before moving up to the PRCA (Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association), winning rodeos throughout the Northwest, including being named Columbia River Circuit Tie-Down Roping Champion in 1978 and 1980. GL also coached the Walla Walla Community College men's and women's rodeo teams.

Jake Stephens was born in Walla Walla to a rodeo family and competed in youth and professional rodeos. His family started Stephens Brothers Rodeo stock company. Jake worked as a pick-up man for bronc riders and fighting bulls until he was 43 and sustained a traumatic injury that forced him to turn in his ropes.

Jim Vinti, another Walla Walla native, has worked tirelessly behind the scenes of the annual Frontier Days Rodeo for over 30 years. He can be seen every evening before the rodeo on a tractor working the arena surface to achieve the perfect consistency for the contestants – earning the Women's Professional Rodeo Association's "Best Footing Award" twice – as well as anything else that needs to be done. He has had an incalculable positive impact on the Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days through his involvement in 4-H and FFA programs.

Finally, this year's Distinguished Sponsor is Concrete Industries, a local ready-mix concrete, sand, and gravel supply company. Concrete Industries has provided immeasurable support to the Fair for over 25 years in countless ways, always stepping up when needed.

The 2022 Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days theme is "Comin' in Hot!" and runs from Wednesday, August 31st through September 4th, 2022.

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Waitsburg School Board

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

Waitsburg Commercial Club

Last Thursday of each month
January 27, 12:00 p.m.
McGregor's Conference Room, 115 Garden Street, Waitsburg
Zoom info available by emailing waitsburg-cc@icloud.com

Waitsburg Gun Club

TBA-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

4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m.
Weller Public Library,
212 Main Street, Waitsburg

Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Meeting

Third Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Lions Club, Waitsburg Fairgrounds
January 27, 2022 will be the first meeting.

Weller Library Book Club

February 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
at Weller Public Library

Waitsburg Celebration Days Meeting

TBA
Location to be announced

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

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First and second Monday of each month at 9 a.m.

Board of Columbia County Commissioners work session meetings Second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.
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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
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Starbuck City Council

Second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Starbuck City Hall

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Tuesday, February 15

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WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, February 10

B: Muffin & yogurt
L: Sloppy joe
Crinkly fries
Veggies
Fruit

Friday, February 11

B: Pancake on a stick
L: Tuna or egg salad sandwich
Chips
Veggie
Fruit

Monday, February 14

B: Omelet, hashbrown, sausage
L: Chicken patty on a bun
Jojos
Veggie
Fruit

Tuesday, Feb. 15

B: Biscuit & gravy
L: Pizza
Crinkle fries
Veggie
Fruit
Fruit choice

Wednesday, Feb. 16

B: Long john
L: Chicken fried steak
Mashed potatoes and gravy
Garden salad
Fruit



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A change is needed to stop "tanking"

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

After the former Dolphins' head coach Brian Flores accused Stephen Ross, the Miami Dolphins owner, of offering him a \$100,000 bonus per game to lose, the issue of "tanking" must be addressed by sports franchises. I'm not sure when tanking became an acceptable practice. Still, if owners have begun offering coaches compensation for the practice, which is illegal, it is time to remove the incentive to lose.

For those not familiar with the term, "tanking" is when a team decides it is in their best interest to lose games to secure a better draft pick for next season. Some teams will do this for several years in a row with the hopes of collecting top draft picks to rebuild a team.

The practice had become so problematic in the NBA that it changed how they do the weighted lottery draft six times to discourage tanking. Each time they gave the team with the worst record a smaller and smaller chance to get the first pick, and yet tanking has continued.

It's time to give EVERY team an equal chance to get the first pick. My system would work like a traditional lottery. Using the NFL as an example, the thirty-two teams have a ping pong ball with their logo put into a machine used for lotteries. The balls bounce around, and one is pulled. That team gets the coveted first pick. The team on the next ball receives the second pick. This goes on and on until all the

balls are selected. That is the order the teams get to pick in the upcoming draft.

Now, I suppose if this were televised, they could go in reverse order (lowest pick to highest pick) to make it more exciting to watch, but you get the idea. A week after the Super Bowl, the NFL could have a one-hour program where they go through the process of picking the balls. Analysts could speculate about what player(s) a team might be able to pick based on their draft position, and Las Vegas would find ways you could bet on it.

I won't go deep into the math, but this gives every team an equal 3.125% chance of getting the first pick. The odds of getting a pick in the top five of the draft is $(5 \times 3.125) = 15.625\%$. The odds of a top ten pick $(10 \times 3.125) = 31.25\%$, and the odds of picking in the top half or bottom half of the draft would be 50%.

Pick Number	Percentage Chance
1	3.125
1-5	15.625
1-10	31.25
1-16	50
17-32	50

After many drafts, each team's "pick" location would average out to somewhere in the middle of the draft. Compared to the existing system, it would reward the teams with the best records in the league by significantly improving their chances of getting an earlier pick. For teams that finish in the middle of the league, the position wouldn't change much, and the teams performing at the bottom of the league would no longer have an incentive for tanking.



Karen Huwe

Wolfpack Girls Basketball Win

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

DAYTON/WAITSBURG—After missing the 2021 basketball season due to COVID, the middle school girls' basketball team got back on the court on Wednesday, February 2nd. DW Wolfpack girls hustled to a 23-21 win.

(L-R); Wolfpack members Peyton Benevides, Makaelyn Mikesell, Alexa Jones, Hannah Peralez and Bea Karl work hard on defense to get a steal to secure the win.

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Obenland & Low open Dayton office



Beka Compton

Tara Hodges, owner of Obenland & Low and independent insurance agent, is ready to help get your farm, home, and auto insured and ready for the road or field, ahead.

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Hail, fire, and drought are all words that make farmers shudder. Thankfully, farmers in the Touchet Valley can have a little more peace of mind, thanks to Obenland and Low.

Pomeroy residents Tara and Adam Hodges are the owners of Obenland and Low Agency, offering small and large farm insurance, equine insurance, and home and auto insurance. The original company was founded in 1921 by C.E. Obenland and became Obenland and Low in 1981. The couple purchased the agency in 2013 and has recently expanded with the addition of an office in Dayton, Wash.

Farm insurance has become a major contributor to agricultural business security. Finding the right coverage can be a bit of a wild game. It is a service farmers pay with the hope they never need it. Tara Hodges said that federally regulated crop insurance was first developed in response to the Great Depression after numerous families lost their farms and communities went hungry.

Obenland and Low agents can write Multi-Peril Crop Insurance policies (MPCI) and fire and hail policies, Hodges said. Fire and hail can have devastating effects on fragile grains like wheat.

Hail protection, Hodges explained, may not be used each year though damaging hailstorms seem to strike the area every couple of years, and the policy comes in handy when they do hit.

Farm liability, equipment insurance, and other policies are available and can be written to the individual's needs. Big or small, you can find insurance from a wide selection of providers through the agency.

The company also offers equine liability insurance, available to owners, trainers, riding clubs, horse shows, and other horse-related functions. The equine insurance was big for former company owner Bert Obenland, whose daughter used to show world-class Arabians. Hodges said that some parades and events, including the Lilac Parade in Spokane, require equine liability insurance to participate.

The small company has five knowledgeable agents, Hodges said, but she will be the primary agent in Dayton. She said that their goal is to hire someone from Dayton if things go well.

"We are super excited to join Dayton," Hodges said. "We can't wait to get involved with the community."

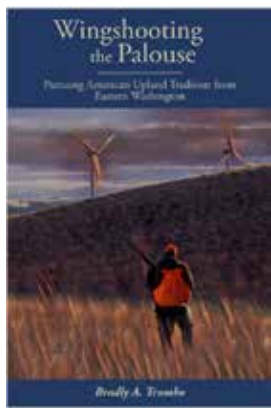
Obenland and Low, located at 303 Main Street, is open Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. If you stop in with your policies for a quote, Obenland and Low is giving out \$10 coffee cards through February.

BRAD TRUMBO BOOK SIGNING EVENT AT ROYAL BLOCK

THE TIMES

Join Times contributor, Brad Trumbo for a book signing event at Waitsburg's Royal Block Wine Bar on February 11th, 5:30-8:00pm.

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GWhiz! Donated electronics heading to Dayton residents in need

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Old phones, computers, and tablets are getting a second chance, thanks to an unofficial project created and run by Dayton's Gordon Gerlitz.

Gerlitz, who recently came out of retirement after owning and operating a computer business for nearly twenty years, has been collecting phones and other pieces of technology that were sitting around, unused.

He spends a few hours of his day wiping hard drives and removing any trace of the previous owners. Next, he installs software updates as needed. Once the computer or tablet has been cleaned and rebooted, they are then given to individuals in need.

The focus of GWhiz! is to help senior citizens and others in need in the community said Gerlitz.

Since kicking the project off just two weeks ago, a total of five devices have been given away: Three computers have gone to the Blue Mountain Action Council, and Project Timothy has received two.

If you have an old device that is floating around in a closet, Gerlitz is happy to take them off your hands. Power cords and charging devices are also welcome, especially if they match the donated device. Donors do have the option to choose which local charity they would like to receive the device.

Currently, Gerlitz has been asking for donations on Facebook via the All Things Dayton, WA page. He can also be reached by emailing gordongerlitz1948@gmail.com. If Waitsburg residents would like to donate items, please contact Times reporter Beka Compton at beka@waitsburgtimes.com.



Courtesy photo

Anita Hutchens and Diana frame accepting a donated laptop to Project Timothy. They said their clients are very appreciative of such a great gift and this is a wonderful service to the community.

BLUE MOUNTAIN HUMANE SOCIETY ANNOUNCES NEW CEO

After a months-long search, board members and staff are excited to welcome animal welfare professional Amanda Wernert.

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Blue Mountain Humane Society announces today the appointment of Amanda Wernert as Chief Executive Officer.

"I'm very honored to be joining the Blue Mountain Humane Society and working with BMHS' incredible staff and volunteers to further the organization's mission of bringing pets and people together," said Amanda Wernert.

"We are excited about having Amanda lead us into the future of Blue Mountain Humane Society. She brings to the position a wealth of experience at impressive shelter organizations. What stands out is her dedication to the animals, to the staff of BMHS, and to the community," said the Board of Blue Mountain Humane Society.

Amanda Wernert is originally from Toledo, Ohio. She moved to Washington state 28 years ago. Wernert's move to Walla Walla follows her work at the Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) in Lynnwood, Washington. She also worked with the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) before returning to PAWS citing her love for Washington state.

Wernert received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interpersonal and Public Communications from Bowling Green State University and a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from the University of Washington. She has volunteered for several animal welfare organizations including Best Friends Animal Society, Hearts United for Animals, Seattle Animal Shelter Foundation, National Mill Dog Rescue, and Old Dog Haven.

BMHS has been an integral part of Walla Walla since 1967. In their 55 years, the organization has grown from a small municipal shelter to a unique nonprofit private and municipal no-kill shelter with a 97.2% live release rate. In 2021, BMHS cared for 1,921 animals, provided 4,055 spay and neuter surgeries, returned 442 lost pets to their homes, and found permanent homes for 1,356 companion animals. Wernert will be heading an organization of 32 staff members and a dedicated group of volunteers who logged over 5,000 hours in the last year.

She has been charmed by the community of Walla Walla, and looks forward to making it a new home for her and her three old, toothless Chihuahuas.



Courtesy Photo

Amanda Wernert, the new BMHS CEO, and one of her rescue dogs, Billy Bob

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Please contact us if you have questions about this program, or need assistance in completing your application.

Columbia County Health System Business Office
1012 S 3rd Street, Dayton, WA
(509) 382 - 2531

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No. 22 4 00008 36 PROBATE NOTICE OF CREDITORS

In Re the Estate of JOYCE C. BRENDEL, 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 stated below a copy of the claim and filing of 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Personal Representative: DANIEL BARRETT BRENDEL

Date of First Publication: January 27, 2022
/s/ DANIEL BARRETT BRENDEL

Personal Representative of the Estate of JOYCE C. BRENDEL

Attorney for the Personal Representative and address for mailing and service:

Steven C. Frol
Minnick-Hayner, P.S.
P.O. Box 1757
249 West Alder
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Publish:
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January 27, February 3, 10, 2022
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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY

NO. 22 4 00106 06
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of WILLIAM LLOYD THOMPSON, 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 attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. 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(3); or (2) four months after the date of the 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

JOHN THOMPSON
14901 NW 25th Avenue
Vancouver, WA 98695
Attorney for Personal Representative:
David R. Duncan
P O Box 5734
Vancouver, Washington 98668
The Times
January 27, February 3, 10, 2022
1-27-b

WAITSBURG JOINT SCHOOL DIST. 401 & 100 WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY (VACANT PROPERTIES)

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN

that the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Waitsburg School District, Walla Walla County, Washington (the "District") has resolved to sell two adjacent parcels of certain vacant real property located off of E Third Street and Coppei Ave., in the City of Waitsburg, WA 99361 (the "Vacant Properties") which are no longer required for school district purposes. The Vacant Properties have the following legal descriptions: (a) abbreviated legal description 11-9-37 TAX 40, Tax Parcel No. 37-09-11-34-0012; and (b) abbreviated legal description 11-9-37 TAX 145, Tax Parcel No. 37-09-11-34-0025, both in Walla Walla County, Washington. The Board will accept offers to purchase either or both of the Vacant Properties by closed bid at the District Administration offices at the location of 184 Academy Street, Waitsburg, WA 99361. All bids are due no later than February 28, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. For further information, please contact Mark Pickel, Superintendent, at Tel. 509-337-6301.

WAITSBURG JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401 & 100, WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

/s/ Mark Pickel,
Superintendent and
Secretary of the Board
The Times
February 3, 10, 2022
2-3-a

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

In the Matter of the Estate of

David L. Donnelly
Deceased
NO. 22 4 00007 36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
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. 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(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: February 3, 2022.

Rose Worth
Personal Representative
Daniel J. Roach, WSBA #14633
DANIEL J. ROACH, PLLC
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P.O. Box 1776
Walla Walla, WA 99362
509-522-6800
The Times
February 3, 10, 17, 2022
2-3-c

The Walla Walla County Conservation District (WWCCD) is issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services on the RCO 18-2089P plan, Cottonwood Creek Design.

This reach includes two segments of Cottonwood Creek in Walla Walla totally approximately 1.15 miles. One is located upstream of Powerline Rd, and one is located downstream.

Major elements of this project include:

Preliminary designs with design report and modeling developed for RCO review panel approval followed by a final design incorporating their comments. Designs will include a series of post assisted log structures, engineered log structures, and riparian plantings to benefit juvenile and adult mid-Columbia summer steelhead. The project will need to include an evaluation of a suitable reference site with similar morphology and modeling of anticipated hydrologic shear. The necessary permit applications will also be expected.

Proposals must include the following components and will be ranked accordingly: Qualifications of Key Personnel (90 pts), Relevant Project Experience (90 pts), Experience with RCO Salmon Recovery state review process (30 pts), Previous Performance (90 pts). The RFQ can be obtained by email or through the WWCCD office by appointment. For questions, please contact Joanna Cowles Cleveland at (509)956-3760 joanna.cowles@wwccd.net or Renee Hadley at (509) 956-3756 renee.hadley@wwccd.net.

WWCCD retains the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive minor irregularities in the selection process. Documents must be received at the WWCCD office (via email or in-person delivery) before 4 p.m. Thursday, March 3, 2022.

Walla Walla County Conservation District
325 North 13th Ave.
Walla Walla, WA. 99362
The Times
February 3, 10, 2022
2-3-d

ORDINANCE SUMMARY ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02-R

Pursuant to RCW 35A.12.160, the Council of the City of Prescott hereby approves for publication the following Ordinance Summary:

1. The name of the City is the City of Prescott, Washington.
2. The Ordinance summarized is Ordinance No. 2021-02-R, adopted by the Council of the City of Prescott on December 13, 2021.
3. The Ordinance establishes the City's 2022 budget.
4. The Ordinance is summarized as follows:
 - a. The Ordinance is divided into four (4) sections.
 - b. Section 1 adopts the 2022 Budget for the City of Prescott with total expenditures of \$246,505 broken down by fund as follows: Current Expense Fund--\$159,166.00; City Street Fund--\$14,744.00; and Water Fund--\$72,595.00.
 - c. Section 2 states that a copy of the detailed budget and Budget Ordinance will be forwarded to the Division of Municipal Corporations of the State of Washington.
 - d. Section 3 states that if any part of the Budget or Ordinance is adjudged to be invalid, such adjudication will not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or other parts of the Ordinance.
 - e. Section 4 states that the Ordinance is necessary and shall take effect immediately upon its passage and posting.
5. A copy of the entire Ordinance will be mailed upon request or may be examined at City Hall.

This Ordinance was APPROVED by the Council of the City of Prescott on the 13th day of December, 2021.

/s/ Bounthavy Boualapha,
Mayor
The Times
February 10, 2022
2-10-d

Port of Columbia Request for Proposal for Contract Services (RFP) Landscaping & Weed / Pest Control

1. Announcements and Special Information
Proposals must be submitted in writing to the Port of Columbia Main office at 1 Port Way by 4:00 p.m. on or before the due date specified below.

Proposal form available at: <https://www.portofcolumbia.org/doing-work-for-the-port/requests-for-quotes-proposals-qualifications/>

2. Scope of Work
The Purpose of this RFP is to collect a list of services provided and price quotes for a 1 (one) year service contract for landscaping and weed control at the Port of Columbia Industrial Park properties located along Port Way & Cameron Street in Dayton, WA as well as Blue Mountain Station located at 700 Artisan Way, Dayton WA. Work is required to be completed by a licensed landscaper. Contract may be extended annually for a total of 3 years if work is performed as specified.

The following will need to be maintained:
Irrigation System
Maintenance, Landscape Maintenance, and Weed Control (Contractor will need to work with Port and tenants on areas sensitive to spray usage)

3. Bidder Information
By responding to this quote, bidder agrees to furnish materials, equipment, or services in compliance with the terms, conditions, and specifications set forth in this document and all amendments and certifies that all necessary facilities and personnel are available and established at the time of quote submittal. Bidder will need to provide proof of Washington State Contractor License, Proof of Pesticide Applicators License and Proof of Insurance.

Proposal Due Date & Time: February 25th, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
Contact: Kelly Hinds, Administrative assistant, Port of Columbia auditor@portofcolumbia.org
Port of Columbia
1 Port Way
Dayton, WA 99328
509-382-2577
The Times
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ORDINANCE SUMMARY ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01

Pursuant to RCW 35A.12.160, the Council of the City of Prescott hereby approves for publication the following Ordinance Summary:

1. The name of the City is the City of Prescott, Washington.
2. The Ordinance summarized is Ordinance No. 2022-01, adopted by the Council of the City of Prescott on January 10, 2022.
3. The Ordinance amends Ordinance No. 86, adopted on April 13, 1920. The Ordinance revises the time and place ordained for City Council meetings.
4. The Ordinance is summarized as follows:
 - a. The Ordinance is divided into two (2) sections.
 - b. Section 1 amends Ordinance No. 86 to provide that the regular meetings of the Council shall be held on the second Monday of each month at the hour of 6:30 p.m at City Hall.
 - c. Section 2 states that the Ordinance shall be in force and effect five (5) days after its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.
5. A copy of the entire Ordinance will be mailed upon request or may be examined at City Hall.

APPROVED by the Council of the City of Prescott on the 10th day of January, 2022.

/s/ Jay Potts, Mayor pro tem
The Times
February 10, 2022
2-10-e

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No.: 22-4-00017-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(RCW 11.40.030)
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ROBERT L. WILLIAMSON, 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: February 10, 2022

Personal Representative: Cherrie L. Wallace
Brian H. Andrews, WSBA #57791

Attorney for Personal Representative
Address for Mailing or Service:

2225 Isaacs, Suite A, Walla Walla, WA 99362
Court of probate proceedings and cause number:
Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No. 22-4-00017-36
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No.: 22-4-00016-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(RCW 11.40.030)
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CHARLENE E. WILLIAMSON, 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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Benefit for the Weller Public Library

Author Charles Potts special presentation of his work, *The Fifth Convulsion* and *How the South Finally Won the Civil War*.

Books will be available at the event, purchase price will be donated to the Friends of the Weller Public Library.

charlespotts.com

The Fifth Convulsion

The Structure of American History



Charles Potts

Thursday, February 17 6:30 p.m.

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“It’s a Man’s World” in this song and in life

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

While some people study great philosophers like Aristotle, Socrates and Plato, my current frame of reference is more Broadway Musicals and popular songs. Lerner & Lowe’s clever lyrics, “Why can’t a woman be more like a man?” from their show My Fair Lady have been playing through my head daily. Just reversing the genders.

The song laments that women are temperamental, flighty, vain, and generally self-centered spoiled creatures, unlike men who have none of those pesky traits. Well, wake up guys, the world has changed, “We are Women Watch us Roar” (to borrow from another song). Yes, we can handle a drill (thank you, Eric), carry heavy boxes, dig holes and be CEOs of publicly traded companies.

However, just because we can do the heavy work doesn’t mean we always want to. I am ok with doors being opened for me, and I will open a door for a man, without pause. Just because I can lift my heavy luggage doesn’t mean I won’t accept help lifting it into the overhead compartment in the airplane. And I admit it’s a little heady when a man stands up for me when I enter a room or leave the dinner table.

As teenagers my sister and I tried to teach my brother to pull out chairs for us, and maybe even help with taking off or putting on our coats. It was futile. Also pointless was our attempt to teach him to open the car door for us. Had we waited for him to open the door we would’ve been left standing out in the rain for



hours. Eventually my father taught my brother manners. Although he may not have used them on his lowly sisters, we can be sure he did on his girlfriends; he had plenty.

Manners, however important, can often pale in comparison to small gestures. My father was relentless about knowing we were safe. We didn’t have curfews, but if we told him we’d be home around 9:00, by 9:05 he was pacing as he waited for us, with “why didn’t you call, we were worried?”

However, when he was on a jobsite one evening and was three hours late, my distraught mother called the police. When he came home to see the patrol car in our driveway, he flew into the house frantic to know what happened. All I remember is the policeman slinking out of our house, knowing that he couldn’t chastise my father as badly as my mother was about to.

And by the way, some other things to consider, sort of the epitome of small gestures:

- Don’t leave the last square of toilet paper on the roll, just so you don’t have to replace it. It’s not that difficult to change the roll.
- Thank you for clearing your plate, dishes, glasses from wherever they have most recently been left. But, if you can put them into the kitchen sink, it’s only a quick twist of your body to go from the sink to dishwasher.
- Leaving only one tablespoon of milk in the carton is not useful. Does that alleviate the hard work of putting the carton in the trash?

I think the last week or so of this gloomy weather has dampened my usual good nature. Right now, my favorite song list is anything by the Beach Boys. Surf, sand, and sun may be the cure for my current whiny tantrum. Success! It worked, today the sun is out, and I already feel like singing a happy song! Maybe if I start with “You’re in the Money” I’ll bring on lottery success.



Sale

Save up to 50%

This is our *only* storewide sale of the year, just in time for Valentine’s Day.

Now through February 17th.

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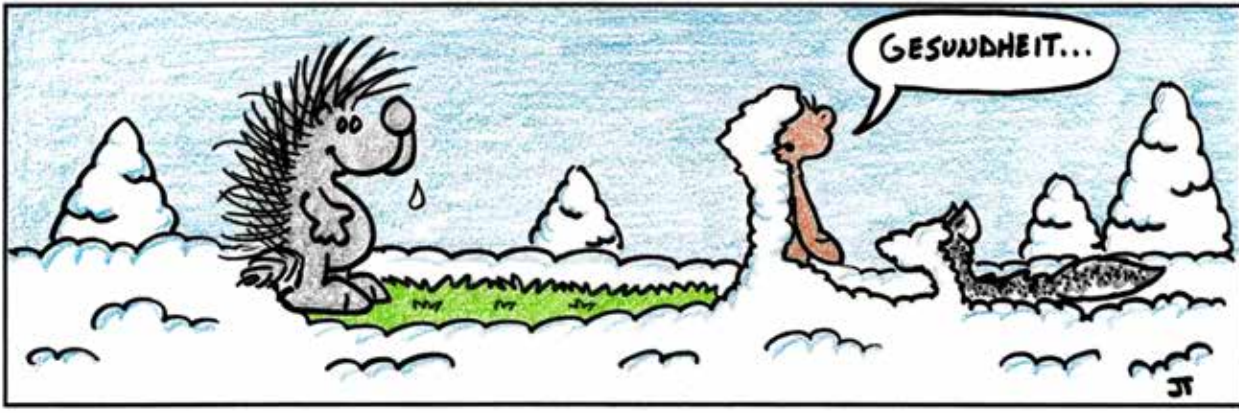
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FUN & GAMES

The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



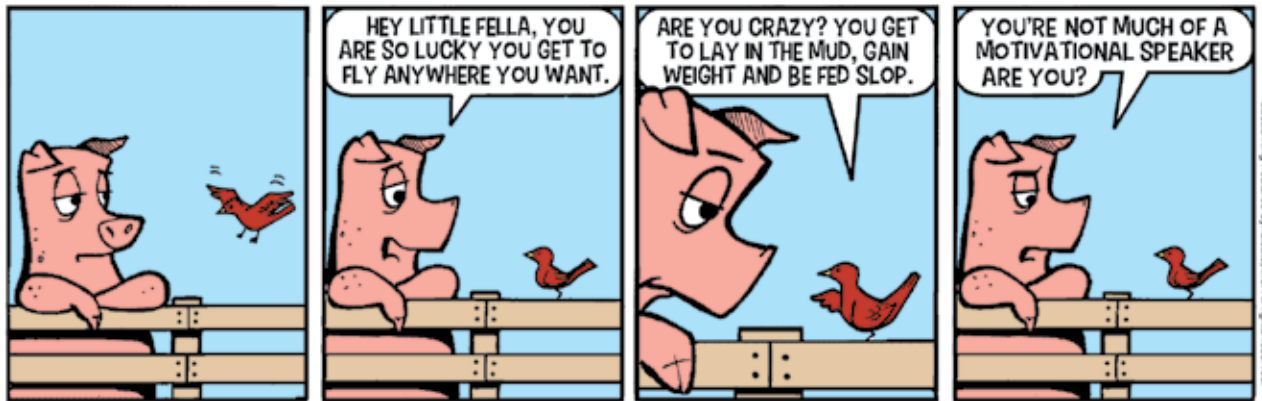
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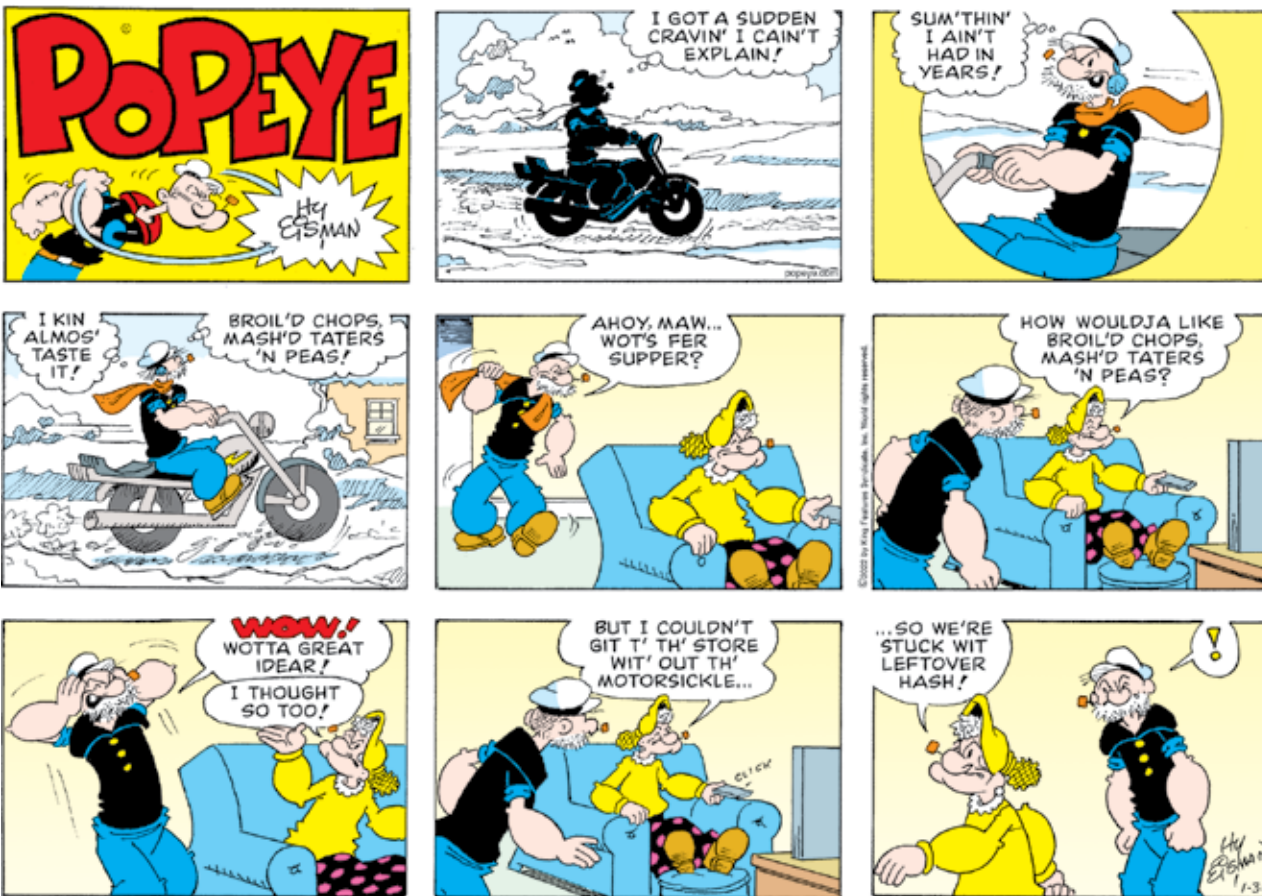
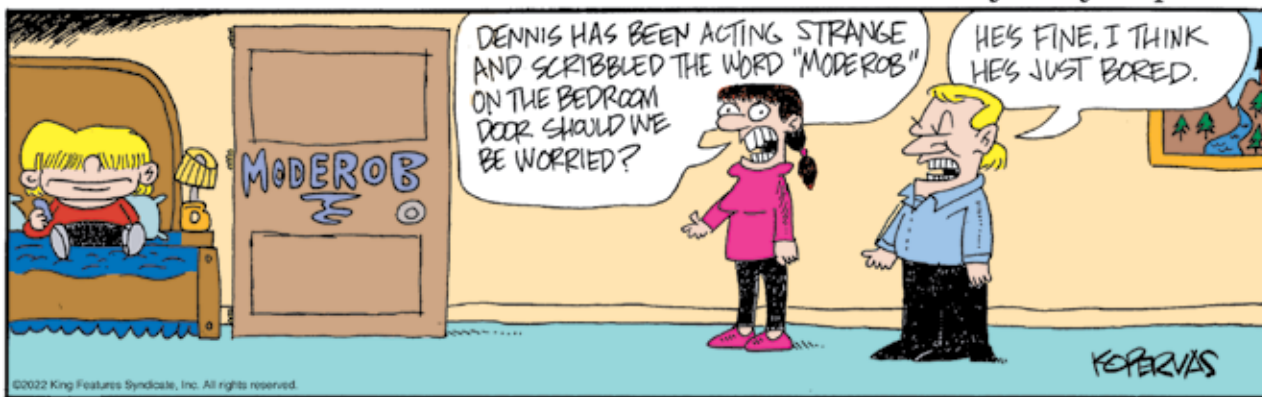
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Touchet Valley Weather

Feb. 9, 2022

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Wednesday	Partly Cloudy	52	37
Thursday	Partly Cloudy	58	34
Friday	Partly Cloudy	51	32
Saturday	Partly Cloudy	50	33
Sunday	Mostly Cloudy	51	36
Monday	Isolated Rain	50	37
Tuesday	Mostly Cloudy	45	29

Weather Trivia

Has it ever snowed on the equator before?

?

Answer: Yes. Snow often falls in the Andes.

Weather History

Feb. 9, 1933 - The temperature at Moran, Wyo., located next to Teton National Park, plunged to 63 degrees below zero to establish a state record. The temperature at the Riverside Ranger Station in Montana hit 66 below zero to establish a record for the nation that stood until 1954.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	41	31	43/32	Trace	0.09"
Wednesday	36	22	44/32	0.09"	0.39"
Thursday	42	30	44/32	Trace	-0.30"
Friday	46	25	44/32	0.00"	38.0°
Saturday	51	35	44/32	0.00"	37.9°
Sunday	53	29	44/32	0.00"	+0.1°
Monday	62	29	44/32	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Full 2/16	7:04 a.m.	5:10 p.m.	11:06 a.m.	1:54 a.m.
	7:03 a.m.	5:12 p.m.	11:38 a.m.	2:59 a.m.
	7:01 a.m.	5:13 p.m.	12:17 p.m.	4:00 a.m.
	7:00 a.m.	5:14 p.m.	1:05 p.m.	4:56 a.m.
	6:58 a.m.	5:16 p.m.	2:02 p.m.	5:44 a.m.
Last 2/23	6:57 a.m.	5:17 p.m.	3:06 p.m.	6:25 a.m.
	6:55 a.m.	5:19 p.m.	4:15 p.m.	6:58 a.m.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

February 9, 2012

A generous gift from the family of the late Dale Hutchens means the staff members of the Booker Rest Home will have new equipment to make their work easier and more efficient. Hutchens, a former member of the board of directors for the Columbia County Health System from 1974 to 1987, passed away after spending more than 4 years at the Booker Rest Home. On his behalf, his family provided Booker with nearly \$8,000.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

February 13, 1997

The Waitsburg Cardinal girls basketball team iced its first-ever league championship with three season-ending wins. Waitsburg pulled another win from its sleeve Tuesday night on the local Maplewood, snatching a 57-54 win from the Asotin Panthers to preserve a six-game win streak, and the last win of the season. Pomeroy was no match for the Cards Saturday at home in a resounding 56-18 win and Friday's meeting with Asotin there produced a 69-53 win.

Fifty Years Ago

February 10, 1972



[Photo Caption] Waitsburg has a new tourist attraction, but it isn't very attractive to the homes neighboring Coppei Creek. When the weather warmed Monday morning, all the upstream ice broke loose and came to rest in the creek behind the homes of Larry Broom and M. L. Weaver. This small footbridge which afforded a crossing is now resting on the many tons of ice which blocked the stream just a few feet from the Coppei Avenue bridge south of town. We are calling it the Weaver-Broom Glacier.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

February 14, 1947

Jack Roberts and Bill Zuger are both Life ranking Scouts and are on the final stretch for the Eagle award this spring. Tenderfoot Investiture was made to Dick Brunton, Bobby Henry, Larry LeVassuer, Ward Stevens and Dan Woods.

Library facilities will be available to the citizens of the Waitsburg vicinity starting this Saturday in the City Hall following the move from the Bruce house on Main Street.

Two sets of drawings and plans for a new grade school and gymnasium were presented to the Board of Directors for study at the Wednesday meeting. Directors and visitors studied the plans and future needs of the school.

One Hundred Years Ago

February 10, 1922

Waitsburg is to have a Waitsburg Temple of Pythian Sisters - the ladies auxiliary of the Knights of Pythias.

Waitsburg is soon to have her first exclusive gasoline service station. W. A. Barnes of the Waitsburg Tire Shop and George Stimmel recently purchased property on Main and Third Streets from Harry Krutz of Seattle.

The marriage of Miss Lillian Taggard, daughter of J. D. Taggard and Mr. William Elmer McKinney, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McKinney was solemnized Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 8 at 2 o'clock in the Christian Church at a very beautiful and impressive ceremony, the Rev. R. L. Bussabarger and Rev. J. E. Jape officiating.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

February 12, 1897

A bill has passed the senate reducing the salary of the warden of the penitentiary from \$1,800 to \$1,400 a year, and that of the state clerk from \$1,200 to \$1,000 a year.

Last Saturday was the birthday of Mrs. J. H. Abbey and a number of her older friends learning this fact, took their baskets well-filled with lunch and surprised her by spending the day. Each one made a nice block for a quilt which was presented to her.

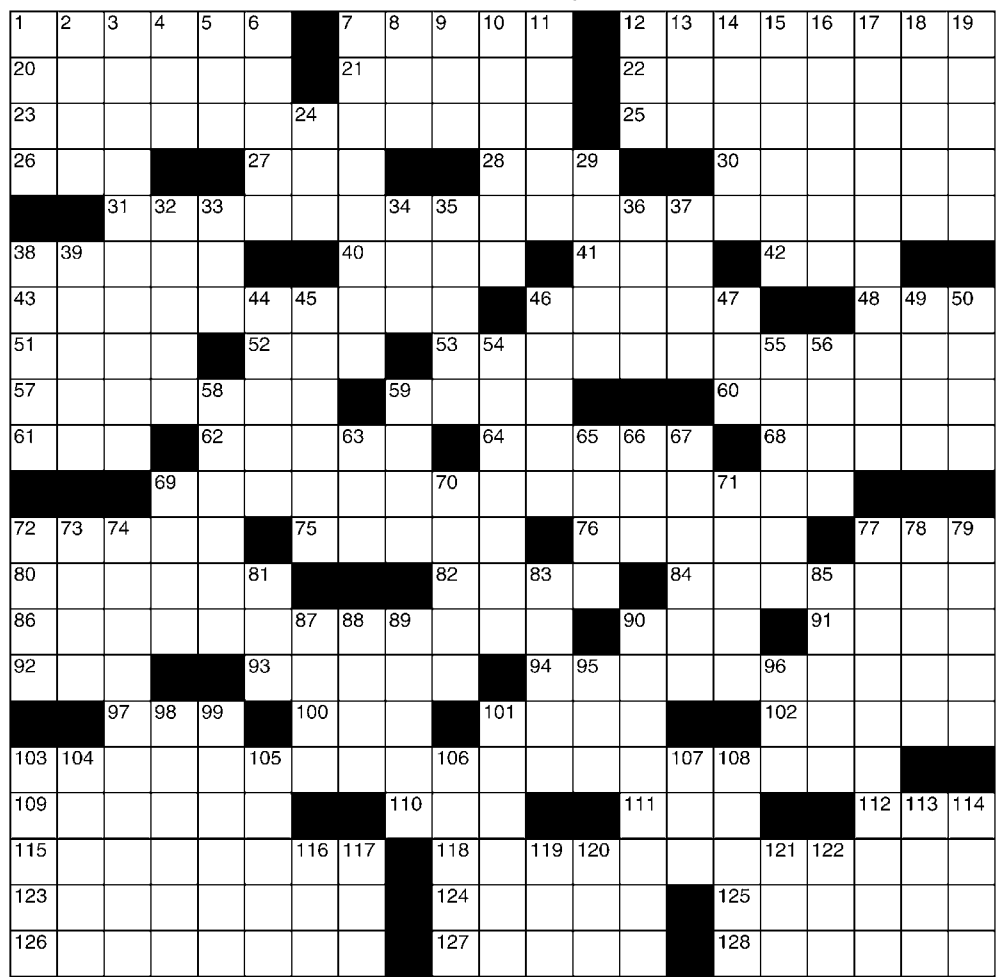
Sid Starrer's barber shop is now lighted by electricity. The lights were put in last Saturday.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

DOWNSIDING

- ACROSS**
- 1 Unicellular swimmer
 - 7 Fold in a skirt
 - 12 Jolie of film
 - 20 The "R" of 33-Down
 - 21 Actor Cox
 - 22 Prepared for storage, as a hose
 - 23 Endlessly repeating programming problem
 - 25 Fashion designer in "The Incredibles"
 - 26 Hwy. felony
 - 27 Man-mouse middle
 - 28 What iPads run on
 - 30 "Boston Legal" actor
 - 31 Higher, spiritual level of awareness
 - 38 Get a whiff of
 - 40 Lift to check the weight of
 - 41 Gig hookup
 - 42 PC key abbr.
 - 43 Elicitor of a major "Whew!"
 - 46 Zodiac ram
 - 48 Truckload
 - 51 Basso solo, e.g.
 - 52 Eligible for Soc. Sec.
 - 53 Head honcho
 - 57 Some hole menders
 - 59 Force unit
 - 60 Bouffant, e.g.
 - 61 Pipe joint
 - 62 — Yello (Coca-Cola brand)
 - 64 China's Zhou —
 - 68 Sharon of "Cagney & Lacey"
 - 69 M114 howitzer, e.g.
 - 72 Prickly shrub
 - 75 Occurrence
 - 76 — d'Or (Cannes award)
 - 77 G-man, e.g.
 - 80 Cousin's mommy
 - 82 Actresses Carrere and Mowry
 - 84 "Look here as well," in a reference book
 - 86 1931 crime film starring Edward G. Robinson
 - 90 — Juan
 - 91 Late hours, in ads
 - 92 Minneapolis-Montreal dir.
 - 93 King of CNN
 - 94 1971 Elton John song
 - 97 CD — drive
 - 100 Comical Costello
 - 101 Just OK
 - 102 Microwaves
 - 103 Bacterium, e.g.
 - 109 Blissful
 - 110 "General" of Chinese cuisine
 - 111 Miracle — (plant food)
 - 112 Vocalist Sumac
 - 115 Not together
 - 118 2, for helium
 - 123 Like rags
 - 124 Follow, as a pointer
 - 125 Join a force
 - 126 Evaluates
 - 127 Partner of Cheech
 - 128 Chinese system of calisthenics
 - 6 Universal truth
 - 7 "Amen, pastor!"
 - 8 Online chuckle
 - 9 Roxy Music's Brian
 - 10 Put holy oil on
 - 11 Manuscript mistakes
 - 12 King beater
 - 13 Nonverbal "yes"
 - 14 Knife of old infomercials
 - 15 Pass, as time
 - 16 French racing city
 - 17 "Upon my word!"
 - 18 "David" and "The Thinker"
 - 19 Imitating sorts
 - 24 Prefix with state
 - 29 Make afraid
 - 32 Fake fat in some chips
 - 33 Kind of camera, in brief
 - 34 Just-OK grade
 - 35 — a mile (not even close)
 - 36 "Yes, sign me up"
 - 37 14-member oil gp.
 - 38 Color
 - 39 Wall painting
 - 44 Did it wrong
 - 45 "Gig" star Caron
 - 46 G-man, e.g.
 - 47 "Quiet down"
 - 49 Chances
 - 50 New Mexico skiing spot
 - 54 Lethargy
 - 55 "You got that right!"
 - 56 Floral symbol of purity
 - 58 Former "Top Chef" judge
 - 59 Rounded city
 - 63 "P.S. I — U" (old TV show)
 - 65 They may be glossed over
 - 66 Carte lead-in
 - 67 "You got that right!"
 - 69 "Joey" star LeBlanc
 - 70 Anxious
 - 71 Make revisions to brief
 - 72 Farm bundle
 - 73 Lay waste to grade
 - 74 Picks off, as a pass
 - 77 Lighter catchphrase in old ads
 - 78 Lauder of fragrances
 - 79 Active types
 - 81 Sometimes-jellied fish
 - 83 — -Detoo (sci-fi droid)
 - 85 Latin for "year"
 - 87 Trig is a prereq for it
 - 88 Ending for buck or stink
 - 89 Spew lava
 - 90 Being amorous, to Brits
 - 95 Jerusalem's nation: Abbr.
 - 96 Darth Vader, as a kid
 - 98 Rocco
 - 99 Watery silks
 - 101 Whiskey type
 - 103 Political hostess Perle
 - 104 Thoughts
 - 105 Injury marks
 - 106 Singer Hayes
 - 107 Bow's shape
 - 108 Tune for nine
 - 113 Fit together
 - 114 Beginner's painting class
 - 116 Pipe joint
 - 117 Mag staff
 - 119 Western tribe
 - 120 Sun.-Tue. link
 - 121 Article in Argentina
 - 122 1,051, in old Rome



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MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

Mexican Spiced Brownies



In preparation for Valentine's Day, my attention naturally turns to food. The kitchen has always been an extension of my heart; cooking is an act of love. While flowers and little trinkets are lovely, in my mind it is homemade edible gifts that have the most meaning. Among the list of romantic bites, sweet treats, and supposed aphrodisiacs, the ingredient most associated with this annual celebration of romance is chocolate. Foiled boxes of dark chocolate truffles, rich chocolate tortes, and towering layered cakes, the options are endless. This year I am spicing things up with these delightful, chewy brownies inspired by beloved Mexican hot chocolate. Their subtle sweetness, balanced with warm cinnamon and a dash of red chili pepper, makes for a lively dessert that is sure to spark a little passion.

Ingredients:

- ½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- ½ cup (1 stick) butter
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup sugar
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 ½ teaspoons cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground California chili or cayenne
- ¼ teaspoon kosher salt
- Confectioners' sugar for dusting

Directions:

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease an 8 x 8-inch baking pan with butter and line with parchment paper.

Melt the butter with the cocoa in a small saucepan over medium-low heat. Stir until smooth, then remove from heat and allow to cool for several minutes. Transfer to a large mixing bowl. When cool to the touch, whisk in the eggs, one at a time. Whisk till shiny and smooth. Add vanilla.

In a separate mixing bowl, combine the flour, sugar, nuts, cinnamon, chili, and salt. Next, slowly add this to the butter and cocoa mixture. Mix with a fork until just combined.

With a rubber spatula, pour and spread batter into the prepared baking pan. Bake for 20 to 30 minutes. Keep an eye on it and don't let it overbake. The brownies will be set around edges but still fudgy in the center. Use toothpick to test. Cool completely in the pan on a wire rack. Then, when cool cut into 9 to 12 brownies depending on the desired size. Carefully remove from the pan and peel away parchment paper. Use a fine mesh strainer to dust the tops with confectioners' sugar.

Notes:

To make these a Valentine's treat, cut little hearts out of parchment paper and place them on top of the brownies after they have been sliced. Proceed by dusting tops with the powdered sugar, then use metal tongs or kitchen tweezers to carefully remove the paper, leaving behind a sweet little heart impression.

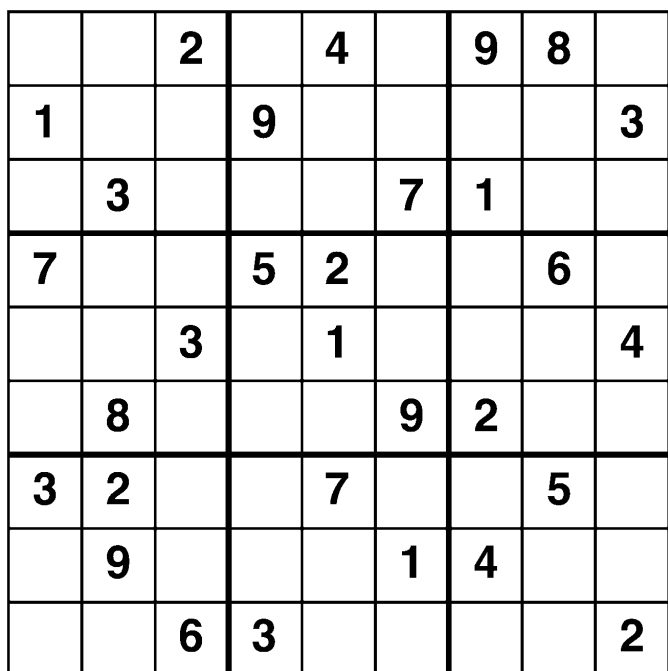
California chili is a lovely mild chili that can often be found ground in the Latin section of a grocery store. If you can't find California chili you can use cayenne or even paprika. Avoid using prepared spice mixes labeled "Chili Powder" as these usually also contain cumin and garlic powder. If you are sensitive to heat try reducing the chili to 1/8- teaspoon.

This recipe can easily be doubled and baked in a 9 x 13-inch baking pan. You might need to adjust baking time slightly.

Happy Valentine's Day to all my lovely readers. Enjoy!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

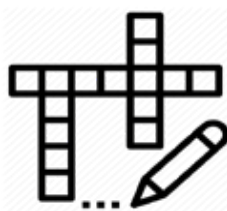


Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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

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Super Crossword

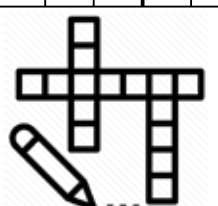
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Weekly SUDOKU

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Around the Valley: with Karen Huwe

THE TIMES

What better way to enjoy the great outdoors than a day drive to the Tucannon Lakes or to Palouse Falls State Park.

On a drive at the end of January, the Tucannon hills were covered in a dusting of snow. A few deer and a huge herd of elk could be seen grazing. Spring Lake was partially covered in ice and a family was out trying their luck at fishing at Blue Lake.

At Rainbow Lake you could see a beautiful reflection of the snowy hillside in the water and it's also a nice place for a walk.

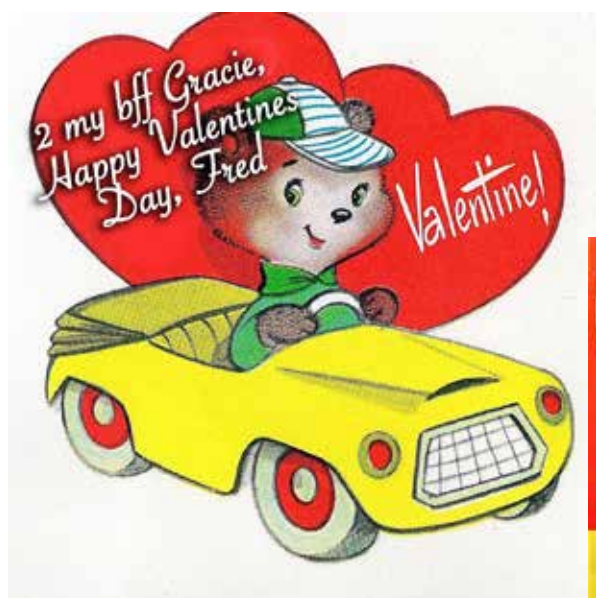
The bridge at Watson Lake was destroyed in the 2020 flood preventing fishermen from access to the lake in 2021. The bridge has been rebuilt and should be stocked with fish for the March 1st opener.

Outside of Waitsburg, on the way to Palouse Fall, two golden eagles were feasting on a coyote carcass, the photo was not for the faint of heart. Palouse Falls State Park, now renamed Palouse Falls State Park Heritage Site, saw many visitors the first weekend in February. The park does not allow camping at the park currently and has closed access to "castle rock" above the falls, the pools below the falls, and trails leading to the falls. Different breeds of birds were flying about the falls, four golden eagles were hunting, and the yellow-bellied marmots came out of their dens to watch the visitors on a sunny day.

Nature is calling! Get outdoors and enjoy the valley.



Spring Lake partially covered in ice reflects the snowy hillside



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