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Planting winter wheat on Middle Waitsburg Road. October 14, 2021. And then it rained!

Bill Rodgers

CWWFD2 Commissioners adopt vaccination policy

All medical personnel are required to be vaccinated unless reasonable accommodation requirements are met

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Columbia-Walla Walla Fire District 2 Commissioners met on October 13 for a regular meeting at the Waitsburg Fire Station.

Interim fire chief Colter Mohney asked that a vote regarding a policy update to reflect the statewide vaccination mandates be held either at the meeting or within the next couple of days following the meeting.

The mandate, Proclamation 21-14.1, announced on August 20, requires all health care providers, including licensed health care providers and all employees, contractors, and volunteers who work in a health care setting, to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by October 18, 2021. It also requires operators of health care settings to verify the vaccination status of every employee, volunteer, and contractor who works in the health care setting.

Mohney clarified that the mandate affects personnel, not the volume of calls or how the calls are handled. The fire department will require members to be vaccinated to be active within the fire district.

“As an example, let’s use me,” Mohney said. “If I were not vaccinated, I would not be able to respond unless I go through this process.”

Mohney presented a reasonable accommodation policy for those who are unable or remain hesitant to get vaccinated against COVID-19, which included requiring a vaccine exemption form and twice-weekly testing. The policy stated that non-vaccinated individuals must wear an N-95 mask, sterile gown, gloves, and other protective measures. This policy is identical to neighboring districts’ policies, according to Mohney.

Mohney said the policy doesn’t define the type of N-95 mask acceptable while responding to a call.

Mohney said he is aware of a few volunteers who would likely be taking the exemption route, and he would be going over the policy with each individual.

“As of right now, I only have one individual turn their exemption in to me,” Mohney said. “I have a couple of individuals I have been trying to communicate with and work with. Other than that, everyone else is either vaccinated or are not medical people.”

Commissioner Bruce Abbey expressed that the policy felt fair and was glad that the district was not facing an ‘avalanche of people leaving the district.’ He made a motion to pass the policy, which the board accepted.

The commissioners discussed recommendations from the hiring committee and went over tax levy information. A public hearing regarding a proposed levy will be held at the next meeting on November 10.

Commissioner Deb Fortner announced that the signs for the fire station were complete. The four by eight-foot signs were designed and built by Sage Kilts, a Senior at Dayton High School.

Port of Columbia commissioners discuss wagons and budget

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON – A regular meeting of the Port of Columbia was held using Zoom at 3:30 pm, October 13, 2021, with Commissioner Brown moderating.

The Commissioners discussed several administrative issues, including a line-by-line discussion of the draft budget for 2022. The meeting then went into a 45-minute executive session to discuss an employment contract.

Port Director, Jennie Dickinson, announced that The Blues Crew, a volunteer group associated with the Blue Mountain Land Trust, would start work to improve and widen the Rock Hill trail. The Blues Crew recommended not using gravel where an improvement of the trail surface is needed. Dickinson said that she would obtain wood chips from Trees Inc for the trail surface.

Lyons Ferry Marina reported that they had a very good summer and hope that next year’s season will also be good. To increase use at some less popular sites, rentals of conestoga wagons are being considered. Conestoga Wagons are being used nationwide to offer glamping to RV park guests.



Blue Mountain Station reported that the recent Harvest Festival was successful. Three students from Dayton High School volunteered to help at the event.

Dickinson said the port had modified the grant for the broadband project to expand the coverage area to include more of east Dayton.

Finally, the Commission interviewed two candidates to fill the vacant District 2 position, Genie Crowe and Jesse Yost. Bruce Hiebert, who submitted a letter of interest, removed himself from consideration before the meeting. The candidates were interviewed publicly and then the board went into executive session for the second time. When the public meeting resumed, the commissioners announced the selection of Genie Crowe for the District 2 position based on her experience. Crowe was sworn in by Dickinson, making her the Port’s first female commissioner.

The meeting adjourned at about 5:56 pm. The next meeting was scheduled for 6 pm, November 10, 2021. The meeting will also be held on Zoom.

Vaccination mandate has minimal impact on local hospitals

St. Mary’s reported a 2% loss of staff, while CCHS lost a reported 5% of staff on Monday

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Monday, October 18, was the deadline for workers in specific sectors, including private and public healthcare, state employees, and education, to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or risk losing their jobs.

As the deadline neared, concerns about the mandate’s impact on healthcare staffing and services have

raised throughout the state. A spokesperson for Providence St. Mary Medical Center and the Providence Medical Group in Walla Walla said their hospital has a high compliance rate that would not significantly impact its operations.

“As of this morning, Providence in Walla Walla including Providence St. Mary Medical Center and Providence Medical Group has a compliance rate of 98 percent with the COVID-19 state vaccination mandate,” said Kathleen Obenland, Director of Communications, on Tuesday. “This means that our caregivers (staff) have either been vaccinated or received a medical or religious exemption. We are grateful that the vast majority of our caregivers have received their vaccinations, an essential step toward keeping our patients and caregivers safe. The remaining caregivers who did not submit proof of vaccination or submit

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AT THE LIBERTY:

The Addams Family

THE TIMES


DAYTON—The Addams Family 2 is a sequel to the animated 2019 The Addams Family movie. In this new movie, the Addams get tangled up in more wacky adventures and find themselves involved in hilarious run-ins with all sorts of unsuspecting characters. A review from CNN describes this movie's focus as an adventure that involves Addams daughter Wednesday (voiced by Chloë Grace Moretz), who is experiencing that coming-of-age phase when she dislikes her family. Her father, Gomez (Oscar Isaac) convinces wife Morticia (Charlize Theron) it's time for a family road trip, hoping to rekindle their familial bond.

This movie has very mixed reviews, with a 70% favorable from the audience, but only a 26% from the critics. The movie is rated PG for macabre and rude humor, violence and language. Runtime is 92 minutes.

The Addams Family 2 will show on Oct. 22-24 and Oct 26. Viewing times are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm, Sunday at 3 pm, and Tuesday at 6:30 pm, not 7:30. This movie will have a special sensory friendly movie showing Saturday at 1 pm, with reduced sound, increased room lighting, and some mobility allowed for the viewer.

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CAMP AMANDA HELPS ANSWER KIDS' QUESTIONS ABOUT GRIEF AND DEATH IN NEW WEBINAR

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Camp Amanda Leadership Team & Walla Walla Community Hospice have organized an Evening Where Kids Ask the Questions, a Q&A style webinar to be held on Zoom, Thursday, November 4th at 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm.

Children can submit their questions anonymously before or during the webinar. Those questions will be answered by a panel of community members and professionals, including a doctor, trauma nurse, EMT/firefighter, police officer, funeral director, pastor, social worker, and those who have also experienced loss as a child.

Parents or guardians must register the children who wish to participate and are encouraged to participate in the webinar. Only the panel members will be visible on-screen during the webinar, not the participants.

Camp Amanda is an annual summer camp for children grieving the loss of a significant person in their life. The camp has been in operation for 37 years but has not been able to meet in person since 2019. The 2020 camp was a multi-day virtual event. The 2021 camp was postponed in July due to increased Covid infection rates and forest fires. The October date was canceled due to high infection rates. Knowing the great need for support for grieving children, camp leaders developed this new online support program.

To register for the event and to submit questions ahead of time, visit wwhospice.org and click on KIDS QUESTIONS. If you have any questions or concerns leading up to the event, email luci@wwhospice.org or call Luci at (509) 525-5561.

WENAHA GALLERY WELCOMES TRICK OR TREATERS FRIDAY, OCT. 29

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Wenaha Gallery is celebrating Halloween two days early on Friday, October 29. The gallery invites trick or treaters, costumed or not, to stop into the gallery anytime between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to pick up a special treat bag – no tricks involved. Framer Savannah has created bags of chocolate and sweet treats that she is ready to hand out as soon as you walk through the door.

COLUMBIA PULP MILL INCREASES PRODUCTION OF ECO-FRIENDLY FIBER, COLUMBIA GOLD

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Columbia Pulp LLC has resumed operation of its first-of-its-kind mill near Dayton, Wash. Idled between April, 2020 and June, 2021 due to the pandemic, the company used that time to implement numerous process improvements and has resumed production.

Columbia Pulp is now steadily increasing wet lap production and improving quality for delivery to customers. In addition to a sustainability story, the company has created over one hundred family-wage jobs while providing a revenue boost for local farmers and businesses.

Columbia Gold fiber has a carbon footprint approximately half that of conventional pulp. The pulp mill converts residual wheat straw into several valuable products with the most prominent being Columbia Gold fiber for papermaking and molding applications. Diverting the residual straw into the manufacture of an alternative pulp fiber can mitigate the annual burning of over 100,000 acres. The mill site is environmentally friendly, generating neither solid waste that would go to landfill nor liquid effluent to a river.

Washington and Oregon state legislatures recognizing the environmental attributes of alternative-fiber have modified plastic single-use bag ban laws to include wheat straw fiber with other environmentally-friendly alternative materials. California and Hawaii are considering similar changes. Columbia Pulp is also pursuing a Salmon-Safe certification for its facility and aligns with the ancient and endangered forest protection organization Canopy (www.canopyplanet.org), to enable partnerships with consumer product groups and manufacturers.

The pulp mill production is being ramped up at five to ten percent per week with an emphasis on continuous quality improvement in deliveries of Columbia Gold to several customers. Columbia Gold can be considered interchangeable with conventional hardwood fibers, is fully recyclable, is clean and consistent, is FDA compliant, and has a beautiful golden shade well-suited for numerous applications.

To learn more about Columbia Pulp please visit <https://columbiapulp.com/contact-us/>.

Touchet Valley Weather

Oct. 20, 2021

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

| Day | Weather | High | Low |
|-----------|----------------|------|-----|
| Wednesday | Isolated Rain | 65 | 46 |
| Thursday | Partly Cloudy | 72 | 50 |
| Friday | Scattered Rain | 64 | 45 |
| Saturday | Scattered Rain | 62 | 46 |
| Sunday | Scattered Rain | 60 | 45 |
| Monday | Scattered Rain | 58 | 44 |
| Tuesday | Cloudy | 54 | 38 |

Weather Trivia

Does lightning kill men or women more often?
?
 Answer: Eighty-five percent of the people killed by lightning are male.

Local Almanac Last Week

| Day | High | Low | Normals | Precip | Precipitation |
|-----------|------|-----|---------|--------|---------------|
| Tuesday | 54 | 32 | 65/45 | 0.00" | 0.11" |
| Wednesday | 53 | 41 | 65/45 | 0.06" | 0.36" |
| Thursday | 58 | 41 | 64/45 | 0.05" | -0.25" |
| Friday | 69 | 42 | 64/44 | 0.00" | 51.9° |
| Saturday | 73 | 41 | 63/44 | 0.00" | 53.9° |
| Sunday | 71 | 43 | 63/43 | 0.00" | -2.0° |
| Monday | 63 | 46 | 62/43 | 0.00" | |

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Weather History

Oct. 20, 1983 - Remnants of Pacific Hurricane Tico caused extensive flooding in central and south central Oklahoma. Oklahoma City set daily rainfall records with 1.45 inches on Oct. 19 and 6.28 inches on Oct. 20.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

| Day | Sunrise | Sunset | Moonrise | Moonset |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Wednesday | 7:17 a.m. | 5:57 p.m. | 6:18 p.m. | 7:12 a.m. |
| Thursday | 7:18 a.m. | 5:55 p.m. | 6:38 p.m. | 8:18 a.m. |
| Friday | 7:20 a.m. | 5:54 p.m. | 7:02 p.m. | 9:24 a.m. |
| Saturday | 7:21 a.m. | 5:52 p.m. | 7:30 p.m. | 10:29 a.m. |
| Sunday | 7:23 a.m. | 5:50 p.m. | 8:04 p.m. | 11:33 a.m. |
| Monday | 7:24 a.m. | 5:49 p.m. | 8:47 p.m. | 12:32 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 7:25 a.m. | 5:47 p.m. | 9:38 p.m. | 1:25 p.m. |

Jay Edward Thomas

February 23, 1954-August 1, 2021



Celebration of Life

Please join us at the Waitsburg Town Hall on Main Street.

Sunday, October 24
 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Prescott Joint Park and Recreation District (PJPRD) is currently accepting applications for an appointment to the Board of Commissioners. Please contact our office for more information. 509-849-2314.

Help Wanted: BARISTA
 Ten Ton Coffee in Waitsburg is looking for a friendly and motivated individual to join our team as a part-time BARISTA. Must be available to work weekdays and mornings. Baristas are responsible for crafting and serving beverages to our guests while providing EXCELLENT customer service. Previous experience in food/customer service a plus. Drop off a resume at the café, 216 Main Street, Waitsburg

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OBITUARY

John A. Wood Sr.

August 11, 1939 to September 2, 2021

John A. Wood Sr., went to be with his Lord and Savior on September 2, 2021. "The peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)



John A. Wood Sr.

John was born August 11, 1939, to Francis and Mabel Wood in Walla Walla, WA. Upon graduation from Waitsburg High School he proudly joined the Army Reserves as a medic. He married his high school sweetheart, Angelee (Jill) Smith December 27, 1957, they would have celebrated 64 years of marriage. John enjoyed a lifetime of farming, ranching, hunting and teaching his children and grandchildren a love of the way of life he lived. He taught the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus, hard work, honesty and integrity. For the past 27 years, John managed and assisted in developing a cattle ranch in Starbuck, WA.

John is survived by his wife Jill, his children John A. Wood Jr., Elizabeth Cole (Ken), and Corinne Stevens (Wren), 10 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren, sister Kaye Wagoner, and brother Jerry Wood. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers Dan, Frank, George, and Jim Wood.

Celebration of Life for John will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 30, 2021, at the Herring Groseclose Funeral Home. Interment will follow at 2 p.m. at the Starbuck Cemetery, Starbuck, Wash.

Memorial contributions may be made to Starbuck Community Church, Dayton-Waitsburg YoungLife, or Waitsburg High School Alumni Fund through the Herring Groseclose Funeral Home, 315 W. Alder St., Walla Walla, WA 99362.

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an exemption request were placed on leave, and we are working with each individual to help them come into compliance."

The Providence St. Mary Medical Center's cardiac rehabilitation program has been paused for an estimated four to six weeks while new staff members are trained.

The Columbia County Health System will feel the impact a bit more than its neighbor across the county line. Shane McGuire, CCHS CEO, reported that the health system lost 12 staff members due to the vaccination mandate. Those 12 individuals represent 5% of the staff population, and while CCHS officials knew ahead of time that they would be losing those members, their absence will be felt on many levels.

"I always want to qualify that anytime we lose people, it does impact the organization both operationally as well as emotionally. These are our co-workers and have been valuable members to our team, with many having served here for years," McGuire said. "These 12 members represent 5% of our workforce, and while we will not have to necessarily ration care, their loss is felt and there is always a cost to losing institutional knowledge that can never be replaced instantly."

Columbia County Health System continues to provide necessary care for all patients, and McGuire said that all shifts had been covered, but the loss of those employees will be felt for a long time.

FLU VACCINE BEST DEFENSE FOR PEOPLE, HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—The Washington State Department of Health is urging the public to get a flu vaccine this year to keep themselves and others safe and out of the hospital.

Flu activity may be more common this year compared to last year because the closures that were in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 have been lifted. People are more active and mobile. Many adults have returned to in-person work and most children are back in school.

"Preventing the spread of flu will be critical in the months to come because it will reduce additional strain on our hospitals, which are currently extremely stressed due to COVID-19," said Dr. Tao Sheng Kwan-Gett, Chief Science Officer for the Washington State Department of Health. "If you haven't received your flu vaccine yet, now is the perfect time. It will help

protect you, your family and friends, and your community as we get back to doing the things we love."

Everyone six months of age and older should get an annual flu vaccine. Young children, pregnant people, those with underlying health conditions, and people aged 65 and older are at high risk for flu-related complications. The flu is a highly contagious disease that can cause mild to severe illness, and lead to hospitalization and death – even in healthy, young people. Getting a flu vaccine reduces your chance of getting the flu, and it can be safely given at the same time as a COVID-19 vaccine.

Flu illness is more dangerous than the common cold for children. Each year, millions of children get sick with seasonal flu, thousands are hospitalized, and some children die from flu. Across Washington, the flu vaccine, and all recommended childhood vaccines, are available at no cost for children from birth through age 18.

For weekly flu activity reports, educational materials, vaccine information, and other flu prevention resources, visit www.KnockOutFlu.org.

Vote for Kate Hockersmith Waitsburg City Mayor

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Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

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

Waitsburg School Board
Third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m.
Zoom meeting information is available at <https://www.waitsburgsd.org/o/wardsburg-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
Oct. 20, 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main St., Waitsburg

Waitsburg Celebration Days Meeting
October 26, 2021. 6:00 p.m.
For information email abbysot@hotmail.com

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

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

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

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 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

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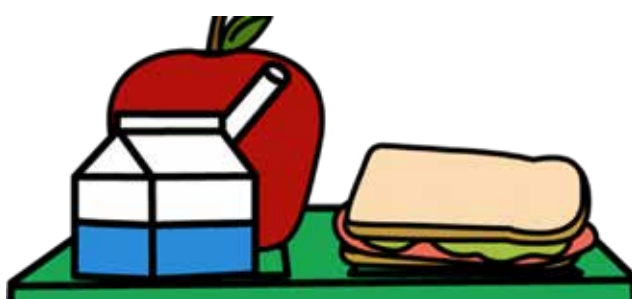
Thurs., October 21
B: Breakfast sandwich
L: Chicken nuggets
JoJos
Tossed salad
Fruit choice

Fri., October 22
B: Continental breakfast
L: Turkey sandwich
Chips
Fresh baby carrots
Fruit choice

Mon., October 25
B: Omelette, hash brown, sausage
L: Fish sticks
Fries
Coleslaw
Fruit salad

Tues., October 26
B: Biscuit & gravy
L: Chicken enchilada
Baked beans
Bell pepper strips
Fruit choice

Weds., October 27
B: Cinnamon roll
L: Uncrustables
Veggie juice
Cookie
Fruit choice



Church Directory

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NEWS & COMMENTARY

LETTERS

IN SUPPORT OF COLE FOR WAITSBURG SCHOOL BOARD

Dear Editor,
Masks, vaccine mandates and the fear of returning to online schooling - this is a challenging time for our schools.

In one to two years, I hope these issues are behind us. With four-year school board terms, leaders must be playing the long game.

What I want to hear from school board candidates is the bigger picture - how in this volatile time he or she will step up into a leadership role to build relationships, create a supportive school culture and enhance communication.

I want to hear the action steps they will take toward healing and rebuilding a strong environment for learning - from preschool to senior year.

I am supporting Stephanie Cole for Waitsburg School Board District 3. Stephanie is a graduate of Waitsburg High School who moved back to town to marry and raise a family. As an alumna and parent, she has a personal interest in the continued success of our district.

Stephanie wants to get on the school board to research and listen to learn about specific problems and then solve them. She will keep the bigger picture in mind when making critical decisions. Vote for Stephanie.

Jillian Henze
Waitsburg, Wash.

SUPPORT FOR SHAWN BROWN

Shawn Brown has been serving as a commissioner for the Port of Columbia. He has been approachable, and open to discussing and carefully considering various options for the port to improve the local economy (such as broadband). We need someone with his experience as a port commissioner, especially considering the other two commissioners will be new to their positions. I support retention of Shawn Brown (Position 1), and I urge you to vote for his experience and leadership.

Glen Mendel
Dayton, Wash.

REACTION TO MURDOCK

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Seth Murdock,
On behalf of EVERYONE in Columbia County and beyond, in regards to your last two letters to the Editor:

WHAT???
Sincerely,
Vicki Zoller
Dayton, Wash.



SUPPORT FOR A SUCCESSFUL DAYTON

Congratulations Beka Compton and Lane Gwinn on your designation as a "serial fabulist" as stated in the recent letter to the Times' editor by Seth Murdock. As a recent witness to the confrontation between Jack Miller and the alt-right conservative group presented to me by Mr. Miller, you continued your history of excellent, concise reporting by representing accurately the viewpoint of the conservative group in Dayton as experienced by Mr. Miller.

Dayton is lucky to have leadership who believe in economic development and who are able to leverage necessary funding and broad-based support that extends beyond their boundaries to facilitate economic success.

I encourage the citizens of Dayton to vote for Shawn Brown, Vicki Zoller, Teeny McMunn, Fred Crowe, Boe Stevenson, and Jack Miller who will all continue to work for a successful Dayton Community. And, please, for accurate and timely Touchet Valley community news, renew or start your subscription to the Waitsburg Times.

Joy Marie Smith
Waitsburg, Wash.
Past President, Waitsburg Commercial Club
CEO Blue Mt RC&D
Founding Board Member Common Roots Housing Trust

MCMUNN A VALUE TO DAYTON

I am writing this letter in full support of Teeny McMunn for City Council. Teeny is a well-rounded caring person. She has been a dedicated volunteer in many areas of life including her church's activities, breast cancer support, grief counseling, and much more. Her broad business and education background will be of great value to the City of Dayton. Her only reason for being interested in this position is her desire to serve the community she loves. To help keep it be healthy and vibrant, and continuing to provide a good quality of life for us all!

Bette Lou Crothers
Dayton, Wash.

Dear Editor,

The Letters to the Editor column is around all year, and it is rarely used. Generally, the only time you see the column not empty is when there is an election or a school levy. This is disappointing, because there are issues that are far, far more important that we don't talk about.

This is not a political letter, and quite frankly I am appalled at the lack of letters concerning what has been happening for almost two years now. Has everyone forgotten or lost interest in what is being thrust upon us? Covid mandates are the elephant in the room, and too often people are worried about discussing it in case they step on toes. We need to be talking about what is happening in the world, we need to be stepping on toes, and standing up for our rights as individual human beings.

Everyone is so focused on the election and candidates, that they have lost sight of the single most important thing: our freedom. Take a look at what has been happening in Australia and Canada - that IS coming our way unless we stand up and voice our concerns.

I would encourage everyone to submit a Letter to the Editor voicing your concerns involving Covid, because I know there are many people out there that share the same concerns. Strength comes in numbers, and until we have more people standing up against the tyranny happening, it will never end.

This is not about a virus, and it never has been.
Savannah Henderson
Dayton, Wash.

IN SUPPORT OF HOCKERSMITH FOR MAYOR

When we opened Ten Ton Coffee three and a half years ago, Luke and I made a point to stay out of politics both local and otherwise, so that our space felt comfortable and open to everyone in our community. We still believe in that philosophy, but I am going to break it just a bit to endorse Kate Hockersmith for mayor. Hear me out. I am basing this decision not on politics or anything personal about our current mayor. Anyone willing to do public service deserves a lot of respect, in my book. The reason I am advocating for Kate is simply because she puts in the work to make personal connections with everybody in town. When we opened, she made every effort to ask us if we needed help, gave us tips to get acquainted with the community, and helped our business grow by welcoming newcomers into our space via bluegrass kid's classes and jam nights. In my experience with Kate, that warmth and outreach extend to everyone in town. As our community welcomes new businesses to Main Street and a boom of new residents, I want to see a mayor that takes the job beyond its official duties and gives Waitsburg a welcome face that extends her kindness to folks of all persuasions, new and old, red and blue, farmer or commuter. She has my vote.

John Avery
Waitsburg, Wash.

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Waitsburg City Council candidate Jim Romine

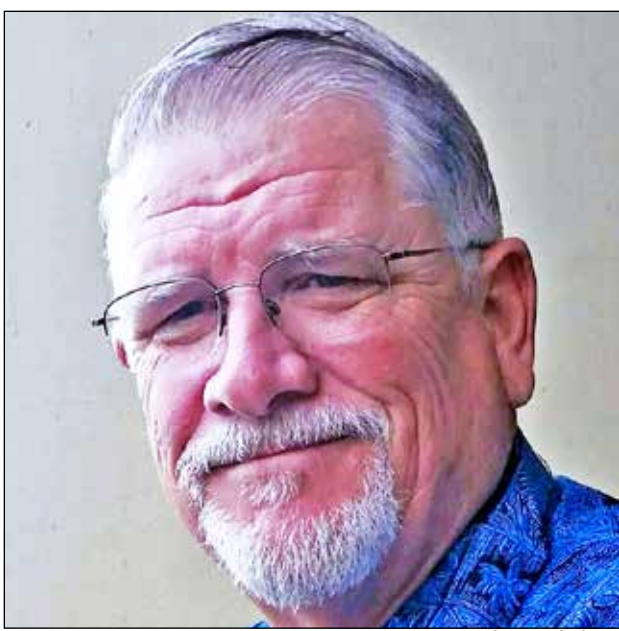
Candidate for Waitsburg's city council, Jim Romine currently serves on the council and is running unopposed for position 2. Unfortunately, he had not received our request and was not included in last week's article. *The Times* apologizes to the candidate and are happy to publish his responses to our questions this week.

Why have I decided to run for a position on the Waitsburg City Council?

During my four years on the Waitsburg City Council I have tried to learn all I can about how the city operates and what its needs and challenges are. I would like to continue to work on the tasks we have started. We cannot do things the way our grandparents did. Meeting the demands of today and planning for the future aren't easy. The past two years have been especially difficult for us all. But I know we have to listen to each other and do the best we can. Hopefully we can make the hard choices that must be made while staying true to our heritage.

What challenges do I see for the city in the next two years?

Waitsburg will face many challenges in the next two years. We continue to have an aging infrastructure that was designed with the knowledge and standards of another era. Unexpected and planned repairs and maintenance collide on a constant basis. New and successful businesses are needed to expand our tax base to improve the lives of all our citizens. Flood control is vital to protect the property and peace of mind of people living in the areas of Waitsburg in the flood plain, a large part of the city. Getting and retaining quality employees for the city is a constant struggle. Part of that struggle is, of course, financial. We have to be able to pay these employees a living wage, or they will keep going elsewhere. Waitsburg does not need to increase managerial salaries, but we do need to compensate the hardworking front-line workers who are so vital to our daily lives. A huge challenge



Submitted photo

Jim Romine

in the next two years will be meeting the needs of our youth. Unfortunately, the swimming pool has proven to have huge infrastructure issues that we are going to have to address. Alternatives being discussed must be decided by a consensus of all the residents. The same applies to the fairgrounds, which does buzz all spring and summer with ball players and 4-H and FFA youth. Keeping those grounds in good, usable shape for everyone requires a lot of work, but it is worth it. So is the upkeep of our cemeteries. Perhaps the biggest challenge I think Waitsburg may face in the next two years mirrors what is happening everywhere. Divergent needs and differing opinions must be listened to and respected. Public safety must always be our primary goal. If we aren't safe and secure, not much else matters. Folks who work in city government in Waitsburg must be "people persons," who enjoy serving and listening to the public.

What do I think voters can expect from me as their representative?

Voters can expect me to be what I have been: someone who will listen to them and take their concerns to City Hall and the City Council. They can expect me to welcome their calls, visits, emails, texts, and gripes. They can expect me to listen when they tell me that I am wrong or misinformed. They can expect me to be watching for dangerous situations or potential problems, and to bring those promptly to the attention of the right people. As their representative I will attempt to speak for the residents of Waitsburg, try to make good decisions to improve their lives, and always have their best interests at heart.

Dayton City Council meeting update

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON — A regular meeting of the City Council was held using Zoom at 6 PM, October 13, 2021.

During public comment, Sheriff Joe Helm announced that he had appointed Deputy Cesar Rivera as Chief Deputy. The Sheriff also stated that the department was preparing for the opening of deer hunting season and the influx of visitors which that entails. He also mentioned that the increased patrolling of Main Street for traffic violations would continue.



Michele Smith
Chief Deputy Cesar Rivera

The City Council approved the minutes from the September 8 and October 7 meetings. The voucher warrants and payroll voucher warrants were also approved.

The Council had three items for consideration or action on the evening's agenda. The first item was a presentation by Diane McKinley about the Dayton Food Bank. The presentation was withdrawn after a scheduling conflict prevented Ms. McKinley from attending the Zoom meeting.

Next, the council discussed a proposal to place a stone memorial bench at the City Cemetery. The memorial bench, to be purchased by the Riggs family, will serve in lieu of the plot's headstones, with the deceased's epitaphs engraved on the backrest. The Council could not recall similar structures existing in the cemetery but had no objection to the plan. The City Council voted to approve the installation of the memorial bench.

Finally, the Council approved the appointment of Van Whysong to the Historic Preservation Committee. The City Council passed the resolution by a unanimous voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at about 6:30 pm. The next City Council meeting is scheduled at 6 pm, November 10, 2021. The meeting will be held on Zoom only.

TIMES TRAVELERS



The Boudrieau family from Waitsburg, traveled to Fort Sill in Lawton, Oklahoma last week. Brandon, a 2018 WHS graduate, and in his senior year at WSU, completed the Army's basic training program and is now in his Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee, VA. He will finish his Criminal Justice degree, apply for Warrant Officer School, then Flight School. Levi and Colt were there in support of big brother.

BIRTHDAYS

October 21
Pearl Bickelhaupt, Steve Ahler.

October 22
Sofia Mercado, Gary Greenwell, Donna Hempel, Tom Archer, Holly Kinart, Susan Duckworth.

October 23
Tim (TJ) Hofer, Dana Demaris, Cherie Hinchliff, Tom Richardson.

October 24
Selina Mercado, Tyler Linderoth, Janet Anderson, Betty Elder, Ramona Clark, Caitlin Durkee.



October 25
Judy Skillings, Jacqueline Glover, Jody Peck, Christine Penner, Debbie Moore, Alfred Ritter, Al Peters, Lizzette Crawford.

October 26
Paul Wolfe, Ed Bird, Payton Ng, Dick Buerstatte, Dennis Averill, Jackie Brock, Daniel Pettichord, Jason Delp.

October 27
Warren Talbott, Nichole Zuger, Rod Bailey III, Quincy Larsen.

Joseph Rhymes for Waitsburg School Board, District 4

After attending a recent Waitsburg School Board Meeting and hearing the many parents frustrations, it was clear that it all fell on deaf ears. We do not have to accept this! I am announcing my write-in candidacy for the Waitsburg School Board, District 4 at large. It is time our students, parents, and staff HAD A VOICE! It is time someone had the courage TO LISTEN AND ACT upon those concerns. Our children and grandchildren are not the property of the state! IF you are one of those many parents who strongly feel this way, and would like to return our schools to local control with local oversight, please join me. Only YOU can bring about the needed change. You can have a voice! Our schools belong to us, not Olympia or Washington D.C. Please pass this along to all your local social media friends, tape this note to your fridge and remember to write in:

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Preston Hall Walk-a-Thon October 29

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Preston Hall ASB will host a Halloween Walk-A-Thon for all middle school students on October 29, 2021. The Walk-A-Thon will take place between 1:30 and 3:00 p.m. at the Waitsburg School District Football Field (track).

All are welcome to attend the event and cheer the students on from the bleachers as they will be dressed in costumes and the event will be festive. The goal this year will be to raise \$3,000 for Preston Hall ASB funds. This fundraiser will be used to provide scholarship(s) for a 6th- 8th grade student ski trip to Bluewood, as well as to host school dances, enjoy spirit week, attend a school wide movie day, and support our annual field day.

Organizers ask that you pledge a walker for each lap they complete or donate a flat dollar amount. 100% of the proceeds go straight into the middle school ASB funds.

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Umatilla National Forest lifts public use restrictions

THE TIMES

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- The public is encouraged to practice safe campfire principles when recreating in dispersed and developed campsites. Forest officials recommend the following campfire safety precautions:
- Campfires should be in fire pits surrounded by dirt, rock, or commercial rings and in areas not conducive to rapid fire spread. All flammable material shall be cleared within a 3-foot radius from the edge of the pit and free of overhanging material. Use existing pits wherever possible. (Note: within the Grande Ronde Scenic Waterway, campfires must be contained in a fire-proof container (i.e., "fire pan") with sides of a height sufficient to contain all ash and debris, and all ashes and debris must be removed from the river corridor. Do not use or construct fire pits or rock fire rings within the Scenic Waterway.)
- Campfires must be attended at all times, and completely extinguished prior to leaving.
- Persons with campfires should carry a tool that can serve as a shovel and one gallon of water in their possession. The intent of this recommendation is to ensure individuals with a campfire have the tools necessary to completely extinguish their campfire.

The public's awareness of the current fire danger and cooperation is essential. Recreationists, firewood cutters, hunters, and other forest users can all help by closely adhering to restrictions, operating safely and cautiously and keeping up-to-date on the latest orders and regulations.

Please check with a local Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) office for public use restrictions on lands protected by ODF. Additional information is also available at one of the interagency dispatch centers' webpages:

Blue Mountain Interagency Dispatch webpage: www.bmidc.org

John Day Interagency Dispatch webpage: <http://bicc-jdidc.org/index.shtml>

Similar restrictions may be in effect on State and private lands protected by the Washington Department of Natural Resources (WA-DNR). More information can be found on the WA-DNR website at: <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/>.

For more information about the Umatilla National Forest's Public Use Restrictions, please contact the Umatilla National Forest Information Hotline at 1-877-958-9663, or visit our website at www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla/.

More information about the Umatilla National Forest is available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla>.

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RCW 11.40.030
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Columbia County Rural Library District

Annual Budget Meetings
The Library Board of Trustees will be holding two public meetings regarding next year's budget:

Budget Workshop on Monday, November 8, 2021, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm online and in the Delany Building. This meeting's purpose is to work through budget details in preparation for the public hearing the following week.

Budget Hearing on Monday, November 15, 2021, starting at 7:00 pm, as part of the monthly Board Meeting.

Both meetings will be held virtually and in person and the public is welcome to attend. Details are available on the CCRLD website at daytonml.org.

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Sex offense at Dayton High School. 3rd Street
Trespass at Shangri La RV Park. Rose Gulch

October 13

Unwanted person reported. Klingenstein Street
Civil problem at Minnie Moe House. 6th Street

Unwanted person reported at Country Village

October 14

Suspicious activity at Ameristar. Main Street

Civil problem. 1st Street

October 15

Man with gun at Dayton Elementary School. 2nd Street
Sex offense reported at Teamcum Timers LDS Church. Touchet Street
Welfare check. Highway 12

October 16

Attempt to locate. Touchet Street
Threats. Harting Grade.
Disturbance at Dayton Elementary School. 2nd Street

October 17

Theft reported. Cameron Street
Animal call. Main Street
Sex offense, child. Chandler Road

WWCSO

October 2

DUI collision. Middle Waitsburg Road, Walla Walla County

October 3

A license plate was stolen in Burbank. Dodd Road, Burbank

October 12

Identity theft/fraud. Bryant Avenue, Walla Walla County

October 15

A report of attempted ID theft occurred in the county. Lawson Lane, Walla Walla County
Suspicious activity at a residence. W Fifth Street, Waitsburg
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The Royal Block is open for business in Waitsburg

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Whether you want to sip, sing, appreciate art, or just enjoy a relaxing evening in Waitsburg, the Royal Block is the place for you. The historic building celebrated the opening of its newest business on October 14 after years of being an empty storefront.

Over the last year, owners Tiina Jaatinen and Joseph Roberts have poured heart and soul into their building, incorporating its nearly 140 years of history into their current day. The building's original floors, walked on by the town's founders, including Perry and Caroline Bruce and Sylvester Wait, have been buffed and shined for fashionable 21st Century footwear. Brick walls that have stood against storms, floods, fires, and other disasters are now a showcase for Pacific Northwest artists. Odd treasures inherited with the property, including quirky metal chairs, have found their way into the new decor.

Roberts and Jaatinen want the new wine bar to be an experience everyone can enjoy, whether new to town, a long-time resident or just passing through.

"It begins with Waitsburg. This quaint little historic downtown corridor is fantastic, and this building is a key component of that history," Roberts said. "In doing the renovation, we tried to retain the historic facade, the brick walls, the floors, all of that. Our hope is that people feel comfortable and feel like this is interesting, even if they don't particularly understand why."

Staying as local as possible, Jaatinen said the wine bar is hyper-focused on small wineries and wines grown and produced within the Walla Walla American Viticulture Area (AVA).

"We have tried selecting wineries and winemakers that are, perhaps, the less-known ones," Jaatinen said. "They could be boutique wineries, incubator wineries, or side projects of some of the bigger wineries."

She said the wines served at the Royal Block would reflect the split in product from the Walla Walla AVA— heavy on the reds, with a small selection of white wine.

"The fun thing for all of us, even those of us in the middle of things, is that this allows us to taste, compare, and contrast the same grape in different soils and terrain," Roberts said. "There are some fabulous wine bars in the area, but they are all tied up to a name. What we are offering is a chance for a guest to come in and, in one sitting, taste a cab that was grown in the rocks and a cab that was grown in the foothills."

The Royal Block also offers a selection of craft beers and ciders, featuring local breweries including Laht Neppur Brewing Co., Five Dollar Ranch, Quirk Brewing Co., and Blue Mountain Cider.

A small food menu is being curated. In the meantime, guests can enjoy a basket of peanuts mixed with ethically sourced crickets from a cricket farmer in Portland, Ore. A salty, crunchy treat.

"It's the food of the future," Jaatinen said. "It's a fun thing. We had been interested in trying them and found some Portland-based growers who produce crickets just for this kind of thing."

Roberts, however, didn't waste the opportunity to interject a little humor into the intriguing food selection.

"We opened last Thursday with no fanfare, no advertising, and even telling people that we were still closed, knowing that there would be a lot of bugs to work out of the system," Roberts shared. "It occurred to us that it was easier to serve the bugs up to guests than try and work them out."

Jaatinen said that she had multiple guests come in and ask specifically for the crickets, so she was pleased that the Royal Block could fulfill those requests from day one.

The Royal Block will be home to Thursday night open mics, hosted by local wine writer and musician Paul Gregutt. The building's natural acoustics made opening night performances sound warm and inviting. Advance registration will be required for future performances. Contact Paul Gregutt by searching his name on Facebook or emailing him at paulgwine@me.com.



Joseph Roberts and Tiina Jaatinen, the owners of the Royal Block at the opening of the wine bar on October 14. They are excited to bring a unique experience to Waitsburg, opening their doors to visitors, residents, and everyone in between.

Roberts said that he plans on hosting other open mic events, including poetry nights, that will be announced at a later time.

While Thursday was the Royal Block's big day, Roberts and Jaatinen recognized that in a place like Waitsburg, businesses must work together to be successful. They brought one of the valley's favorite food trucks, Fiasco Pizza, for Thursday's opening event. Jaatinen said that she is hopeful that the pizza truck will be a regular thing at the Royal Block. Of course, that may depend on Fiasco Pizza's availability. Owners Tom and Judy Bennett have started their own Waitsburg adventure, having bought the former Anchor Bar to become the new home for their firetruck pizza.

Roberts and Jaatinen said they are looking forward to working alongside Waitsburg businesses, including the new owners at the former Anchor Bar, Whoopem Up Cafe, Jim German Bar, and the Plaza Theater.

Looking forward, the Royal Block will open the five guest rooms upstairs for overnight lodging. Completion of this part of the project has been heavily affected by supply chain issues, Roberts said, with furniture delivery dates being stretched out farther and farther into the future. Once the rooms are ready, Roberts said, there will be an announcement.

The Royal Block wine bar is open on Thursday and Fridays, 4 p.m.- 8 p.m., and Saturdays from 12 p.m.- 8 p.m. Be sure to follow them on Instagram, @theroyalblock, and on Facebook.

The Royal Block adheres to current COVID-19 mandates and asks that guests kindly wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status.



Vanessa Vails, of Waitsburg, was at the wine bar's helm during the Royal Block's opening night last week.



Kate Hockersmith, of Waitsburg, performed a small set during the first Open Mic event at the Royal Block.



Tom Bennett, who recently purchased the former Anchor Bar alongside his wife, Judy, is excited to bring a wood-fired pizza truck to Waitsburg. Fiasco Pizza was parked in front of the Royal Block, serving guests of the Royal Block and anyone else who walked by.



Photos by Beka Compton

Fiasco Pizza was a hit with everyone. Waitsburg residents Phil and Jeanetta Monfort were on the scene as Fiasco Pizza began taking orders from their amazing selection of Neapolitan pizzas. Check out Fiasco Pizza online at www.fiascopizza.com, or find them on Facebook.



Paul Gregutt, of Waitsburg, is hosting Open Mic events every other Thursday at the Royal Block. Gregutt took the lead and performed the first set during the opening night of the historic building on Main Street.

Inside the matchup Seahawks vs. Saints

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

The Seahawks (2-4) will host the New Orleans Saints (3-2) on Monday night football airing on ESPN at 5:15 pm. Last week, Seattle's loss at Pittsburgh keeps them at the bottom of the NFC West and now four games behind the division-leading Arizona (6-0). It's too early to say the playoffs are out of reach for this team, but any playoff hopes would likely come via a wild card as the division title is quickly becoming out of reach.

Geno Smith didn't play poorly last week, but two specific possessions, one in the fourth quarter and one in overtime, cost Seattle the game. After the Seahawks recovered a fumble at the thirty-five-yard line, Smith was sacked for a loss of ten yards during their possession which took Seattle out of field goal range and could have won the game in regulation. Later in overtime, Smith was strip-sacked by T. J. Watt, setting up the game-winning field goal for Pittsburgh.

Next week, the Saints' offense should remind Seattle fans of the Seahawks' offense early in Russell Wilson's career. A quarterback who mixed over twenty passing attempts per game with many rushing attempts throughout a game. The Saints



are fourth in rushing attempts of any team in the league. Jameis Winston is the starting quarterback for the Saints. Winston was the first draft pick for Tampa Bay in 2015. Last year Winston was the backup for Drew Brees. Winston's 60.3% completion percentage ranks twenty-ninth among quarterbacks this season. He's also toward the bottom of the league in attempts and yards per game. Some of this was expected as the Saints are waiting to get back eight of their starting players, including two of their top wide receivers Michael Thomas and Tre'Quan Smith. Thomas will still be out next week, but Smith could be ready for Monday night's game.

At running back for the Saints, Alvin Kamara gets most of the attempts for the team. He's in his fifth season for the Saints and had sixteen rushing touchdowns for them last season. He has also averaged over eighty-one receptions a season for the Saints and has eighteen receiving touchdowns for his career. Expect to see Kamara's name often mentioned in the broadcast next week. The Saints only other running back to have received significant attempts is Tony Jones Jr., who is listed on injured reserve with an ankle injury.

On defense, the Saints already have nine interceptions this season. They are second in the NFL, allowing only seventy-nine yards rushing per game. Against the pass, Marshon Lattimore is one of the best cornerbacks in the NFL and will probably be shadowing DK Metcalf for much of the game.

In injury news, Darrell Taylor may play next week. His MRI and CT scans were clear.

DW falls against Mabton

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG/DAYTON—Dayton-Waitsburg Wolfpack lost the Homecoming football game against Mabton on Friday, October 15, with a final score of 48-6. The loss didn't stop the crowd from cheering, both at the field and at home while watching live streams provided by various fans and parents.

Coach Troy Larsen reported that the team was already down two linemen, and lost a third one due to an ejection from the game. As a result, Larsen said, the team really struggled with tackling and blocking.

"I felt our team has been prepared every game for what offensive and defensive formations and plays that they will see during the games," Larsen said. "We have struggled giving the starters a good look in practice with low numbers to be effective on the scout team. The result is the size and speed of our opponents have made us timid early in the games and by the time we realize we can play with these teams we have already dug some big holes to come out of."

In true Wolfpack style, the team kept fighting and had a long and productive drive in the fourth quarter capped off by Hudson Reser and his 16-yard rushing touchdown.

"Once we learn to tackle low on defense and block to the whistle on offense we are going to start competing for victories with this young team," Larsen said. "Mabton has a senior team and is finally at their full roster, I look for Mabton to throw a wrench in our league the last couple of weeks with their size and speed."

The Wolfpack will travel to River View High School on October 21, with kickoff at 6 p.m.



Melissa Heimbugner, from Walla Walla Toyota, presented Waitsburg High School Principal Stephanie Wooderchak with a check for \$2,000. The Walla Walla-based dealership donated \$20,000 to local high schools, including Waitsburg and Dayton, after a successful "Support Our School" campaign.



Cyson Morris (13) and Kaylub Prather (2) bring down a Mabton player during the Homecoming Game on October 15

Mabton 20 - 21 - 7 - 0 48
DW 0 - 0 - 0 - 6 6

Rushing:
Reser; 13-66yds - TD, Pettichord; 8-58, Fortune; 4-12.
Passing:
Pettichord; 3-10-54yds-int.
Receiving:
Morris; 1-32, Mahoney; 1-21, Marlow; 1-1.



Brayden Mohney (14), Kaylub Prather (2) and Theo Anderson (54) work together to complete a tackle.



Seniors Brayden Mohney and Megan Forney were crowned the Waitsburg High School Homecoming King and Queen at Friday night's game.

DW Volleyball continues to improve

THE TIMES

DAYTON/WAITSBURG—Wolfpack Volleyball played against the Walla Walla Valley Academy Knights on October 12. Dayton-Waitsburg lost in three sets, with scores of 5-25, 24-26, 8-25, but continued to identify areas of the game that they can improve on.

Claudia Benevides had three digs, six blocks, three kills, and one assist against WWVA, and Makenna Barron had one assist, two kills, two blocks, and two aces. Kylee Henry ended the game with one kill, four assists, and one ace.

"The girls continue to improve each game," head coach Tracy Barron shared. "We have really focused on covering our hitters and blockers. Tonight showed great improvement in that area. They are learning to play more consistently throughout the whole game."

On October 14, the team played against Columbia Burbank, falling against CB in sets with scores of 25-21, 19-25, 25-27, and 18-25.

Claudia Benavides marked three blocks, five kills, and five digs against Columbia Burbank, and Makenna Barron finished her game with eight digs, one block, and four kills. Kylee Henry ended the evening with four blocks, five assists, and three digs.

"The team came out ready to play. Their net play and coverage was really great. The team continues to build unity and improve each and every game," said Barron.

Wolfpack Volleyball played a home game against Kiona-Benton City on October 19. Results of the game were not available prior to print. The team will play again on October 21, at Columbia Middle School at 4:30 p.m.

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Opposites attract, but can they travel together?

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

Although Daniel and I enjoy many of the same things, we also have major differences in our personalities and ideas. For example, before he even starts boiling water for his morning tea, he gets dressed. I, on the other hand, can hang out in my PJs for hours. In fact, I've become an expert at fitting "sweats" over my PJs when necessary. Daniel considers the back of our dining room chair to be his closet. He neatly stacks his clothes at night in the order he will need them in the morning. On the other hand, I know

where there are closets in our house and usually use them.

I go for the simple, even though I have three personal computers; my desktop, a personal laptop, and the company computer assigned to me for my insurance work. Daniel has a laptop that is easily 20 years old, weighs 30 pounds at a minimum, and has every tab and program open. On his desktop: 2 CPUs, three screens, WIFI extenders take a massive presence on his messy desk. The NASA control room is probably more compact.

Recently friends returned from a month-long trip to Africa, and their photos started to stir the wanderlust in me. Though Daniel and I agree on closing the restaurant sometime during the Christmas and New Year holidays, the idea of travel is still a little daunting to me. I have concerns about COVID-19, finding a dog sitter, and more worrisome, traveling with Daniel, which is an adventure with stress.

Holiday travel, even before COVID-19, always has its challenges. There are weather delays, flight cancellations, crazy holiday travelers, children screaming, people carrying packages and gifts, with "carry-ons" the size of steamer trunks, crowded planes, and other unknowns. I am easygoing and can roll with the chal-



lenges. I am accustomed to the fact that there will be issues out of my control. Daniel, however, isn't a "take it in stride" kind of guy. Delays, gate changes, lost luggage or other glitches send him into an immediate tense, angry and impatient mood.

If COVID-19 and Delta calm down and we can travel, I can already picture our negotiations. His priorities are eating in great restaurants, a possible visit to a museum, but only if there's a good restaurant nearby.

He wants great food; I want pampering. My hands feel like sandpaper from cleaning them and the café's tables with bleach about 20 times a day. My bunions are growing from standing on my feet for hours at a time, my back hurts from lifting, and I'm tired! I would be happy to eat at McDonald's if there is a spa nearby.

Daniel is more physically exhausted than I am, and rightly so. He does the cooking, lifting, heavy cleaning, loading and unloading groceries, and constant movement while in the kitchen. His panacea for this exhaustion; sleep, great food, great wine, and superb service. My dream: two-hour massages, pedicures, manicures, facials, and other spa treatments to soothe the body.

I predict that COVID-19 and affordability (we bought a restaurant this year) will determine the vacation, probably a few weekends away and some day trips. With limits to time and money, the question is whether we will go together?

Separate vacations may be the cure! He can wine and dine into oblivion, and I will be unreachable at the spa!

Book Reviews: The Little Paris Bookshop

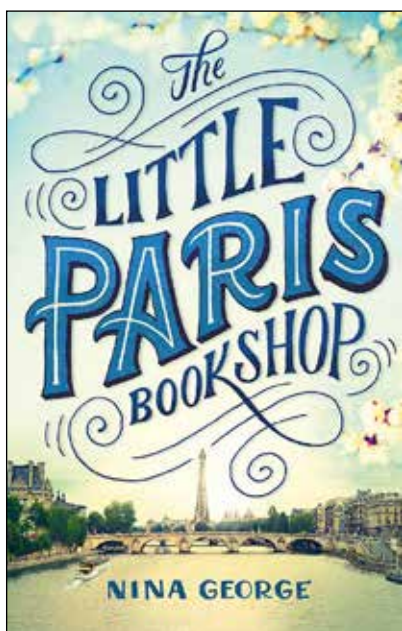
Reviewed by Todd Vandenberg, MLS, Library Director, Columbia County Rural Library District, Dayton, WA

The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George, translated by Simon Pare

Floating on the banks of the Seine River in France is a barge where Monsieur Perdue has a bookshop. He considers himself as a "literary apothecary" and uses his intuitive sense of what a person needs to "prescribe" novels about the hardships of life. Perdue's gift has helped to mend broken hearts and wounded souls for his customers but it cannot help him heal for the disappearance of his one and only true love. She left behind a single letter that he has never opened.

A young author's first book about love has been wildly successful and he is pursued by fans on a daily basis. When the young author takes refuge on the bookstore-berge, it sets off a chain of events leading them both on a trip downriver to learn about themselves and one another, and help Perdue solve the mystery of why his love left him.

I found this book to be engrossing and entertaining, and it held my interest through to the end. I have given copies to friends and recommend it to anyone wanting a light and enjoyable read. This title is available at the Columbia County Library and is worth putting a hold on it if someone else already has it checked out.



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It's not the book-berge in the book but it could have been an inspiration. *The Word on the Water* bookshop is on a 100-year old Dutch barge in London.

The Paris Hours: A novel

Reviewed by Lane Gwinn

The Paris Hours: A Novel By Alex George

The story takes place over a single day in 1927 Paris, where great artists, writers, and musicians defined the city. The four main characters live on the periphery of this glittering world. In alternating chapters, we learn about their pasts and how tragedies and secrets move them to the climactic ending in a Montmartre jazz club.

Camille worked as a maid and a caretaker for Marcel Proust. She betrays him by keeping one of the notebooks she was to destroy after his death.

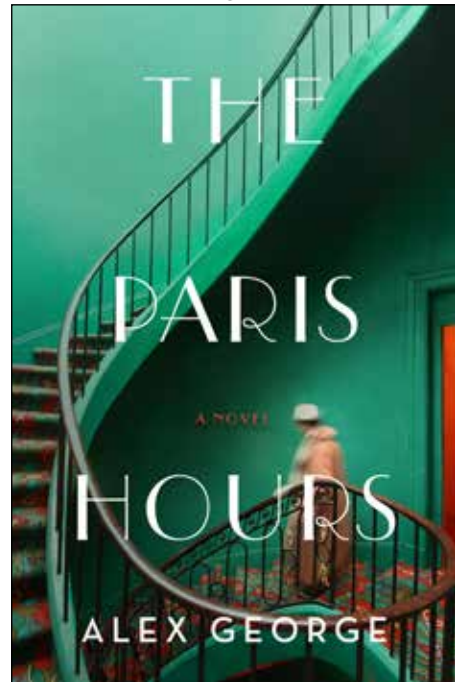
Guillaume is an artist whose debt to a loan shark may force him to leave Paris. His last hope is a studio visit from Gertrude Stein, who he thinks may save him.

Jean-Paul is a journalist who suffers physical and emotional wounds from the Great War. He writes the stories of others, including Josephine Baker, avoiding his own about his lost daughter.

Armenian refugee, Souren, uses puppet shows to exorcise the horrors of his escape from the Turks.

In this internet-free world, it is nice to be reminded of how we are deeply connected. This is life before social media, the COVID-19 pandemic, and reality TV. The best talents were in the city, at the clubs, and in the neighborhood restaurants. They were real. It was possible to run into Picasso or Hemingway, hear jazz played by Eugene Bullard.

I recommend this as a travel guide to a time of intense creativity, promise, fear and healing.



Courtesy photo
Bastille Day brought out dancing in the streets during the 1920s. Paris between the two World Wars was full of musicians, artists and writers. Perhaps this is the original "flash mob."

Halloween Trunk or Treat in Waitsburg

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Calling all princesses, ghosts, cowboys, and ghouls! The Waitsburg Presbyterian Church and the Waitsburg Christian Church are excited to announce a Halloween Trunk or Treat.

A family-safe event, the Trunk or Treat will happen on Sunday, October 31, with the time to be announced. Cars will be parked in the gravel parking lot across the street from the Presbyterian Church. This trunk or treat will be a walk-through event.

If you are interested in joining the fun and providing a trunk, contact Barbara Abbey at (509) 386-2209.



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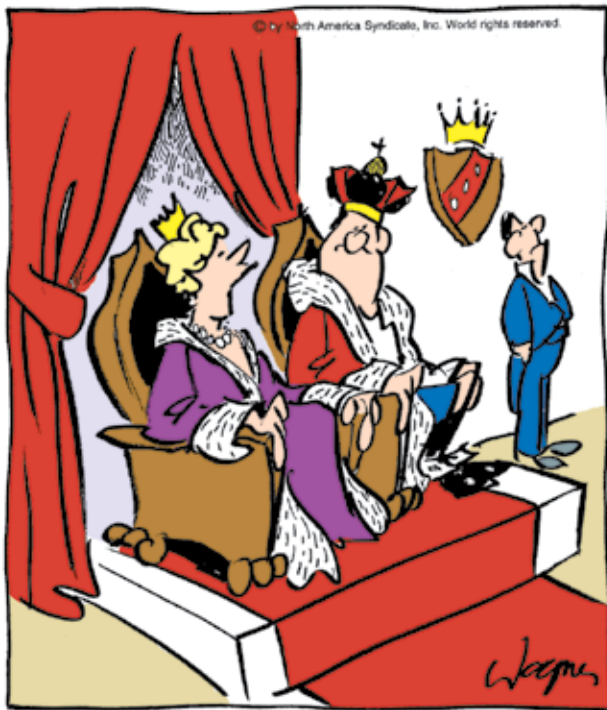
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FUN & GAMES

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



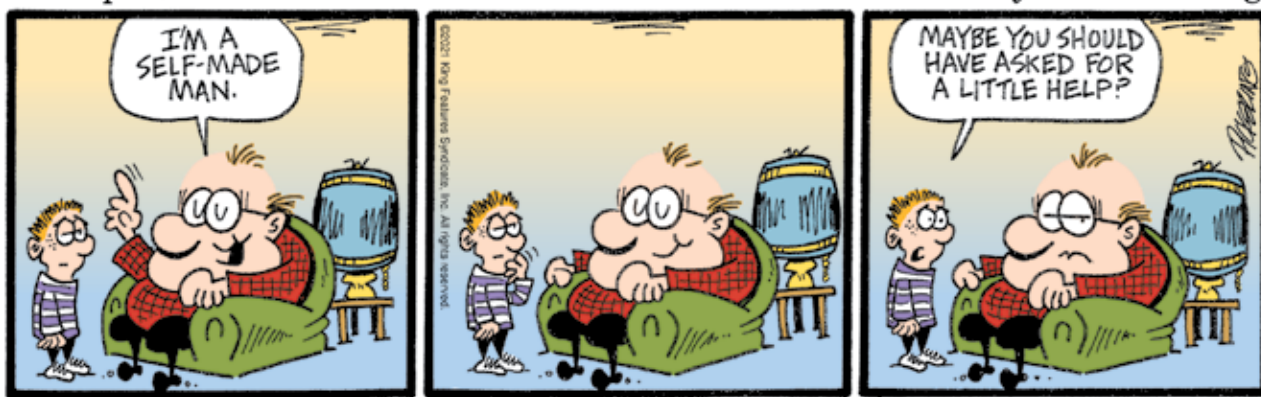
GRIN and BEAR IT



"Do you think you could convert the dungeon to a mother-in-law suite?"

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



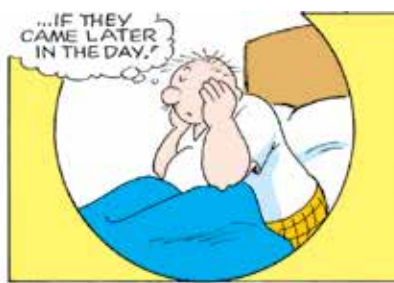
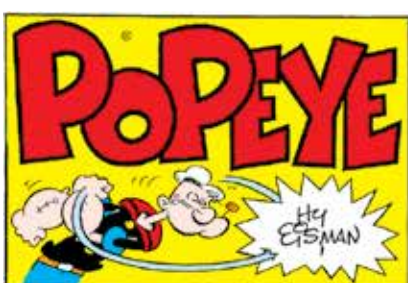
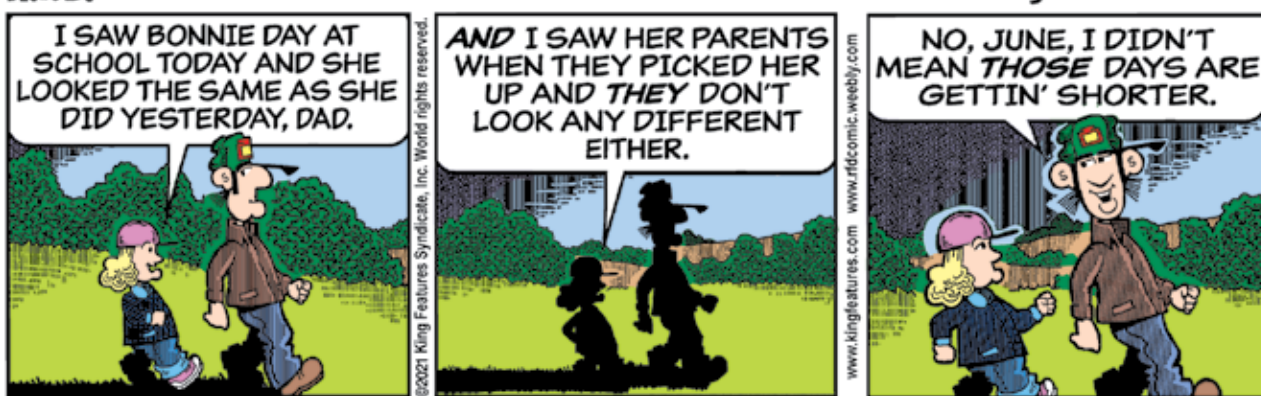
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

October 20, 2011

The Henze hunting party got its first deer of the season Monday morning. The five men from Waitsburg and Aberdeen flushed out the 4-point white tail buck by spreading out around the brush on privately owned wheat lands north of town after walking the fields for more than a mile from the nearest road. It was a cool dewy morning, the sun barely up to illuminate the gently sloping landscape around them. It didn't take long to spot the buck, to make sure it was large enough to harvest and to get it in the crosshairs of their Remington rifles.



[Photo Caption] Actress Sunny Thompson and Bart Baxter with Elvis in front of Betty's Diner last week. Thompson was in Waitsburg, and Dayton to promote her stage show "Marilyn: Forever Blonde," playing in Walla Walla's Powerhouse Theater through Oct. 30.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

October 24, 1996

Lawrence and Ethel Wheeler, Wenatchee, their daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Bruce Cady of Edmonds, were *Times* visitors recently. Lawrence Wheeler is a grandson of C.W. Wheeler and a nephew of Emerson Wheeler. C.W. purchased *The Times* in 1881 and was editor until his death in 1917 after which his son Emerson guided the news until his death in 1942. The foursome were traveling through town when Mr. Wheeler happened to mention that his grandfather had been from Waitsburg.

Glynn and Donna Davis recently returned home from the coast where they made the acquaintance of their new grandson, Coe Richards, whose parents are Brian and Wendy Richards of Kingston, Wash.

Fifty Years Ago

October 21, 1971

Dr. Robert McQuary, native son of the community, will open his office in Dayton in about three weeks for the practice of chiropractic. The office will be located at 350 East Main adjacent to Monty's Radio & TV and Liberty Theatre. Doctor McQuary reported that he will use three rooms in the building for office space. He is presently awaiting delivery of equipment. Doctor McQuary received his degree as Doctor of Chiropractic in October, 1970, from the Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

October 25, 1946

Will and Ward Bargess and their wives of Sacramento, Ca. were guests at the Harold Meinberg and Chet Woods home last week.

Mrs. Marvin Langdon is employed at the Waitsburg Pharmacy as clerk. Lynn Pearson is assisting after school.

Frank Vennum and Clifford Light returned this week from a hunting trip into Idaho. They brought home two white mountain goats.

One Hundred Years Ago

October 21, 1921

Up to and including Saturday, a total of 740 carloads of apples had been shipped out of the Walla Walla Valley, and railroad men as well as packers declare this is less than half the crop.

Jake Keve and family, and the Adolph Hermanns family were among the Waitsburgers who attended the Columbus Day celebration in Walla Walla last week.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning when Miss Dorothy Strahm of Dixie and Mr. Andrew Hermanns of Waitsburg were united with a solemn nuptial mass.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

October 23, 1896

A. L. Brunson sold the two largest March hogs Wednesday that have been brought to the city this fall. The two weighed 830 pounds.

C. N. Babcock and family have moved into the hotel building. The hotel will be opened next week some time.

Miss Mabel Carter is in the city from Salem, Or., visiting at the Prestons who are old-time friends of the Carter family. Miss Mabel is a polished elocutionist and may give a recital before leaving the city.

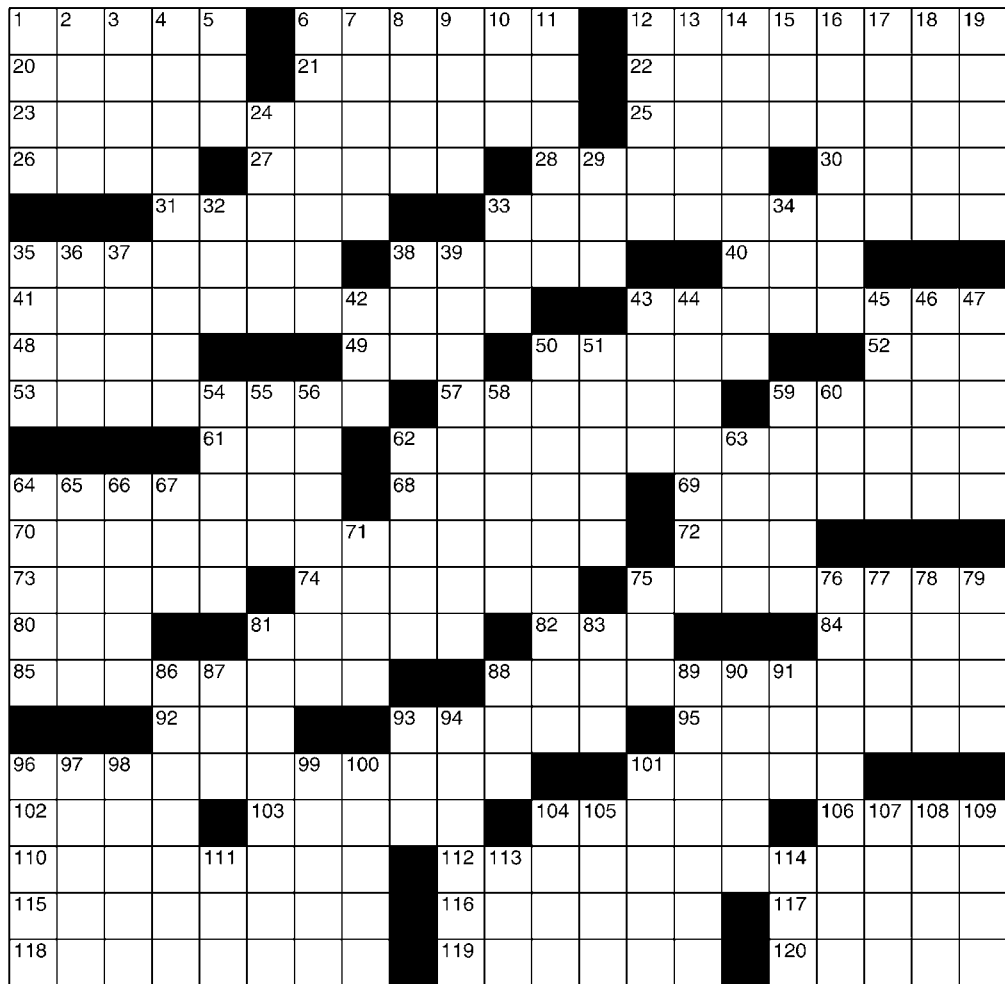
Wheat made a jump of several notches upward the first of the week reaching as high as 66 cents, but during the last day or so is off again.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

GONE FISHING

- ACROSS**
- 1 Longtime movie theater chain
 - 6 Sound signal booster, for short
 - 12 Coiled like a corkscrew
 - 20 As red as —
 - 21 Accounting book
 - 22 Oahu city
 - 23 Possessions of a fish?
 - 25 Catches in a trap
 - 26 "Sax by the Fire" musician
 - 27 Donald's first ex
 - 28 Flower girl, sometimes
 - 30 Fender ding
 - 31 Back street
 - 33 Fish just beyond the visible light spectrum?
 - 35 More flamboyant
 - 38 Twisty turns
 - 40 37-Down minus five
 - 41 Puck-pushing fish?
 - 43 With child
 - 48 180 degrees from west, in Spanish
 - 49 "Deathtrap" writer
 - 50 Made a dove's sound
 - 52 Python kin
 - 53 Hold to one's policy
 - 57 Steak options
 - 59 Burns around
 - 61 No longer fashionable
 - 62 Guy's retro 'do given by a fish?
 - 64 Like a cook or a welder
 - 68 Land amid water, in Italy
 - 69 An inverse trig function
 - 70 Fish going here and there?
 - 72 Pasty luau food
 - 73 Delivery path
 - 74 Roaming sorts
 - 75 Was a counselor to
 - 80 Extra play periods, in brief
 - 81 "Robin —" (old Irish ballad)
 - 82 Simpson trial judge
 - 84 Ashy-faced
 - 85 Hot Chinese cuisine
 - 88 Swallow a fish quickly?
 - 92 Tummy muscles
 - 93 Yoga posture
 - 95 Country singer
 - 96 Fish skilled at mimicking sounds?
 - 101 String ties
 - 102 Woeful cry
 - 103 Steer-roping contest
 - 104 Milton of TV
 - 106 Jai —
 - 110 Reeling off
 - 112 Fish alongside
 - 116 "Spectre" co-star
 - 117 Get hitched on the run
 - 118 Became dim
 - 119 Singer Vic
 - 120 Detect
- DOWN**
- 1 Terminal
 - 2 Slender reed instrument
 - 3 Slender swimmers
 - 4 New Jersey locale where Hamilton and Burr dueled
 - 5 Big inits. in fuel additives
 - 6 Short-billed shorebirds
 - 7 Recompense
 - 8 Adam and Eve's garden
 - 9 Taj Mahal city
 - 10 Convened
 - 11 Hester in "The Scarlet Letter"
 - 12 See-through
 - 13 Northern Oklahoma's — City
 - 14 Slid in
 - 15 "Solo" director
 - 16 Abu's master
 - 17 Lorelei, e.g.
 - 18 Kagan of the bench
 - 19 Like used chalkboard erasers
 - 24 Former Heat coach
 - 29 Possibilities
 - 32 Repose
 - 33 British verb ending
 - 34 Work unit
 - 35 Tom Jones' "— a Lady"
 - 36 Quizmaster, e.g.
 - 37 Prefix meaning "eight"
 - 38 Corn unit
 - 39 Info provider at the bottom of a PC window
 - 42 Tool set, e.g.
 - 43 Keats, e.g.
 - 44 Form again
 - 45 Simple calculators
 - 46 Like wet blankets
 - 47 Take a small bite of
 - 50 Secret cooperation
 - 51 — a time
 - 54 "Death Be Not Proud" penner
 - 55 Entreated
 - 56 Extras after the main text
 - 58 It flows through arteries
 - 59 Permissible
 - 60 Surg. centers
 - 62 Heat's city
 - 63 Middle name of Elvis
 - 64 Frizzy dos
 - 65 Collapse in frustration, in slang
 - 66 Awaken
 - 67 See 94-Down
 - 71 Equine color
 - 75 Sun. follower
 - 76 Like human thumbs
 - 77 Parade ruiner
 - 78 Sommer of "Zeppelin"
 - 79 Hart or hind window
 - 81 From Graz or Linz
 - 83 Onetime JFK carrier
 - 86 Queasy from riding, in a way
 - 87 "Euphoria" ailer
 - 88 "Lah-di —!"
 - 89 Like many highways
 - 90 Rock's Van —
 - 91 Vanity
 - 93 Live
 - 94 With
 - 67-Down, eyed to evaluate
 - 96 Peeled
 - 97 Amazon Echo's personal assistant
 - 98 Relay athlete
 - 99 Italian bridge
 - 100 Sidled
 - 101 "Heaven" singer
 - 104 Fill-up point
 - 105 Waffle brand
 - 107 Writer
 - 108 Vipers
 - 109 "Understood"
 - 111 Luigi's three
 - 113 Eggs, to Lily
 - 114 — Plains



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MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

Bacon Jalapeño Poppers



To say that Texans love their food is an understatement. As a kid, most of my summers were spent visiting my beloved grandparents and extended family in the great Lone Star State. Born and raised on the west coast, these trips never lacked in uniquely Texan culinary discoveries. Whether at a favorite restaurant, a smokey barbecue joint, or sitting around the table at a cousin's house, every family gathering was centered around sharing good food, and lots of it. It was at such an event that I first had a version of these jalapeño poppers, made by my aunt Sue. One of many appetizers she offered at the start of a big family feast, these cheese filled peppers wrapped in crispy bacon have been etched in my mind ever since. Recently, because of the abundant chili pepper harvest, both from our garden and some gifted by a friend of the paper, I was inspired to recreate this flavor memory. In my take of this finger food, zesty lime, green onions, and cilantro brighten up the creamy filling. And, you don't have to be from Texas to know that everything is better wrapped in bacon.

Ingredients:

- 12 medium jalapeños, about 3 inches each
- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- ¼ cup cotija cheese, crumbled (see notes)
- ¼ cup finely chopped cilantro
- 3 green onions, white and green parts, thinly sliced
- 1 garlic clove, finely minced
- Zest of 1 lime
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- Salt and black pepper
- 12 thin slices uncooked bacon, halved crosswise

For dipping sauce:

- ½ cup sour cream
- Juice of half a lime
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped cilantro
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line two rimmed baking sheets with foil, and top with wire racks.

Slice the jalapeños in half, lengthwise. For visual appeal, try slicing them through the stem. Use the tip of a small spoon to scoop out the seeds of each half. Set aside.

In mixing bowl combine the cream cheese, cotija, cilantro, green onions, garlic, zest, and cumin. Use a rubber spatula to make sure ingredients are completely mixed together, then, season to taste with salt and pepper.

Use a spoon to fill each jalapeño half with about 2 teaspoons of the cheese filling. Make sure cheese fills the full length of the pepper, and slightly domes on the top. Wrap each stuffed jalapeño with one piece of bacon. Start bacon tip on the top, wrap under and around, at an angle, to cover as much of cheese as possible. Remember, the bacon will shrink when it cooks. Arrange the poppers in a single layer on the wire racks. Don't crowd the baking sheets. Make sure poppers are upright so that cheese doesn't spill out during baking.

Place in heated oven, bake for 15 minutes, then rotate pans and bake for an additional 10 to 15 minutes, until bacon is cooked through and crispy. Should take about 30 minutes total. If you still need to crisp the bacon more, you can set poppers under the broiler for 2 minutes. Let cool for 5 to 10 minutes before serving.

While poppers are baking, make the dipping sauce. In small bowl, combine sour cream, lime juice, cumin, and cilantro. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve chilled.

Notes:

When shopping, look for jalapeños that are all about the same size, not too thick, and straight not curved. If you like your jalapeño poppers extra spicy, you can leave the seeds inside.

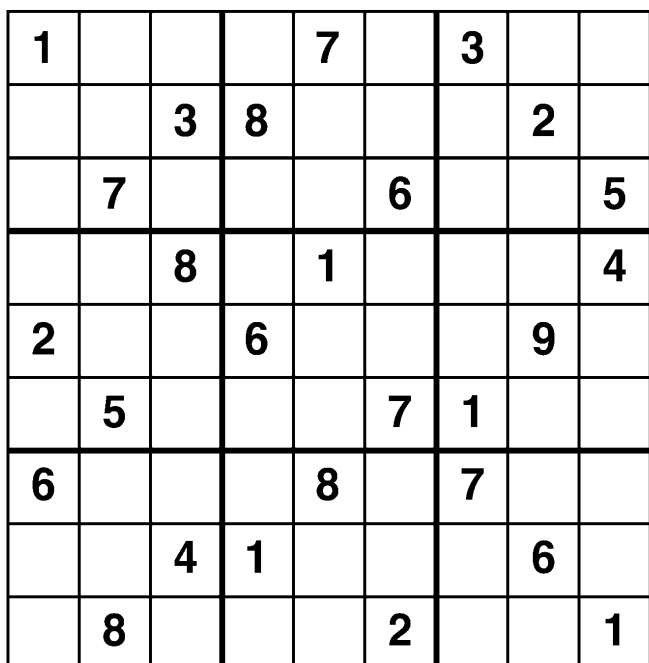
Cotija is an aged cow's milk Mexican cheese with a crumbly texture and a robust salty flavor, which can be found in most large supermarkets, or Latin groceries. If you can not find cotija you may substitute with grated parmesan. Because of the saltiness of the cheese, make sure you taste the mixed filling before seasoning with salt and pepper.

Thin or regular sliced bacon works best for this recipe, as thick-cut bacon will not cook and crisp up as evenly. Baking on wire racks is key to making sure all sides of the bacon get crispy.

Serve these as an appetizer at your next gathering, double the recipe for a crowd. There won't be any leftovers. Y'all enjoy!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

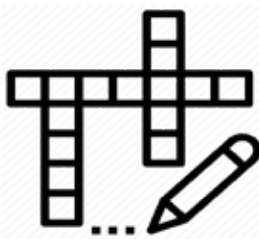


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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Super Crossword

Weekly SUDOKU

Answers

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ELECTION 2021

Waitsburg School Board Candidates

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Lisa Morrow
Waitsburg School Board, District 4
Unopposed

Why are you running for the Board of Education? If elected, what will be your priorities?

I am running for re-election.

My priorities are the kids in our school and community. We have an amazing school and I want to help it stay that way.

What issues do you believe your district needs to address in its academic program and offerings? What changes would you recommend?

We are always struggling to offer more options for the students. I think that the administration is doing a great job of focusing on this and have added more electives back to the curriculum this year that we were not able to offer in the past. I believe that they are thinking outside the box and brainstorming to come up with even more in the future. I support the staff in this and always am eager to hear what plans they have next.

What do you see as the major issue(s) facing your school district? Public education?

I believe that our current issues are the politics in the media currently. I would love it if the kids could just go to school and be "Kids" again. We are slowly getting back to a new normal, and I am so glad that we are able to have students in the buildings again. It has been a rough year and a half and I just want to ensure that they are able to obtain a good education and excel.



Sarah Boudrieau
Waitsburg School Board, District 1
Unopposed

Why are you running for the Board of Education? If elected, what will be your priorities?

I am running for school board director for many reasons. Three reasons are simply my own children. A 2018 graduate, an 11th, and 5th grader. My priorities have been, and will always be, the students. From education to athletics, all of our kids are important. When I received a card from a student stating that they are grateful for my hard work, and to keep fighting for them, it made my purpose clear. Their small voices are often not heard, but are just as important. These kids are our future, and we need to help them succeed and navigate the uncertain world that we are currently living in. Simply put, they are counting on us.

What issues do you believe your district needs to address in its academic program and offerings? What changes would you recommend?

I understand that our small district cannot offer the same classes or electives that larger districts can; however, there are vocational programs outside of the high school that can be utilized alongside their required class schedules. Sometimes the 4-year college thing is not always the right fit, and that is OK. I believe our district already has the capability of providing more alternatives to our students, and I am looking forward to seeing our graduates reach their goals with more options available to them. As time goes on, our world is changing and we need to evolve with the youth to tailor their education so that they thrive.

What do you see as the major issue(s) facing your school district? Public education?

Right now, I feel the most significant issue facing our district is the loss of "local control". With the governor implementing a 'state of emergency' for almost 2 years, it has reduced our leadership to nothing. Only our small community knows what is best for our kids' education needs, and we should be able to have a say in those decisions. Waitsburg should not be put in the same box as a King County district. I have sent a letter to Governor Inslee, as a board member, inviting him to our community to see how our district has been impacted by his decisions. I also feel that our state's public education leadership has gone too far with the attempts to implement various programs that can take time away from learning the core educational requirements, and some of these programs may not be a good fit for our community. We live in a beautiful area with unique people and strong values, all of which need to be respected.



Ann Miller
Waitsburg School Board, District 3

Why are you running for the Board of Education? If elected, what will be your priorities?

I am running for the Board of Education because I have a passion for education, and seeing students succeed. I come from a family of educators, and have some personal experience in Early Childhood Education. With 3 young children enrolled in the Waitsburg School District, and working with teens in our community, I have a personal connection with what happens in our schools.

If elected, my top priority is making sure the community and the parents of our students are heard when they have concerns, and are involved in our students' education. As someone who has been regularly attending School Board meetings for the past couple of years, I have seen and heard the frustrations of many parents and community members who feel they are not being heard by some members of the Board. I wholeheartedly want to change this, and unite the parents/community and our School Board.

What issues do you believe your district needs to address in its academic program and offerings? What changes would you recommend?

I would love to see more electives offered to our middle and high school students. Growing up in a larger school district that offered a moderate amount of electives, I have seen the benefits that electives have on both the strengthening of practical skills and academics, and the hidden talents or passions that students possess. I'd really like to see what our students can gain by having more electives available to them.

What do you see as the major issue(s) facing your school district? Public education?

Currently, I see the vaccine and mask mandates and their negative effects on student enrollment as major issues that our district is facing or will be facing soon. I also see a large problem with the growing level of apathy and disrespect that many students (not just in Waitsburg) have been showing to their peers and teachers.



Stephanie Cole
Waitsburg School Board, District 3

Why are you running for the Board of Education? If elected, what will be your priorities?

I am running for the Board of Education because the success of Waitsburg School District is very important to me. As my eldest daughter nears Kindergarten age, I want to be directly involved in the decisions made for my children and the children in our community. If elected, my immediate priority would be fighting against potential vaccine mandates for children, unmasking our children, and examining current and future curriculum requirements. My overall and long term priority would be to strengthen relationships and improve communication among administration, staff, parents, and students. Everyone should feel heard and valued.

What issues do you believe your district needs to address in its academic program and offerings? What changes would you recommend?

I need to take a closer look at the Waitsburg School District's academic program before sharing what issues I believe need to be addressed. Nevertheless, I am not partial to currently used Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Curriculum or Common Core. I recommend researching and implementing different curriculum that align with our community and culture. Furthermore, I do not agree with Critical Race Theory or the recent passing of the comprehensive age appropriate sexual health education law.

What do you see as the major issue(s) facing your school district? Public education?

The major issue I see both Waitsburg School District and public education facing is less individualized education. We must educate in a holistic manner and meet children where they are. What is considered appropriate for one student may not be appropriate for the next student. Districts should be allowed to embrace their individual culture and treat students as individuals, not as a statistic or a standard.



Joseph Rhymes is running for Waitsburg School Board, District 4 against Lisa Morrow as a write-in candidate. The Times was not able to reach Mr. Rhymes for this article. We will offer him the same opportunity to answer the above questions in next weeks issue.

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