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Waitsburg Celebration Days Parade Marshall Karen Peters Tonne, second from left, served as a Days of Real Sport Princess in 1964.

THIS WEEK



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Tonne, Katsell selected as WCD Parade Marshalls

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg Celebration Days officials announced that Karen Peters Tonne and Dan Katsell will lead the 2022 festivities as the Parade Marshalls.

Karen Peters Tonne is a lifelong area resident, including attending the Waitsburg School District for all 12 years of her schooling. She worked various jobs in the area before she took a job as a mechanical designer. She worked at Hanford, and later, at Key Technology, in Walla Walla.

In 1964, Tonne was selected as a Days of Real Sport Princess, alongside Sharon Anderson, Queen Margaret Nettles, and Linda Lou Lytle. She went to work in the race office for 30 years, keeping busy on the third weekend in May.

She served on the Waitsburg City Council and saw her daughter, Erica (Grende), and grandchildren Kaz (Pennington) and Brad (Grende) through school in our little town. She now enjoys spending time with her children, grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

"I don't think I've really done a lot for Waitsburg," Tonne shared. "I love the little town, and I am so happy they selected me!"

Dan Katsell grew up in Touchet but fell in love with Waitsburg after he began spending summers here on his grandparent's farm. He moved to town right after graduating high school and began working for an orchard in the area.

He was told that the City of Waitsburg was hiring, and he threw his name in the hat. His career with the city lasted for 40 years, during which he was awarded the "Operator of the Year" by the Department of Health for sewer and water management technologies, and was a part of rebuilding the award-winning waste water treatment plant, recognized by the Department of Ecology.

In his time living in Waitsburg, Katsell was a volunteer fireman for 30 years, and an EMT for 12 years with the Waitsburg Ambulance Service.

He served as a District 2 Fire Commissioner for 12 years.

Katsell still lives in Waitsburg with his wife, Betty, and enjoys spending time with their children, and grandchildren.

"Waitsburg is like it's slogan says; it's one of a kind," Katsell said. "I really appreciate all of the people I dealt with while working for the city."

Waitsburg Celebration Days kicks off on Friday, May 20, with a Sunset ATV Cruise. The event lasts all weekend, and will feature a Main Street Parade, Classic Car Show, live music, and, of course, good food and great times.



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Dan Katsell honored as one of 2022 Parade Marshalls.



Special School Board meeting after tragic week

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON- The Dayton School Board convened a special board meeting at 7 p.m., May 9, 2022. The meeting was held in the Dayton High School auditorium and on Zoom. All school board members were present in person, Aneesha Dieu, Zac Fabian, Grant Griffen, Jeffrey McCowen, and Korinda Wallace. The superintendent, Guy Strot, was also present.

The first agenda item was the superintendent/principal search. Strot said two paths were open to the board, either hire a permanent Superintendent/Principal or hire an interim one-year Superintendent/Principal. This would allow for a more thorough search early next year, including community involvement, for the permanent replacement. To find a permanent hire at this point only allows for six weeks to find a replacement.

McCowen said his preference was to seek an interim replacement.

The board discussed how to write a job description for the new position and how the new hire would be expected to divide their time between the two jobs. They agreed that the principal position probably would require most of the new hire's time. Strot reminded the board that the principal's position would require hiring someone with the proper credentials, whereas no such requirement existed for the superintendent position. Strot said it was too late in the year for ESD 123 to assist in the search.

Dieu said about the board, "we do have at least a few interims that would be potentials already that have very good backgrounds, so I think that's definitely a good option."

McCowen clarified that "the board has had, I'll call it, some distant contact with a handful of individuals. They may or may not have history within the district that may or may not go back twenty or thirty years. There are a lot of people that may be in a position to help us."

Griffen said the board needs to develop a job description, agree on it, send it to the interested individuals, and see if they are interested. If that doesn't work, they need to find a head-hunter to help fill the position. Strot said he would work on a job description, saying he would have it done by Wednesday night.

The board briefly discussed the Character Strong curriculum, which it is considering purchasing. Such a program might help improve the culture in the school. The board deferred the purchase of the program until a representative from the company selling the curriculum could join a board meeting and brief the board members.

During the public comment period, County Prosecuting Attorney Dale Slack asked what the district was doing to address and react to the student's death last week. He wondered if it was possible for grief counselors to come in and if there was a concerted effort to make sure the other students were okay.

McCowen and Strot said the school made a special effort to identify students who might have been affected by the tragedy. McCowen reached out to a local fire chief to find resources that might help the students, and these resources made themselves available to the students. Kristine and Sam Korslund have been working with the students and making personal contact with many of them daily.

A high school student told the board of her own experience

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LETTERS

AT THE LIBERTY: THE BAD GUYS

THE TIMES

DAYTON—After a lifetime of pulling legendary heists, five notorious bad guys—Mr. Wolf, Mr. Snake, Mr. Piranha, Mr. Shark, and Ms. Tarantula—attempt their most challenging job yet...going good. Nobody has ever failed so hard at trying to be good as *The Bad Guys*. This is an all-new animated feature film from DreamWorks Animation that is based on the bestselling Scholastic blockbuster book series by Aaron Blabey, which has more than 8.2 million copies in print worldwide.

Rotten tomatoes critics rate this movie as 87% favorable, which is similar to the 93% from the audience. The summary review from the Rotten Tomatoes critics is that this movie is: “Fast-paced, funny, and full of colorful visual appeal, *The Bad Guys* is good news for audiences seeking options the whole family can enjoy. That website audience summary is: “*The Bad Guys*’ eye-catching animation will entertain the kids, parents will appreciate the movie’s message, and the wall-to-wall jokes will keep the whole family laughing.” It is rated PG for action and rude humor. Runtime is 1 hour 40 minutes.

Please see our nearby advertisement, or our website, for movie dates and times. Masks are no longer required at the Liberty Theater, and we have reduced the group seating distancing requirements to 1 seat buffers in each direction between groups. We appreciate your cooperation.



Universal

(top) Mr. Shark making a run for it. Going straight is not so easy.

(bottom) The gang serves up smiles, except a dour Mr. Snake, for a selfie.

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PUBLIC POETRY READING AT BOOK AND GAME

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Teri Zipf of Walla Walla will be joined by Greg Bem of Issaquah, for a public reading of poetry from their new books published in Walla Walla by Hand to Mouth Press. The reading will be hosted on Saturday, May 21, at 7 p.m. at Grandma’s Kitchen at 36 South Colville Street.

Teri Zipf is an award-winning poet, notably the William Stafford Memorial Award for poetry, given by the Pacific Northwest booksellers Association for her first major collection, *Outside the School of Theology*.

Zipf has a new book, “The Vertigo of All Those Stars” and will be available at Book and Game bookstore for book signing from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 21. Book and Game is located on the corner of First and Main Street downtown Walla Walla.

Greg Bem, a frequent visitor to Walla Walla and a favorite with local audiences will be reading from his new book, “Of Spray and Mist”. Bem is a world traveler, a librarian, and a keen observer of the natural world. His work is widely available on the internet.

The reading is open and free to the public. For more information, call Hand to Mouth at 509-204-2120.

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Help Wanted – Deputy Clerk

The Columbia County Clerk’s Office is seeking a full-time Deputy Clerk. This position requires the employee to perform a variety of complex and diverse clerical work including, but not limited to knowledge of office clerical procedures and practices.

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Other duties performed as an employee in this position will be primarily performed for the Superior Court. This work is confidential in nature and performed under general and infrequent supervision. Some tasks will include maintaining court files of all criminal, civil, domestic, probate, adoption/paternity, juvenile dependency, juvenile offender, and judgments.

Education and Experience: High school diploma or equivalent (GED) Prefer prior office experience Computer skills and proficiency of office machines

This job will be full-time at 35 hours per week. Pay will be determined upon qualifications. Medical and dental benefits are included.

Please find and complete an application online or stop by our office to pick up an application at: Columbia County Courthouse, County Clerk’s Office, 341 E. Main Street Suite 2, Dayton, WA 99328. Applications for this position will be accepted until position is filled.

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Columbia County Public Health is seeking a full time Program Coordinator. Work schedule is 32 hours week, Monday through Thursday, benefits included.

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To the Editor,

The energy and confident singing of the kids in the Waitsburg Elementary School Spring Music Program could have lit the whole town. None of your “Ah, shucks, I’m too shy.” These kids rocked. Two years of being pent up from covid protocols, and they were ready to bust out.

But their energy was not random. It was well-channeled into cool choreography (like the kindergarteners throwing juggling scarves as well as kicking and jabbing in “It’s a Hard-Knock Life”). Thanks to the vision, boldness, great choice of tunes, and hours of encouragement by new music teacher, Elizabeth Arebalos-Jagelski, the program inspired everybody there to cheer and laugh and clap without any need for polite “golf course” applause.

The success of the program was no accident, no hit-or-miss shot in the dark. Mrs. A-J set up a winning formula: use songs that are singable and likable from Broadway show tunes, encourage bold theatrical movement (not mousy, namby-pamby, half-baked gestures that look like nervous tics), help the singers who do solos know how to use the mic and not be afraid. The people who sang solo parts at the program, mic or no mic, to a person could be heard clearly. (Some of the children probably discovered that they had stronger and/or better voices than they had realized).

A shot out to all the people who have helped make Mrs. A-J’s efforts with our Waitsburg kids worth attending and thanks to the people of this town who have been magicians as well as musicians and believed in these young people enough to get them well beyond mediocrity.

Mr. Green and the powerful “big band” sound he could generate from his students and Mrs. Hocker-smith working with the blue-grass musicians, The Troublemakers, till they sounded like the good blue-grass bands from Kentucky or Ohio.

Let’s just hope our kids and grandkids know that it’s just the beginning, and not the end, of their efforts toward well-earned glories.

Michael Kiefel
 Walla Walla, Wash.

BIRTHDAYS

May 12: Katy Leid, Erin Dutton, Kasmira Pennington (Grende), Jonathan Abbey.

May 13: Lola Spirotas, Terry Bloor, Kevin Moormann, Jack Gawith and Lavina Meyer.

May 14: Daniel Thomas Reese, Marge Tabor, Maggie Pietila, Lynna Larsen, Lee Fisk, Marilyn Robert, Barbara Wood, Suzie Payne, Debbie Fisher, Brian McKenzie and Alison Huwe.

May 15: Pete Rohde, Charlie McCown, Tiffney Hawks, Bryce Scott and Ron Stranding.

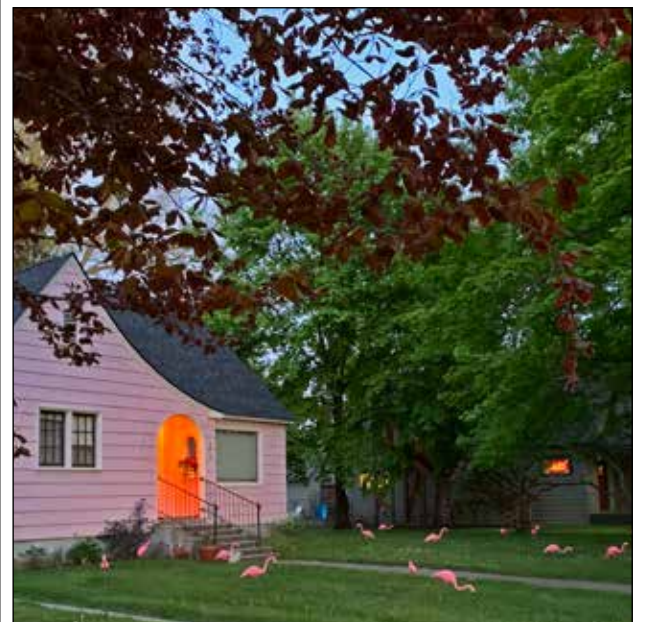
May 16: Gladys Cadruvi, Helen Hall, Bobbie Jean Thomas, Sherrie Land, and Genny Menino.

May 17: William Keith, Sally Geiger, Kurt Wittman, Elizabeth Mech, Eric Keith, Drew Bennett, Janelle Meier, and Jimmy Dunleavy.

May 18: Becky Hodges, Dinah Lindsey, Virginia Reece, Vicki Ruley, Tessa Dutton, Tyler Knox, and Sean Stonecipher-Sollars.



Cheers



It is that time of year to look out for flocks of civic minded flamingos. I’ve been flocked and am excited to support FFA!

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LIGHT AGENDA AT COMMISSIONER WORK SESSION

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Columbia County Commissioners met on Monday, May 9, for a short work session. The only item on the agenda was 'general discussion.'

Commissioner Marty Hall shared that he was heading to Pomeroy to meet with a representative concerning the Turkey Trail Restoration Project funding redirection. Initially, the project was supposed to take place in 2021 but was canceled by the Turkey Trail/Green Ridge Fire that burned last summer. Hall did not specify where project funds would be redirected, but he did note that they would still benefit an area in Columbia County.

The commissioners plan to meet with Forest Service officials, including the Fire Management Officers from the Pomeroy and Walla Walla Districts and respective district rangers, next Monday, May 16, at 2:30 p.m.

Hall shared that he met with the Friends of the Pool Committee to discuss how a levy district would work should the organization establish a taxing district. Hall said that the district would have to be created prior to the item being placed on a ballot, and it would be its own separate taxing entity. He noted that once the levee went to vote, it would be the opportunity for the community to voice their support or not.

Commissioner Chuck Amerein asked about the status of the law enforcement building the county has talked about for the past few years. Commissioner Rundell said that they are at the point where they need to 'go out and press it.' The commissioners have not gotten plans or architectural drawings. However, Rundell said he is meeting with Sheriff Joe Helm, EMS Director Ashley Strickland, and Prosecutor Dale Slack to decide how to move forward.

Amerein brought up an incident where COVID-19 home tests were given to a group of elementary-aged students; one student tested positive and later negative. He maintained vagueness while discussing the topic. He said the Public Health Office was un-

aware that the commissioners served as the Board of Health and was going to continue enforcing the state's recommended protocols for the tests.

"I thought it was interesting that they were getting the county involved, when we weren't involved before," Amerein said. "We couldn't tell them one way or another, what to do, because it was the Department of Education's say, not ours. For us to go in there and tell them to do something."

The commissioners adjourned the public portion of the work session and entered into an executive session to discuss potential litigation.

SCHOOL - FROM PAGE 1 in a potentially similar incident. She felt abandoned after her incident, saying councilors did not make a strong enough effort to address her problems. She felt the same thing was happening with this more recent incident.

Strot said when asked the following day that the school would continue to use the contacts established through the fire chief to try and develop protocols, but full-time grief counselors were probably out of reach in the school's budget. He will investigate state mental health funding available to the county to see if a solution can be found to provide effective emergency suicide prevention and grief counseling available to all ages.

Finally, at about 8:16 p.m., the board went into an executive session to discuss an employee's performance with no action anticipated afterward. At 9 p.m., the executive session was extended thirty minutes, and another 15 minutes at 9:30 p.m., ending at 9:37 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Most of the evening's meeting time was spent in executive session, consistent with board meetings since January.

THE LIFELINE AND 988

988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. While some areas may be currently able to connect to the Lifeline by dialing 988, this dialing code will be available to everyone across the United States starting on July 16, 2022.

2022 GRAZING CONFERENCE IN PENDLETON, TOUCHET

THE TIMES

PENDLETON, ORE—The topics of soil health and sustainable ranch management have created significant buzz in grazing and farming circles in recent years. These important topics are the focus of this year's Roots of Resilience 2022 Grazing Conference held in Pendleton, Oregon, and Touchet, Wash. on May 25 and 26, 2022.

This year's conference will kick off on May 25 at the Pendleton Convention Center at 8 AM with keynote speaker, Dave Pratt, Ranching for Profit emeritus. Pratt is highly sought-after as a speaker on the topic of sustainable agriculture and profitable ranching. His talk, entitled "Three Secrets to Increasing Profit" will share how livestock growers can improve sustainability by improving their financial bottom line.

The May 25 afternoon session begins at 1:00 pm with Chris Schachtschneider, Umatilla County OSU Extension. Schachtschneider will demonstrate low-stress livestock handling in the Happy Canyon Arena. Spectators will learn how quiet, slow movement can lead to less stress and more success when handling cattle, sheep, and goats.

On May 26, all focus will be on soil health with internationally recognized soil health expert, Integrity Soils Agrologist, Nicole Masters. Masters is recognized as a dynamic speaker on the topic of soil health, traveling globally to share her knowledge of the soil. Day two will begin with a morning classroom presentation at Gardena School in Touchet, WA, and a field practical in the afternoon at Walla Walla Organics farm.

Day one will be a deli lunch and day two will be a catered lunch by the Walla Walla Community College Culinary program.

Regular two-day registration is \$397 and one day is \$217. Student rates are \$197 for two days and \$97 for one day.

To register, visit <https://rootsofresilience.org/grazing-conference-2022>

For more information, please contact Andrea Mann at 509.670.7743. Roots of Resilience is the product of the collaborative effort of ranchers, farmers, university and extension educators, as well as other sustainability activists.



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David Pratt will be the keynote speaker on May 25.



Courtesy photo
Nicole Masters is the keynote speaker on May 26.

Remembering Flag etiquette

Have you ever been vexed by your feeling that somebody is showing disrespect for the American Flag or the National Anthem? Have you ever thought that there ought to be a law against it?

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

Well, there are laws, but they never had much teeth, and for quite some time, they have had no teeth whatsoever. Court rulings have consistently determined that a show of disrespect towards the flag or the National Anthem is protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution. But the laws are still on the books, and they describe clearly what is considered respectful behavior and what counts as flag desecration. Presumably, most people who openly display a flag that has been desecrated do so out of ignorance and not out of an attempt to show disrespect towards the flag.

The expectation for an American citizen is to stand with their right hand over their heart while the national anthem plays or if in uniform, render a salute, is codified in U.S. Code Title 36, section 301. Men should remove their hats and hold them over their left shoulder while playing the anthem. Veterans or active-duty military not in uniform may either salute or stand with their hand over their heart.

U.S. Code Title 4, Chapter 1 lists all the rules for displaying the flag, with section 8 specifically addressing respect for the flag.

Most people know the flag should not be displayed upside down except as a sign of distress. Fewer people seem to know the flag must always be displayed aloft and free, never being carried flat or

horizontally. The giant flag that general Patton spoke in front of at the beginning of the movie, "Patton," is not allowed. But that flag was just a Hollywood prop.

If the flag touches anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, merchandise, or your pickup's tailgate, that shows disrespect.

Bunting of blue, white, and red is allowed, but



the flag must never be used as bunting. Remember, it must fly aloft and free. If you wear clothing, use bedding, or drapery made of the American flag, that is disrespectful.

If you alter the flag in any way with any design, such as a swastika, peace symbol, red stripe, blue stripe, black stripe, a candidate's name, or anything else, that is flag desecration. You are showing disrespect.

The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. Have you ever seen an American flag festooned behind a company logo in an advertisement? You're not supposed to have such a display, nor should the flag be printed on napkins, boxes, or any other disposable object. You should not attach an advertising flag to the same staff or halyard as the American flag.

No part of the flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be affixed to the uniform of military personnel, firemen, policemen, and members of patriotic organizations (e.g., Scouts). This rule to preserve respect for the flag is commonly ignored, perhaps due to ignorance or a sense of ennui towards patriotism.



Lunches

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Tuesday, May 17
BBQ Chicken
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WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, May 12
B: Tornado Roll
L: Super beef nachos
Refried beans
Green salad
Fruit choice

Friday, May 13
B: Pancake on a stick
L: Turkey & cheese sandwich
Chips
Veggie
Fruit choice
Cookie

Monday, May 16
B: Bagel & cream cheese
L: Hot ham & cheese
Baked beans
Veggie
Fruit choice

Tuesday, May 17
B: Biscuit & gra

L: Hot dog
Curly fries
Veggie
Fruit choice

Wednesday, May 18
B: Long john & string cheese
L: Turkey ranch wrap
Chips
Veggie
Fruit choice



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337-6589
Pastor Stan Hughes

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NEWS

LET'S GET BACK INTO THE SWIM OF THINGS

A letter from The Friends of the Dayton City Pool Committee:

Since the closure of the Dayton City Pool at the end of the season in 2017, a dedicated group of citizens formed The Friends of the Pool Committee to facilitate the process for the construction and sustainable operation and maintenance of a new swimming pool in Dayton. The vision of the Friends of the Pool is a community where all people have pathways to healthy opportunities. The Friends of the Pool believe this process can only be successful with full community involvement and support. Our goal is to accomplish this through the action plan we have developed.

Through the acquisition of grant dollars from Innovia, the Friends of the Pool have contracted with Schemata Workshop and Ballard King to conduct an Aquatic Facility Study. The study is broken down into Two Phases to accommodate our funding ability. Currently we have the available funds to begin Phase One which will include Community Input meetings, an online survey and identifying the mission and vision of the aquatic facility. Phase Two will include a Concept Plan; drawing concepts of pool facilities and an Operations Plan; the cost of construction and the yearly operations and maintenance costs. We hope to have the funding for this Phase in the near future.

With the knowledge that a swimming pool is not a money maker, but vital to the health and wellbeing of a community, the long term funding of the operations and maintenance of the swimming facility is essential. Many communities have accomplished this through the establishment of a Parks and Recreation District. The Friends of the Pool has formed an Advisory Focus Group of county and city officials, youth recreation leaders, and community members to identify the mission and vision of a Metropolitan Parks District for our community. A Metropolitan Parks District is a voter initiative and community input will be essential to bringing the initiative to the ballot.

There are many moving parts to this action plan, but what we feel most strongly about is gathering community input and transparency. If we want a pool for our community we have to be willing to financially support it. Anyone who wishes to work on the Friends of the Pool Committee welcome, more hands make light work. Please visit our facebook page: Friends of the Dayton Community Pool for current information.



DAYTON AND WAITSBURG PUT ON A PROM ON CLOUD NINE



The theme for Waitsburg and Dayton Prom was "Cloud Nine." This year's Dayton High School Court is back row: Mikel Vance, Max Schmidt, Dylan Bledsoe, Jesse Gant, Eloy Garcia-Romero
Front row: Sagelyn Kilts, Ella Larson, Trista Villaro, Trinity Anderson, Julia Brooks



Waitsburg High School students headed to the American 35 Grand Opening before they hit the dance floor at the Cloud Nine Prom.



Lane Gwinn

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CALENDAR

Community Calendar



Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

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

Waitsburg School Board

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

Waitsburg Commercial Club

Last Thursday of each month
May 26, noon
Ten Ton Coffee, 216 Main Street, Waitsburg
Zoom info available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

First and third Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Ten Ton Coffee, 216 Main St Waitsburg
For more information email: waitsburgpr@protonmail.com

Community Health & Protection Committee

8:30 AM - Tuesday, May 17, 2022
Waitsburg City Hall and on Zoom

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

Weller Library Book Club

Third Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
at Weller Public Library

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

Board of Columbia County Commissioners

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.
Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

Dayton City Council

Second Tuesday 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

April 25 at 7 p.m. (Changed date from April 18)
Delaney room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

Dayton Memorial Library

Discovery Kids
Every Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting

Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon
Hybrid in-person meetings at the Delaney Library with online Zoom available.
Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650

Starbuck City Council

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



Events, Film, Performance, Live Music

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Eagles Dinner

PRIME RIB DINNER
Slow roasted prime rib, served with a baked potato, vegetables, roll and salad bar.

Date: Friday, May 13th, 2022

Time: 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

Location: Waitsburg Town Hall,
121 Main St. Waitsburg, Wash.

\$25/per person - Cash, Check or Card Accepted!

Questions, call Janie 520-5118 or Penny 520-5245

Mythical / Movable

Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam

Upcoming Jams
(All Jams - 7:00PM)

Friday May 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Walla Walla Public Library

For more information email Kate Hockersmith at TVAMPI@charter.net

First Friday at Walla Walla Library

2nd and 3rd Fridays at Ten Ton and 4th Friday will be at the Dayton Library!

Weller Library Story Times

Every Thursday at Weller Library
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Weller Library Crafts

Every Thursday at Weller Library
3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m



DAYTON

Dayton PTSO Mother/Son

Dodgeball Tournament

May 15, 1 p.m.
Dayton High School Gym
Dayton and Waitsburg K-12 students welcome

Hidden in Plain Sight

Thursday, May 12, 6:00 p.m
Dayton High School

Fashion Flea Market

Saturday, May 14
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
First Congregational Church,
Dayton

MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

427 E Main Street, Dayton
June 1
11 a.m- 1 p.m.

Columbia County Rural Library

Self-Watering Planter for Mother's Day
May 6, 3 p.m - 5 p.m.
Work on them in the library, or make one at home

Make a Wish Celebration for

Chayton Gatlin

May 14, Saturday at 1 p.m..
512 E Vine St, Dayton, Wash.

WALLA WALLA

Walla Walla Food Truck Night

Monday June 6th at 5 p.m
1120 E Street, Walla Walla



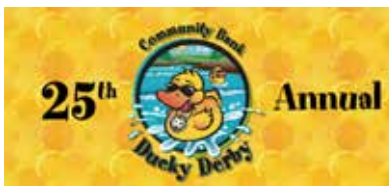
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Book signing with Carla Giger, author of *Starbuck: The Little Town that Could*
May 14, 2 - 3 p.m.



Downtown Walla Walla

Farmers Market
Saturdays, 9 a.m- 1 p.m
4th and Main, Walla Walla



The 25th annual Community Bank Ducky Derby

The derby will be held on Saturday, May 14, at Mill Creek in Walla Walla. The duck race will begin at 2 p.m. during the Family Fun Festival that will run from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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June 8, 2022



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June 10, 2022



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August 17, 2022



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August 23, 2022



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Sept. 9, 2022



Waitsburg Celebration Days May 20 - 22, 2022

Friday, May 20		Saturday, May 21	
5 pm	ATV Sunset Cruise	7 - 10 am	American Legion Breakfast, Town Hall
6 pm	Sunset Car Cruise	9 am - 3 pm	Vendors, Bruce Museum
Sunday, May 22		9:30 am	Kiddie Parade
9 am	Soap Box Derby, Preston Park	10 am	Main Street Parade
9 am	Vendors, Bruce Museum	10 - 3pm	Waitsburg One of a Kind Auto Show
10 am	Cowboy Church, Preston Park	11 - 3 pm	Civil War Era Firearms, Plaza Theater
11 am	Luck of the Duck, Preston Park	11 - 3 pm	Bruce House & Wilson Phillips
12:30 pm	Softball game, Fairgrounds	11:30 - 4 pm	Karen's ATV Poker Ride, Fairgrounds
12:30 pm	Dunk Tank, Fairgrounds	5 pm - 8 pm	Burgers, Band, and Brews
		8 pm - 11:30	The Shades

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LEGALS & NEWS

WARREN FAMILY AWARDS \$59,250 IN GRANTS TO LOCAL NONPROFITS

WALLA WALLA—The Warren Community Action Fund has approved 15 grants to support local nonprofits providing services in Walla Walla and Columbia Counties. This is the sixth year of grant awards through the Warren Fund, with more than \$353,153 distributed to support the community. This year awards were made to the following projects:

- Blue Mountain Counseling - \$2,500 to support technology upgrades project
- Blue Mountain Resource Conservation & Development Council - \$1,500 for 2023 Camp Wooten Environmental Education programming
- Blue Mountain Action Council - \$2,613 to support the BMAC home food delivery project
- Columbia County Community Network - \$8,000 to support the youth building project - pavilion restroom completion project
- Columbia County Health System - \$7,500 to support the community child care facility in Dayton
- Dayton School District - \$2,500 for unrestricted general support
- Friends of Dayton Memorial Library - \$750 for unrestricted general support
- Friends of the Touchet Valley Golf Course - \$6,000 to support the underground sprinkler installation - Phase 3.1
- Friends of the Weller Public Library - \$5,000 to support the Weller Public Library Americans with disabilities restroom and first floor remodel
- Prescott Joint Park & Recreation District - \$6,000 to support the FIX THE LEAK pool project
- St. Joseph Catholic Church of Dayton-Project Timothy - \$5,000 for general operating support
- The Club - \$4,000 for social and emotional support for youth
- Touchet Valley Arts Council - \$5,000 to support the balcony remodel project
- Walla Walla Senior Center - \$4,000 to support the Senior Round Table in Columbia County
- Washington State Park Foundation - \$2,350 for updates to the reservable kitchen shelter

The Warren Community Action Fund honors the deep roots of the Warren family and is focused on continuing the tradition of community service that Robert and Nadine Warren were passionate about. Grants are made to support programs that will improve the quality of life in the community in the areas of health, education, basic human needs, children and youth, agricultural education and training, historic preservation, scientific programs, arts and recreation, and the environment, among others.

For over 35 years, the Blue Mountain Community Foundation has worked to strengthen the well-being of communities in the Walla Walla Valley. It has grown to over \$50 million in assets and has over 340 charitable funds benefiting the people of Garfield, Columbia and Walla Walla counties in Washington and Umatilla County in Oregon. The Foundation distributed over \$5.6 million in grants and scholarships in 2020.

DAYTON/COLUMBIA COUNTY FUND ANNOUNCES GRANT AWARDS

DAYTON—The Dayton/Columbia County Washington Fund announces 2022 grant awards totaling \$44,000 to support 13 local nonprofit organizations serving Dayton and Columbia County. Grants were awarded for the following programs:

- Blue Mountain Counseling received \$1,000.00 to support the Steps To Enrichment project.
- Blue Mountain Resource Conservation & Development Council received \$500.00 to support the 2022 SWIM the SNAKE event.
- Columbia County received \$5,000.00 to support the Touchet Valley Golf Course Irrigation Project.
- Columbia County Community Network - Friends of the Fairgrounds received \$2,000.00 to support the Youth Building Update/Pavilion Completion project.
- Columbia County Health System received \$10,000.00 to support Building Community Child Care in Dayton.
- Dayton School District received \$5,000.00 to support Summer and Saturday Counseling Sessions.
- Friends of Dayton Memorial Library received \$2,000.00 to support their Food for Thought project.
- Prescott Joint Park & Recreation District received \$5,000.00 towards their required community match to fix the leak in the Prescott Pool.
- Project Timothy received \$5,000.00 to support their work helping those in need in Columbia Co.
- Skyline Adventures received \$1,000.00 to support the Ski and Snowboard Experience.
- Starbuck School District received \$2,000.00 to support the Community Connection project.
- The Club received \$3,000.00 to support Social and Emotional Support for youth.
- Touchet Valley Arts Council received \$2,500.00 to support the 2022 Summer Cultural Enrichment Program.

Those passionate about supporting organizations and students in Columbia County are encouraged to support this fund through donations or bequests. Donations may be mailed to PO Box 603, Walla Walla, WA 99362, attention Dayton/Columbia County WA Fund.

The Club wishes to thank the community for its generous support of our important work. Together, we can make a difference!



LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 22-4-00084-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of:
JAMES L. WAGNER,
Deceased.

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

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: April 28, 2022.
Mona J. Seifert,
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Basalt Legal PLLC
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Walla Walla, WA 99362
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SUPERIOR COURT,
WALLA WALLA COUNTY,
WASHINGTON
No. 22-4-00087-36
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of:
JERRY D. BATES,
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Personal Representative: Kari J. Bates
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
No. 22-4-00078-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(RCW 11.40.030)
ESTATE OF:
MARY-JO S. PERRY,
A/K/A LEAH MARY-JO PERRY,
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR BENTON COUNTY
NO. 22-4-00271-03
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of:
LOUISE M. PARDUE,
Deceased.

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator 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 Administrator, or his 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.

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Date of Publication: May 5, 2022
Administrator: Dwight L. Pardue
Attorney for Administrator: Cortney Corbet
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Court of Probate Proceedings: Benton County Superior Court
Case Number: 22-4-00271-03
DATED this 26th day of April, 2022.
DWIGHT L. PARDUE,
Administrator
The Times
May 5, 12, 19, 2022
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
No.: 22-4-00083-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(RCW 11.40.030)
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
ROBERT I. ENGBRETSON,
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: May 5, 2022
Personal Representative: Todd Engebretson
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Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No. 22-4-00083-36
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Bard and Bee Meadery celebrates honey, bees, and education

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

Great stories often start with a man and his dog. In Dayton, it is the story of an entertainer and his winged pollinators making a run at an ancient art.

"I'm a farm kid," said Mike Collins, owner and mead maker at Bard and Bee Meadery. "I grew up, part in Milton Freewater, with my grandparents."

His grandparents owned Kessler's Catering, and while the business kept them plenty busy, there was much to be done at home on the nearly 400-acre farm. The planted acreage attracted local beekeepers, who would place hives in alfalfa, pumpkin, and wheat fields.

"It is customary, though not a necessity, for beekeepers to give you a jug of their product from each location," Collins explained, saying his family's honey hoard of gallon jugs eventually grew to a few hundred pounds of product.

"Given honey's viscosity, each gallon jug weighs about 12-14 pounds," he said.

When the honey started to take over the pantry, Collins began experimenting with honey fermentation. Failed bottles exploding and sour, diesel-tasting concoctions were just a couple of the mistakes from his early fermenting years. These experiences earned what he described as a 'gold star in what not to do.'

In 2011, Collins began working on a mobile-bottling crew through Express Employment Agency. He spent his free time traveling to local wineries, bottling local wines, and getting to know owners, cellar masters, and other industry workers. While working a job at Leonetti Cellars in Walla Walla, Collins was introduced to Mike Moyer.

Collins and Moyer worked together often, and Moyer quickly recognized that Collins wasn't the typical mobile-bottling crew member. As a former instructor of the Walla Walla Community College School of Viticulture, Moyer wrote a letter of recommendation to the program on Collins' behalf. Collins was accepted to the college program shortly after.

Winemaking, beer brewing, and mead fermenting involve a deep understanding of microbiology and chemistry. That was what Collins was looking forward to learning from the two-year program. The college provides a depth of knowledge that most homebrewers would find challenging to discover and understand on their own. Collins gained valuable hands-on experience before graduating in 2013, with high points and several awards.

During his second year, he completed a required internship with Blue Mountain Cider Company, based in Milton-Freewater. That internship turned into a four-year gig for Collins, where he focused on fermentation as a part of the cider-making process. During the height of production, Collins was making anywhere from 10-12,000 gallons of cider per week.

He went on to work with Mark Ryan Winery and, later, Willamette Valley Vineyards. After COVID-19 hit the community, Collins decided to take the opportunity to branch out on his own.

Mead is, arguably, the oldest alcohol known to man. It is fermented from honey, water, and added yeast to speed up the alcohol process. There is evidence of a drink fermented from honey, rice, and fruit dating back to the 7th millennium BCE in China.

While others still debate the ultimate origin story, Collins said he likes to think that centuries ago, someone found a hollowed-out tree with a left-over hive filled with water. After taking a drink from the hollow, they were surprised by the flavor and the effects of the liquid.

After that experience, civilizations began brewing mead for the flavor and intoxicating effects, with limited understanding of how the beverage was made.



Beka Compton

Two samples of honey, show how different pollens in similar areas affect the color of the final product. Any guesses which one is the floral honey?



Beka Compton

Mike Collins, owner and mead maker at Bard and Bee Meadery, labels a small batch of Honeyed Blues mead. This batch of berry-flavored beverages will hit a select couple of shelves in Walla Walla and Dayton.



Beka Compton

Bees are the heart and soul of his mead, and Collins enjoys his small collection of hives. A beekeeper himself, Collins is always willing to share information with other bee enthusiasts.

Collins said that once humans understood that they could combine ingredients to create the alcohol, they would use a stick to stir the mixture. Some referred to the stirrer as the 'magic stick,' believing that spirits from the implement created the mind-altering effects of the beverage. Of course, the magic was caused by naturally occurring yeast produced on surfaces, including fruit and plant skins, soil, and wood. We still acknowledge this early happenstance with modern-day references to alcohol as spirits."

Since opening Bard and Bee in 2020, Collins has made it a point to provide top-of-the-line mead and an educational experience when interacting with his customers. To keep this connection with customers, he limits the availability of his product to his storefront at Blue Mountain Station and The Thief in Walla Walla.

"I'm not really looking to go into grocery stores or anything," Collins said. "I like the idea of this being face-to-face, you know the owner, you know the brewer kind of thing, as opposed to being one of a thousand labels on the shelf."

Collins has had visitors who come in just to talk bees without tasting or purchasing mead. He is also more than happy to speak about bee husbandry with new and potential beekeepers who happen by.

"Let's be honest, the more capable beekeepers we have, the less of an ultimate issue we could have in the future," Collins said, acknowledging declining bee populations due to disease, molds, and predators, including the Asian Giant Hornets (AKA Murder Hornets).

Collins believes it won't be the commercial beekeepers who carry the future of bees but the home beekeepers with one or two hives covering three to five square miles of land. He's happy to "nerd out" about the winged pollinators, even more so when he gets to share his labor of love in the liquid gold form!

Bard and Bee Meadery is open Friday from 3:30-5:30, Saturday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the Blue Mountain Station, 700 Artisan Way, in Dayton.

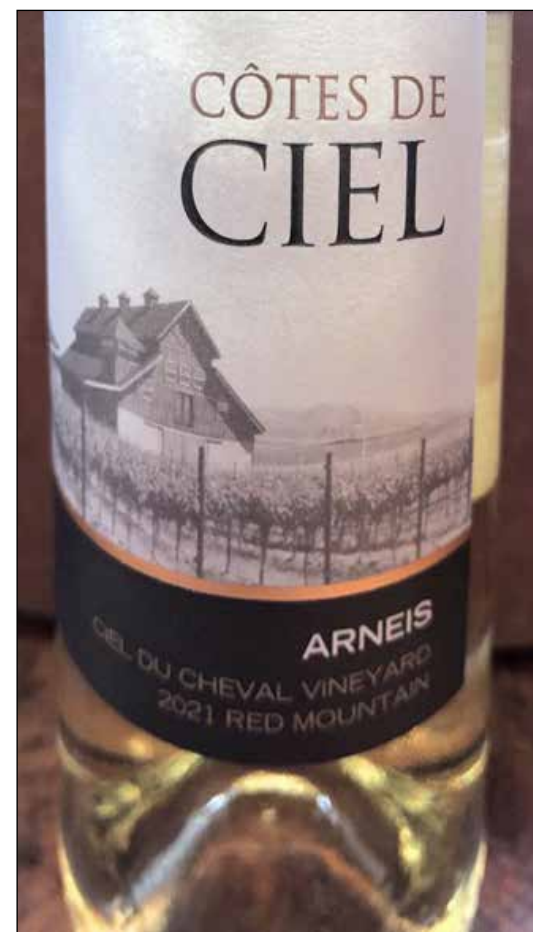
PG's Wine of the Week

Côtes de Ciel 2021 Arneis
Côtes de Ciel 2021 Albariño

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

The Ciel du Cheval vineyard was among the first planted on Red Mountain. Today it's in the hands of second generation winegrower Richard Holmes, who has begun experimenting with these two non-traditional white varieties. Arneis is a northern Italian grape rarely seen in the U.S. Holmes thinks this is a first for Washington. It's tart, tight, sharp and strikingly good. There's a clear focus on citrus and apple fruit and rind, balanced throughout with generous acidity and a peppery finish. Albariño may be a bit more familiar, especially those versions imported from Spain. This Red Mountain example is succulent and sexy with Meyer lemon, white peach, palate-pleasing minerality and a full, focused finish. These are must-taste wines for anyone interested in exploring new white wine frontiers in Washington. Both wines are priced at \$25 and may be purchased from the Côtes de Ciel website or at their downtown Walla Walla tasting room.

<https://cotesdeciel.orderport.net/wines/Current-Releases>



SPORTS

FORNEY PITCHES TEAM TO VICTORIES

Senior Megan Forney pitched both games of the doubleheader against Columbia-Burbank on Monday, May 9; winning 13-3 and 14-11. In the second game, DW was behind 6-0 at the bottom of the 2nd inning. The Wolfpack team fought back and prevailed 14-11 to earn a playoff spot. Forney was honored between games as one of two seniors on this year's team. Jessie Atterberry was not available due to illness.



Pitcher Megan Forney



Paul and Mackenzie Forney honor #10 Senior Megan at game on May 9



Senior Jessie Atterberry

D/W Sports

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES



Jasper Morrow on defense

HS BASEBALL END SEASON WITH LOSS

The DW baseball team saw their season come to a close with two losses to Columbia-Burbank on Monday, May 9. CB pitched a no-hitter in the first game; winning 10-0. Levi Boudrieau was on the mound for the Wolfpack. Zachary Durham and Klint Kuykendall pitched in relief. The Wolfpack committed five fielding errors in the five-inning game. The nightcap was a better game for the Wolfpack as they collected nine hits and had only one fielding error in the seven-inning game. In the 11-4 loss, Jasper Morrow led the team with three hits. He also pitched in relief, striking out six batters. Boudrieau had two hits and Kuykendall, Evan Allen, Rueben Yutzy, and Durham had one hit each. Kuykendall was the starting pitcher and Boudrieau also pitched in relief.

WOLFPACK TRACK SENDS ATHLETES TO DISTRICT

Nine members of the DW track team survived sub-districts in Dayton on Monday, May 9, and will travel to the district meet in Cle Elum on May 18.

- Marion Duncan: 400 meter and Shot Put
- Kaydance Tiner: Shot Put and Discus
- Chasity Paddock: Shot Put
- Alex Dahlby: 1600 and 3200 meter
- Teegan Kenney: Long Jump
- Trista Villaro: Triple Jump
- Hudson Reser: 100 meter and 200 meter
- Tristan Rennaker: Long Jump
- Tony Halvorson 1600

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The Importance of Being Neat (or not)

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

I recently read an article in the New York Times about a woman who inherited her mother's germaphobia. The pandemic amplified her phobia, and she became obsessed with the variety of disinfectants available and how to use and not use them.

Bleach shouldn't be mixed with anything except water. This lesson I learned the hard way when I tried to clean an ancient and yellowed bathtub years ago. I wanted it clean, so I mixed bleach, ammonia, and a little TSP in a bucket. I nearly asphyxiated myself.

The woman described in the article confessed that her newfound germaphobia had not translated into keeping things tidy. I, on the other hand, have the opposite standard. I want things neat, tidy, and organized. A few hidden dust bunnies don't bother me until I see them. I'm an "out of sight, out of mind" person. Please, don't peak into my closets or under the bed.

I usually organize my desk before I start work. I've heard a clean desk helps clear your mind, so I try to keep mine neat. When papers accumulate that I don't



need at that moment, I throw them on the bed behind me. If I don't see them, they can't distract me.

Unless I get up to find something, I get distracted, stop what I'm doing, and start rummaging through the papers covering the bed, thinking it's an excellent time to organize. As one of my tennis coaches noted about my tennis game: "Easily distracted, loses focus." He hit the nail on the head.

This disorganized, distracted system also applies to my garden. I plant seeds and remind myself to write down what I planted and where. But I get distracted, and I don't. I planted about six tomato plants and put the empty labeled containers beside them. Then came the rain, and now it's anyone's guess which tomato is planted where.

As I plan to weed a particular garden area, I may get distracted by a neighbor, client phone call, or Mugsy demanding a walk. I may even notice weeds somewhere else and start working on them, leaving the original area half done.

Now and then, I get ambitious and start a massive project to organize. Everything gets put away and out of sight, which creates a different problem. I can't find things when I need them. The other day, I spent two hours looking for my new stapler when I finally remembered that I had made a new space in the bedroom for office supplies—organized but hidden.

Last year, Daniel constructed a box with a sliding cover to house small containers for our seed collection. First, I don't know where that box is, and second, I have purchased more seeds dumped in a bucket in the shed, or a bowl in the living room, or perhaps, just loose in a bucket with my gardening tools. Seed storage is on the ever-growing project list. Winter will come long before I organize a seed catalog.

Today we had a few neighbors drop by bearing birthday gifts and wishes for Daniel. I felt almost embarrassed by our messy house when hail started falling; I figure if Mother Nature can't keep her seasons straight, my little mess is minor in comparison.

Boil the water, kill the weeds

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

Ray and I are celebrating one year of homeownership with a Vicki-and-Daniel style standoff; it's even garden-related!

Ray works for one of the biggest agriculture-chemical supply companies in the area as a service manager. He knows all the ins and outs of various fertilizers, weed control chemicals, ground sterilizers, and basically anything applied by tractor or plane. It has become second nature for him to try and apply that knowledge at home.

While I understand the need for chemicals when it comes to large-scale wheat production, I try to keep as much of it as possible out of my home garden. That's where the standoff begins. Ray is ready to spray it all while I'm busy boiling plants to death.

Applying boiling-hot water to a plant causes its cell structures to collapse, effectively killing it. Immediate signs of damage include wilted leaves and mushy stems. If you are using boiling water for weed control, plants with long taproots, including buttonweed and dandelions, will require a bit more water to reach the root. Still, it effectively kills the taproot and prevents the plant from coming back. I've even had luck killing poison hemlock with water, something that RoundUp has struggled with in the past.

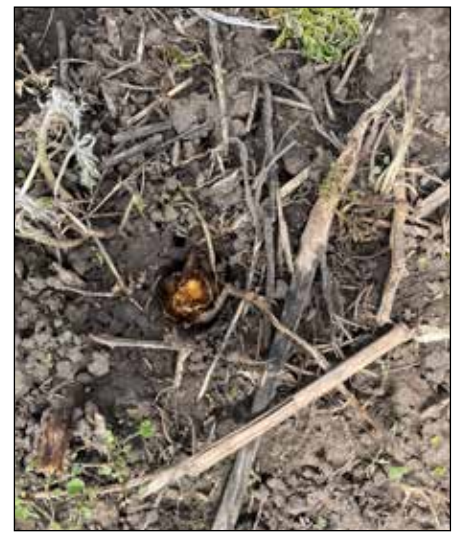
Since water from the 2020 flood seeped under our backyard, we have been dealing with what we believe is a newly disturbed seed bank. Years of seeds harboring in the soil of our yard were revived by the deep floodwaters giving a healthy crop of weeds everything they need for their next leg of life. As a bonus, boiling water can go as far as sterilizing seeds in the soil preventing new plants from coming up.

Like any weed prevention method, boiling water does have its downsides. It is



Beka Compton

A poison hemlock plant before its first dose of boiling water. Remember to always use caution around plants like hemlock as it can cause burns and is toxic.



The only remaining remnants of the plant were a mushy root. The root was feeding plenty of worms and other bugs that are essential to a healthy garden.

pretty time-consuming; you must wait for each kettle of water to boil, haul the kettle outside, and carefully apply it to the designated weed. It does, however, help you meet your daily step goal.

You will need to be careful when using boiling water on weeds in the lawn or next to decorative plants, as the water doesn't discriminate and will take out any plant it encounters. It may mean reseeding the yard in little patches, but still, it's a better option than RoundUp in my book.

If you ask me and not Ray, the downsides to using boiling water as weed control far outweigh the risks of spraying chemicals! Happy gardening, everyone!



Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi

The 2022 Lions Club Rib Feed was a wild success, with sold out tickets, pans full of tender ribs, scrumptious side dishes, and the Don Thomas building full of friends and neighbors grateful for their community.

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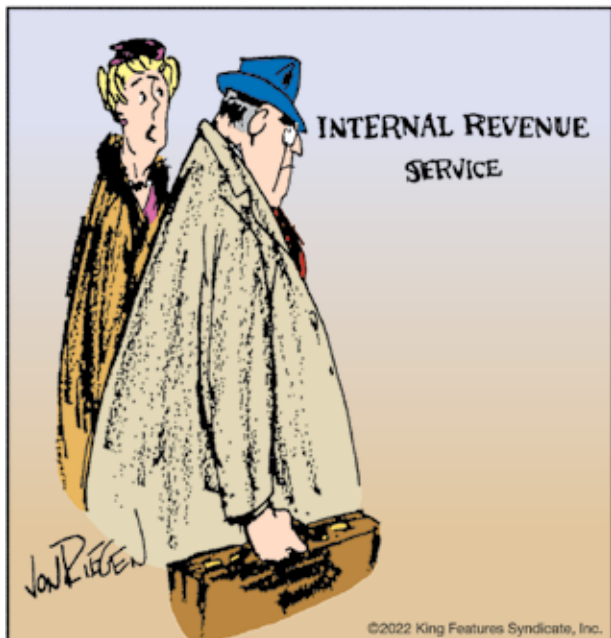
The Friendly Forest

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"Remember. I just signed my name— YOU thought up the deductions."

GRIN and BEAR IT

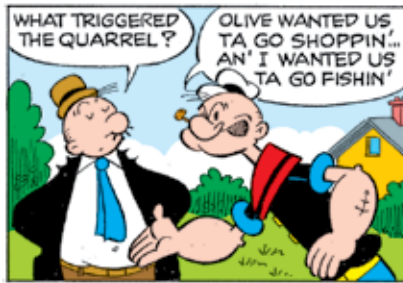
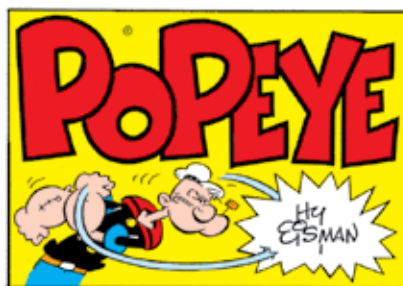


"My staff assures me that I will LOVE my bill!"

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

THE ADULT MALE TSETSE FLY LIVES FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS



Touchet Valley Weather

May 11, 2022

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday Sunny High: 63 Low: 42	Thursday Few Showers High: 62 Low: 40	Friday Partly Cloudy High: 60 Low: 45	Saturday Mostly Cloudy High: 66 Low: 49	Sunday Mostly Cloudy High: 72 Low: 52	Monday Mostly Cloudy High: 71 Low: 53	Tuesday Cloudy High: 69 Low: 48

Weather Trivia

How are the hot Santa Ana winds of California formed?

Answer: They form when pressure forces air down through the mountains.

Weather History

May 11, 1987 - Early morning thunderstorms produced up to four inches of rain in southern Texas, with flooding reported from Maverick County to Eagle Pass. Evening thunderstorms in northern Illinois produced hail the size of golf balls and wind gusts to 70 mph.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	64	45	68/46	0.00"	1.19"
Wednesday	76	45	68/46	0.00"	0.47"
Thursday	62	52	68/47	0.35"	+0.72"
Friday	61	48	69/47	0.70"	53.1°
Saturday	57	41	69/47	0.13"	57.8°
Sunday	55	40	69/47	0.01"	-4.7°
Monday	57	40	70/48	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	5:25 a.m.	8:14 p.m.	2:59 p.m.	3:39 a.m.
Thursday	5:24 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	4:12 p.m.	3:58 a.m.
Friday	5:22 a.m.	8:16 p.m.	5:29 p.m.	4:17 a.m.
Saturday	5:21 a.m.	8:18 p.m.	6:48 p.m.	4:38 a.m.
Sunday	5:20 a.m.	8:19 p.m.	8:12 p.m.	5:03 a.m.
Monday	5:19 a.m.	8:20 p.m.	9:37 p.m.	5:33 a.m.
Tuesday	5:18 a.m.	8:21 p.m.	10:57 p.m.	6:13 a.m.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

May 10, 2012

Seventeen-year-old Dakota Baker doesn't even remember the first time his grandpa took him to a course to golf because he was so young. And all of that time on the greens and hitting drives is paying off. Baker is the lone Waitsburg High School golfer competing in District 9 and he's hoping to make another trip to the state competition in a few weeks. "I love being outside in the fresh air," Baker said about his love for the sport. "And I like hanging out with my friends, too." Baker's grandpa, Paul Lommasson, was the one who bought Baker a disc golf set when he was about five and has been a large influence in Baker's golfing abilities, Baker's mother Brenda said.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

May 15, 1997

Following months of debate – at times acrimonious – surrounding the disposition of the Waitsburg Marshal's Office, the Waitsburg City Council voted 3-2 to negotiate a contract with Walla Walla County Sheriff Bill Jackson for law enforcement services. The issue also prompted a rare second caucus, which nominated a slate of candidates for mayor and city council for the annual city elections. Councilmembers George Downing, Pam Hermanns and Mark Lambert voted in favor of the move while councilwomen Bettie Chase and Karen Peters cast the dissenting votes. The vote followed a short question and answer period with Sheriff Jackson and Captain Mike Humphreys. County Commissioner Pam Ray was also in attendance.

Fifty Years Ago

May 11, 1972

"Look for Grandpa's watch in this part of the field," was an instruction that Roy Leid remembers from childhood. The request came from Roy's father, Gordon, who worked the land just south of town as had his father, Robert Leid. The watch, a Waltham pocket model, was lost over 50 years ago. Just this spring, Roy was working the piece of ground with a tractor when he saw something glint in the sunlight. He stopped immediately and picked up the watch – still intact after the many years of being lost. Only noticeable damage was a small dent in the case which may have been caused by any number of things over the period of years. The top ring, which attached the timepiece to a chain, was also missing – probably lost when the watch was lost.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

May 16, 1947



[Photo Caption] Miss Roselle Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Collins, has won the honor of being Queen of the Days of Real Sport at Waitsburg, May 23, 24, and 25. She is an attractive and popular member of this year's graduating class of Waitsburg High School.

One Hundred Years Ago

May 12, 1922

Mrs. Mary Weller, a pioneer resident of this city, who has always taken a very active interest in all things pertaining to the educational advantages of this city, has purchased the Abbey property on Main Street at the corner of Fourth with the idea of turning it over to this community for library purposes.

A Parent Teachers Association was organized at Preston Hall Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. H. A. Mount as president, Mrs. W. F. McConnell, vice president, and Mrs. O. S. Monnett, secretary-treasurer.

L. Kessler appeared in Justice Court here Monday and paid a fine of \$12 for fishing without a license on the South Coppei Sunday. He was arrested by Game Warden Van Ausdelle.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

May 14, 1897

Mrs. H. J. Abbey is having her Main Street residence painted. A. W. Strickland has secured the contract for the work.

Frank Sweazy brought a sample of Club wheat in from his farm north of this city last Thursday that measured 4 feet in height. Mr. Sweazy has 40 acres of wheat in this field, and it is all in fine condition.

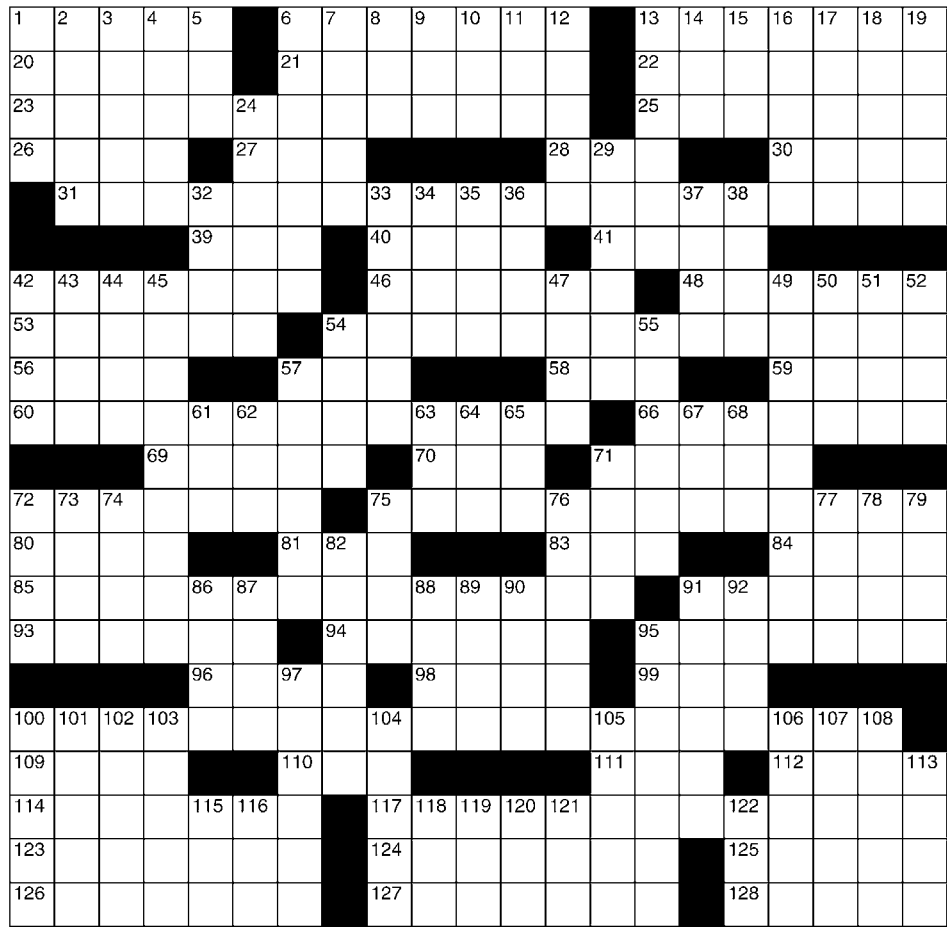
The Methodist camp meeting at Shiloh will begin on June 15. There was some talk of putting a high fence around the entire campgrounds and of charging an admittance fee to all campers, but this will not be done this year at least.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

HOLLYWOOD GIRL GROUP

- ACROSS**
- 1 Shrine images
 - 6 Kept from falling, as pants
 - 13 Abashed
 - 20 Showed on TV again
 - 21 Not varying at all
 - 22 In a weepy way
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 Language spoken in Dhaka
 - 26 Is in a chair
 - 27 College, to a Brit
 - 28 Long to undo
 - 30 Agur's sign
 - 31 Riddle, part 2
 - 39 Home for mil. jets
 - 40 Roman love god
 - 41 Singer James or Jones
 - 42 Bad guys
 - 46 Explosive compounds
 - 48 Hercule creator
 - 53 From time immemorial
 - 54 Riddle, part 3
 - 56 Talk big
 - 57 Mr. Capote, to friends
 - 58 Partner of neither
 - 59 Liquid asset
 - 60 Riddle, part 4
 - 66 Reciprocal
 - 69 Army chaplain
 - 70 The Great Lakes' — Canals
 - 71 Libreville's country
 - 72 Everglades mammal
 - 75 Riddle, part 5
 - 80 Big name in PCs
 - 81 Letter two before tau
 - 83 "— Kapital" part 6
 - 84 Roof part
 - 89 Become rigid
 - 93 Key in again
 - 94 Thin and watery
 - 95 Back fish fins
 - 96 "QED" center
 - 98 Formerly, old-style
 - 99 Mendes of "2 Fast 2 Furious"
 - 100 End of the riddle
 - 109 Kazan of Hollywood
 - 110 Singer Ritter
 - 111 Feel fluish, perhaps
 - 112 French pals
 - 114 Excessive bureaucracy
 - 117 Riddle's answer
 - 123 Offspring-producing animal
 - 124 Part of ROTC
 - 125 Rule from the throne
 - 126 Cheech and Chong personas
 - 127 Electrical current units
 - 128 Archipelago parts
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Eye opener?
 - 2 Shocking
 - 3 Give a speech
 - 4 Expire
 - 5 Lead-in to Cone or Cat
 - 6 Rubs elbows
 - 7 Flying
 - 8 Mattel doll
 - 9 Expire
 - 10 "The Simpsons" shout
 - 11 Old stage star
 - 12 Martinez of baseball
 - 13 Ideally
 - 14 Realize
 - 15 Sci-fi's Solo
 - 16 Class jargon
 - 17 Where the Marlins play
 - 18 Burstyn or Barkin of film
 - 19 Running out of steam
 - 24 Blew with short blasts
 - 29 World Heritage Site gp.
 - 32 Manicurist's target
 - 33 Brave in the face of adversity
 - 34 Give off
 - 35 "The lady — protest ..."
 - 36 Canadian tribe
 - 37 — TASS (news agency)
 - 38 Very wise
 - 42 Seizes
 - 43 Site of the Taj Mahal
 - 44 Scorch
 - 45 Frat shindig
 - 47 Rajah's wife
 - 49 Mountain climbers, e.g.
 - 50 Alexis or Peter, e.g.
 - 51 Big name in oil and gas
 - 52 Court great
 - 54 Novelist Sarah — Jewett
 - 55 Basic musical chords
 - 57 Bullfighter
 - 61 D.C.
 - 62 Ike's inits.
 - 63 USSR's Cold War foe
 - 64 Alluringly shy
 - 65 "Moo" maker
 - 67 76ers' org.
 - 68 Rocket scientist
 - 71 Neutral color
 - 72 Bryn —, Pennsylvania
 - 73 Feel fluish, perhaps
 - 74 Not cluttered
 - 75 Bagel center
 - 76 "— Fideles"
 - 77 Father, to a tot
 - 78 Knievel of motorcycle stunts
 - 79 Cravings
 - 82 Hurry it up
 - 86 Tech detail
 - 87 Wife of Zeus
 - 88 — Scott case
 - 89 Civil wrong
 - 90 "Quiet!"
 - 91 Dumpty dwellings
 - 92 — Sea (Asian lake)
 - 95 Thirsts for
 - 97 Rearranges
 - 100 Basil and bay leaf
 - 101 Heads-up
 - 102 YouTube clip
 - 103 All gone, as food
 - 104 Add-on
 - 105 Purple color
 - 106 Decorative flower holders
 - 107 Cybermissive
 - 108 Scorch
 - 113 1040 IDs: Abbr.
 - 115 Fruity quaff
 - 116 According to
 - 118 Fence (in)
 - 119 Psychic "gift"
 - 120 Added charge
 - 121 Bruin great
 - 122 Alleged psychic



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MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

Wontons Two Ways



One of the things I miss about living in a big city are the culinary discoveries that can be made while walking around town. In Seattle's International District, a dense urban neighborhood shaped by past and present influxes of Pacific Rim immigrants, I had a block-by-block map of my favorite restaurants. There were spicy Sichuan hot pots, Hong Kong style dim sum, Vietnamese banh mi sandwiches, heavenly Taiwanese xiao long bao, and of course sushi at the landmark Maneki.

It was with memories of this vibrant part of the Emerald City that I found myself making wontons this week. Stuffed with ginger and scallion-laced meat, these little pockets are brimming with flavor which can be served either as an appetizer with a zesty dipping sauce, or as a lovely soup floating in a light broth.

Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground pork or chicken
- ½ cup chopped green onions
- 2 tablespoons fresh ginger, minced
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce

- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon sugar
- 1 package wonton wrappers

Option 1 for soup serving:

- 4 cups chicken stock
- 1 tablespoon canola or peanut oil
- ½ white onion, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 1 serrano chili sliced
- Fresh cilantro

Option 2 for sauce serving:

- 5 tablespoons Asian chili sauce, such as sambal
- 1 teaspoon rice vinegar
- 2 to 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 clove of garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- Chopped green onion

Directions:

In a large mixing bowl combine ground meat, green onions, ginger, garlic, soy sauce, rice vinegar, cornstarch, sesame oil, sugar, and salt. Mix well. Set aside and allow to rest for 15 minutes. Prepare a sheet pan with a light dusting of cornstarch or line it with parchment paper.

To assemble wontons, place one teaspoon of filling in the center of each wrapper. Use your finger to lightly dampen all the edges with water. First, fold in half, making a rectangle. Press out any extra air pockets, and firmly seal the edges. Hold rectangle in hands with the folded edge towards you. Dampen one corner of folded edge with water, then bring the two corners together and seal. The top edge (seam side) should fold over as you form the wonton, making a shape like a bonnet. As you go, arrange wontons on the prepared sheet pan, and cover with a kitchen towel to keep them from drying out.

When ready to cook, bring a large pot of water to a boil. Reduce heat to keep water at a gentle boil. Cook wontons in batches, stirring water as you add them to prevent them from sticking to bottom of pan. Cook for about 5 minutes. Wontons will float to the top and turn plump. Use a strainer or slotted spoon to remove cooked wontons from the water and place in a bowl with a little drizzle of oil and cover with a lid to keep warm. Simply serve hot boiled dumplings with a little soy sauce for dipping or try one of the options below.

Option 1:

Heat oil in a heavy soup pot. Add onions and sauté for about 5 minutes until tender and starting to turn translucent. Add soy sauce and vinegar with the chicken stock. Bring to a simmer. Taste and adjust seasoning. Set aside hot soup while you start boiling the wontons as described above. Add sliced chili pepper just before serving. Place 3 to 5 boiled wontons in each serving bowl. Then ladle hot soup over top and garnish with cilantro and green onion.

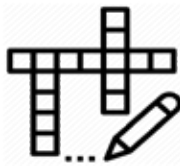
Option 2:

While the wontons are boiling make sauce. Mix chili sauce, soy sauce, garlic, sugar and sesame oil together in a small bowl. Add a spoonful of the hot wonton cooking water and stir to combine. Place 3 to five cooked wontons in shallow serving dishes. Pour a little sauce over the tops, and garnish with green onion.

Notes: Wonton wrappers can be found in the produce section of most grocery stores, often near the tofu. These wontons can also be made with ground turkey. Or try a mixture of pork and chicken. Any leftover filling can be browned and added to the soup base for serving. These wontons could also be deep-fried. 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
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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A Coach with a Love of Football wins Championship

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

You don't have to wait for the NFL season to see exciting football. There is one more regular-season home game for the Tri-City Rush, a professional indoor football team to be played at Pasco's HAPO Center. The team's website, tricityrush.com, is the place to buy tickets, Rush gear, and find out about the players, including information about the newly recruited female kicker, Jamie Council.

Brandon Tate, a Waitsburg High School graduate, is in his second year as owner and coach of the Tri-City Rush Professional Indoor Football Team. Tate has played football since the third grade. He was hard to stop as a running back for the Waitsburg Cardinals football team.

Tate continued to dominate as running back for the Waitsburg Elite minor league football team for three years, where he took on the coaching role. The Elite played home games on the Waitsburg High School field. Next, he started the Tri-City Rage, a minor league development team in the Greater Northwest Football Association (GNFA). Tate was the owner and coach of the Rage for about five years until games were shut down due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Since May 2021, Tate has been the owner and coach of the Tri-City Rush Professional Indoor Football team. The Rush won the Championship with a 9-2 record in its first season. Rush players are paid, given housing, and provided full medical insurance. Players for the team come from all over the United States. At last year's mid-season, the Rush recruited a former University of Washington player who signed with the Seattle Seahawks as a receiver on the practice squad at the end of the season.

The Tri-City Rush plays in the American West Football Conference, including teams from Washington, Oregon, Southern California, and Idaho. It's an eight-man game with lots of action. The Rush is playing well and currently has a 5-0 record. This week, the team has its last regular-season home game on May 14. The game starts at 7 p.m. at the HAPO Center in Pasco. The Rush will play for the Championship at HAPO Center on July 9.

There are differences in how indoor and outdoor football is played. Starting an indoor league team requires building a field with a padded wall system 23 yards wide by 50 yards long. The field has eight-yard endzones and a turf field. Under indoor rules, two offensive players, usually the receivers, can be in forward motion before the snap; a run-

ning head start.

On defense, the linebackers line up five yards from the scrimmage line. There is no punting, so players go for a first down or try for a field goal. The walls are in bounds, so if a player is touching the wall before, he could catch the ball on the other side. Tate's favorite indoor rule is that coaches can be on the field to call out plays.

Coach Tate is very enthusiastic about the game of football. He has given back to the community by coaching second through eighth graders in flag and tackle football for 11 years in the Walla Walla valley. Last fall, he coached at Highlands Middle School in Kennewick as the offensive coordinator.

Tate speaks passionately about the game. "Kids love it," said Tate observing that families have a great time watching the Rush play.

If you happen to catch a ball that goes over the wall, you get to keep it. After the game, Rush players are happy to sign the ball. There are also activities and giveaways at home games during timeouts.

Tate is joined by staff, including his mom, Janet, who assists with the finance portion, and Matt Hamilton, operation manager. There is also a recruiter, an on-site event coordinator, and other coaches and staff.

So go to the HAPO Center on May 14 and watch a coach who loves the game win another Championship.



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