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Walla Walla Frontier Days Royalty

Dayton Days Royalty (L to R): Mikayla Close-John, Hannah Peralez, Jemma Anderson, and Tayla King led the 2021 Dayton Days parade. The two-day event was a huge success, by all accounts.

# Drought advisory issued for Washington

Driest March-April since 1926 prompts first-time use of new early warning tool

THE TIMES

The Department of Ecology (DOE) issued a drought advisory for most of Washington State, including Walla Walla and Columbia Counties, on May 27 following several extremely dry months.

This year, March through April was the fourth driest period for the state since 1865. Ranchers, farmers, and agriculture professionals from the affected regions have expressed growing concerns. Early crop observations show crop stress and have set an expectation for reduced yields, with wheat and hay crops being especially vulnerable.

"Critical periods for the wheat are during the second half of May and the first two weeks of June," said Washington State University (WSU) Regional Extension Agronomist Aaron Esser. "The strong winds are also dehydrating plants and taking moisture away from the soil. These windy conditions with such little precipitation are like getting a boot to the head where you're down."

Although snowpack in Washington mountains was considered "above-normal" this last winter, not all watersheds are fed by melting snow. Springtime precipitation is critical for non-irrigated crops, including wheat and barley, and grazing and foraging areas for livestock. Walla Walla County is one of the few areas in the state experiencing early snowmelt, leaving less-than-average water levels. In addition, the average temperatures in the county for May and April were significantly higher than usual.

The timing of moisture makes a significant difference for maximum growth. "An inch of rain in May is worth eight bushels, and an inch of rain in June

"An inch of rain in May is worth eight bushels, and an inch of rain in June is worth 12 bushels," said Esser. "Less than a quarter of an inch of rain really doesn't help much."

The Department of Ecology noted that a drought advisory is an early warning of a possible drought.

"It promotes awareness and readiness for water users in areas where drought conditions are developing," the DOE shared in a statement. "Drought advisories are informational only and include no emergency authorizations or funding."

This is the first drought advisory issued by the DOE since the State Legislature gave the department the authority in 2020.

The affected counties under the advisory are Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Clallam, Clark, Columbia, Cowlitz, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Spokane, Stevens, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima.

The DOE said that observations and photographs of drought conditions could help the department assess whether they need to elevate the state's response. Signs of drought include plant stress, erosion, reduced pasture, foraging grounds, reduced livestock weight, and lower water levels in ponds, creeks, and other bodies of water. To report drought conditions, visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/syhpv8cd">https://tinyurl.com/syhpv8cd</a>

# Dayton Chamber welcomes new Director

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—A visit that turns into a new home doesn't happen to everyone, but that's exactly how Belinda Larsen ended up calling Dayton home. As the new Dayton Chamber of Commerce Director, Larsen is driven by community and economic development, and keeping Dayton as welcoming for all guests as it has been for her

"When I told people I was moving to Dayton, they were all like 'Oh, what a neat place! Dayton is such a fun town,'" Larsen said. "Not one person questioned the move."



Beka Compton

Belinda Larsen, the new Dayton Chamber of Commerce Director, helps a visitor decide on her next stop during her stay in town.

Larsen, formerly of Clarkston, found the Chamber Director job listing while scrolling through social media. When she discovered the position, the listing had actually expired, she said. She reached out to the staff at the time, and they agreed to review her resume with the Chamber board. A Zoom interview and a few days later, Larsen accepted the job and began the moving process.

She has a long history of working with economic development organizations and various Chambers of Commerce, and believes that you must involve all members of the organizations.

"A lot of the success comes from involving the members with different events," Larsen said. "Not all of the events have to be big, like All Wheels Weekend. Small ones that bring the people together so they can network and get to know each other better, those are the events that I am envisioning. Lauren (Parsons) has given me a few ideas she has, so we are going to sit down, mesh those ideas together and bring a few new things to town."

Larsen said she has had a great time working with the Chamber board, and appreciates how receptive they are to new ideas. She has also enjoyed working with Jennie Dickinson, at the Port of Columbia, rekindling a working relationship from Larsen's time working at the Port of Clarkston.

"She is just a go-getter, get-it-done kind of person," said Larsen, "That's how I am- if we have something we can take and move forward, let's make it happen."

Recently, Larsen helped put on the Dayton Days parade, one of the first organized parades since the COVID-19 pandemic last year, and said she loved every minute of it.

"That was the first thing I stepped into, and it was crazy," Larsen joked. "I love that kind of pressure- I actually thrive in those situations. Things happen behind the scenes, but you just have to roll with it, and you just make things happen."

Her eyes are set forward, with All Wheels Weekend quickly approaching. Larsen said that the event received a "late go-ahead," with COVID-19-related uncertainties still looming. The event will take over Main Street in Dayton, June 18-20. Smash'em-crash'em demolition derby fans will have to wait just a bit longer, with the derby scheduled for July 17. Tickets are available through the Chamber of Commerce.

"I have lived in a lot of places, but Dayton has been one of the most welcoming," Larsen said. "It has been incredible."

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# **TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE**

#### SHERWOOD TRUST PRESENTS EVERYDAY EQUITY AND EMPATHY **COMMUNITY WORKSHOP**

THE TIMES

Sherwood Trust is presenting free community workshops on equity and empathy. The second in the four-part series is June 16 and will highlight rural leadership.

"We welcome community members to share in a live community learning experience that we hope will inspire and motivate actions to build equity and empathy into your daily routine," said Sherwood Trust Program Director Julia Leavitt. The free virtual event will take place Wednesday, June 16, from 9-10:30 am PST. To register, visit sherwoodtrust.org.

Participants will hear from local and national experts in rural leadership. The keynote speaker will be Heidi Khokhar, executive director for Oregon-based Rural Development Initiatives (RDI). Nationally renowned for her pioneering work in rural leadership, Khokhar has, for 20 years, led efforts to develop diverse, skilled, and connected local leaders that support rural economic sustainability.

RDI has produced Sherwood Trust's Community Leadership program for 17 years. Other RDI programs included WealthWorks economic revitalization initiative and the volunteer Community Ambassador Network.

"The community learning session is an opportunity to deepen our understanding of how strong rural leaders demonstrate empathy and center decision making around equity," Leavitt says.

Local speakers include Jennie Dickinson, executive director for Port of Columbia; Roger Esparza, Walla Walla real estate broker and nonprofit leader; Steve Irving, council president of Milton Freewater City Council; Mark Kajita, president and CEO of Baker Boyer Bank in Walla Walla; and Mandy Thompson, chairman of the College Place School Board.

Jennie Dickinson is the Executive Director of the Port of Columbia. Since 2007, Dickinson has coordinated improvements to the Lyons Ferry Marina facility, constructed a new facility for Columbia County Public Transportation, created a plan, and found funding for the development and construction of the Blue Mountain Station Artisan Food Park, and facilitated the re-opening of the Port-owned short line railroad. Dickinson played a significant role in the siting of wind energy generation over the last 15 years and most recently assisted Columbia Pulp as they opened a new cutting-edge wheat straw pulp facility in Co-

Roger Esparza is a real estate broker in Walla Walla with deep experience in regional nonprofits. He currently serves on several boards and is past chair of the Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce and Community Council. Esparza, a Sherwood Trust's Community Leadership Program graduate, has coached youth sports and is an active mentor and volunteer for numerous area organizations.

Steve Irving is an active member of the Milton Freewater City Council for over 17 years, where he currently serves as council president. A Milton Freewater resident for 33 years, Irving is a member of the Chamber Ambassadors and on the boards of the Milton Freewater Community Development Partnership and the Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council. A dedicated sports fan, Irving has been involved in youth softball and the Mac-Hi JV Squad.

Mark Kajita is president and CEO of Baker Boyer Bank in Walla Walla. A Walla Walla native, he started at Baker Boyer Bank in 2003 and worked in various positions before being named CEO in 2014. Kajita is active in the community and serves on multiple boards, including the Blue Mountain Community Foundation, Mill Creek Coalition, and Whitman College Board of

Mandy Thompson is board chairman of College Place Public Schools. She has served on the school board since 2015. She notes serving on the school board has been an opportunity for continual change and growth. Thompson, who previously served on the Touchet School Board during its superintendent search and successful Touchet School Renovation bond, has for 23 years worked as a dental hygienist in

Rural Leadership is the second community workshop in a four-part series titled "Everyday Equity and Empathy." The last two workshops in the series are Transformation Through Arts and Culture on September 16 and Civic Engagement on November 16. Sherwood Trust workshops are free and open to the community and have live Spanish translation. Registration, available at Sherwoodtrust.org, is required for the virtual event.

#### **SPEND YOUR SUMMER ON** THE FARM WITH THE BLUE **MOUNTAIN LAND TRUST**

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Blue Mountain Land Trust and Welcome Table Farm have teamed up each summer to offer week-long day camp sessions to learn about life on a small organic farm. Farm Kids engages children in grades 1-4 to explore and discover local food systems through hands-on activities and games. Let's not forget exploring the wonders in Yellowhawk Creek at the end of each day!

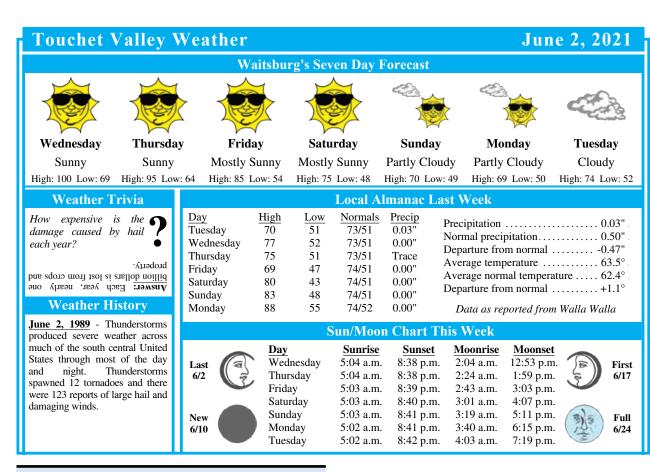
Three sessions will be offered this year, starting with "An Abundance of Flora and Insects," July 12-16. Explore life at its most beautiful through investigation of blooms, propagation, and pollinators. Understand the blooming stage in plant life cycles, seed production, and edible crops. Many flowers provide habitat and food for insects. Let's catch and identify beneficial specimens that help our foods and flowers grow.

July 19-23, "Critters on the Farm" will allow campers to explore the food chains and nutrient cycles of the critter's wild and not-so-wild living on the organic farm and surrounding wilderness of Yellowhawk Creek. Help with pig chores and feed the goats. You will even learn to identify an animal by their scat!

The final session, "Farm to our Table" allows campers to work with the farmers of Welcome Table Farm in the fields. Get your hands in the soil to plant seeds, weed, and harvest. Discover how local farms feed our community through seasonal crops. Learn skills that will be helpful in the home garden while having fun with new friends. Kids will achieve a sense of satisfaction from hard work and a job well done.

The program is open to children in grades 1-4, and runs from 8:30 a.m through 1:30 p.m. Each week-long session costs \$215. To register, visit https://tinyurl. com/afn9uyyk

The Blue Mountain Land Trust would like to remind parents that safety is their top priority. BMLT will proceed to host Farm Kids with adjustments as advised by Walla Walla County Public Health. If the county changes and camp is no longer sensible, the program will be canceled.



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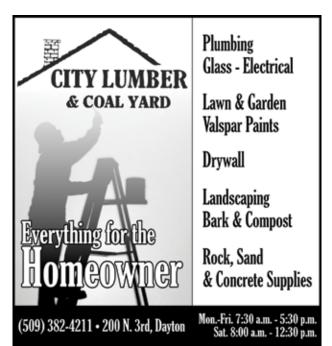
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# **TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE**

## Business updates shared at **EDSC** meeting

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON-The Economic Development and Steering Committee met for a regular meeting at noon on Tuesday, June 1.

Port of Columbia Executive Director Jennie Dickinson reported the Port was being awarded another grant from the Innovia Foundation. Prior funding from the foundation provided startup grants for businesses in Dayton that did not qualify for COVID-19 funding, including the Main Street Marketplace and Table Rock Meat Company. Applications for new startup funds will be available for pickup soon, Dickinson said.

The Port received a marketing grant for \$50,000 from the State of Washington. Dickinson said that the proposal she submitted was geared towards tourism-related business' marketing needs.

"Tourism numbers are not what they were before COVID-19 quite yet," Dickinson said. "Although this last weekend looked a lot more normal!"

According to Dickinson, the funds have to be spent before June 30, and she said that the Port plans on running marketing campaigns within the region, hoping for some advertising in Spokane. Dickinson said it might be possible to help with the Stay and Play package that the Dayton Chamber of Commerce is currently working on.

She was excited to share that the Weinhard Cafe has reopened, and the first two weeks have gone very well for new owners Daniel Rossi and Vicki Sternfield

Dickinson reported that she is working with a potential buyer interested in the former Woody's Bar and Grill on Main Street. She said there still needs to be work done to make the building more attractive to potential buyers, including cleaning food storage

She went on to report that she submitted a \$2 million grant application to CERB last Monday. She said that the funding date had been pushed back more than a month to September due to federal funding requirements.

Dickinson said three internet service providers had signed contingency agreements, committing to offer service to Dayton should the Port build a broadband network.

"Letters were sent to all existing internet service providers before the grant went out, asking if they would like to partner with us (the Port)," Dickinson clarified. "That list includes Touchet Valley TV, Pocket iNet, Columbia iConnect, CenturyLink, and Inland Cellular. Of those five letters that went out, I received responses from four of them. Three of them agreed to partner- CenturyLink said they were not in a position

Shawn Brown spoke about a joint-planning meeting, with planning commissions from local cities, to discuss the draft of the Regional Housing Plan, to be held June 7 at 7 p.m, via Zoom. Brown said to reach out to the City of Dayton for call-in information.

Dickinson did not have much to report regarding the Touchet Valley Trail project, other than written answers are being prepared for the many community-submitted questions.

The Columbia County Health System is submitting an application to Senator Cantwell's office, for funding for a childcare center, in partnership with the

Columbia County Public Health Director Martha Lanman clarified that Washington State is still following CDC guidelines regarding mask-wearing. Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to wear a face mask unless they are going to be in an area that has unvaccinated people or large crowds, like grocery stores. Unvaccinated people still need to mask. Lanman explained that asking about vaccination status is up to each business.

Columbia County currently has one active case of COVID-19, down from last week's six cases. She said that the vaccination clinics had been moved to the Public Health building, and they will be hosting a clinic on June 3 from 4 p.m to 6 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome for the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines. A clinic offering first and second doses of Pfizer will be held Tuesday, June 8, at the Dayton School District, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Vaccination clinic information will be available later this week.

Shane McGuire represented the Columbia County Health System, expanding on discussions about the vaccination reporting system and clarifying some of the hiccups experienced by the system. He said he appreciated all of the work that Public Health has done to continue to provide the vaccination to Columbia County residents.

McGuire said that the assisted living expansion has been paused, hoping for a price decrease on lumber and other building supplies. He noted that the MedAir, MedGas projects are still moving forward.

Sean Brown reported that the guest turnout for Dayton Days was exceptional. Dayton Chronicle Publisher Loyal Baker said they had to turn a few people away after online ticket sales were closed. He reported that they received many positive comments.

The Chamber of Commerce is working hard to prepare for the upcoming All Wheels Weekend.

Vicki Zoller spoke on behalf of the Friends of the Dayton Community Center and Pool organization, saying that the group has not given up on their efforts. Zoller said that the organization is always looking for new committee members. The committee meets the last Tuesday of the month, in the Delaney Room, at 5

#### **DAYTON'S DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASKS FOR PUBLIC INPUT**

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The City of Dayton Department of Planning and Community Development encourages the public to review the Main Street Safety Action Plan (MSSAP) draft and submit comments. The goal of the MSSAP is to identify and address current deficiencies along Dayton's Main Street corridor to ensure the safety of pedestrians, bike riders, and drivers, expand connectivity, and enhance the economic vitality of Main Street businesses.

The full draft MSSAP will be available at http://bit. ly/mssap2021 for review and public comments between June 1st and June 30th, 2021.

All public comments will be examined and considered by the stakeholder advisory committee to make their final recommendation to the Dayton City Council. The MSSAP will remain a draft until it is adopted by the council. A public hearing will be scheduled before a potential adoption. For questions, or help retrieving the materials online, contact the Director of Planning and Community Development, Meagan Hayes at www.daytonwa.com.



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You are directly requested to review  ${\mathscr E}$  submit comments on the draft Main St. Safety Action Plan. The comment period will be June 1 - 30, 2021.

> Find the draft online http://bit.ly/mssap2021 OR www.daytonwa.com



## Community Calendar

#### Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

#### **Waitsburg City Council:**

Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Call-in information available at www. cityofwaitsburg.com/government-1

#### **Waitsburg School Board:**

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

#### **Waitsburg Gun Club:**

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

#### Walla Walla County Commissioners

Every Monday and Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.

Call-in information is available at <a href="https://">https://</a> www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/ commissioners/2020 agendas.php

#### **Dayton & Columbia County Meetings**

**Board of Columbia County Commissioners** First and second Monday of each month at 9 a.m.

Call-in information available at <a href="https://">https://</a> www.columbiaco.com/114/County-**Commissioners** 

#### **Dayton City Council**

Second Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. Call-in information available at https:// www.daytonwa.com/54-inside-city-hall/ city-council

#### **Dayton School Board**

Third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m.at the Dayton High School auditorium

#### **Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners**

Fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

#### **Coalition for Youth & Families**

Fourth Wednesday monthly at 3 p.m. https://coalitionforyouthandfamilies.org/

#### **Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trust**ees Meeting Every month on the Third Monday at 7:00

Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787

**Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting - Online** Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5598153650

#### **Starbuck City Council:**

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

#### **DAYTON SENIOR ROUND** TABLE LUNCH

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

#### Thursday, June 3

Sloppy Joe Baked beans Coleslaw Fruit Milk

#### Tuesday, June 8

Beef stroganoff Pickled beets Salad Garlic bread Gelatin salad Milk

#### **WAITSBURG SENIOR** CENTER

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

#### Tuesday, June 8

Cookie

Beef stew Vegetable (chef's choice) Roll Green salad Fruit

#### WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT Thursday, June 3

B:Breakfast pizza

L: Teriyaki chicken

Snap peas Mandarin oranges

#### Friday, June 4 B: Yogurt parfait

L: Turkey sub Pasta salad Cucumbers Watermelon

#### Monday, June 7

B: Omelet and sausage L:Pulled pork sandwich Chips Snap peas OrangeOranges

#### Tuesday, June 8

B: Biscuit & gravy L: Cook's choice

#### Wed., June 9

B: Breakfast round & yogurt L: Chicken drumstick Baked beans Cucumbers Mixed fruit



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# **NEWS & COMMENTARY**

#### **LETTERS**

#### IN SUPPORT OF CITY ASSETS

**Dear Editor** 

I am Twila Johnson-Tate, a new resident to Waitsburg. Imagine my surprise when I received the Walla Walla valley Visitor Guide, which listed Waitsburg as a place to visit. The magazine featured lively and inviting images of outdoor Waitsburg venues such as the Swimming Pool (closed), Bruce Mansion Grounds (closed), Waitsburg Fairgrounds with Grandstands (closed).

In fact, most of what would attract people to the city is closed or in the process of being closed.

The Weller Public library downtown will soon be added to the list of historic sites to be closed, relocated, or slated to be torn down and no longer a part of the history of Waitsburg.

The City Council of Waitsburg and City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe have decided to sell the Weller building and relocate the Public Library (location undisclosed at the time of this letter) based on a frequently used scare tactic of the building lacks ADA compliance and needs expensive repairs.

In an email sent by me to Mr. Hinchliffe on April 20th, 2021, asking when the city pool will open, I was advised that the "city is not going to open the pool this year" and instead plans on installing a splash pad. The splash pad will be a great addition to the city for families with small children, but the loss of the pool as a source of recreation for youth and adults is heartbreaking.

The city of Waitsburg is slated to receive funding from the Coronavirus State and local Fiscal Recovery Fund from the U.S. Department of Treasury. When I asked Mr. Hinchliffe what the city's plan for the allocation of funds will be, the response was that the "intended focus will be on water and sewer infrastructure as well as backfilling lost revenue from the pandemic."

My question to City Council and Mr. Hinchliffe is this: Why not use a portion of that funding to make repairs to the Weller building, the city pool and the grandstands?

Respectfully,

Twila Johnson-Tate Waitsburg, Washingon

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

June 3: Jim Bloor, Janice Klick, Melinda Nubla, June Van Denventer, Lynne Robinson and Sharon Sher-

June 4: Kyle Dozier, Anthony Morgan, Dick Hodge, Angela Campbell, Charlee Long.

June 5: Robert Zuger.

June 6: Angie Lincoln, Bill Wert, and Melissa Lehr. June 7: Judy Adkins and

Dana Maki. June 8: Jamie Gritman, Patty Hendrickson, Sarah Price,

Gary Cox and Kevin Erick-June 9: Kay Heady, Jack

Roberts, Barbara McCauley, Edward Fisher, Ed Sickles,

Jenny Rencken, Marne Henderson, Cathy Abel.

#### **NEWS BRIEFS**

#### **CAVU CELLARS PRESENTS WORK FROM FIVE EASTERN WASHINGTON ARTISTS**

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Cavu Cellars presents the work of five Eastern Oregon artists. Janni Kerns, Sarah Fry, Alicia Andrews, Sarah Greenman, and Mary Davies

Janni Kerns creates graphite drawings and watercolor paintings

She portrays animals and people in a spare style that captures the essence of her subject matter.

"When I create, I am experimenting, making discoveries, and testing my understanding of the world around me. I often start with photographs of a subject and then explore it in depth via multiple sketches and drawings. These drawings free me to complete works that are pared to the essential."

Sarah Fry creates landscape paintings to communicate her ideas of place, home, and familiarity. This Western land, as powerful and dominant as it is, is constantly changing.

"You can't make this stuff up," Fry often mutters as she squints at the summer storm clouds backlit by the evening sun.

Alicia Andrews creates paintings that seem only to be a collection of divergent objects pleasingly arranged, but they tell a story. Each unique creation contains pieces of her everyday life connected by a narrative in her head. Her whimsical take on ordinary objects and her surroundings will be a great addition to the show's body of work.

Sarah Greenman says that her work is deeply informed by place, nature, and the seasons, woven into her paintings, poems, plays, and multilayered creative offerings.

Her paintings in the show are from a series called "Startling Truth." The title comes from Maya Angelou's seminal poem "A Brave and Startling Truth." This selection of work is a form of active prayer and also an expression of profound appreciation for the most foundational fact of human existence: that we are made of star-stuff."

Mary Davies Kerns is a painter. Expansive vistas of the high desert in southeast Oregon, where she lives, dominates her subject matter. A full-time rancher, Kerns includes cattle, horses, working dogs, range sheep, and ranchers in her paintings. In preparation for this show at Cavu Cellars, Kerns traveled to the Walla Walla area and was mesmerized by the rolling cropland. Her works are trimmed down, simplified to essential expressions of farmed land and the geographic borders we must workaround.

Cavu Cellars is open 11-5 daily and located at 175 E. Aeronca Avenue, Walla Walla, Wash.

Please come and meet the artists Saturday, June 5, from 3 to 5 p.m., open to the public.

#### **WALLA WALLA COUNTY PROPERTIES TO SEE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN ASSESSED VALUE**

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA COUNTY-Walla Walla County homeowners should expect a change of value notice soon, according to the county's assessor, Debra Antes.

"Most properties will see a substantial increase in the assessed value due to the increasing market," Antes said in a statement. "Washington State requires our office to assess property at 100% of market value, meaning what you could expect to sell your property for if you were to sell it. Sales of properties similar to your home are used to set your assessed value."

Antes would like to remind homeowners that even if their assessment increases, that does not mean that property taxes will be increased by the same percentage. As values increase, the levy rate should decrease, she said.

Due to COVID-19 and related restrictions, Antes said, appraisers will not be able to talk to homeowners in person. If homeowners have questions or concerns, Antes said to call the assessor's office, and an appraiser will be in contact.

#### **WWSO**

**May 19** 

Theft of truck and trailer, Burbank

Burglary-Garage door kicked in by unknown subject, Burbank

**May 25** 

Drug/Narcotic-Unknown subject tried to ship marijuana illegally, WW County

Assault-Simple-Multiple intoxicated subjects drinking at unknown location, possibly in Oregon where an assault possibly occurred. Arrests were made for DUI's and an FTA warrant, WW County

Weapons Violation-An illegal knife was found by the TSA in the luggage of a passenger, WW County

#### CCSO

Suspicious activity reported. Robinette Mountain Traffic stop at Blue Mountain Motel. Main Street 9-1-1 call. 3rd Street

May 25

Violation of court order. 2nd street Suspicious activity reported. Main Street Traffic stop. Main Street

Illegal dumping reported. Cemetery Hill Found property reported. Tucannon Welfare check, Touchet Street

Citizen contact, Dayton High School. 3rd Street

Disturbance at City Park. 1st Street Traffic call. Maloney Mountain

**May 28** 

Fraud reported. 6th Street Traffic stop. Tucannon Road

**May 29** 

Animal call. 4th Street Threats reported. Baxter Street Suspicious activity reported. Spring Street

May 30

Domestic problem. 4th Street Traffic stop. Rose Gulch Accident, injury. Maloney Mountain

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#### **OBITUARY**

## **Donald Gregory Davis**

May 30, 1948 – May 23, 2021

n Sunday, May 23, 2021 (Donald) Gregory Davis, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away at the age of 72 at Holy Family Hospital in Spokane, WA due to complications from Covid-19.

Greg was born on May 30, 1948 in Sandpoint, ID to Bill and Mary (Jeppsen) Davis. He spent most of his childhood in Chewelah, WA before moving to Dayton with his family. Greg married at 16 years old and welcomed two daughters, Darla and Debbie. On March 14, 1970 he married the love of his life, Vicki Lynn Gallaher. Together they raised twin daughters, Sheila and Shelli, and one son, Jacob. He loved his family, and his kids turned to him for everything, whether it be advice, to fix something, to build something, or to just listen.

Greg loved to work, and he worked hard to support his family. He had many different jobs in his lifetime. He worked construction, drove parts truck, owned an auto parts store, did some brush cutting on the Olympic Peninsula, but his



Donald Gregory Davis

passion was driving his trucks. No matter what venture he went on to do next, he always went back to trucking. Greg owned and operated Greg Davis Trucking, Inc. up until his death.

Greg's Christian faith was an essential part of his life. He went on a couple of missions to Mexico to help build homes and shelters for women and children, and he loved his Sunday gatherings at the Patton home where they met for worship and fellowship.

Greg was preceded in death by his mother, Mary, his father, Bill, and step-mother, Joyce. He is survived by his wife at home, Vicki, his five children, Darla (Jeff) Miller, Debbie Davis, Sheila (Heath) Shelton, Shelli (Eric) Davis, and Jacob (Ashlyn) Davis, his brothers, Doug (Janet) Davis, and Bill (Lori) Davis, and sister Barbara (Mark) Brown, 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchil-

dren, and several cousins, nieces, and nephews. A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, June 7, 2021 at Jake's house, 100 Ward Rd at 2:00 pm.

## **Memorial Day** Observance at the **Waitsburg Cemetary**









Photos by Beka Compton



Top left: Home Grown Go Wild 4-H Club Members Sarah Daves, William Daves, Timothy Daves and Brody Tilman Carrigan performed the opening flag ceremonies at the 2021 Memorial Day service, at the Waitsburg Cemetery, on May 31.

Top right: White crosses and American flags marked the graves of all veterans at the Waitsburg Cemetery. Volunteers spent

Botton right: WHS Alum Wyatt Bohlman performed Taps at the close of the 2021 Memorial Day program.

Bottom left: Waitsburg's Phil Monfort shared memories of his time in the US Army Air Corps. Monfort joined the Corps in 1942, when he was just 18 years old, despite having an agricultural deferment. He said he had an "inborn desire to fly."

Middle Left: Members of the Dayton American Legion Post #42 broke the silence, with a 21-gun salute, in memory of all fallen American soldiers.

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**NORTHWEST GRAIN GROWERS IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OPEN POSITIONS FOR 2021** HARVEST.

We provide a rewarding work environment where individuals play an integral role in helping us supply a growing world with a safe and healthy food supply. This unique summer job comes with amazing earning potential that's rarely matched in Dayton/Waitsburg Area. Candidates must be 18 years old as of July 15th and must be able to work extended hours, be available 7 days per week, and handle physical work in hot dusty environments. The harvest season begins early July and last until early September. If you're interested in becoming part of our team this summer, please download an application from our website at www.nwgrgr.com and email to jforsman@nwgrgr. com or jcranor@nwgrgr.com or drop your application off at

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Box 90, Dayton WA, 99328. If you'd like more information, feel free to call 509-382-2571. Don't delay! Positions can fill quickly! Best wishes & warm regards,

Jacob Forsmann East Division Manager Northwest Grain Growers

Fun opportunity to join a

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382-3169.



We wish we had Pam's way with words to express our immense gratitude to the community for their love and support of our family. Pam has left quite the legacy of sharing God's love with others. We would like to especially send a sincere thank you to the ICU staff at Providence St. Mary Medical Center for their support and care of Pam.

Sincerely, The Conover Family

## **Waitsburg Farmers** Market off to a great start

Vendor space is still available for future markets, which will run through Labor Day Weekend

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—It's been a later-than-usual growing season for many area gardeners, but it didn't hinder the vendors at the local farmers market last weekend. The first Waitsburg Farmer's Market weekend was a successful one, according to co-manager Doug Biolo. Attending vendors reported great sales, fun visitors, and an overall great time.

"Saturday went so well," Biolo said. "The morning was really nice. A lot of people came by to say 'hi.' Dusty Britches Farms was the only vendor on Sunday, and I haven't had a chance to talk with them about how sales went."

Biolo works alongside market manager Noelle Olson, who was also one of the vendors at the weekend-long event. Olson sold out of her famous scones and baked goods, leaving the event with a few requests, according to Biolo. Olson also sold a small selection of fresh vegetables, rhubarb, and farm-fresh eggs.

Other vendors offered baked goods, artisan crafts, local art, and hand-crafted doll clothing. Biolo said that next week, a vendor selling grass-fed beef might be

Olson and Biolo began working earlier this year to revive the farmer's market after COVID-19 canceled the 2020 season before it started. Olson was one of the organizers of the farmers market held in Preston Park in 2019.

The market will run every Saturday and Sunday, from Memorial Day through Labor Day Weekend. Vendors selling local items, whether it be local art, artisan foods, fresh produce, or locally grown honey, are welcome and can contact Noelle Olson at (509) 205-4344- text messages preferred, or Doug Biolo at (971) 219-6137. The market is also on Facebook, and updates will be available on the Waitsburg Farmers Market and Nancy's Dream Garden Center Facebook pages.

Since the growing season has started late for many area gardeners, Biolo expected the bulk of fresh produce would be brought to the market a little later than

"We are already looking forward to next weekend," Biolo said. "It's going to be a lot of fun!"



**Beka Compton** 

Hand-crafted doll clothes, fresh baked goods, and a selection of fresh produce were just a few of the items available at the opening weekend of the Waitsburg Farmers Market. The market is open every weekend through Labor Day.



# **NEWS & LEGALS**

#### LEGAL NOTICES

#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

No. 21-20021536 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION ROBERT S. WEISS and PATRICIA L. WEISS, Husband and Wife, and PAUL L. BUTLER, as Trustee of the Paul L. Butler Family Trust, Plaintiffs.

vs.
FIRST CHURCH OF
CHRIST, SCIENTIST,
OF WALLA WALLA,
WASHINGTON, a dissolved
nonprofit corporation, DORIS
C. COLLINS, and the HEIRS
AND DEVISEES OF DORIS C.
COLLINS, unknown persons,

Defendants. THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO DORIS C. COLLINS, and the HEIRS AND DEVISEES

OF DORIS C. COLLINS: You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this Summons. to wit, within sixty (60) days after the 10th day of May, 2021, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court and answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for the Plaintiff, at their office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demands of the Complaint in this action, which has been filed with the Clerk of said court. The object of this action

May 2021 Minnick - Hayner, P.S. By: <u>/s/ James K. Hayner,</u> WSBA #6398 of Attorneys for Plaintiffs

is to quiet title for real property.

DATED this 17th day of

The Times May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2021 5-20-f

## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE
COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 21-4-00116-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
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RCW 11.40.030 In re the Estate of: JAMES WILLIAM BROWER,

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.

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Basalt Legal PLLC 6½ N. Second Avenue, Suite 200

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#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 21-4-00118-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030 In re the Estate of: MARY J. FENNO, 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 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

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – INTENT TO ADOPT MULTI-FAMILY TAX EXEMPTION POLICY & DESIGNATE A RESIDENTIAL TARGET AREA

The City of Dayton hereby gives notice that a public hearing has been scheduled by the City Council to take testimony for or against the establishment of the proposed multi-family tax exemption (MFTE) policy and the designation of the "Rock Hill Residential Target Area". The intent of the MFTE policy is to further stimulate and incentivize the development of multi-family residential units within the proposed target area. The "Rock Hill Residential Target Area" includes properties zoned as urban residential and fringe commercial and is bound by West Commercial Street, West Cameron Street, and South Cottonwood Street.

Public Hearing: The public hearing has been scheduled for June 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm or shortly thereafter. The public hearing will be accessible via Zoom. Participants may visit www.daytonwa.com to locate a direct link to the meeting and for more information on how-to attend the public hearing.

Applicable materials may be reviewed at Dayton City Hall between the hours of 7:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday.

Phone – (509) 283-2361 Email – info@daytonwa.

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#### Southeast Washington Aging and Long Term Care

Council of Governments Yakima, WA 98908 Phone: (509) 965-0105 Toll Free: 1-877-965-2582 (Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield,

Kittitas, Walla Walla, and Yakima Counties)

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Southeast Washington Aging and Long Term Care Council of Governments (SE WA ALTC COG) is notifying providers of the **Request for Proposal** process. SE WA ALTC COG is required to conduct a bid process every four years for program services. The various programs have been staggered so that SE WA ALTC COG is not going out for bid for all of the services at the same time. The bid process for the services set forth below is for calendar years 2022-2025:

Transportation Services for Asotin, Kittitas, and Yakima, Counties:

Foot Care Services for Asotin, Columbia, Franklin, Kittitas, and Yakima Counties; and

#### Senior Information and

Assistance in Garfield County.
Parties interested in
providing any of the above
mentioned services, shall send
a letter requesting the Request
for Information (RFI) packet to
obtain additional information.
The letter may be emailed to
eliticia.sanchez@dshs.wa.gov
or may be addressed and
mailed as indicated below:

ATTN: Eliticia Sánchez, Planner

C/O SE WA ALTC COG P.O. Box 8349 Yakima, WA 98908

The RFI letter must be received in the SE WA ALTC COG Administrative Office before 5 p.m., Wednesday, June 9, 2021.

Included in the RFI packet is a "Letter of Intent" that you must submit in order to receive a bidding packet (Request for Proposal). The last day the "Letter of Intent" will be accepted in the SE WA ALTC COG Administrative office is June 18, 2021 before 5:00 p.m. SE WA ALTC COG will accept letters of intent from prospective applicants to determine whether one or more organizations are interested in and qualified to submit a proposal in a competitive bid process. After review of the letters of intent

submitted, a formal RFP may be issued. The RFI packet may be obtained online at: www.ALTCWashington.com or email the request to: eliticia. sanchez@dshs.wa.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Eliticia Sánchez at 1-877-965-2582 or by email: eliticia.sanchez@dshs.wa.gov

SE WAALTC COG reserves the right to change the RFI timelines.

The Governing Board of SE WA ALTC Council of Governments

reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or parts thereof.

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#### DRAFT MAIN STREET SAFETY ACTION PLAN AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

The City of Dayton
Department of Planning and
Community Development
and the Stakeholder Advisory
Committee (SAC) hereby
give notice that the draft
Main Street Safety Action
Plan (MSSAP) is available
for review and comment.
The MSSAP is a stakeholder
driven action plan that
identifies current deficiencies
along Main Street and offers
recommendations to address
said deficiencies.

Purpose of the MSSAP: To ensure pedestrian, rider, and driver safety; expand connectivity and access; and enhance economic vitality.

# Public review and comments requested: The public is encouraged to review the draft plan and submit comments online at bit.ly/mssap2021. The plan will be available for review and comments between June 1 and June 30, 2021.

June 1 and June 30, 2021. Following the comment period, the stakeholder advisory committee will reconvene and examine submitted comments prior to making a final recommendation to the City Council. The plan is considered draft until adopted by the City Council. Timing for final public hearing prior to adoption is unavailable

For assistance in retrieving the materials online, or with questions about the MSSAP, please contact Meagan Hayes, CFM, Director of Planning & Community Development at the information provided below.

at this time, but will be duly

advertised once scheduled.

Phone – (509) 283-2361 Email – mhayes@ daytonwa.com Address – 111 S. 1st St., Dayton, WA 99328 The Times June 3, 2021

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#### JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

Zoom meeting: https:// bit.ly/3om8aUg or may listen to the meeting by calling 253-215-8782 and entering meeting ID 820 0515 2347#

The Planning Commissions for the cities of College Place, Dayton, Waitsburg, and Walla Walla will hold a joint meeting on Monday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The purpose of the joint meeting is to have a presentation on the draft Regional Housing Action Plan by the consultant team, FCS Group and Fregonese Associates, working with the four cities.

After the joint planning commission meeting, each city will hold a public hearing on the draft Regional Housing Action Plan with their planning commission (separate hearing notice will be published). During the public hearing, the public will have an opportunity to provide input and comments on the draft Regional Housing Action Plan. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council. Final action on the Regional Housing Action Plan will be completed by each city's City Council.

A copy of the draft Regional Housing Action Plan can be found online at www. wallawallawa.gov.

Questions on the draft Regional Housing Action Plan can be directed to:

City of Walla Walla: Elizabeth Chamberlain, Deputy City Manager, echamberlain@ wallawallawa.gov or 509-527-4520

City of College Place: Jon Rickard, Planning Director, jrickard@cpwa.us or 509-394-8524

City of Dayton: Meagan Hayes, Planning Director, mhayes@daytonwa.com or 509-382-2361

City of Waitsburg: Randy Hinchliffe, City Administrator, administrator@cityofwaitsburg. com or 509-337-6371

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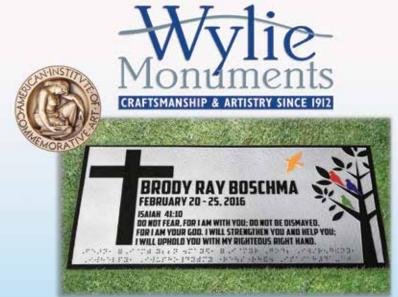
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Prescott School District

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Please submit a Letter of Intent to board@prescott.k12.wa.us

APPLICATION DEADLINE - JULY 22, 2021

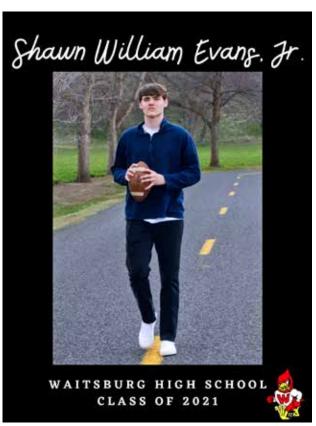
Need to confirm whether or not you reside within the boundaries of the school district? Please call one of the following for assistance:

Walla Walla County Auditor's Office (509) 524-5249 Prescott School District Business Office (509) 849-2217

# Congratulations to the Waitsburg High School Class of 2021.







# Alvin Jason Knowles WAITSBURG HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021

Kaylee Renee White

#### Zachary Michael Bly **Emilie Rose Bundy** Stanley Cagle Shawn William Evans, Jr. Jillian Elizabeth Foxe Koby Keith Harris Antonio Herrera Katherine Marie Houchin Alvin Jason Knowles Garrett Merle Korslund Teagen Caroline Larsen Quentin Marcum Adam L. Puckett Kyler Michael Slack Grant K. Teal Colton Wayne VanBlaricom Gavin Lee Wade

**GRADUATES** 

#### **VALEDICTORIAN**Koby Keith Harris

Kaylee Renee White

#### **SALUTATORIAN** Teagen Caroline Larsen

#### HONOR GRADUATES

Shawn William Evans, Jr. Kaylee Renee White

#### BACCALAUREATE

Thursday, June 3, 2021

Prior to the Baccalaureate, Waitsburg staff will host a BBQ for all senior students at 6:00 p.m. at the Waitsburg High School.

The Baccalaureate begins at 7:00 PM and will be hosted by Pastor Matt Wyatt at the Waitsburg Christian Church

604 Main Street Waitsburg, Washington

#### GRADUATION

Friday, June 4, 2021

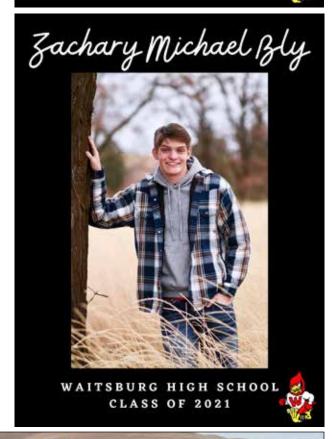
#### 6:30 PM - Class of 2021 Car Parade

Senior students will begin at the Preston Park and drive through town on the designated parade route, led by Mrs. Huwe.

#### 8:00 PM – Graduation Ceremony

The graduation ceremony will be held at 8:00 p.m. in the gymnasium at the Waitsburg High School, 421 Coppei Avenue, Waitsburg, Washington





# waitsburg high school class of 2021

Car Parade

Cheer on the Graduating Class of 2021 as they drive through Waitsburg at 6:30 p.m. on Graduation Day!







# **SPORTS**

# DW Boys pull off dramatic come from behind win 51-41 over WWVA

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The game started out with the boys taking advantage of four Walla Walla Valley Academy turnovers in the first quarter to take the early lead in the game. From that point until halftime, it was all WWVA. Wyatt Costello's only shot in the second quarter accounted for all of DW's points in the second quarter as DW went 1-12 from the field and also missed a couple of free throws. WWVA kept swapping out players every few minutes from their bench like a hockey team and built a 29-10 halftime lead.

If you thought the game was over at that point and left at halftime you missed an incredible second half. DW scored the first points of the quarter and just kept scoring. Colton VanBlaricom, Shawn Evans, Mason Finney and Wyatt Costello went a combined 8-9 from the floor good for eighteen of the third quarters twenty-two points. Monte Pettichord completed the comeback sinking both of his free throws to give DW back the lead at 32-31 which is where the score stood after the end of the third quarter. All WWVA could manage was two free throws from David Rittenbach. None of the eleven field goals they attempted in the quarter went in as every shot was contested by DW.

DW kept up the energy level in the fourth quarter sensing the win. It felt like momentum could shift after several players spilled onto the floor trying to recover a loose ball that WWVA came away with in a fast break. However, Colton VanBlaricom

went racing after the ball and cleanly took it away from the WWVA player who had already crossed over to WWVA's side of the court. DW would begin to pull away at that point and went on to win 51-41.

After the game I asked coach Roy Ramirez what he said to the team at halftime.

"I just challenged them. I had a pretty good feeling we were going to come out flat just because of last night's game. We didn't play up to our expectations. Pretty emotional game for our guys. We thought we had a pretty good chance against them and we just didn't play the way we needed to. That was in the back of my mind that we might come out flat and we kind of did. We picked it up defensively and that defense led to some good offensive and just kept rolling."

And your bench was big in that comeback.

"We don't lose a lot when we put our guys in. It's a luxury we have. All the guys are capable of doing what we need to do."

WWVA @ DW 5/28/2021

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
WWVA	14	15	2	10	41
DW	8	2	22	19	51

DW: Colton Van<br/>Blaricom 5, Shawn Evans 12, Mason Finney 10, Monte Pettichord 4, Wy<br/>att Costello 6, Keon Lindley 3, Dylan Bledsoe 11,



Keon Lindley sinks a free throw to extend the lead.



#2 Colton VanBlaricom finds #24 Dylan Bledsoe for two of his eleven points.



Sean Evans scores in the paint

# An interview with Walla Walla Sweets GM Cody Miller

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

On May 26, 2021, I had a chance to interview Cody Miller, the general manager of the Walla Walla Sweets Baseball team. In three years, this WSU graduate from Twinsburg Ohio, rose through the ranks to become general manager of this professionally managed club in the West Coast League. After a challenging year for all sports, I wanted to check in with this hometown team.

What is seating going to look like with COVID-19

"So, seating right now is under current guidelines from the state and our local county health department. We are looking at about five hundred fifty fans per night to start the season. We will have some social distancing measures in the stands and on the concourse where appropriate. We are hopeful that by the end of June, based on the governor's statement about a couple of weeks ago that we can open up to more capacity."

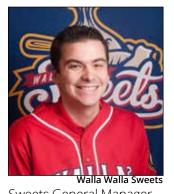
How many tickets do you think will be available for the first few weeks?

"I'm seeing probably about no more than two hundred per game are going to be available for sale to the general public after we accommodate for everyone else." [Host families and season ticket holders]

Are you still doing the ticket packages with fireworks after the game?

"We are still doing promotion giveaways and fireworks. We've got three fireworks games this year, opening, closing, and our July 3rd game since we don't have one on the 4th. We'll still have some voucher packages available for people to purchase too."

What theme nights are you planning for the season? "So we have a Fourth of July celebration on the 3rd,



Sweets General Manager, Cody Miller

which is the fireworks show. We have a couple of giveaways at the beginning and end of the season, like a blanket giveaway. We have a hat giveaway to start out the season. We're looking to add more as we go along. We are doing some Thirsty Thursdays where we are going to do some beer specials. We are also working on doing Taco Tuesdays with a sponsor of ours.'

Have you seen an uptick in player interest since MLB removed several minor league affiliates?

"I think what honestly affected us this year was that we have five Canadian teams in our West Coast League that were unable to play this year due to crowd sizing restrictions in the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia. So, what we saw was when that went down in March we saw an uptick in players reaching out to play. Unfortunately, their summer was not able to happen north of the border. So that's the uptick we've seen honestly for the most part. That's kind of where we saw our player interest come from once that happened."

Do you have a couple of players fans should keep an eye on this season?

"We have several returning players. We have a local kid, Travis Craven, who just finished up his last season at Whitman. He was on our 2019 playoff team was a great performer for us that year and we are looking forward to having him back in the rotation trying to lead that and be kind of a leader for the new guys coming in. Chazz Martinez, who really had a great year in 2019 is coming in as well. He's coming off a great season at his college as well. We have high hopes for him this summer. But really the whole roster is very talented, and our coaches did a great job of recruiting the best guys they could. And I think it's going to be every position is going to have someone you are going to look at and say wow there is some real talent there. But those are the first kids that pop out of my mind but really the whole roster I think will be very talented top to bottom."

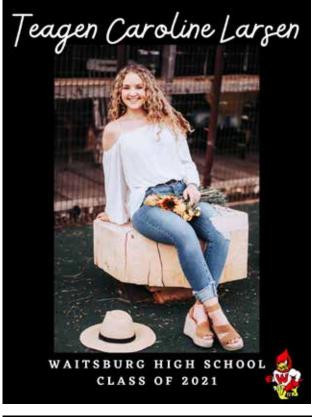
Where do you recruit from?

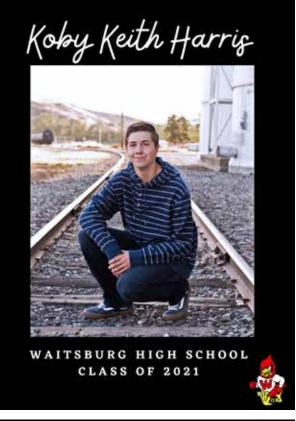
"So recruiting is kind of just based on your coach's connections in the college. The majority of our kids are west of the Rocky Mountains. We do have some kids coming in from the east side of the country from St. John's; we actually have three kids coming from there but two of them have connections to the west coast or have played out here previously. I'd say that's where ninety-nine percent of our roster is going to come from is states west of the Rockies. We've got a couple of UCLA kids, we've got an Arizona kid, and a bunch of other PAC-12 schools and a lot of California kids coming as well. Though I'd say that's where the majority of this year is but it varies year to year. That's just how it happened to work out this year."

Anything else you would like to share with fans that I didn't cover? https://wallawallasweets.com/

"Just that our opening night is June 11th. We've got thirty-five home games and get your tickets while you can for the June games especially because the trend with opening night and opening weekend is they go quickly. Make sure you get your tickets early. We hope to see you at as many games as possible."

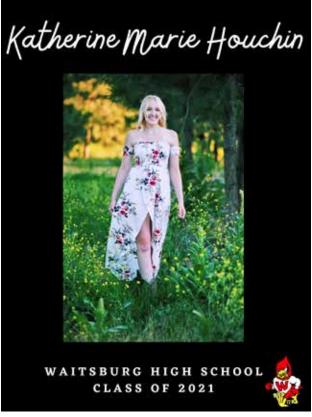
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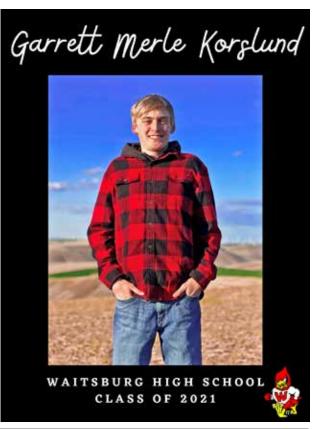




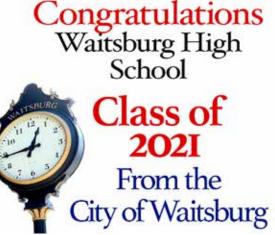


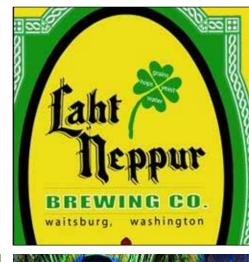




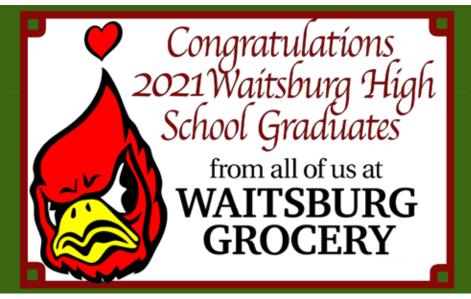














# **FUN & GAMES**

"OK ... look cute!"

OKAY, HON...THAT'S ONE MEATLOAF SUPREME WITH MASHES

ONE BAFED HAM WITH COLE GLAW, THE ROAST TUPKEY DINNER

FISH AND CHIPS, VEAL PARM, BEEF GOULAGH AND THE CARROT CAKE

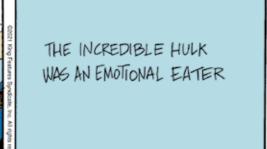
Out on a Limb

#### LAFF - A - DAY



"You know, we ought to buy a firetruck before our wives get suspicious."

#### by Gary Kopervas



#### **Amber Waves**

by Dave T. Phipps

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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering







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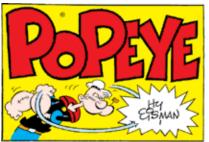
by Mike Marland





THERE ARE MORE

DETAILS COMING











PIONEER PORTRAITS

#### **Ten Years Ago** June 2, 2011

An equine virus cut the number of entries in the Dayton Days parade by more than half, but the community showed up for the annual pageant nonetheless and spirits were high, organizers said about Saturday's sunny event. "The community support was great," said Claudia Nysoe, director of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the parade. "It was a small parade but big in spirit."

Thiry-two kids and five chaperones of the Salt & Light Youth Choir will leave June 18 to go on tour in the Seattle area. Under the theme "Got Hope?" the group of singing teenagers from Waitsburg, Dayton, Pomeroy, Walla Walla and Dixie, will return June 22 for a Home Concert at the First Christian Church in Waitsburg. Directed by Mike and Melissa Ferrians, the choir will perform more than 20 songs divided in two programs with some original songs composed by Mike Ferrians and some covers arranged by him for the group.

#### **Twenty-Five Years Ago** June 6, 1996

School officials and members of the Masons conducted a ceremonial cornerstone laying at the new elementary school in Waitsburg on June 1. From left, Preston Stedman, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington, school superintendent Burton Dickerson, school board members Greg Zuger and Terry Jacoy and Waitsburg City Councilman Delbert Mock at the ceremony.

The Blue Mountain Chapter of Sweet Adelines International recently won two awards, "most improved chorus" and "second place small chorus," in competition in Tacoma. Fourteen quartets and 15 choruses participating in the regional competition this year. Participants from Waitsburg included Lynn Mantz-Powers and Barb Knopp.

[Photo caption] John Gagnon, left, was named Waitsburg Lion of the Year by club president Glynn Davis at the club's meeting May 28. Davis, right, said he selected Gagnon, a charter member of Lions, for the annual honor because he is always ready to volunteer his time to help in a Lions community project. "He is the type who brings a shovel when there is work to be done." Gagnon, 72, was named Lion of the Year in 1964. He lives in Alto, where he farms. "John is very well respected by the Lions members," said Davis.

#### **Fifty Years Ago** June 3, 1971

Some 203 Waitsburg High School Alumni gathered Saturday night for the 68th reunion and banquet of the organization. Mrs. Cecil Webber presided during the business meeting and Bob Danforth served as master of ceremonies. The welcome was given by Howard Smith, '51 and the response by Howard Smith, Jr., '71.

Jan Zuger and Joyce Saxon look over one of the interesting old books on sale at the Bruce Memorial Museum Building. The Historical Society offered all the reading material that has been stored for many years in the house. It included several original Rockwell covers drawn for the now defunct Saturday Evening Post, as well as thousands of other magazines of historical interest. The next book sale will be held in the early fall.

#### **Seventy-Five Years Ago** May 31, 1946

Activity at the Pictsweet Foods plant has been at a feverish pitch this week in preparation for the green pea processing season which will begin with the day shift on June 1st.

Ed Everly, former lieutenant in the Army Air Force, has been elected as instructor at the Touchet Valley Airport.

Four Waitsburg students received their degrees from Washington State College at the annual commencement May 27. They are Helen Hall, Helen Lloyd, Ruth Meiners and Gloria Ray.

#### One Hundred Years Ago

#### June 3, 1921

Scoutmaster Nat W. Pritchard is showing at least a part of the Boy Scouts "the time of their lives" this week. Some 14 of them went into camp up the south fork of Coppei Monday afternoon. In the party are John Kingman, Blaine Pasley, Willis Hussey, Donald Duncan, John Milligam, Harvey Stonecipher, Delbert Woodworth, Acy Brown, Gordon Keiser, Roy Wright, Donovan Harsh and Philo Hoxie.

Merrill Buroker, who dislocated his hip, by falling on the gymnasium floor some days ago was taken to Walla Walla Wednesday of last week where it was found necessary to break the bone and reset it. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lert Buroker of Spring Valley.

#### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

#### June 4, 1896

Our chief pencil pusher is at Vancouver riding in the band wagon. The kids are at home sawing wood, and if this issue of *The Time*s is unusually bright, you will readily understand why. Two carloads of brick arrived from Walla Walla Monday, and work on the Academy is going ahead. The team belonging to Lloyd and Marvin took fright at an old harrow that was being dragged through the street on Tuesday, and as no one was holding the lines they started at once for the barn which is located on 2nd Street.



SHE'S A FABULOUS COOK, BUT THAT DOESN'T WIN YOU



I SEE A LADY COMING INTO YOUR LIFE!

# **PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES**

**RATING** 

#### **Super** Crossword

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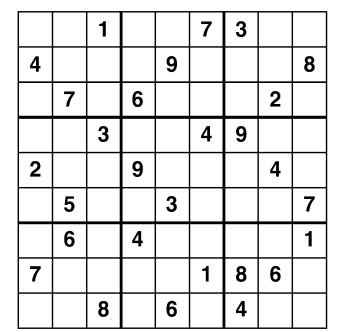
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# Weekly **SUDOKU**

#### by Linda Thistle

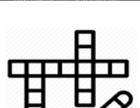


Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

#### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ♦ ♦ ♦ HOO BOY!

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#### MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

## **Lemon Herb** Skillet Chicken

Julia Child is famous for noting that the quality of a cook can always be judged by how well they roast a chicken. In my quest for poultry perfection, I have tried countless variations and recipes over the years. I've stuffed herbs under the skin, dry rubbed with elaborate spice blends, or simply stuck with salt and pepper. I've brined, yogurt-marinated and wrapped in pancetta. I've meticulously followed the advice of Alice Waters, Jacques Pépin, Ina Garten, and of course Julia. With each experiment I have learned a little bit more about roasting the perfect bird.



Recently, I have been testing recipes that start with spatchcocking a chicken, which is the technique of removing the backbone before roasting. This flattens the bird to help the meat roast evenly and a little faster. Here, a spatchcocked chicken brushed with herbed olive oil is placed in a skillet above a layer of lemon and onion slices, which creates a beautiful pan sauce underneath as it roasts. I imagine Julia would approve.

#### **Ingredients:**

- 1 3-to-4-pound whole chicken
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme, minced
- 2 teaspoons fresh rosemary, minced
- ½ teaspoon dried sage, ground
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt 1 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1 lemon, halved lengthwise and sliced 1/4 inch thick
- 1 yellow onion, halved lengthwise and sliced 1/4 inch thick
- 2 garlic cloves, sliced thin
- ½ cup dry white wine
- Juice of 1 lemon

#### **Directions:**

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. In small bowl mix together the olive oil, rosemary, thyme, sage, salt and pepper. Set aside.

Rinse and thoroughly dry chicken. Place chicken, breast side down and legs towards you, on a cutting board. Using poultry shears or a sharp knife, cut along the right of backbone from tail to neck. Repeat to the left of backbone and remove. Flip over skin side up and splay open the chicken. Press down on top to break the breastbone so that chicken lavs flat. See notes.

Arrange lemon slices in a single layer at bottom of a 12-inch cast iron skillet. Layer the onion and garlic slices evenly on top of lemon slices. On cutting board, flip chicken over, skin side down, and brush with half of the herb oil mixture. Next, place chicken skin side up on top of the lemons and onions in skillet, and brush all over skin with remainder of herb oil mixture.

Place in middle rack of oven and roast for 35 minutes. Pour the wine into pan, on to the onions not on the chicken and roast for another 15 to 20 minutes, until a meat thermometer inserted in thickest part of breast reads 155 to 160 degrees. Remove skillet from oven and tightly cover with aluminum foil. Allow chicken to rest for 10 to 15 minutes. (This is an important step as the chicken will continue to cook while it rests. The temperature will continue to rise to a final internal temperature of .65 degrees.)

Carve chicken into serving pieces and arrange on serving platter with the pan juices, cooked onions and lemons. Finish by squeezing the juice of one lemon over the top and sprinkle with a little salt and a crack of black pepper.

#### **Notes:**

You can ask your butcher to spatchcock your chicken for you, but it's really quite easy once you've done it a few times. A quick internet search for "how to spatchcock a chicken" will bring up many tutorial videos and articles that walk you through the process. Once mastered, try it with other poultry and wild fowl. Roasting a spatchcocked turkey can be a gamechanger for your Thanksgiving meal. Be sure to save the backbones for your stockpot. I keep a bag of necks and backbones in the freezer for making chicken stock.

Try using different citrus in place of the lemon, such as navel or blood oranges. Play with the fresh herbs. Fresh oregano or basil could Enjoy!

#### **LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:**

**Super** Crossword — — —

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#### — Weekly SUDOKU —

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# **COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

