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Beka Compton

Aloha from Maui! The waves were perfect on June 23, for perfect boarding at Beach Big, Makena State Park. The beach is nearly 1.5 miles long, making it one of the most popular beaches on the island. *The Times* reporter, Beka Compton and family found a cool place to get out of the Pacific Northwest heat wave.

Sprinklers not Sparklers

Extreme heat and drought increase fire risk from fireworks

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Many state, county, and city officials ask the public to celebrate the Fourth of July without home fireworks this year. The Pacific Northwest is experiencing extreme heat conditions causing serious concerns over health and fire safety going into the Fourth of July celebrations.

Even though the risk of fire increases significantly during extreme heat conditions, under Washington state law, local jurisdictions cannot impose temporary bans on fireworks. The times to purchase and use fireworks in the state are regulated under RCW 70.77.395 and are limited to twice a year to celebrate Independence Day and New Year's Day. While local jurisdictions can impose stricter regulations under RCW 70.77.250(4), changes must be adopted no later than June 28 or December 27 in the year prior.

This means most cities and counties can only encourage residents not to use home fireworks this year.

In a statement to *The Times*, the City of Waitsburg asks, "With the expectation of above-normal temperatures over the 4th of July Holiday, the city is encouraging residents to not light off fireworks this year in an effort to prevent any accidental brush or structure fires".

Colter Mohney, Interim Fire Chief for CCWW District 2, wants to remind everyone that vegetation is exceptionally dry this holiday due to the drought and extreme weather conditions. So, if you still plan on using fireworks, please take extra precautions to keep your friends, family, and neighborhood safe.

"Please remember that it is hot and dry and to use extra caution as the fire potential is high. Avoid using fireworks in areas that have dry vegetation," said Mohney in an email to *The Times*. "Try to have a hose available and a bucket of water for spent fireworks."

Should you decide to use home fireworks, please take extra care and follow all the manufacturers' directions and guidelines.

Tips for handling fireworks safely:

Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.

- Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Parents don't realize that young children suffer injuries from sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees - hot enough to melt some metals.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or injury.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- After fireworks complete burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding it to prevent a trash fire.

Local emergency health and fire departments wish you a safe and happy holiday. Let us protect them and our neighborhoods by skipping home fireworks this year. Consider celebrating with water, not heat; sprinklers, not sparklers. If fireworks will be a part of your celebration, be careful and have a safe and happy Independence Day.

Uncertainty after termination of key employees at Dayton City Hall

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—It has been two weeks since Dayton Mayor Zac Weatherford terminated the employment of the City Administrator, Trina Cole, the Planning and Community Development Director, Meagan Hayes, and the Public Works Director, Jim Costello.

The mayor has been on a family vacation and attempts to reach him have been unsuccessful. However, the *Times* was provided with the following written statement from Weatherford to the Dayton City Council, dated June 16:

"Although their work and dedication to our city and community is very appreciated, it is time for a change. This will be a difficult transition period in which I would appreciate support and recommendation from staff, council, and the standing committees. I wish all three former employees the best in their future endeavors."

Deputy City Clerk Deb Hays said the decision to terminate Jim Costello, Meagan Hayes, and Trina Cole was mayor-led.

All the city council members said the issue had not been discussed with them prior to the termination. They said they only learned about it through his June 16 statement to them.

"The mayor still hasn't talked to us about it yet," Christine Broughton said last week.

Dain Nysoe said it came as a complete shock to him, but the mayor doesn't have to consult the city council about personnel matters.

Not only is Nysoe concerned about the impact the termination will have on effective city governance, but he is also concerned about whether the city can afford payouts to the terminated employees. His concerns are partly due to the recently increased payments to the County for law enforcement, municipal court, and E911 dispatch services.

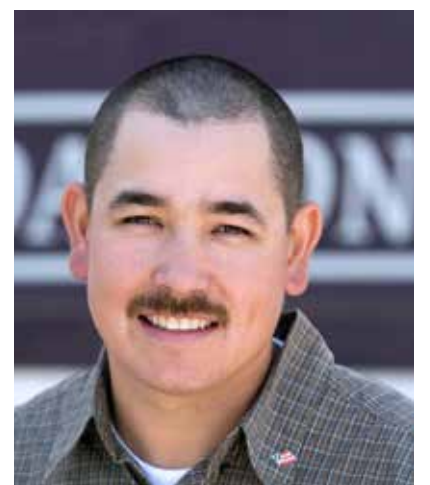
The city had just begun to address how to make the payments to the County by adopting an ordinance to raise the water and sewer utility tax by 12-percent, which took effect on June 1. Nysoe said service cuts or other measures need to be pursued to address the budgetary issues. He believes terminating staff is not the way to balance budgets.

A special city council meeting will take place on Wednesday to discuss future staffing. In the meantime, the public is asked to be patient as city staff begins to work things through.

Deb Hays and Connie Westergreen, at City Hall, are fielding questions for the various departments.

Columbia County Planning Manager Dena Martin said she and Code Compliance Officer Clint Atteberry have the authority to review and process roofing, mechanical, and plumbing permits for the City.

"So far, that is all we have received," Martin said. "We are awaiting direction



Courtesy photo

Dayton Mayor Zac Weatherford

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NEWS BRIEFS

AT THE LIBERTY: A Quiet Place Part II

THE TIMES

Following the deadly events at home, the Abbott family (Emily Blunt, Millicent Simmonds, Noah Jupe) must now face the terrors of the outside world as they continue their fight for survival in silence. Forced to venture into the unknown, they quickly realize that the creatures that hunt by sound are not the only threats that lurk beyond the sand path.

Rotten Tomatoes gives this film a 91% "fresh" or favorable rating, and the audience reviewers rate it as 93% favorable. Many on-line critics give this horror film high marks and note that they think it is, or is nearly, as good as the original part one film. It is rated PG-13 for terror, violence and bloody/disturbing images. Runtime is 97 minutes. John Krasinski directed and wrote the screenplay. Krasinski released the movie to theaters and not streaming platforms. Speaking as the director he opened the show with heartfelt words in support of the theater experience.

Movie screenings are **July 2-4, & 6**, on Fri. & Sat. at 7:30 pm, Sunday at 3:00 pm, and Tuesday at 6:30 pm (not 7:30).

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A QUIET PLACE PART II PG-13

COLUMBIA COUNTY CHILDREN'S FUND IS ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS

THE TIMES

SPOKANE – The Columbia County Children's Fund grant program at Innovia Foundation is currently accepting applications from organizations that serve children in Columbia County. The Columbia County Children's Fund provides support to organizations within Columbia County. Applications must address one of the following program areas: Educational enrichment and special needs programs, with preference given to elementary school-aged children. Guidance, counseling and therapy to children and their families. Medical and dental services and/or supplies (glasses, hearing aids, braces) for disadvantaged children. Grant awards are typically less than \$4,000.

The Innovia Foundation is headquartered in Spokane, Wash., and serves Eastern Washington and North Idaho. The organization has provided funding to multiple non-profit organizations in our region including The Club and Project Timothy in Dayton.

Applications are due by Thursday, July 15 at 5:00 P.M. (PST). Nonprofit organizations that serve children in Columbia County are encouraged to apply.

For information about any of Innovia Foundation's grant programs or eligibility, contact the Core Team at core-team@innovia.org or Lauren Nissen, Associate Director of Grants at lnissen@innovia.org.

The family of Greg Davis would like to sincerely thank our many relatives and friends for the cards, food, flowers, phone calls, messages, comfort, and kindness shown to us during this difficult time of loss. Your support was very much appreciated and of great comfort to all of the family. Vicki, Sheila, Shelli, Jake, Darla, & Debbie



BR-R-R-RING ON THE GAMES!

THE TIMES

ATHENA, OR — Athena Caledonian Games continues its long history of Highland Gatherings in Athena, Oregon with a day of family fun at Athena City Park on Saturday, July 10. Starting with a parade on Main Street at 9:00 AM, you are invited to go to City Park for an Old Car Show, a Kiddie Bike Parade, a Pet Parade, contests and games for kids and a Bonniest Knees Contest, well, everybody is wearing kilts or at least shorts, right? (Judged by the senator's wife, who will be blindfolded, that should be something to see!) Touches of Old, traditional Scotland will be evident with lots of kilts, piping, an athletic competition where he-men throw hay bales, hammers, stones and telephone poles (cabers), music of the Tri-Cities-based Celtic Band, Skweez the Weezle, a demonstration by the Tri-Cities School of Highland Dancing where you'll see the Highland Fling, and enjoy family fun. Caledonian Games is hosting the Big Idaho Potato Truck.....an opportunity to snap family and friends with the famous truck from Idaho Potato ads on TV. Free Caledonian Games Programs, sponsored by Umatilla County Cultural Coalition, list the full schedule and feature our 20th Century Caledonian Love story of a Highland dancer from Portland and a wheat farmer from Helix.

Caledonian's Chieftains of the Year, all from Athena and elected by Main Street Association (formerly Athena Chamber of Commerce) are Alan and Chrissy Frosese. Honorary Chieftains of the Day, elected by Athena Caledonian Games Association, are Michelle Kirby, graphic artist and all-around Caledonian supporter and R. Lee Friese, Music Director and Conductor of Inland Northwest Musicians and all-around assistant to the Games. They will be introduced and honored at an Athena Christian Church service on July 4th at the end of the 10 am service in the park. Master of Ceremonies, Senator Bill Hansell, will then introduce them at a ceremony in City Park after the parade. The responsibility and prerogative of the Chieftains all-together is declaring, "Let the Games begin!"

Athena is located off Highway 11 equidistant between Walla Walla and Pendleton. City Park has an address of 353 S. Third Street. Kindly check www.athenacaledonian.org and Facebook for information. Hoot, Mon, the event is free. A Highland Games experience at Athena Caledonian Games from 9:00 to 5 PM will include food, vendors, Scottish music, dancing, sport and a good gathering of friends.








COLUMBIA COUNTY LIBRARY THANKS THOSE WHO MADE LIFT/ELEVATOR POSSIBLE

DAYTON – On Wednesday, June 23, 2021, the Columbia County Rural Library District celebrated the inaugural ride for its new lift/elevator that serves both floors of the library and the Delany Building. On hand, were current and former members of the Library Board of Trustees, and community members who will benefit from improved access to the library. Thank you to all who made this possible.

Touchet Valley Weather

June 30, 2021

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

						
Wednesday Sunny	Thursday Mostly Sunny	Friday Mostly Sunny	Saturday Partly Cloudy	Sunday Mostly Sunny	Monday Sunny	Tuesday Sunny
High: 108 Low: 75	High: 102 Low: 72	High: 101 Low: 71	High: 102 Low: 72	High: 100 Low: 70	High: 99 Low: 71	High: 94 Low: 63

Weather Trivia

What is the coldest temperature recorded in the United States?

Answer: In Prospect Creek, Alaska, 80 degrees below zero was recorded on Jan. 23, 1971.

Weather History

June 30, 1972 - The entire state of Pennsylvania was declared a disaster area as a result of the catastrophic flooding caused by Hurricane Agnes, which claimed 48 lives and caused 2.1 billion dollars in damage.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	93	70	81/55	0.00"	0.00"
Wednesday	95	71	81/56	0.00"	0.18"
Thursday	92	69	82/56	0.00"	-0.18"
Friday	92	72	82/56	0.00"	85.4°
Saturday	104	68	82/56	0.00"	69.0°
Sunday	110R	69	83/56	0.00"	+16.4°
Monday	113	78	83/57	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	5:05 a.m.	8:48 p.m.	12:28 a.m.	11:46 a.m.
Thursday	5:06 a.m.	8:47 p.m.	12:48 a.m.	12:52 p.m.
Friday	5:06 a.m.	8:47 p.m.	1:06 a.m.	1:57 p.m.
Saturday	5:07 a.m.	8:47 p.m.	1:25 a.m.	3:01 p.m.
Sunday	5:08 a.m.	8:46 p.m.	1:44 a.m.	4:05 p.m.
Monday	5:08 a.m.	8:46 p.m.	2:07 a.m.	5:09 p.m.
Tuesday	5:09 a.m.	8:46 p.m.	2:33 a.m.	6:13 p.m.

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Thursday, August 19
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Library Board of Trustees met to fill vacancies

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Weller Library Board of Trustees met on June 23 at the Weller Library in Waitsburg. The three current board members, Jim Leid, Becky Huwe, and Elenora Montgomery, were in attendance. Librarian Rosie Warehime, Lane Gwinn, and Terry Lawhead were also at the meeting.

The city's proposal to surplus the current building and move the library to a new location was discussed by the board. There was confusion over Mayor Dunn's explanation for removing the item from the city council's agenda in June. Montgomery said the board has the power to decide whether the library moves or stays. At the council meeting, Dunn said the city only pays the librarian's salary, the advisory committee is the librarian's boss. The city owns the building, and the committee runs the activities of the library. He did not address how this breakdown of responsibility affects the surplus issue.

The board discussed its response to the council regarding the building. It was decided that the committee president, Jim Leid, would write the letter to the mayor and council before the next city council meeting. It was a unanimous decision between the members that they want the library to stay in the historic Weller building. They would ask for more guidance from the city on the cost to make ADA changes to the building. Members felt that the conceptual plan done for the Weller Public Library was too ambitious in its scope. They were interested in what a more limited approach would cost.

Three applications for the vacant seats was reviewed and approved for recommendation to the council.

A joint public meeting of the Library Board of Trustees and The Friends of the Weller Library was held Wednesday, June 30 at 7 p.m. at the Weller Library.

Correction: The article that appeared in the July 1 print edition referred to the Library Board of Trustees as the Library Advisory Committee. The Waitsburg Municipal Code, establishes the city's public library, Library Board of Trustees and the Library Advisory Committee. Under Title 5, Chapter 1, the Board of Trustees is vested with the management and control of the library. The Library Advisory Committee was established under Title 2, Chapter 7, to serve in an advisory role only.

In response to a question submitted to the city by Lisa Winnett on behalf of The Friends of the Weller Library on July 1, City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe stated "the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Committee are interchangeable." However, under WMCode these are two distinct groups with distinct descriptions and responsibility. Though both advise the council, the Board is not advisory only.

The Friends of the Weller Library is a non-government, non-profit organization that raises funds to purchase equipment, materials and books for the library. They have no authority over the management or facilities.

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from the city on how they would like to proceed with plan review on larger projects."

Several multiagency projects between the Port of Columbia and the City have been impacted, as well.

The Port's Executive Director, Jennie Dickinson, said she has worked closely with Hayes and Cole on the Dayton Community Broadband Project to secure matching funds for a grant to begin construction.

"Cities and counties have access to American Rescue Plan funds from the City of Dayton in order for this to work, and my understanding is the city has to request those funds in order to receive them," she said.

Dickinson said Mayor Weatherford has shown support for the project and is planning to meet with her soon.

She said Hayes had been making progress on addressing the local housing shortage through the City's Affordable Housing Commission and helping address the lack of quality childcare options for working parents. Both issues have huge implications for the area's economic outlook.

"I'm sure there is more, but there is no question this impacts the Port's work," Dickinson said.

Hayes was also checking into ways to improve the entire length of Dayton's Main Street through the Main Street Safety Action Plan. The Plan is currently out for public comment, and Dickinson isn't sure what will happen at the end of the comment period.

The Dayton Development Task Force and the Main Street Program are also impacted. Dickinson said Hayes has written a Dog-Friendly Downtown Plan and had received approval from the board to begin implementation.

Hayes also oversaw the work of the Dayton City Planning Commission on guidance and direction for Dayton's future growth, as well as the Historic Preservation Commission, which works on special valuation permits for the Main Street Historic District.

Neither Cole, Hayes, nor Costello was available for comment.



CLASSIFIEDS

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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR:
CERTIFICATED MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER – The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for middle level teacher for the 2021-2022 school year; applicant must hold an 'Elementary Education' endorsement or 'Middle Level - Primary' endorsement. The teacher will be expected to teach primarily middle school level mathematics as well as one elective course during the 2021-2022 school year with the understanding that schedule changes may

occur as the needs of our students evolve. Please direct questions and inquiries to Mark Pickel, Superintendent. E-mail mpickel@waitsburgsd.org.

FOOD SERVICE ASSISTANT (8 hrs./day). The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for a food service assistant for the 2021-2022 school year. Preferred: Experience working in a school setting, experience with customer service, experience with food prep for large groups; experience with commercial food service equipment, and ability to be dependable, including good

habits in attendance and punctuality. Please direct questions and inquiries to Susan Wildey, Food Service Supervisor. E-mail swildey@waitsburgsd.org.
PARA EDUCATOR (7 hrs./day). The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for three Para Educator positions for the 2021-2022 school year. Must hold an AA degree or equivalent. Please direct questions and inquiries to Mark Pickel, Superintendent. E-mail mpickel@waitsburgsd.org.

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Application materials are available online @ www.waitsburgsd.org or by calling

the District Office at (509) 337-6301.

Positions are open until filled. Waitsburg School District is an E.O.E.

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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/waitsburg-school-district/page/school-board--272>

Waitsburg Gun Club

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

Walla Walla County Commissioners

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

Friends of the Weller Public Library

July 14, 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main St., Waitsburg

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 <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

Dayton City Council

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

Dayton School Board

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

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

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

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Every month on the Third Monday at 7:00 PM
Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Special Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, June 1, 2021, starting at 7:00 pm
Zoom link and information available on the library website at daytonml.org

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 24

Goulash
Green beans
Salad
Garlic bread
Peaches & pears
Milk

Tuesday, June 29

Chili dog
Coleslaw
Spiced apples
Milk

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

Tuesday, June 29

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WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Waitsburg School District

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Worship 11 a.m.
337-6589
Pastor Stan Hughes

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
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Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
337-6235
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Waitsburg Christian Church
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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Each Sunday
337-8898
Rev. Matthew Wyatt

NEWS & COMMENTARY

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

The past year and a half has been an eye opening experience for me; I have learned that straying away from the pushed narrative, thinking for myself, and getting opinions or advice from other sources is considered dangerous, resulting in myself being labeled a conspiracy theorist. If asking questions about basic subjects and questioning what the "experts" say is labeled a conspiracy theorist, then yes, I suppose I am.

Critical thinking and questioning are not things that should be discouraged – if your mind, body, and soul tell you something is not right, you should listen. My instinct has been telling me that something is not right for some time now, and trust me; I am not the only one.

Since the very beginning of this "pandemic" the information we have been fed has constantly been changing, and there has been very little science actually followed in this process.

If this virus is so deadly, why do we have to have the news media constantly telling us how dangerous it is? If this virus is so deadly, why do we have to take a test to see if we even have it? If you turned off the TV, unplugged the computer, and shut off the phone it would be a very different story indeed. Asking questions is part of what makes us human, and should be encouraged, not discouraged.

Forcing people to do anything against their will is wrong, and the relentless propaganda campaign for the COVID-19 vaccine sounds a whole lot like coercion to me. For now, we are incentivized, but prescriptive programming and subliminal com-

munication soften us up to prepare for future mandatory vaccination.

How ironic that, to "encourage" us to get vaccinated for our health, we are offered Krispy Kreme Donuts, fries, hamburgers, hot dogs, weed, and alcohol. If the government is so concerned with our health, why not incentivize a healthy lifestyle – decreasing stress, encouraging exercise, and subsidizing healthy food? This would be far more beneficial to individuals, although not necessarily to the makers of the vaccines.

I've heard a lot of people say they wear the mask or are willing to get the vaccine because they want other people to feel comfortable – we need to remember that we are not responsible for other individuals' health; we can only control our own. How can we be responsible for other people's health if we are not first and foremost responsible for our own health?

It is a strange world we live in at the moment, and it is important for us to remember that we are wonderful, beautiful, unique individuals that have the right to have our own personal views, and should never feel ashamed if we decide to think for ourselves.

America is supposed to be the land of the free, maybe it's time we started acting as if we are.

"The war is not meant to be won, it's meant to be continuous" – George Orwell

Sincerely,

Savannah Henderson
Dayton, Wash.

RECENT WALLA WALLA RESIDENTIAL FIRE IS A REMINDER OF IMPORTANCE OF SMOKE ALARMS.

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — At 12:02 p.m. on June 24, 2021, crews from Walla Walla Fire Stations 1 and 2 were dispatched to a residential structure fire at 1731 Portland Ave., with a report that a heater in the hallway was on fire. Walla Walla County Fire District #4 provided mutual aid.

Upon arrival, crews reported seeing light smoke coming from the front door with heavier smoke present from all other sides. The home's resident, Teah Lieferman, and her children were out of the structure upon the crews' arrival; however, the family's pet dog was still in the home.

It was reported that the fire was coming from a heater located in the hallway of the home. Firefighters performed an aggressive interior attack and were able to confine and extinguish the fire. The fire was brought under control at 12:11 p.m. At that time, firefighters began a secondary search to find the family's missing dog, which was found. Firefighters immediately provided high-flow oxygen to the dog, which required further care and was transferred to Animal Clinic East.

Paramedics treated the Lieferman family on scene for smoke inhalation and other minor injuries. There were no injuries to firefighters.

The cause of the fire is undetermined, and it was accidental. Damage to the property and contents is estimated at \$54,000. The owner of the property is Linda Workman.

There were no working smoke alarms at this residence. The city of Walla Walla Fire Department reminds the public that smoke alarms save lives. Please remember to check all smoke alarms regularly to ensure they are in working condition.



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Sit at least six feet apart in the jam circle....we can still hear you! :)
For the safety of musicians and audience...please wait to participate in the jam until you are fully vaccinated. If you are not vaccinated and plan to be in the audience, please for your own safety, wear a mask.
Fully vaccinated folks can still carry & possibly spread Covid-19.

If a jam attendee "does" test positive for Covid-19, please let me know, so that we can quarantine. Our families and friends will thank you!

Many jams will be outdoors this summer, so come prepared for cooler evenings and you may need to bring a chair!
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Jam for Jo & Shawn

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

Inslee statement on June 30 reopening

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA — Gov. Jay Inslee released a statement today ahead of Washington's upcoming June 30 reopening for individuals and businesses preparing to return to normal capacity and operations.

"Washington has come a long way since the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in the country was found in our state January 2020, and that is in no small part due to Washingtonians' dedication and resilience in protecting themselves and their communities throughout the pandemic.

"Because folks listened to the science and stayed home to stay healthy, wore masks, and got vaccinated, we can now safely fully reopen our state's economy and cultural centers after 15 long months. It hasn't been easy, but I'm proud of how Washingtonians came together, persevered, and sacrificed to fight this virus, and now we're finally in a place that is safe enough to end this chapter.

"Even though Wednesday marks a new stage in our continued efforts to defeat this pandemic, we still have work to do. Continued success depends on everyone getting vaccinated and encouraging any loved one who has not yet received this lifesaving vaccine to do so and quickly.

"Let's keep it up, Washington – get vaccinated and stay safe."

Secretary of Health Umair Shah, MD, MPH, thanked Washingtonians for their dedication to personal and community safety, but emphasized that the work to defeat the COVID-19 virus is not done.

"Washington was one of the first in the country to begin the fight against COVID-19. Thanks to the hard work and sacrifices of everyone in the state, we have one of the most effective responses in the nation. I am so grateful for our partners in public health, health care, government, businesses, and communities across the state, as well as the public," Shah said. "Your tireless efforts have saved lives and made reopening possible. While this step forward is exciting, it does not mean the virus is gone or our work is over. Vaccination, testing and precautions like wearing masks if you are unvaccinated will be needed more than ever as businesses try to resume normal operations. If you have been waiting to get vaccinated, do it now in order to safely enjoy reopening and protect your loved ones and people around you."

Commerce Director Lisa Brown praised the resilience of Washington's business community and emphasized the tie between economic recovery and continued increase of vaccination rates.

"We know our businesses are deeply dedicated to reopening safely and ensuring the health of their employees and customers. And Commerce remains committed to a strong economic recovery across all our communities – particularly those that were hit disproportionately hard by the pandemic," Brown said. "But our economic recovery remains tied to our success fighting COVID-19. We hope this milestone inspires anyone who can get their vaccine but hasn't done so yet to take that important step and help us become more resilient now and into the future."

Indoor and outdoor guidance effective June 30

Effective 12:01 AM on June 30, all industry sectors previously covered by guidance in the Healthy Washington – Roadmap to Recovery or the Safe Start Reopening Plan may return to usual capacity and operations, with limited exceptions for large indoor events (any event with more than 10,000 simultaneous participants in an indoor, enclosed space.)

Reopening guidance:

Vaccine verification/negative testing: Recommended but not required for large indoor and outdoor events

Capacity limitations: No restrictions in restaurants, bars, stores, businesses, theaters, etc. (except large indoor events)

Physical distancing: No requirements

Facial coverings: Not required for **vaccinated** individuals, unless required by individual business

Travelers: Follow CDC recommendations

*Some exceptions will include schools and childcare centers that will continue to have some facial coverings and physical distancing requirements.

Requirements for places of employment issued by the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries have been updated <https://tinyurl.com/atjtmw>. This resource continues to detail options for fully vaccinated workers to go without a mask, methods for verification of worker vaccination status, choices for workers to continue to mask up and other guidance updates to prevent the spread of COVID-19 on the job and help employers meet their obligations to provide a safe and healthy workplace.

On Wednesday, June 30, and Thursday, July 1, the governor will participate in three community-led celebrations to acknowledge and celebrate the end of current COVID restrictions. Inslee will travel to Tacoma, Spokane, and Seattle to celebrate with community and business leaders, elected officials, and Washington heroes who helped us through the COVID pandemic.

Walla Walla postpones July 4 fireworks display due to risk of fire

Council approves fireworks ordinance

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — At a June 29, 2021, special meeting, the Walla Walla City Council did not express objection to the proposal of city officials to postpone the city's July 4 fireworks display because of the current extreme heat and dry conditions. As such, the city is officially announcing the display will be postponed until an as-yet-unknown later date.

At the special meeting, the Council voted to approve an ordinance that authorizes the city manager to prohibit the discharge of any or all fireworks within city limits. Pursuant to RCW 70.77.250(4), the ordinance will take effect in one year, on June 29, 2022, but may take effect sooner if the RCW is subsequently amended to allow for an earlier effective date.

Although the ignition of certain types of fireworks is currently allowed in Walla Walla city limits, the Walla Walla Fire Department is urging area residents to follow the city's example and not set off fireworks this Independence Day holiday because of the increased fire risk.

"Sparks and flames from fireworks can easily be carried to flammable materials and start fires that endanger people, pets and property, and spread area firefighting resources dangerously thin," said WWFD Chief Bob Yancey. "Our firefighters would like to thank area residents for doing what it takes to help keep our Valley safe."

For information on what types of fireworks are permitted and prohibited within Walla Walla city limits and Walla Walla County, visit wallawalla.gov/fireworks.



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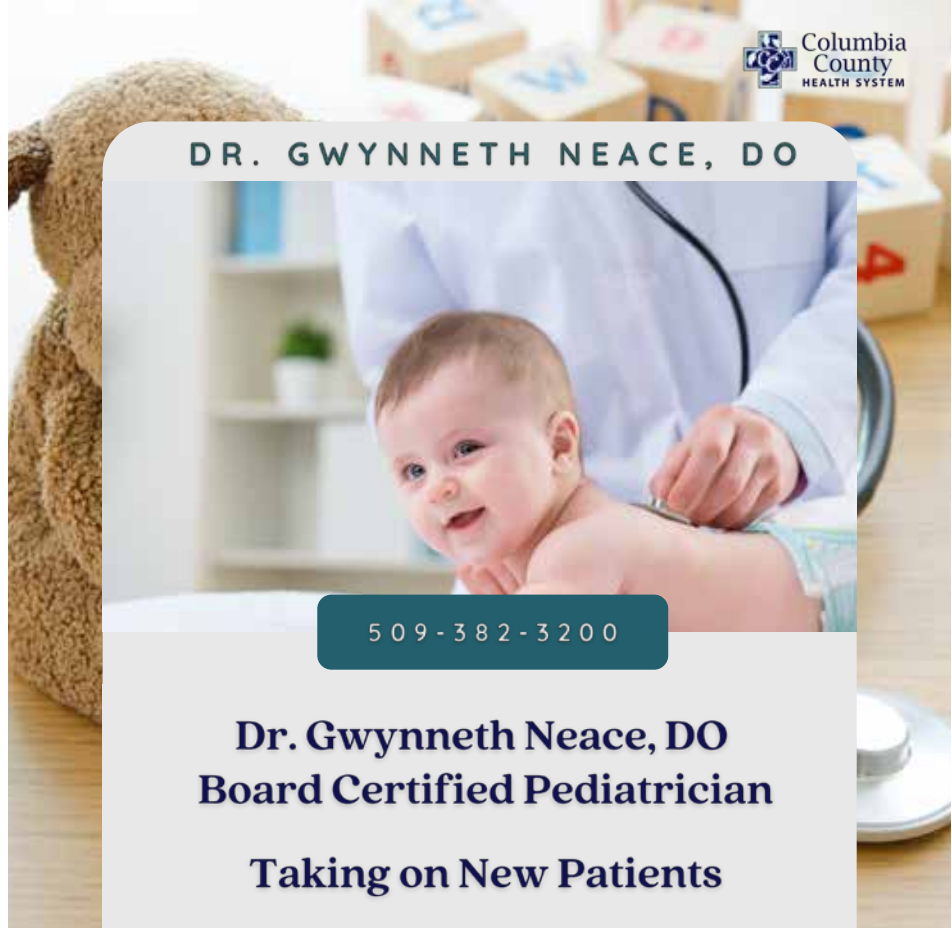
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Please submit a Letter of Intent to board@prescott.k12.wa.us

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

Don't forget your mask after June 30

You may still need it even if you're vaccinated

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA – The Secretary of Health's mask order will remain in place even after June 30, which means that people who are not fully vaccinated need to continue to wear a face mask in public indoor settings even when things start to go back to normal as the state reaches a reopening milestone.

All people, regardless of vaccination status, are still required to wear masks in certain places, such as schools and health care settings. In most other settings, people who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear a mask.

Businesses and local authorities can set their own more protective mask requirements, even though some state restrictions are being lifted. That's why the DOH message around masking is "Respect the rules of the room you're in," since those rules may change depending on where you are. Guidance for employers is available on the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries website, <https://lni.wa.gov/agency/outreach/novel-coronavirus-outbreak-covid-19-resources>

"Even though the economic reopening represents a return to a more normal life for people who are vaccinated, masks will still be part of daily life for many," says Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, Secretary of Health. "Masks will still need to be in your car, your pocket, your backpack – they'll still be a part of your life as we start to transition into this new phase of recovery."

The Secretary of Health's mask order has been amended to say that no one is required to wear a mask outdoors. People who are unvaccinated are encouraged to wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings, such as at sporting events, fairs, parades, concerts, and similar settings where it's harder to maintain physical distance. No one is required to wear a mask during outdoor sports practice or competition, while swimming or when engaged in water sports and recreation.

People who are not fully vaccinated must wear a mask during indoor sports

practices and competitions, with some limited exceptions that will be designated by DOH.

The settings in which all people, including people who are fully vaccinated, are required to wear masks include:

- child care facilities, camps, K-12 schools, and other youth settings where children are present or expected to be present;
- health care settings, in accordance with CDC health care infection prevention and control recommendations;
- correctional facilities in areas where incarcerated individuals are present or expected to be present;
- homeless shelters in areas where individuals being served are present or expected to be present;
- public transportation and transportation hubs, including airports, bus or ferry terminals, train and subway stations

Masking helps protect those who are unvaccinated, including children who are not yet eligible to be vaccinated and others with auto-immune or other conditions that prevent them from being vaccinated. Parents should be reminded that there is real risk to children until vaccinations are available. Kids who aren't vaccinated still need to wear masks, though children younger than two years old should never wear one due to a risk of suffocation.

"If you are a person who works with children, as a teacher or a caregiver or a pediatrician, another protection you can create for them is to get vaccinated yourself," says Acting State Health Officer Scott Lindquist, MD, MPH. "The evidence is clear: vaccination protects you and the people around you, including kids who can't get vaccinated yet. So, get vaccinated to protect kids."

"Immunity levels in your social circles determine how likely you are to be exposed to the virus, and we expect to continue seeing outbreaks in communities with lower vaccination rates," said Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, Secretary of Health. "You can help keep your community safe by getting your vaccine and talking to the people you know about getting theirs."

LEGAL NOTICES

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

No. 21 4 00123 36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re the Estate of: PENELOPE GAMMOND, Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below

has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney stated below a copy of the claim and filing of the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice.

If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Personal Representative: MELVIN H. GAMMOND
Date of First Publication: June 17, 2021.

By: /s/ Melvin H. Gammond
Personal Representative of the

Estate of PENELOPE GAMMOND

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

Steven C. Frol
Minnick-Hayner, P.S.
P.O. Box 1757
249 West Alder
Walla Walla, WA 99362
The Times
June 17, 24, July 1, 2021
6-17-a

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Dayton 2021
Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations Amendment Cycle

The City of Dayton hereby announces the annual consideration of amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations. The City will be accepting dockets until August 1, 2021. The amendment process is designed to solicit suggested amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations. A Docket List of amendments combining private applications and City initiated changes will be developed.

Complete applications and applicable fees must be submitted to City Hall by 4:00 pm on August 1, 2021. Applicants are strongly encouraged to meet with planning staff prior to

submitting an application.

A schedule will then be followed to comply with state mandates and the Dayton Municipal Code, while allowing opportunities for public participation. A series of public meetings and hearings, first for docketing and then for consideration of amendments on the Final Docket List, will be held by the Planning Commission and City Council (dates and locations will be finalized and announced at a later date). Information will be available and public comments on the final proposed amendments will be accepted via mail or e-mail.

Questions should be directed to the City of Dayton, Department of Planning & Community Development at 111 S. 1st St., Dayton WA 99328, or at 509-382-2361, or info@daytonwa.com

The Times
June 24, July 1, 2021
6-24-a

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 21-4-00126-36

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of:

JANE EILLEN ADLINGTON, 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 the Administrator'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 Administrator 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: June 24, 2021.
Brenda L. Huggins, Administrator
Attorney for Administrator: Courtney Lawless, WSBA #57415
Basalt Legal PLLC
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Walla Walla, WA 99362
509-529-0630
The Times
June 24, July 1, 8, 2021
6-24-b

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA PROBATE NO.: 21-4-00130-36

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(RCW 11.40.030)
In the Matter of the Estate of:

MERCEDES A. RIDENOUR, Deceased
THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE NAMED BELOW

has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the deceased 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 non-probate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: July 1, 2021
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Deborah Hopkins
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Hayley Albertson, WSBA # 40125

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COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS AND CAUSE NO.

Walla Walla County Superior Court, 21-4-00130-36
The Times
July 1, 8, 15, 2021
7-1-a

CITY OF WAITSBURG, WASHINGTON

NOTICE TO CONSULTANTS FOR MILL RACE ROAD GRADE CROSSING

The City of Waitsburg, Washington solicits interest from consulting firms with expertise in Civil and Structural Engineering Design. This agreement will be for approximately one year in duration with the option for the City of Waitsburg to extend it for additional time and money

if necessary. Consultants will be considered for the following project.

The City of Waitsburg reserves the right to amend terms of this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to circulate various addenda, or to withdraw the RFQ at any time, regardless of how much time and effort consultants have spent on their responses.

Project Description

The work to be performed by the Consultant consists of construction engineering, administration, and observation for Mill Race Road improvements. The proposed improvements include approximately 0.25 mile of road reconstruction, improving intersection geometrics, sidewalk and curb installation, at grade rail crossing improvements, storm drain improvements, and other work. This project has not been assigned a DBE goal.

The City of Waitsburg reserves the right to retain the services of the successful firm(s) for any subsequent phases associated with this project.

Evaluation Criteria

Submittals will be evaluated and ranked based on the following criteria:

- 1) Qualification of Proposed Project Manager
- 2) Qualifications/Expertise of Firm
- 3) Ability to Meet Schedule
- 4) Approach to Project
- 5) Familiarity with WSDOT/FHWA Standards
- 6) Past Performance/References

Submittal

Submittals should include the following information: Firm name, phone and fax numbers; name of principal-in-charge and project manager; and number of employees in each firm proposed to project.

Please submit FOUR copies of your Statement of Qualifications to: Randy Hinchliffe, City Administrator, City of Waitsburg, PO Box 35/147 Main Street, Waitsburg, WA 99361 no later than 2:00 p.m. on July 22, 2021. Submittals will not be accepted after that time and date. Any questions regarding this project should be directed to Randy Hinchliffe at 509-337-6702.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Information

The City of Waitsburg in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), commits to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability, in all of its programs and activities. This material can be made available in an alternate format by emailing Randy Hinchliffe at administrator@cityofwaitsburg.com or by calling collect 509-337-6702.

Title VI Statement

The City of Waitsburg in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78

Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises as defined at 49 CFR Part 26 will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award.

Dates of publication in the Waitsburg Times: Thursdays, July 1, 2021 and July 8, 2021

The Times
July 1, 8, 2021
7-1-b

Public Notice

The City is taking applications/letters of interest from interested Citizens who wish to fill a vacant position on the Waitsburg City Council. Interested Citizens are required to live within the Corporate City Limits of the City of Waitsburg as well as be a registered voter in the Waitsburg District. A complete overview of the duties and regulations is available on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com. Applications/Letters of interest must be received at City Hall by 4 pm on Thursday, July 15, 2021. For questions, contact City Hall at 509 337-6371 during normal business hours.

Waitsburg City Clerk
Randy Hinchliffe
The Times
July 1, 8, 2021
7-1-c

Public Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Waitsburg City Council will hold a Council Workshop at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at the Waitsburg Business Center located at 111 Preston Ave, Waitsburg, WA.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the workshop, but no public comments will be heard and any question or comments can be passed on to the City Council via City Hall, located at 147 Main St., P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361, or (509) 337-6371. Written testimony may be forwarded to the Waitsburg City Council, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361.

Dated this 29th Day of June, 2021
Waitsburg City Council
The Times
July 1, 2021
7-1-d

NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION/PUBLIC HEARING

Applicant Name: Kent and Amber Lindstrom

Date of Application: February 3, 2021

Date of Letter of Completeness: Considered complete June 2, 2021

Project Description: Subdivide applicants' 11.17-acre parcel into 3 lots of various sizes: Lot 1 (existing residence)—2.32 acres; Lot 2—3.21 acres; and Lot 3—5.6 acres. Applicants plan to build a new home on Lot 3. Lot 2 would be sold as a buildable lot for one residence. No future subdivision of the lot planned.

Project Location: 109 West 4th Street, Prescott, WA 99348

Permits, Approvals, Actions: Application for Short Plat

Existing Environmental Documents: N/A

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

July 22, 2021, at 6:00 PM
Lion's Club Building
101 S. D Street
Prescott, WA 99348

Review Process & Public Comment: A decision on the application will be made within 120 days of the date of the Letter of Completeness (June 2, 2021). Public comments may be provided prior to or at the public hearing on July 22, 2021. Please indicate your name and address and direct comments to the City Contact below.

An agenda will be available one week prior to the public hearing.

THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THIS APPLICATION IS EXPECTED TO END AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE JULY 22, 2021, PUBLIC HEARING, UNLESS THE RECORD IS HELD OPEN BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Any interested person may comment on this application, receive notice, and participate in any hearings. Parties of record and applicants may appeal the final decision to the City Council. You can obtain a copy of the application by contacting the person listed below.

City Contact: Jared N. Hawkins, City Attorney
2225 Isaacs Ave., Suite A
Walla Walla, WA 99362
(509) 529-5175
jared@hawklaw.biz
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July 1, 2021
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Dated this 29th Day of June, 2021
Waitsburg City Council
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July 1, 2021
7-1-d



The deadline for legal publications is noon Tuesday prior to publication. Send notices to: legals@waitsburgtimes.com

Beware of Algae for Summer Swimming Safety

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

The dog days are close at hand, and with a record heatwave happening as we speak, what better way to beat the heat than to head down to your favorite swimming hole with “Rover” in tow. Few things are as rewarding as a romp in the river or pond with your pup, particularly the variety that enjoy a good fetch and retrieve.

My setters are shy on the game of fetch, but a good swim is a home run when the temperatures soar into the 90s and beyond. One of their favorite spots is right in Waitsburg, beneath the main street bridge. Swallows nest under the bridge, and like any classy bird dog, the girls are content to swim against the current all afternoon, simply to feel like they are gaining on the purple-backed, aviator barn swallows, accosting them from overhead, diving, and pulling off at the last moment. Those birds must hit something like four “Gs” when they finally peel off just a couple of feet from the water.

While my setters now love the water, it wasn't always so. I recall the days when we had only young Finn and a rescue German shepherd fitting the poster child for the Meriam-Webster dictionary definition of the word “doofey,” should that ever be a recognized word (which it should be). Anyhow, doofey would wade while Finn would dip a toe and commence with panic. Eventually, Ali and I taught Finn to swim by wading out with her and supporting her belly while she learned the “doggy paddle” is far more effective than flailing in chaos. But, once she got it, there was no stopping her.

Whether you have a cabin on a lake, head down to the old town bridge, or maybe journey out to a recreation area on the Snake River, there is always a slight risk of being in the wrong place at the wrong time regarding cyanobacteria.

What exactly are cyanobacteria, you ask? I guarantee you've heard of blue-green algae. Blue-green algae is a significant threat to dogs and humans and occur when water temperatures rise in July and August and are often coupled with a high nutrient load that may result from something like a storm runoff event. While these algae infrequently occur in our local area, they do show up occasionally and can lead to quick illness and death if ingested.

When the conditions are right, algae reproduce ferociously, forming water-clouding densities referred to as “blooms.” And a blue-green algae bloom doesn't always appear blue-green. Instead, it may present as reddish-purple or brown, making it hard to differentiate from other more typical algae blooms. Blooms are often seen on the water surface as algae float up at night. Wind and waves carry it to the shore, where it can collect in mats or foam, which may be more common in backwater areas. The danger is significant enough that the Environmental Protection Agency published a set of national standards for microcystins and cylindrospermopsin (blue-green algae toxins) in recreational or drinking water in May 2019.



Photos Brad Trumbo

Yuba keeps an eye on the birds while splashing below Waitsburg's Mainstreet bridge.

When heading out for a little weekend water fun, remember these few tips to keep you and your furred family members safe from blue-green algae.

Avoid water when:

- It's slimy, looks foamy, is scummy, or has mats on the surface of the water.
- The color is unusual. Harmful algal blooms can be blue, bright green, brown, or red and may look like paint floating on the water.
- The water stinks. Some harmful algae may produce a nauseating smell.

If you think your dog has gotten into a harmful algae bloom:

- Rinse them off immediately. Wear gloves to protect yourself and give your dog a thorough rinse in clean, fresh water.
- Watch for diarrhea, vomiting, weakness or staggering, drooling, difficulty breathing, and convulsions or tremors. Symptoms can arise anywhere from 15 minutes to several days after exposure. Take pets to the vet immediately if they show these symptoms.
- Report the bloom to your state's health department.

Walla Walla County Community Health department 509-524-2650

Columbia County Public Health (509) 382-2181

Washington Department of Ecology Washington State Toxic Algae (nwtoxicalgae.org)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District Recreation (<https://www.nww.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/>)

Finn playing on riverside driftwood.

Ice Queen and Garden Serf

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

I am now officially and happily the Ice Queen. Just in time for the brutal heat wave that struck this week, we finally have a functioning ice machine. Sometimes, the small pleasures in life (albeit this time an expensive one) provide much-needed satisfaction and relief. Relief that I don't have to stop to buy and then carry 40-50 pounds of ice into the restaurant daily. More importantly, I can generously fill our patrons' glasses with ice water, lemonade, or iced tea. This new modern machine even has a cool blue interior light, and an exterior LED light that consistently says “Full,” which makes me very happy.



We are surviving and humming along in the café. Thanks to a supportive community, vaccinations, masks when needed, and large bottles of Claritin and Advil, we made it through All Wheels Weekend and Sunday's Dayton Garden Tour, alive and only slightly unscathed.

Last night, two ladies came to dine with us who had been referred by our new friends and owners of the Barn B & B in Walla Walla. I was determined to make sure they had a memorable evening at the Weinhard Café. When they arrived, there were already four tables of diners, some from Dayton, others from Waitsburg, who all knew each other and were having lively conversations amongst their tables.

The cacophony of laughter, birthday songs, and

applause bouncing off the brick walls although happily deafening, was a little worrying to me; luckily, as it turned out, the two ladies loved it and assumed we were hosting a large party. They were amazed when we told them that this was a typical Saturday night at the Weinhard and truly a lively example of community!

Meanwhile, my garden is suffering. Admittedly, there has been a lack of attention on my part. But at least the heatwave has provided a viable scapegoat for the sad shape of my eggplant and peppers. I promised myself that I would weed today, but it's over 100 degrees and just not appealing, so much so, that I agreed to go with Daniel to Home Depot, my least favorite place in the world. I compromised this time, because I am certain they have air conditioning. I can live with a few less eggplants in my

life.

Yet, the zucchini just keeps coming. Even the skinny green striped ones that I thought were dead, have come to life and are producing fruit like crazy. De ja vu!

Our garden competition is frustrating, and still holds many Waitsburg garden mysteries. Though my cucumber plant looks anemic with its one long skinny vine, we've already had two cucumbers for salad from that plant. Daniel's cucumber plant is gigantic and has vines taking over a 14-foot planter but has not produced one cucumber.

My phone app that identifies plants from pictures, told me that I had a second cucumber plant growing in another part of the garden. It turned out to be a hollyhock, so no cucumbers. Evidently, that app is not infallible.

My zinnias that were spectacular last year, have done zip this year. There is not one to be found! However, petunias have somehow shown up and I seem to have a monopoly on goat head! It is spreading like wildfire and seems to thrive in heat waves.

While Mugsy thrashed and gorged on our tomato plants last year, he obviously dropped seeds all over, because we now have a giant hedge of random tomato plants taking over the back of the yard. I guess we should be grateful that even Mugsy has become a productive Waitsburg gardener.



SPORTS

Why is July 1 Bobby Bonilla Day?

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

We've all heard stories about professional athletes that have squandered millions in salary and ended up homeless. The following story is not one of those. It is about a great decision made by a major league baseball player who retired in 2001. Thanks to a good agent, high interest rates, and a leap of faith retired player, Bobby Bonilla has been getting a check for \$1.19 million every July 1 from the New York Mets since 2011. He will continue receiving a check through 2035 when he is seventy-two years old.

In a recent interview on the podcast *Planet Money*, Bonilla was asked what he was thinking back in 2000 when the Mets offered to defer his salary for ten years.

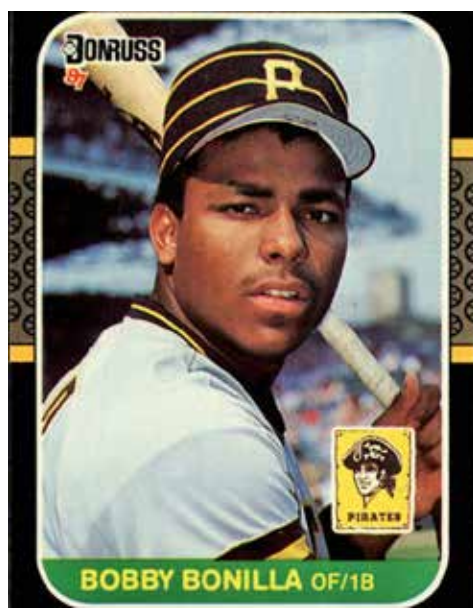
"I just always wanted to make sure I had money because I didn't grow up with cash," he responded. "One of the fears a lot of athletes have is losing everything, it is a very valid fear, and it is something that keeps all athletes up at night. I just had a real fear, so I said, let me find a way to put some more money away." Later in the interview, he added, "If it helps athletes really see the advantage of putting away money and not thinking you have to have everything all at once, I think it's a good thing."

Early in Bonilla's career, he was one of the best hitting third basemen in the National League. He was a six-time all-star who would regularly finish toward the top of MVP voting. He was a switch hitter who could hit for average, power, and knew how to draw walks. In 1997 he won a World Series with the Florida Marlins.

However, by 1998 at the age of thirty-five, Bonilla's skills were in decline. The Dodgers traded him for Mets' pitcher Mel Rojas in a swap of bad contracts. He still was under contract for two years at \$5.9 million a season. The following year, Bonilla partially tore a knee ligament at spring training. He would never be the same player after the injury and only played sixty games for the Mets in 1999 with a .160 batting average. At the start of the 2000 season, the Mets met with Bonilla's agent, Dennis Gilbert, anxious to work out a deal to defer Bonilla's salary.

Gilbert, a former insurance agent, structured a deal where the Mets would not make any payments until 2011. They would have to pay 8% interest on the \$5.9 million annually until 2035. This turned the \$5.9 million into almost \$30 million.

Why would the Mets be willing to pay anyone almost \$30 million over twenty-five years instead of the \$5.9 million they owed Bonilla for the last year of his contract? To understand that, you have to go back to 2000. The Mets were a strong team but needed another pitcher to do well in the play-offs. Deferring Bonilla's salary allowed the team to acquire pitcher Mike Hampton from the Houston Astros. Hampton was making \$5.7 million, so he fit nicely into the Mets payroll. Hampton pitched well for the Mets, winning the National League Championship Series (NLCS) most valuable player award. In the end, the gamble did not pay off, as Hampton lost his only start in that year's World Series. The Mets would lose the series in five games and then lose Hampton in the off-season to free agency.



Additionally in 2000, interest rates were not as low as today. The prime rate charged by banks was 9.23%, so an 8% rate wasn't that extreme at the time. Especially since the Mets ownership was heavily invested with a local business advisor who was guaranteeing a ten percent return.

Of course, that money manager turned out to be Bernie Madoff, who was running a Ponzi scheme that defrauded his many high-profile clients out of hundreds of millions of dollars. The Mets' losses were so bad they had to borrow \$65 million to pay player salaries. Twenty-five million of that was borrowed from other baseball owners.

These days Bobby Bonilla plays tennis, golf and does work for the baseball players union. And of course, he enjoys going to his local bank and depositing his check from the Mets every July 1. Happy Bobby Bonilla Day.

MLB American League Leaders

Wins			Batting Average		
A. Civale	CLE	10	M. Brantley	HOU	.344
Z. Greinke	HOU	8	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	.342
G. Cole	NYY	8	Y. Guriel	HOU	.332
C. Bassitt	OAK	8	X. Bogaerts	BOS	.329
N. Eovaldi	BOS	8	C. Mullins	BAL	.315

ERA			Home Runs		
K. Gibson	TEX	2.00	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	26
L. Lynn	NYY	2.06	S. Ohtani	LAA	26
C. Rodon	CHW	2.06	M. Olson	OAK	20
G. Cole	NYY	2.66	A. Garcia	TEX	20
T. Glasnow	TB	2.66	R. Devers	BOS	19

Strike Outs			Runs Batted In		
S. Bieber	CLE	130	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	66
G. Cole	NYY	129	R. Devers	BOS	64
T. Glasnow	TB	123	S. Ohtani	LAA	60
C. Rodon	CHW	113	A. Garcia	TEX	55
L. Giolito	CHW	110	A. Meadows	TB	54

Saves			Stolen Bases		
L. Hendriks	CHW	20	W. Merrifield	KC	21
M. Barnes	BOS	17	I. Kiner	TEX	15
A. Chapman	NYY	16	T. Anderson	CHW	14
R. Iglesias	LAA	14	C. Mullins	BAL	14
I. Kennedy	TEX	13	N. Goodrum	DET	12

Mariners Hitting

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	BA	OBP	OPS	WAR
M. Haniger	294	48	75	17	45	19	.255	.300	.789	+1.3
K. Seager	292	28	63	13	44	26	.216	.284	.695	+0.8
J.P. Crawford	281	35	79	5	30	25	.281	.340	.738	+2.8
T. France	249	35	64	7	29	24	.257	.348	.762	+1.7
D. Moore	163	20	31	6	23	20	.190	.289	.657	+0.9
T. Murphy	145	20	26	6	15	14	.179	.253	.605	+0.0
T. Trammell	143	22	24	8	17	16	.168	.265	.643	-0.2
K. Lewis	130	15	32	5	11	16	.246	.333	.726	+0.6
L. Torrens	117	14	25	7	15	6	.214	.256	.700	+0.6

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

AL West	W	L	PCT	GB
Oakland	25	17	.595	-
Houston	24	17	.585	0.5
Seattle	21	21	.500	4.0
Los Angeles	18	22	.450	6.0
Texas	19	24	.442	6.5

AL East	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	25	17	.595	-
Toronto	22	17	.564	1.5
Tampa Bay	23	19	.548	2.0
New York	22	19	.537	2.5
Baltimore	17	23	.425	7.0

AL Central	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	25	15	.625	-
Cleveland	21	18	.538	3.5
Kansas City	18	22	.450	7.0
Detroit	15	26	.366	10.5
Minnesota	13	26	.333	11.5

Notes from the Waitsburg Gun Range

A reminder that the area is exceptionally dry and there is a burn ban in effect. If you plan to use the gun range at this time, please do not use metal targets unless they are provided by the range or muzzleloaders.

To those who must be out in this heat (construction crews & first responders especially) please take care of yourselves – hydrate, hydrate, hydrate!



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July exhibit at Combine Art Collective

Shelia Coe and Dianna Woolley are winning combination

THE TIMES

Walla Walla – The July exhibit at Combine Art Collective will feature work by Shelia Coe and Dianna Woolley.

After retiring, Shelia Coe, pursued her other interests, including becoming a Master Gardener. Fortunately, she took an interest in sculpture after taking instruction from sculptor, Penny Michel. Coe works in clay, creating pieces inspired by nature and animals. Her childhood was one full of art, thanks to a mother who encouraged her daughter to become an artist. It just took a while. Perhaps it is a combination of scientist, engineer and artist, bringing her successful career in dentistry to her new passion in sculpture. Her pieces are beautifully realized, creating shapes and spaces, both engineered and whimsical.

Dianna Woolley is one of the five founders of the Combine Art Collective and continues in that role from her new home in Williamsburg, Virginia. Her work is in many Walla Walla homes and others across the country.

After working in collage and encaustic, Woolley primarily uses oil, sometimes incorporating cold wax into her work, obscuring and revealing shapes and forms to produce complex and intriguing paintings. Her process has developed through her natural curiosity and an inclusive approach to learn and be inspired by the community around her.

“My work is fueled by artistic curiosity, dedicated studio practice and challenges offered by tutors, peer mentorship and workshop participation. Through decades of applied studies, begun in landscape and figurative work, my paintings have grown into lively abstractions fat with distinct mark making, color contrasts, and imaginative images.”

Woolley will be back in Walla Walla and at the gallery on July 2. Please make sure to stop by to say hello.

This exhibit will be on view from July 1 through July 13, during the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Thursday through Sunday.

Artists's work can also be seen online at:

www.combineartcollective.com
www.diannawoolley.com
www.thepaintingcenter.org



COMBINE
ART COLLECTIVE

Walla Walla Rock Camp Times Two

Groovy

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

Session One of Walla Walla Rock Camp is in the history books. As I write this, Session Two is in progress. I've been aware of Rock Camp for years through the involvement of friends in the Touchet Valley, but this is the first year I've participated. The organizers recruited me as a keyboard and vocal coach.

Rock Camp is an annual intensive music program for youth ages 12-18. They receive instruction from experienced musicians on everything from guitar, piano, and voice to songwriting, live sound mixing, and world percussion. All instruments are welcome, and no experience is necessary. Students are given a space with which to connect to peers and experience live performance. Campers work to put a band together, then select and arrange songs to perform at the final concert. They learn to be professional and one hundred percent present on stage. Some students come back year after year.

Rock Camp is provided at no charge to young people interested in performing arts. This is made possible by the generous sponsorship of the Walla Walla Symphony (www.wwsymphony) and its organizational partners: ArtWalla, United Way of Walla Walla, Walla Walla Valley Honda, Walla Walla Public Schools (WWSD), and Walla Walla Music Organization (WWMO).

It's great to be part of something so alive with energy, growth, and promise through the oldest continually operating symphony west of the Mississippi River. It's been a tough year and a half for the arts, of course. Because of the pandemic, the camp was canceled last summer.

However, funds have been received, which make it possible to run this year's camp for two weeks. About 100 young people are attending Rock Camp this year. Some bring quite a bit of musical experience; some are just starting out. It's all good. Everyone is there to learn and have fun.

The combined experience, knowledge, and skill of the entire instructional staff is incredible. They have been great to work with and are accepting and encouraging of the kids. For me, there has never been anything like watching a young person discover the world of arts and the wonder of their own beauty and creativity. They literally bloom before your eyes. The cultural and musical



diversity of Session One was impressive. As I write, I expect Session Two to be just as great.

Roger Garcia, director of music programs for WWSD and band instructor at Garrison Middle School, has been the director of Rock Camp for many years. This is his last year. He is passing the baton to my colleague Rodney Outlaw and WWMO. It's a perfect fit with our music production and live sound elements. WWMO looks forward to directing Rock Camp in June 2022.

Earlier this month WWMO was notified that it would receive a \$180,000 grant from Sherwood Trust (www.sherwoodtrust.org) as part of its annual Core Grant partnerships. This provides three years of support toward consolidating and growing our program of music and sound production for students in Southeast Washington and Northeast Oregon. Outlaw is to be applauded for his years of hard work, sacrifice, and determination to bring this quality program to our region. As a new DAW (digital audio workstation) production student, I'm proof that you can have years of musical experience and still learn all kinds of new tricks.

Join us this Friday, July 2, at 5:30 pm for the final concert of Session Two. There are two ways to see the performance; live at Washington Park, 700 West Cherry in Walla Walla, or on Facebook Live through the Symphony's Facebook page. There is no charge for admission. (You can still watch last week's concert as well.) In-person or virtually, you'll see and hear some very good, very happy, and very groovy things. (Did I just say “groovy”?)



Photos by Mike Ferrian

Top: BrassStrings: Rock Camp students collaborated during Session One on a jazzy arrangement with a unique array of instruments.

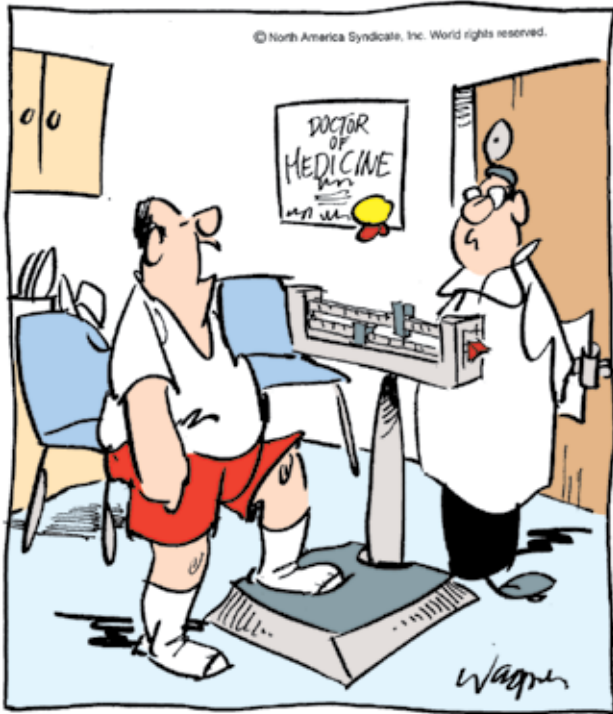
Left: “Biphy” is the name of a rock group formed at camp this year with a solid punk sound.

FUN & GAMES

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



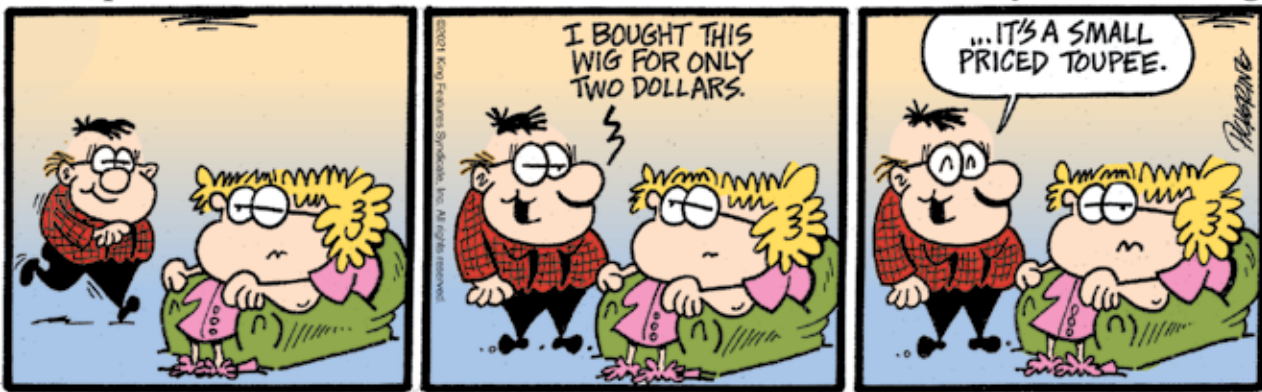
GRIN and BEAR IT by Wagner



"Both feet?"

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



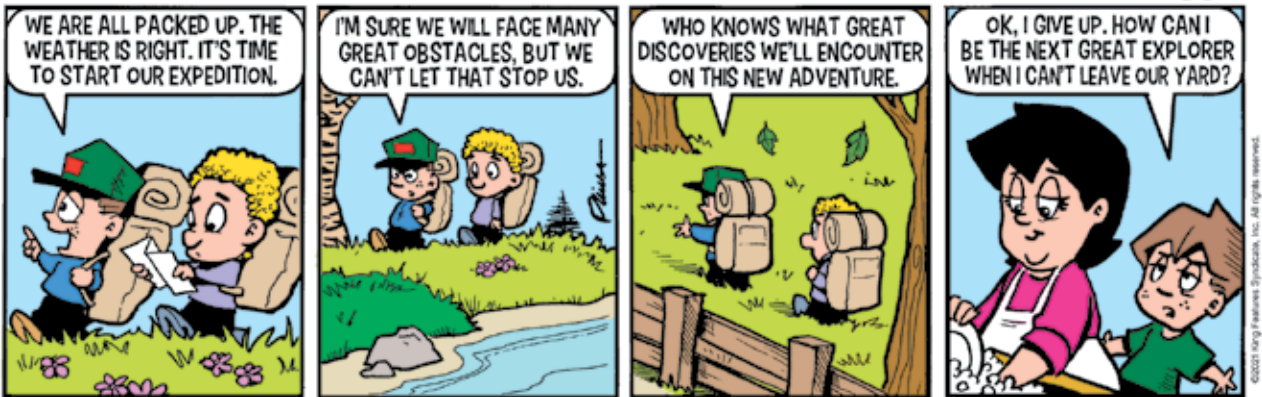
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by Gary Kopervas



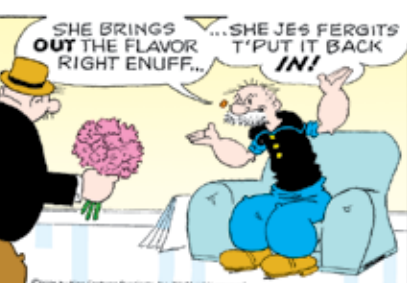
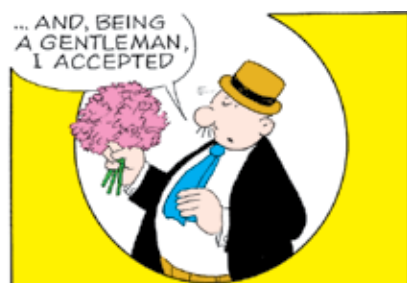
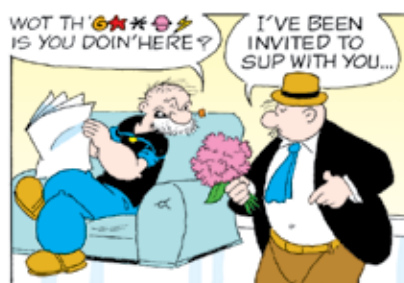
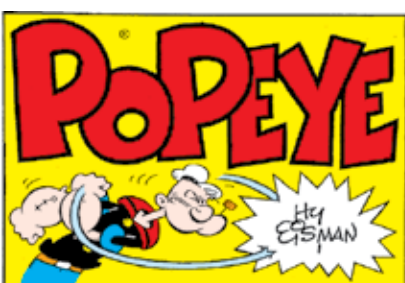
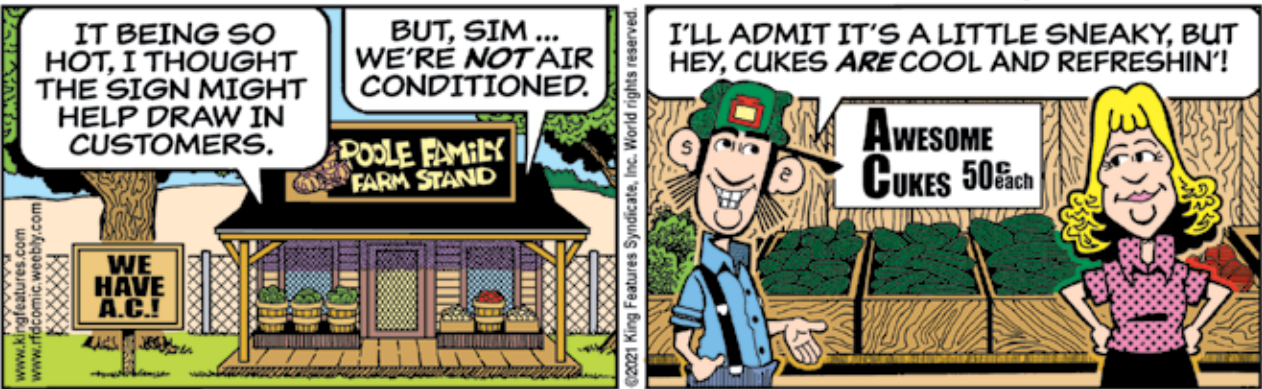
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

June 30, 2011

Waitsburg residents and visitors noticed several weeks ago how each of the entrances to town – eastbound Highway 124, northbound Highway 12 and westbound Highway 12 – got new welcoming banners with the words “Waitsburg A-Waits You,” a phrase coined by Mayor Walt Gobel to invite travelers to the downtown area one block off Highway 12. In addition to the six new banners at city entrances, the city also put up 10 new downtown banners on the streetlights to complement the existing 11, and mounted 44 hanging baskets with petunias to the poles.

Farmers in the Touchet Valley are predicting their harvest this year will be at least a week later than usual with fields in the Prescott and Waitsburg areas ready by the third week of July and Dayton by early August. “Almost every farmer coming in says they’ll be seven to ten days late,” said Matt Weber, an agronomist with the McGregor Co.’s Waitsburg branch, which supplies them with farm chemicals. Concerned at first with the possible spread of rust, growers now welcome the somewhat cooler June temperatures that allow the heads of the wheat plants to mature more slowly and fully, promising a strong 2011 yield.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

July 4, 1996

Roads washed out during the February flooding is blamed for the lack of Bigfoot evidence this spring, but we do have a report. This one came at a point a few miles above Dixie off the Dry Creek Road, according to Wes Sumerlin and Lane Savage, who made a trip to the area June 24. They were there in response to a report of the Friday before by Sumerlin’s son and daughter-in-law, John and Sally, who first had spotted the footprints.

Fifty Years Ago

July 1, 1971

“Hong Kong was the most interesting port we visited,” was the comment of Joe Roberts who is home on leave from the U.S. Navy. “Anything you can name may be purchased there – and for a price from one-half to one-third of what a similar item would cost in the United States.” Joe, a 1968 graduate of Waitsburg High School, enlisted in the Navy in November ’68, took his basic training in San Diego and was stationed at Lemoore NAS near Fresno. From October 1970 to the present time, he has been stationed aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Ranger, with visits made to Japan, Philippines, Hong Kong, Hawaii, and the Gulf of Tonkin.

Since the weather has been playing hob with pea harvest, some of the working immigrants from other states have a lot of time on their hands, and have been looking for ways to spend it. Some of the young men asked Miss Florence Rees if there is someplace where they could go to watch TV. If someone has an older set in working order that they can spare, we would suggest that the Youth Center look into the possibility of a TV drop in the building, and aiding these young men with some way to spend their spare time. We think it would be a fine community venture.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

July 5, 1946

A kitchen shower honoring Miss Helen Lloyd was held at the home of Mrs. Jack Wright last Friday with Mrs. Donald Harris assisting.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cushin entertained friends with an evening of cards Sunday. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kinder of Seattle, Mrs. Humphreys of Yakima, as well as a number of local guests.

Warehouses of the Touchet Valley Grain Growers are being cleaned and repaired for the oncoming harvest. Assisting the regular warehouse crew is Henry Reeniers, principal of Central School.

One Hundred Years Ago

July 1, 1921

George Bateman who has been running the truck line between this city and Walla Walla for some time has sold his truck to J. H. Wardrip & Sons who will continue the truck line. Mr. Bateman has accepted a position in the grocery department of the Perrine-Jones Co.

Ernie Daniel, who was driving a binder for Tom Groom, Thursday suffered a serious injury by being thrown onto the binder tongue. A muscle of his right leg was deeply cut by the guard and he is quite badly lamed as a result of it.

An inter-city passenger airplane service out of Spokane is to be inaugurated within the next thirty days.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

July 3, 1896

I. A. Wilson, Jack Mullinix and Ide Wickershaw arrived home from their month’s outing last Saturday. They report a rather rough trip and were all very glad to return to this lovely Burg.

Mrs. J. D. Laidlaw is north of Snake River making final proof on her timber culture.

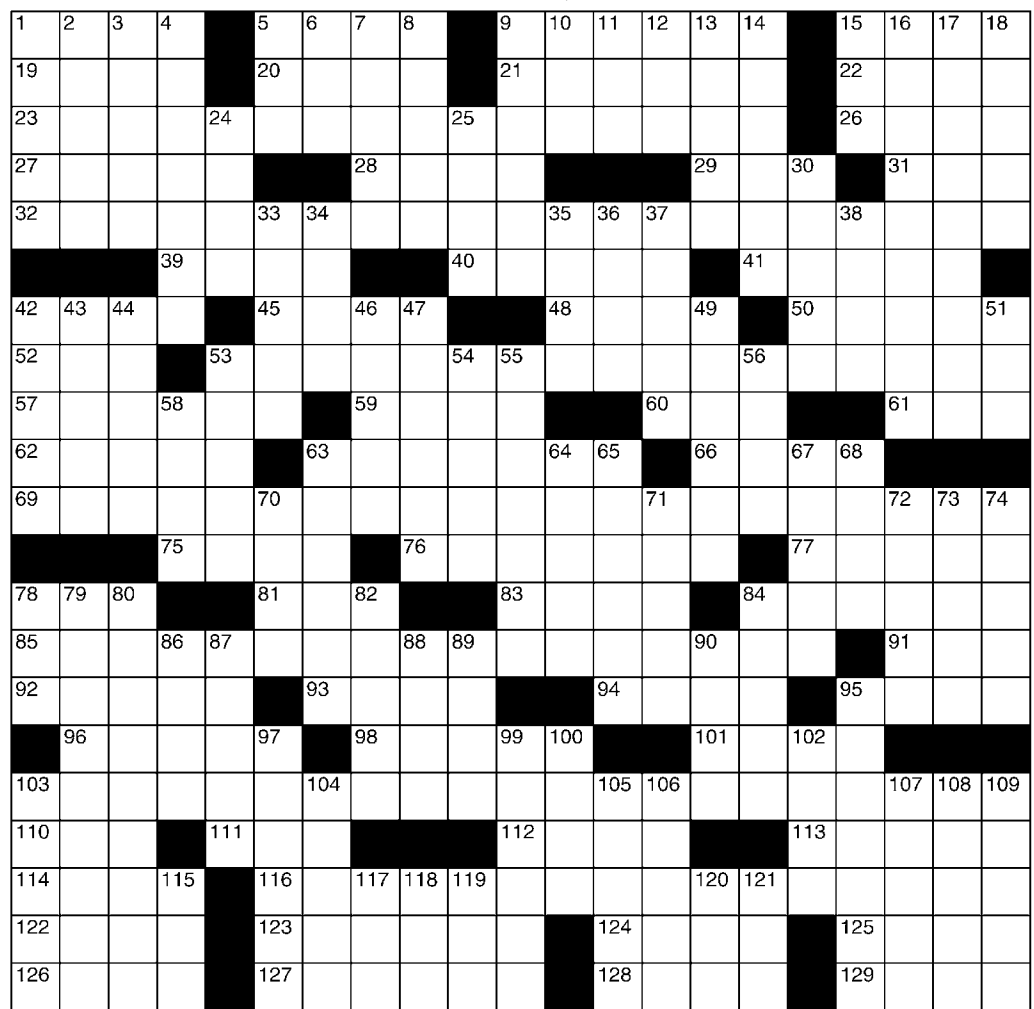
Miss Mattie Parton arrived in the city from San Jose Cal. on Wednesday and was warmly greeted by numerous friends. She will remain several weeks.

Frank Hooker of Pendleton Oregon has opened in the Royal Block the neatest saloon ever in this city and proposes to run a strictly first class house. The saloon was opened last night with an elegant lunch.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword THREE OF A...

- ACROSS**
- 1 Livestream annoyances
 - 5 Mark for omission
 - 9 Tennis star Seles
 - 15 Feudal drudge
 - 19 Like — out of hell
 - 20 Special periods
 - 21 Tesla vehicle
 - 22 Court claim
 - 23 THREE OF A KIND
 - 26 Himalayan hoax subject
 - 27 — Lodge (motel chain)
 - 28 British title
 - 29 Yoko who appeared in "Let It Be"
 - 31 Op. — (footnote abbr.)
 - 32 THREE OF A FIND
 - 39 — awkward position
 - 40 Broadcast
 - 41 Severe spasm
 - 42 Chicken, e.g.
 - 45 Destruction
 - 48 Opposite of always
 - 50 Merits, as an income
 - 52 "Put a sock in it!"
 - 53 THREE OF A HIND
 - 57 Pro at alterations
 - 59 Way out
 - 60 British title
 - 61 Green tract
 - 62 Put lube in
 - 63 Deny, as a statement
 - 66 Blue-skinned race in "Avatar"
 - 69 THREE OF A BIND
 - 75 Wry comic Mort
 - 76 Bitter complainers
 - 77 Troll's cousin
 - 78 Famed coach Parseghian
 - 81 Edmonton's prov.
 - 83 Like boys
 - 84 Certain granola snack
 - 85 THREE OF A WIND
 - 91 Rink star Bobby
 - 92 "Silas Marner" novelist
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 - 15 CIA figure
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MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

Falafel with Garlic Tahini Sauce



Sometimes, after a long night serving \$200 dinners (see my article about tasting menus on page 12) I would stop at the Aladdin Gyro-cery, in Seattle's University District, for a cheap late-night meal. Inside, the aroma of heavily spiced chicken shawarma or beef gyros, are instantly enticing, however, the menu item I've ordered the most is the falafel. Crispy on the outside, fragrant and soft inside, stuffed in fluffy pita bread with a zingy tahini sauce, these vegetarian delights always satisfy. A spiced chickpea or fava bean fritter, falafels are found across the Middle East, with slight variations from region to region. In the recipe below, extra fresh herbs add a distinct flavor, and green interior, reminiscent of Egyptian style falafels.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups dried chickpeas
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup fresh parsley leaves, stems removed
- ¾ cup fresh mint leaves, stems removed
- ½ cup fresh dill, thick stems removed
- 1 small onion, quartered
- 5 garlic cloves, peeled
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 ½ tablespoons chickpea flour
- 2 tablespoons toasted sesame seeds
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- Neutral vegetable oil for frying
- Tahini Sauce (recipe below)

Directions:

One day in advance, place dried chickpeas and baking soda in a large bowl. Cover with cold water by at least 3-4 inches. Set on counter, soak overnight for 18 to 24 hours. Check to make sure chickpeas remain covered with water as they expand.

When ready, drain chickpeas well, patting dry with kitchen towel. Add chickpeas, herbs, onion, garlic, and spices to the bowl of a large food processor fitted with a blade. (If your food processor is small, mix all the ingredients in a large bowl to combine, then process in batches.) Pulse in 30 second increments, scraping sides with spatula, until mix is a minced to a medium coarse texture (couscous sized) and starting to clump together. Transfer mix to bowl, add lemon juice and chickpea flour, mixing thoroughly. Cover tight and refrigerate for at least one hour before frying.

Prepare a Dutch oven, or saucepan with high sides, with 2 to 3 inches of oil and set over medium heat. Use a candy or deep fry thermometer, and heat oil to 350 degrees. While oil is heating pull falafel mix from fridge. Add sesame seeds and baking powder, mix well. Taste for seasoning, adding more salt if needed. If mix is too dry and crumbly add a little water, a teaspoon at a time, until mix just holds together. Scoop out heaping tablespoons of mix and roll into balls.

Fry falafel in batches, turning halfway, for about five minutes until deep golden brown. Don't overcrowd pan while frying and adjust heat to maintain 350 degrees. Place cooked falafel on paper towel lined baking sheet to drain and keep in warm oven while frying the rest. Serve as part of a meze platter with tahini sauce, pita bread, and small plate accompaniments (see notes).

Tahini Sauce:

In a food processor or blender, add ¼ cup tahini paste, ½ cup fresh lime juice (2-3 limes), 2 crushed garlic cloves, and ½ teaspoon salt. Blend. Add ¼ cup cold water in a steady stream while blending. Sauce will emulsify and lighten in color. Add a little more water if too thick. Transfer to a bowl and add ½ cup minced parsley leaves. Taste and add more salt if needed.

Notes:

Instead of deep frying you can also try pan frying in a skillet with 2 to 3 tablespoons of oil. Form falafels into patties instead of balls, flipping halfway until falafel are golden brown.

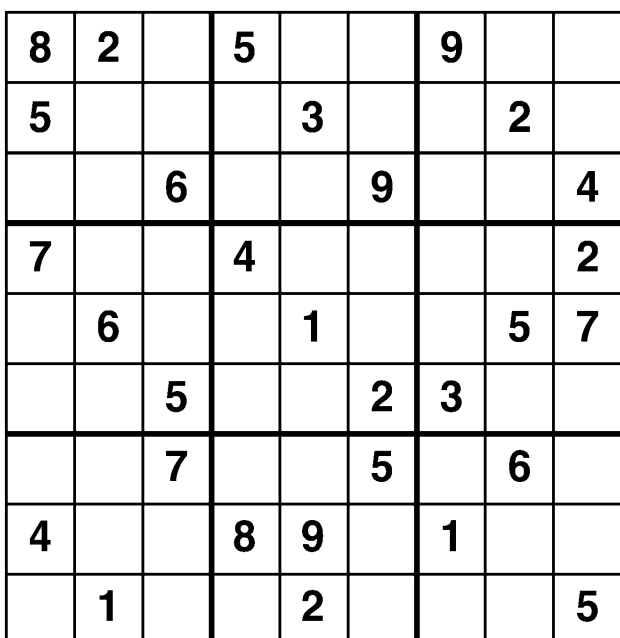
In Egypt falafel are often made with dried fava beans. Try using them instead, or a combination of half chickpeas and half fava beans.

This recipe will serve 6 as an entrée. If you don't use up all the falafel mix, you can freeze uncooked falafel balls, and cook from frozen at a later date.

This past week, I served these falafels with John's homemade pita bread, cucumbers, tomatoes, salad greens, feta cheese, Mama Lil's peppers, pepperoncini and kalamata olives. I sprinkled a little dried sumac on top of the tahini sauce for color. Enjoy!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

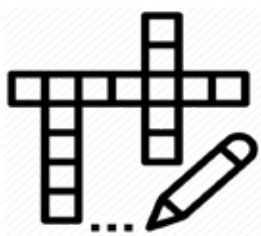


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Tasting, Tasting, 1, 2, 3...

By Luke Chavez | THE TIMES

Having worked as a server at some of Seattle's best restaurants, I've had the honor of working for some of the finest chefs in the city. The more time you spend with great chefs, the better you become at identifying a chef's culinary signature, especially when it is your job to sell their creations. Beyond mastery of technique and selecting favorite ingredients, a good chef must develop a distinct point of view to help them stand out in a very crowded field. I am quite positive that in a blindfolded tasting, I would be able to identify dishes prepared by some of my former employers.

While regular diners may not know all the technical and stylistic details behind the scenes, they certainly can tell when they have had a meal prepared by a great chef. Eye-opening meals can lead to favorite restaurants and sometimes even following chefs as their career grows from one restaurant to the next. If given the opportunity, a great way to learn more about a chef's style is by ordering an offered tasting menu. Recently, I saw a posting from The Weinhard Café in Dayton advertising an upcoming special tasting menu by chef Daniel Rossi. While I always enjoy meals prepared by Rossi, I am excited to see what he will present in this format.

So, what is a tasting menu? Put simply, a tasting menu is a grand showcase for a chef's talents and specialties. It is less of a meal and more of an orchestrated dining experience. Made up of multiple small plate courses, each one a beautifully composed sensory experience, tasting menus are a snapshot of a chef's current inspirations. The antithesis of "have it your way" dining, ordering a tasting menu, is sitting back and giving in to the whims of the chef. While a traditional "full course" meal can be made up of three to four courses (starters, entrée, dessert), a tasting menu usually starts at five courses on the small side and can push well past ten courses on the large side.

Often, tasting menus include an option for wine pairings, consisting of small tasting pours of selected wines to accompany each course. A beautifully paired wine will harmonize with the plated ingredients, bringing out the best qualities in both. Before accepting a server position at Art of the Table in Seattle, I sat down to a life-changing nine-course tasting menu presented by chef/owner Dustin Ronspies, featuring only the finest seasonal and local ingredients. I can still recall the vivid revelation on my palate sparked by his pan-seared black cod with matsutake mushrooms in a dashi broth perfectly paired with a crisp and dry Alsatian Riesling.

The modern tasting menu, not surprisingly, has its roots in French culinary culture where it is called a *menu dégustation*. Like haute couture in the fashion world, menu dégustation developed as the highest level of expression in the culinary arts. Today tasting menus are found in fine restaurants at culinary capitals around the globe. In cities like Paris, Tokyo, New York, and even Seattle, there are restaurants built solely around tasting menus. These dining destinations have garnered almost cult-like followings, a notch in the belt for savvy traveling diners.

Over the years, at such restaurants I have served politicians, syndicated food critics, wine makers, tech entrepreneurs, and a smattering of celebrities, most memorably a surprise reservation by the captivating Cate Blanchett. What draws them in goes beyond the food alone, with the allure centering around the style and personality of the chef. Many of these restaurants play this up by offering premium seating at chef counters, allowing diners to watch the master at work. The six-seat chef counter at Art of the Table was consistently booked out six months in advance. All this edible artistry does come at a higher price point, as the creation of a tasting menu requires extra work in the kitchen and extra attentive service. Remember, you are paying for the full experience. Perfect for a special occasion,



Luke Chavez

From my time in the trenches of fine dining: Chef Dustin Ronspies and his wife Shannon Van Horn, plating up pan seared marbled king salmon with morel mushrooms, part of a 9-course spring tasting menu at their Seattle restaurant Art of the Table

enjoying a tasting menu will also take longer than a typical meal, sometimes lasting up to 3 hours. Decadence should never be rushed.

Our friends Vicky and Chef Daniel at The Weinhard Café are preparing to add a tasting menu soon. As space is limited, reservations will be required and can be made by calling them at (509) 204-3207. Keep your eyes open for future dates.

2021 Gardens and Patios on Parade



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Dayton Historical Depot Society presented a day of local gardens and patios. Between noon and 4 p.m. guests were able to visit six properties, enjoy music by the Calico Bones, Pasiley DeSiga, Tammy Emilio Duo, Tumbleweed Stevenson and Jasper Mountain Band. There were Muffaletta sandwiches from Weinhard Café and wine tasting from Dumas Station Wines.

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