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The Blue Mountain Station offers artisan produced wines, ciders, meads, dry goods, produce, coffee, and plants. More photos on page 9.

The skies cleared and the sun came out to celebrate the Blue Mountain Station Nursery Grand Opening. Local plant expert, Gordon Farley, has curated a selection of decorative and garden plants that thrive in the Touchet Valley conditions, including coleus, begonia, and heirloom tomatoes.

## THIS WEEK



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## Play surface, ARPA projects were April City Council topics

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg City Council met on Wednesday, April 20, for a regularly scheduled meeting. April was the first month that the council offered a Zoom option. The option will be available for future meetings, and log-in information is provided at [www.cityofwaitsburg.com](http://www.cityofwaitsburg.com) with upcoming meeting agendas.

Those using Zoom said it was difficult to hear. The city is exploring options to improve the online sound quality for future meetings.

Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office (WWCSO) provided the council with a services report. WWCSO deputies were present more than 250 hours each month in the year's first three months. The presenter reminded the council that WWCSO has a three-deputy team on duty at any given time for the county. Deputies are often stretched thin in such a large coverage area.

The office has recently hired two lateral-level deputies, and the onboarding process is almost complete.

Councilmember Randy Charles noted that he appreciates the deputies' presence in town, but he often sees them parked in unnoticeable areas, including the alleyway that runs alongside the pool. He suggested the deputies park their cars in more visible areas, including Main Street.

The second agenda item was removed from the agenda at the request of library board members. The Weller Library Board of Trustees asked the city to amend a \$6,800 grant application to the Washington State Library Association. The original application asked for computers and printers. Library board members asked to amend the application to include cameras, in addition to printers and computers. The city wrote and will submit the grant application, and any changes need written approval from the city. The council tabled the item.

The council reviewed a pool engineering assessment provided by Cortner Architectural. The report said leaks in the pool make it unusable. City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe said that they are exploring all avenues for future use of the pool.

According to the assessment, Cortner Architectural concluded that the 1920s pool has 'long-exceeded' its life expectancy, even with updates and alterations made in the 1970s and again in the mid-1990s. Hinchliffe mentioned multiple attempts to re-line the pool to slow or stop leaks temporarily. He said the cost of repairing the pool would outweigh the benefits of keeping the pool in its current configuration.

Hinchliffe said that during a February leak inspection, it took over 500,000 gallons to fill the 125,000-gallon pool, and it did not reach maximum capacity, even at that rate of water flow. Following the assessment, Hinchliffe said the city crew did not open the drain, but the pool was empty within 24 hours.

Cortner Architectural estimated that it would cost \$50-\$75,000 to demolish and remove the current pool and \$350-\$450,000 to build a new pool. A new public entrance, showers, restrooms, and parking could cost another \$400,000.

Councilmember Jillian Henze asked about the possibility of providing pool passes or some compensation for families taking their children to neighboring pools, and Hinchliffe said he did not see why they couldn't. The city offered to partially reimburse families for pool passes last year, and he said that he had talked to the donor who covered the cost of swimming lessons in the past, and they were okay with their donation being used to cover the expenses.

The full report is available in the April 20 meeting packet, which can be found on the city's website.

The City of Waitsburg will receive its second American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation this year. The funds will be used

## Dayton School board update

*Hidden in Plain Sight program scheduled for May.*

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Dayton School Board held their regular meeting at 6 PM, April 20, 2022, in the High School Auditorium and on Zoom. All members of the board were present in the auditorium, Aneesha Dieu, Zac Fabian, Grant Griffen, Korinda Wallace, and Chair Jeffrey McCowen. Madison Richardson, the student representative, and Superintendent Guy Strot were also present in the auditorium. Only a few members of the public were present in the auditorium, and fewer than ten were listening in on Zoom.

The board approved the Consent Agenda changing the approval of hiring Des Jones from the Middle School Assistant Softball Coach position as written in the Consent Agenda to Head Coach.

There was no public comment. Richardson reported that students who attended the town hall on April 13 with Rep. Cathy McMorris Rogers found it "very informative."

In his report, Athletic Director Sam Korslund announced a new app for DW sports. The new app is designed specifically for the use of athletic organizations. The app, StackTeam is available through Apple Store and Google Play. Previously, some of the communication between coaches and players was conducted over social media, including Snapchat.

Neither principal was present due to other commitments. However, both provided reports on the school website as part of the board package.

The Elementary School Principal, Amy Cox, reported the success of the after-school program, the "homework club," which is held from 3:10 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday. She also announced the teaching assignments for next year.

Kristina Brown, Secondary School Principal, announced she and Angie Whaley had applied for a grant through OSPI for money to purchase a Social Emotional Learning curriculum for grades K-12. They were awarded thirty thousand dollars and are looking into introducing a curriculum next year.

Also, the Youth and Family Coalition of Columbia County is hosting a presentation on May 12, 2022, called "Hidden in Plain Sight." It will be an interactive drug education program for parents where a mock teenage bedroom will display some everyday items that can be indicators of drug use or risky behavior. All adults over age eighteen are invited to attend. You may register for the free event at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-hidden-in-plain-sight-tickets-322830423487>.

Strot said in his superintendent's report that the district is looking at all-day preschool. This will further be discussed at the May 4, 2022, board meeting.

There was no public comment concerning the Board's policy review.

The Board adjourned to an executive session to "review the performance of a public employee," which was announced to be about 45 minutes. Forty-five minutes later, the executive session was extended for another forty-five minutes. After the second forty-five executive session extension expired, the Zoom meeting abruptly terminated at about 8:16 PM without comment.

### Breaking News:

Prior to print, *The Times* received notice that Dayton School District Superintendent Guy Strot is resigning the position, effective July 1, 2022. He has accepted a position as Superintendent/Principal at Wishram School District.

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# NEWS & COMMENTARY

## AT THE LIBERTY

### *Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore*

THE TIMES

*Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore* is the newest adventure in the Wizarding World™ created by J.K. Rowling. Professor Albus Dumbledore (Jude Law) knows the powerful Dark wizard Gellert Grindelwald (Mads Mikkelsen) is moving to seize control of the wizarding world. Unable to stop him alone, he entrusts Magizoologist Newt Scamander (Eddie Redmayne) to lead an intrepid team of wizards, witches and one brave Muggle baker on a dangerous mission, where they encounter old and new beasts and clash with Grindelwald's growing legion of followers. But with the stakes so high, how long can Dumbledore remain on the sidelines?

Rotten Tomatoes critics rate this movie 48% fresh and favorable, but the audience has it at 85% favorable. It is rated PG-13 for some fantasy action and violence. Some parent reviews on-line noted at least two scenes of animal cruelty that were disturbing, and some considered the movie to be a bit "dark" and too violent. However, several adult movie reviewers thought this movie was much better than the earlier movies in this *Fantastic Beasts* franchise. Runtime is 2 hrs. 20 minutes.

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

## BIRTHDAYS

**April 28:** Garry Katsel, and Judy Deines.

**April 29:** Cole McMorris-Rodgers, Nancee Hinchliffe, Kenny Finch, Glenda Mings and Emily Yokel, Danielle Henry.

**April 30:** Janice Wills, and Patti Eng.

**May 1:** Josh Smith, Jennifer Jameson, Adam Erikson, Troy Larsen, Corinne Atkinson and Barbara Saxon Abbey.

**May 2:** Kevin Davis, Patsy Fredericks, Bill Hopwood, Roger Hillis and Terri-Lynn Stensgar.

**May 3:** Alexander Reese, Hanna Becker, Dorothy Wolfe and Andrew Peterson.

**May 4:** Liya Senter, Tom Land, Anna Ray, Kathryn Fry and Ashley Janovich.

**May 5:** Jim Tuttle, Dian McQuade, Pamela Parsons, Todd Wood, Rhiannon Chapman, Kin Hofer, Kelly Thomas Ward, Jim Crawford.

Happy Birthday

## LETTERS

### CONCERN OVER WASTE WATER PROJECT VOTE

At their April 12 meeting, the Dayton City Council voted 4-3 to forgo 2 years of work, and about \$200,000 to say "no" to purchasing land on which to build a new wastewater treatment plant. After years of research and planning an innovative, economical, and environmentally conscious facility, the majority offered no alternative location or plan.

A new wastewater treatment facility was an urgent need when I moved here 11 years ago. It's been a long and frustrating process for city staff, council, and the public, with many delays and roadblocks along the way. The wetlands project that the city has been working on for the last 2 years seems like a good solution. It would be less expensive to build and maintain than a traditional facility. It wouldn't require much expertise to operate, and it would return water into the river.

The Department of Ecology has demanded that the city make progress toward a new wastewater treatment plant or potentially face fines. Council member Aukerman has assured us that the Department of Ecology won't view this "no" vote as a setback, but rather as progress. Maybe the DOE will see this abandoned plan, one which they have signed off on and Mayor Weatherford says they enthusiastically endorsed and were "buzzing about" at all levels, as "progress" but I'm not sure how many people in the community will feel the same. I'm not sure I have the patience and imagination to view 2 years of due diligence to make sure these parcels were suitable for the project, not to mention \$16,000 in earnest money and \$30,000 in rent flushed down the toilet, as forward movement.

Why did the council decide to vote no? Answers have ranged from the asking price of the land, to the size of the parcels, to concerns about flooding, to some mysterious reasons we aren't allowed to know because it was addressed in executive session. Most of these reasons have been addressed over the last couple of years. The asking price of the land is twice the appraised value and the size doesn't allow for growth. However, these parcels are suitable for our needs and are for sale in a small market. Now that this project is on hold, it may be years before the city is ready to purchase another parcel. These land owners have willingly allowed entities to do all the testing and investigative work necessary at this stage. Does council anticipate a larger parcel becoming available at a lower price? The flooding concern has been addressed by Anderson Perry, the engineers heading up the project. It's a wetland project and flooding is anticipated. Unlike a structural facility, flooding will be much easier and cheaper to address. I can't rebut the mysterious unknown reasons council has for voting no, but I can point out, as the new council members should by now be aware, information in that executive session is no longer privileged as the purchase price is no longer a concern. See RCW 42.30.110.1b.

What's the plan now? We don't know. When asked during the public comment portion of the council meeting, one of the majority members only chuckled derisively, as if this was a stupid question. Citizens of Dayton, do you think it's a stupid question? I was assured by Council Member Aukerman that there's no hidden agenda. There doesn't seem to be a discernible agenda either. Council will have a workshop on April 27 at 9:00am, in person or via Zoom. Maybe we'll find out then.

Amy Roseberg,  
Dayton, Wash.

### WHAT NOW CITY COUNCIL?

Several years ago, the City of Dayton was cited by the WA. State Department of Ecology for dumping untreated wastewater into the Touchet River. The city puts 300,000 gallons of effluent into our Touchet River each day. Dayton was not fined because it was making a good faith effort to rectify the problem.

The preparatory work for new sewage treatment cost the city over \$200,000 prior to the new Council members voting against the project. Now with the "no-vote", the City may lose the chance to buy the property needed to treat the sewage naturally, be back to ground zero, and waste the money already spent. The vote was four council members against the project and three in favor of proceeding. There was no fallback plan. One of the negative votes was cast by a council member who moved out of town months ago and should have resigned then, but she waited until after she cast her negative vote to do so. The other three "no- votes" were cast by inexperienced council members. The mayor made copies of planning documents so the new members could learn about the plans, but not one of them went to City Hall to read them. One can only deduce they had no idea what they were voting against. It appears they just wanted to obstruct the city from treating the raw sewage and keeping it out of the river.

The City of Dayton is breaking the law by not complying with the Department of Ecology's mandate to clean up the river. I ask the City Council, what are your plans for rectifying our problem with the State of Washington? Your votes weren't just negative, they obstructed the city from doing its job! Now what?

Anne Strode,  
Dayton

### AN APOLOGY IS OWED

Port Director Jennie Dickinson just received recognition from the Dayton Chamber of Commerce as Employee of the Year. Many appreciative community members nominated Ms. Dickinson for this award and were pleased that she was selected to receive it. However, Port Commissioner Seth Bryan seems to want to cast Ms. Dickinson in a negative light whenever the opportunity arises. At a publicly attended Port Commissioners' workshop on March 23, he said that his understanding of the budget shows the Port operating in the red. At the April 13 Port Commissioners' meeting, a community member asked Commissioner Bryan if Ms. Dickinson had reviewed the budget with him after his statement. Comm. Bryan affirmed that she did, and that the Port was, in fact, NOT operating in the red.

Comm. Bryan also spent the better part of an hour during the April 13 meeting explaining his position against the proposed Touchet Valley Trail that has been in the works for several years. A Facebook post the next day thanked him and stated, "Now because of Seth Bryan we know the truth!" and, "Lesson- never just believe people because they say it."

My response to that FB post would be, "Never just believe people because they say it."

As reported in the *Waitsburg Times* article, "Port shuts down Touchet Valley Trail funding" (April 21, 2022) much of the information given by Comm. Bryan was inaccurate. Consultants who have been working with the port throughout the trail design process were present and available to answer questions. Instead of asking those professionals if his concerns had been addressed, Comm. Bryan posed his questions rhetorically during his statement, leaving no room for them to defend their hard work and good names. It is my opinion that Seth Bryan owes public apologies to Brian Hansen and Adam Schmidtgall from Anderson Perry & Associates, Ken Van Voorhis from SPVV Landscape Architects, and especially Port Director Jennie Dickinson for undermining the work they have done and besmirching their reputations with his misinformation.

Shellie McLeod,  
Dayton, Wash.

### COUNTING ON ECOLOGY PATIENCE

At the April 12 meeting of the Dayton City Council, the Council members voted against purchasing the property that would have allowed the City to move forward with bringing the wastewater treatment into compliance with Washington State Department of Ecology's standards. The City has been working to find a resolution for this issue since 2007. That is 14 years of brainstorming, investigations, and research for the best possible solution to bring the City of Dayton into compliance. The Department of Ecology has been patient for 14 years while the City tried to find a solution. A solution was finally found that the City, Department of Ecology, and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation all agreed on. A solution that has never been done in Washington State before and that all of the agencies were excited to implement and be on the forefront of.

It took the City Council members less than 30 seconds to undo 14 years of work. Why? Do the Council members who voted No really think they know better than the engineers and researchers who put so much time and effort into the project? Did the Council members who voted No read through all of the documentation that was provided to them so that they could understand the process and all of the work that was done? The Council members had a 3-hour workshop the week before the Regular City Council meeting where Anderson Perry sat down with them and they had the opportunity to look at all of the documents and ask any questions they had. It didn't appear that the Council members who voted No had done any of their homework or due diligence. They instead chose to wait until the City Council meeting to bring up their concerns and questions when none of the experts were present.

The City has spent over \$200,000 to date on the needed surveys and engineering required to get to where they are ready to move forward and begin construction. The City has spent an additional \$16,000 in earnest money to one of the private landowners to be able to access his property to conduct the necessary surveys and tests. After the initial contract with the private landowner had expired, the City paid \$7,500/month in rent for 4 months totaling \$30,000. The taxpayers of Dayton have lost \$246,000 that we will never get back because some of the City Council members feel they are smarter and know better than the actual experts. This does not include any potential fines from the Department of Ecology, which will also have to be paid by city taxpayers.

City Council members, how do you suggest Dayton moves forward? Do you really feel that you are being fiscally responsible by making this decision? I am waiting with bated breath to hear your solutions. Hopefully you share them with us before the DOE starts fining us. And before they start shutting the water rights off for those downstream of Dayton.

Kari Dingman,  
Dayton, Wash.

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# Dorothy Amelia Gagnon

February 26, 1932 – April 10, 2022

Dorothy Amelia Gagnon Hall, 90, passed away peacefully April 10th at her home in Walla Walla. Dorothy was born on February 26, 1932 at the home of her grandparents William and Nona Reid on the Lower Whetstone. Her parents were Philip Gagnon and E. Eunice Reid Gagnon. She was the youngest of five children. After Philip's death, Eunice then married Carl Peck and another brother was added to her family.

Dorothy was a member of the Days of Real Sport Court and graduated from Waitsburg High School in 1950. Following dental hygienist schooling in Portland, she married William Dorne Hall on April 15th, 1951 in Waitsburg. The couple moved to Yakima where Dorne attended Perry Trade School. After his graduation, they returned to Waitsburg to farm with Dorne's uncle Frank Zuger.



In 1956, Dorothy and Dorne and their 2 daughters moved to Seattle where Dorne worked for Boeing. While there, Dorothy worked at various jobs. Her favorite was creating candles for the Candle Shoppe at Northgate and South Center. She was always active in school programs with her daughters and served as a Camp Fire leader for 15 years.

Dorothy and Dorne loved going salmon fishing in Seiku at every opportunity. It was always a competition to see who caught the biggest fish with Dorne usually catching the bait for Dorothy. Traveling across the U.S. and Canada with their 5th wheel was also one of their passions.

Family was always important to Dorothy. Being of Washington pioneer and Cayuse-French heritage, she was a member of the Frenchtown Foundation and Daughters of the Pioneers. She did extensive genealogy research for both her and Dorne's families. She was also a member of the St Mark's Altar Society, the Waitsburg American Legion Auxiliary and the Waitsburg Historical Society.

Dorothy is survived by daughters Theresa (Rick) Ferguson and Sharon (John) Richter, six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She also leaves behind two brothers, Cecil (Irene) Gagnon and Carl (Jody) Peck. Preceding her in death was her husband of 67 years, her parents and stepfather, brothers John and Don Gagnon and sister Ellen Richards.

A rosary will be said on Thursday May 12th at 5:30 pm at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 405 W 5th St. in Waitsburg. Funeral mass will be held on Friday May 13th at 10 am at St. Mark's. Graveside services and a luncheon will follow.

Memorial donations may be made to the Frenchtown Foundation, Waitsburg Historical Society or a charity of your choice in care of the Herring Groseclose Funeral Home, 315 W Alder St., Walla Walla, WA 99362.

### Celebration of Life

Jan Cronkhite's Celebration of Life  
April 30, 5 p.m.  
Waitsburg Town Hall

## WALLA WALLA ATTORNEY JARED HAWKINS JOINS JUDICIAL RACE

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Jared Hawkins, local attorney and business owner, announces his candidacy for the Walla Walla County Part Time District Court Judge position.

Hawkins owns the local law firm Hawkins Law. Throughout his 17 years of legal experience, he has practiced in multiple areas, including criminal justice, municipal law, business law, wills & estates, property law, and administrative law.

"As a judge I will rely on my broad and varied experience as an attorney. If elected, I pledge to be respectful and fair to those who appear in judicial proceedings before me."

Hawkins served on active duty in the Air Force as a member of the Judge Advocate General Corps for 6 1/2 years. He continues to serve as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Reserves, currently assigned to Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.

He volunteers or supports multiple community organizations such as the Rotary Club, the Walla Walla County Veterans' Relief Advisory Board, the Blue Mountain Action Council Volunteer Attorney Program, and other local nonprofits. He also serves as a volunteer leader in his church congregation and its faith community within the surrounding region.

"District Court touches the lives of those in our community every day. I have met, served, or worked with individuals with varying needs across many backgrounds. My life experiences, combined with my legal experience, position me exceptionally well for the cases I will see on the bench."

District Court jurisdiction includes criminal gross misdemeanor and misdemeanor cases, traffic infractions, civil cases, and small claims cases. The District Court is staffed by a presiding judge and a part time judge. Hawkins is seeking the part time position and will continue practicing law as a private attorney. The primary election will be held August 2, 2022.

A native of Burns, Oregon, Hawkins, his wife Elise, and their children have lived in Walla Walla since 2011.

Hawkins' campaign website is [www.electjaredhawkins.com](http://www.electjaredhawkins.com), and he also has a Facebook Page. Questions for his campaign may be emailed to [jhawkins4judge@gmail.com](mailto:jhawkins4judge@gmail.com).



### ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT



Savannah Henderson and Andrew Fouts announce their engagement.

Savannah, the framer at Wenaha Gallery in Dayton, is the daughter of Steve and Carolyn Henderson of Dayton.

Andrew, who is a mechanical engineer for Lamb Weston in Kennewick, is the son of Marc and Neena Fouts of Kennewick.

The couple plans an early September wedding.

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## SECRETARY OF STATE ADDRESSES CONCERNS REGARDING THIRD-PARTY CANVASSERS IN WASHINGTON COUNTIES

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA — The Office of the Secretary of State received multiple reports of third-party canvassers presenting themselves as elections officials and going door-to-door across Washington asking residents about their voter information and other election-related questions.

These canvassers are not affiliated with and do not represent the Office of the Secretary of State, its Elections division, or any of Washington's 39 county elections offices.

"I want to assure Washington voters that you are under no obligation to answer any questions from, or disclose information to, an individual or organization you are not comfortable or familiar with," said Secretary of State Steve Hobbs. "No one from the Office of the Secretary of State or any county elections office knows or will ever ask you how you voted; nor will they visit your home to verify information."

Each county's voter rolls are maintained by trained county elections professionals who rely on multiple government sources, including the Departments of Health, Licensing, Corrections, Social Security Administration, and U.S. Postal Service, to verify and keep voters' information up to date.

Every registered voter has the tools to ensure their voter information is up to date and accurate. Voters can log in to <https://voter.votewa.gov/WhereToVote.aspx> to verify or update their voter registration.

"If you have questions or concerns about your voting status or registration, I encourage you to reach out to your local election official or the Office of the Secretary of State," Hobbs added.

For local information the Walla Walla County Auditor at <https://tinyurl.com/5n74z8yd> or Columbia County Auditor at <http://www.columbiaco.com/148/Elections>.

### Church Directory

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

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337-6589  
Pastor Stan Hughes

Waitsburg Chapel

320 W. 2nd  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Bible Study  
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.  
337-6235  
Rev. Jimmie Daves

Waitsburg Christian Church

604 Main St  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Each Sunday  
337-8898  
Rev. Cameron Hedges

## Lunches

### WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, May 3**  
Meat loaf  
Mashed potatoes  
Vegetables  
Bread  
Fruit  
Cookie

Senior lunches will return to indoor seating at the Presbyterian Church at 504 Main Street, Waitsburg starting May 3, 2022.

### WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Thursday, April 28**  
B: Tornado Roll  
L: Crispito  
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Veggie  
Fruit

**Friday, April 29**  
B: Breakfast Cookie  
L: Joyce's Choice

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## Waitsburg School Board meets for regular meeting

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg School Board met on April 21, 2022, for a regularly scheduled meeting.

The middle school robotic class presented an overview of some of the projects they have been working on. The robotics class taught by Colby Starring has been learning everything from inventorying supplies, designing robots, implementing a design plan, and coding.

Board member Carol Clarke asked if the students were able to work at home. Students said they could not work at home because they didn't have access to the field-specific supplies from class.

Clarke said it was sad the students couldn't work at home but Starring clarified that the kids could practice coding and work on those projects at home. There are currently eight students in Starring's robotics course. Students who opt-out of robotics may enroll in music programs.

Secondary Principal Stephanie Wooderchak reported that instructor Heather Ball worked with middle school students on moral boosting for state testing, including incentive prizes. Students created a grading rubric that focused on showing up for testing with a charged Chromebook, having a positive attitude, and staying focused during testing. Students who met the criteria had their names entered into a drawing. Ball purchased prizes for students.

Waitsburg High School Juniors and their advisor, Kathy Pradere, have been working with students from Dayton High School and their class advisor to plan the 2022 Prom, scheduled for May 7.

The FFA students have been busy, traveling to the State FFA Trap Shoot over the weekend, and the livestock judging team traveling to Asotin on Friday. Wooderchak also reported that the Ag Shop was finishing the hog panel fabrication project, part of a \$3,000 Tractor Supply grant.

The graduation ceremony for the Class of 2022 is scheduled for June 3, 2022, at the Waitsburg High School Gymnasium. The ceremony will start at 8:00 p.m.

Athletic Director Sam Korslund was unable to present a sports report as he

was at the Dayton School Board meeting scheduled for the same time.

Superintendent Mark Pickel gave a brief transportation and maintenance report. He said Colter Mohny and the maintenance crew have been mowing and spraying as weather permits. Mohny could not find out why the trees on the east side of the elementary schools were removed during a remodel years ago.

Board member Clarke recalled that the trees were damaged and were a potential safety hazard; the root systems were causing damage to surrounding plumbing. Board chair Christy House suggested exploring options to plant trees in front of the high school.

Pickel also gave the elementary principal's report, sharing that the biggest thing happening at this time is the state testing.

He said Stephanie Hinchliffe's first graders have been raising salmon in their classroom, working with Alex Lau of the Tri-State Steelheaders. Towards the end of May, the students will release the fish into the Touchet River.

On April 21, kindergartners celebrated National Kindergarten Day with opinion papers and talked about their class's favorite thing. Pickel shared a couple of the papers, and the kids' favorites ranged from playing a Plan-Do-Review game to art class.

Kindergarten and Preschool registration for the next school year will be held on June 6 and 7 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and on June 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 6 p.m., coinciding with an Elementary Move-Up Day, where students and their families can meet their new teachers.

Pickel applied for and received an Expanding Computer Science in Elementary School grant from the Professional Educators Standards Board. Fourth and fifth-grade teachers Deanna Coulston and Tracy Barron have agreed to learn and teach a coding course in their classroom using the Tynker program. Tynker focuses on block coding at an age-appropriate level. Initial reports say that the students have 'taken off and love it.'

Beginning this year, school board members will be required to complete an equity training provided by WSSDA at least once a year per term.

Pickel said a Mother-Son Dodgeball Tournament would be held in May, with a challenge being issued between Dayton School District and Waitsburg School District employees.

During public comment, Ethan Carpenter, a parent of two WSD students, spoke about student safety at the middle school level, raising concerns about students acting unruly and potentially hurting classmates. He received an email from a teacher that another student had pulled a chair out from under Carpenter's son resulting in the child hitting his head, and encouraged Carpenter to monitor his child. At the end of the discussion, Carpenter added that he would like to learn more about the disciplinary process and teacher training to improve safety for the students.

The board approved first and second readings of school policy before going into an executive session. The meeting was adjourned after the session.

### NEWS BRIEFS

## THREE NEW DEPUTIES SWORN IN COLUMBIA COUNTY

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Sheriff Joe Helm administered the Oath of Office to three new deputies to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday April 26, 2022.

Two of the deputies are lateral hires from other agencies. Deputy Blake Ahlers transferred from the Walla Walla Police Department. Deputy Payden Teel served at the Wapato Police Department before joining CCSO.

Deputy David Walling graduated number one in his class at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission's academy in Burien, Wash.

Introducing the new deputies the Sheriff's Office said, "Please join us in welcoming these fine young men to our community. They look forward to serving all of you."



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## 2022 MUSHROOM HARVESTING PERMITS NOW AVAILABLE AT WALLOWA-WHITMAN FOREST

THE TIMES

BAKER CITY, Ore.—It's that time of year again and out in forest are many species of friendly fungi on the forest floor, ready for harvesting. If you know where to look, and what to look for, mushrooms are available to pick for personal consumption within the daily legal limits: one gallon in Oregon and five gallons in Washington.

No permit or payment is required to harvest, possess, or transport within these legal limits, provided the mushrooms are not sold or traded but enjoyed by the picker.

The 2022 Mushroom Guide is available in three different languages on the Forest's website at <https://tinyurl.com/9zkdn8d3>. It includes important rules and helpful tips regarding harvesting mushrooms on National Forest lands.

Those seeking to harvest mushrooms beyond the legal limit, or for commercial purposes, will need to obtain a commercial permit. Permit sales will begin Monday, April 25, 2022. Commercial pickers who plan to camp in the National Forest will also need an industrial camping permit. Please contact the nearest National Forest office to discuss your permit needs.

To help care for the land while picking mushrooms:

Use a knife to cut your mushrooms at their base. This reduces disturbance to the soil and can help mushrooms to continue growing in that location.

Carry your mushrooms in a net bag, which better preserves them and allows spores to spread for future production.

Give wildlife plenty of space and leave newborns alone.

Practice "leave no trace" ethics, and please take all your trash home with you.

Remember that commercial mushroom picking is prohibited in wilderness areas, research areas, or any areas that are currently closed. Please report any violations promptly to the Forest Service.

Be aware that some forest roads are may not be accessible due to mud and snow. Traveling on wet mountain roads and terrain can be dangerous. It can also cause resource damage, which can be illegal. Contact the nearest District Office for up-to-date information on road conditions and current closures.

To improve your personal safety in the woods, please plan ahead, pack the "Ten Essentials," and travel with others. Also be sure to tell a friend or family member where you are going; stick to your plan and let them know when you will confirm your safe return.

Keep in mind that many wild mushroom varieties are poisonous. When in doubt, leave it out! It is the responsibility of the picker to properly identify a mushroom and determine whether it is edible. There are many guidebooks available to assist with identification. The local library, county agricultural extension office, and local mycological society are good sources of information.

For more information about the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/wallowa-whitman/home>

## NINTH ANNUAL SWIM THE SNAKE PADDLING AND OPEN WATER SWIM EVENT PLANNED FOR AUGUST 13, 2022.

*Online registration is now open.*

THE TIMES

LYONS FERRY—The ninth annual Swim the Snake event will be held at Lyons Ferry Marina and Lyons Ferry State Park on Saturday, August 13, 2022, beginning at 11 a.m.

Swim the Snake consists of a non-competitive, open-water swim and a two-stage, competitive (or non-competitive) kayak or paddleboard relay. The relay route is from Lyons Ferry Marina to Lyons Ferry State Park, across Lake Bryan on the Snake River. Upon arrival at Lyons Ferry State Park, paddlers can enter the water or tag-team with their "paired swimmer" and swim back to Lyons Ferry Marina.

The non-competitive, open water swim begins ten minutes after the last "paired swimmer" leaves the State Park. All participants are expected to be out of the river channel by 1:00 p.m. Better swimmers may return to the State Park upon arrival at the Marina, and transportation will be provided for those who wish only to swim the channel, 0.7 miles.

Online pre-registration is required and available at [www.eventbrite.com/swimthesnake](http://www.eventbrite.com/swimthesnake), including a link to a waiver of release of liability forms

Event information can be found at [www.swimthesnake.org](http://www.swimthesnake.org)

Proceeds from the event support the Regional Youth Summer Swim Teams programs and the Blue Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Council.

The cost is \$33.67 per participant (including a \$3.67 required registration fee). The fee includes a commemorative T-shirt (if ordered before August 4), a bottle of water, a required numbered swim cap, chilled melon slices at the end of the event, and transportation for swimmers back to the State Park following the swim.

Paddlers check in at Lyons Ferry Marina, and swimmers will check-in at Lyons Ferry State Park from 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. All participants MUST sign a waiver for release of liability on the Eventbrite website or bring a signed copy to the event.

Rebecca's Lodge, a local restaurant in Starbuck, will offer a \$2.00 discount on food orders for those finishers who wear their commemorative T-shirts following the event. They also serve wine and beer; however, the discount does NOT apply to alcohol sales.

Participants parking at Lyons Ferry State Park must have one-day (\$10.00/day) or annual Discover Pass (\$30.00/year) authorizing parking within a Washington State Park. Participants may also call (509) 386-6021 or visit the website for additional event information.

Coast Guard Kennewick Auxiliary, Columbia, and Franklin County Sheriff's patrols will be on the river with numerous volunteers, Washington State Parks, and US Army Corps of Engineers personnel to provide assistance and ensure participant safety.



## The return of the caboose?

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON – A caboose on an active railroad track is not something most of us have seen in a very long time. Likely, most people under forty have never seen one. Few people have probably seen a caboose emblazoned with large block letters, “WARNING! REMOTE CONTROL.”

At Dayton’s Caboose Park, visitors can see a yellow Union Pacific caboose up close. With its distinctive cupola, it is a great example of the cars once widely used. From the 1830s, cabooses were used to provide shelter for the crews of freight trains. From their position at the rear of the train, the crew kept an eye out for shifting loads, broken equipment, or fire from overheated axles. Technology replaced the need for crews on freight trains and eventually the caboose cars disappeared from the rail.

That is why one such caboose resting on the track along Highway 12 near Dumas Station Winery a few weeks ago must have surprised and piqued the curiosity of drivers as they passed by.

If you were one of those drivers, this is what you saw. A caboose that can control any locomotive attached to a train electronically and pneumatically. The operator or engineer controls one or more locomotives using a chest-mounted radio control box. The operator can be on the caboose, elsewhere on the train, or standing on the ground near the tracks. The locomotives need no remote-control hardware other than typical control systems installed at the factory.

Trains often have multiple locomotives with only the lead locomotive manned. The remote-control cabooses use the same speed and direction control systems that the lead locomotive would use. The caboose contains all the remote-control hardware

to control any attached locomotives in a train, and the operator uses a wireless control box to communicate with the caboose.



The radio controlled cabooses make it easier to move cars around in switchyards, and can allow trains with a locomotive at the tail end of the train to navigate across road crossings safely.

Cabooses were required on trains until the 1980’s when the federal government relaxed the rules due to advances in automation. Originally crewed by an engineer and a brakeman, the caboose also served as a crew rest area, containing a crew sleeping and cooking area for use on long routes. The conductor often watched the train from the cupola on top of the car, watching for load shifting, damage to equipment and cargo, and overheating axles. The brakeman could climb on top of the railroad cars and manually set brakes in an emergency. The crew was usually willing to return the waves of children in automobiles driving near the tracks.

Stepping inside the caboose, it appears much as it must have seventy years ago. The odor of kerosene, which probably dripped from the old stove onto the wood floor below, still perfumes the air, a familiar sensory experience to visiting an old steamship. Years ago, this smell must have been masked by the welcoming aroma of an always-on coffee peculator and the sweet smell of pipe tobacco. One of the few changes evident inside is an air tank, a part of the control system. Outside, the top of the caboose has yellow flashing lights and an antenna; otherwise, the caboose remains frozen in time. A raised chair remains, which would have been where an engineer sat to observe the train ahead.

This caboose visited Dumas Station apparently to be evaluated for use as a wine tasting room. I imagine the strange odors from the past alone would have been a barrier to converting it for this use.

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to install maintenance holes every 300 feet of Waitsburg’s sewer system, bringing the system up to state standards.

Hinchliffe said that he reached out to Culbert Construction, who has done work for the city in the past, but they are booked out for more than a year. Michels Pipe Services, Salem, Ore., was the only other contractor that responded to Hinchliffe’s requests for bids.

The project will cost roughly \$130,000 for maintenance hole installation and repair. The city will proceed with relining the lines later when funding is available. The entire relining project is estimated at \$700,000. The proposal from Michel’s is available online in the council packet.

The council awarded the ARPA project to Michel’s Pipe Services without amendments to the contract.

Purchase of a sewer line camera system for \$12,253.65 was approved. The camera system has been talked about for several years, but other projects and needs have been prioritized. Having the camera system will allow the city to start planning a complete sewer system inspection, allowing them to pinpoint problem areas and prioritize problem areas for future relining and repair.

The city council approved a request to allow cyclists to ride through Waitsburg as part of the annual Tour of Walla Walla race. The council approved using the surrounding roads for the June 3-5 race.

Along with the addition of the splash pad at Preston Park, the city will be adding a play surface, where two house foundations were left behind following the 1996 flood. Hinchliffe said that a ‘local gentleman’ has expressed that he wants to donate to the play surface project but was unsure what amount he would provide. The council approved this project.

Local business owner Tom Bennett offered to donate play equipment, such as basketballs, that community members can use to enjoy the play surface.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF GRANT

NO. 22-4-00088-13  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
In the Matter of the Estate of: ALVERAA. GAINES, deceased.  
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Persons 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) 30 days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent’s probate and nonprobate assets.  
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: April 14, 2022.  
/s/ THERESA M. BUETTNER, Personal Representative  
Address: 4626 Covey Ln. Moses Lake, WA 98837  
LARSON FOWLES, PLLC  
By: MITCHELL J. HEAPS, WSBA #35457  
Attorneys for Personal Representative  
821 E. Broadway, Suite 8  
Moses Lake, WA 98837  
(509) 765-6700  
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4-14-a

limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representatives or to their attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court.  
The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of 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 filing notice to creditors with clerk of the court: 4-14-2022  
Date of first publication: 4-21-2022  
Personal Representative: MARY STUBER  
Address for Mailing or Service:  
6 East Alder Street, Suite 418  
Walla Walla, Washington 99362  
Court of Probate Proceedings:  
Superior Court of Walla Walla County  
315 West Main Street  
Walla Walla, Washington 99362  
Respectfully Submitted this 14th of April, 2022 by:  
/s/ Janelle Carman, WSBA #31537  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
Carman Law Office, Inc.  
6 E. Alder Street, Ste 418  
Walla Walla, WA 99362  
(509) 529-1018  
The Times  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
REQUEST FOR LETTER OF INTEREST COUNCILMEMBER OF CITY OF DAYTON  
The City of Dayton is seeking to fill the vacant position of City Councilmember for the City of Dayton. The City is a non-charter code city with a Mayor-Council form of government as prescribed by Chapter 35A RCW. The City Councilmember position is open to a registered voter at the time of declaration of candidacy and has been a resident of within the boundaries of the City of Dayton for a period of at least one (1) year. Interested parties

shall submit a letter of interest no later than May 6th, 2022. Interviews for the position shall be conducted at a regular meeting of the City Council and are anticipated to be at 6:00 p.m. On May 12th, 2022 at 111 S. 1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328. For additional information contact City Hall at (509) 382-2361 (option #2) or via email at dhays@daytonwa.com.  
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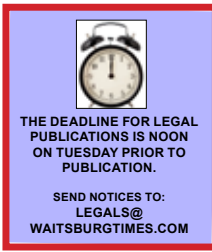
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA  
NO: 22-4-00084-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
RCW 11.40.030  
In re the Estate of: JAMES L. WAGNER, Deceased.  
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative’s attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent’s probate and nonprobate assets.  
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: April 28, 2022.  
Mona J. Seifert, Personal Representative  
Attorney for Personal Representative:  
Jeremy Hyndman, WSBA #44320  
Basalt Legal PLLC  
6½ N. Second Avenue, Suite 200  
Walla Walla, WA 99362  
509-529-0630  
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**SUPERIOR COURT, WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**  
No. 22-4-00087-36  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
RCW 11.40.030  
In re the Estate of: JERRY D. BATES, Deceased.  
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative’s attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the probate and nonprobate assets of the decedent.  
Date of First Publication: April 28, 2022  
Personal Representative: Kari J. Bates  
Attorney for the Personal Representative:  
Bryan N. Ponti, WSBA #44155  
Address for Mailing or Service: Ponti & Wernette, P.S.  
103 E. Poplar  
Walla Walla, WA 99362  
Telephone: (509) 525-5090  
Court of Probate Proceedings:  
Walla Walla Superior Court  
315 W. Main  
Walla Walla, WA 99362  
Telephone: (509) 524-2780  
Cause No.: 22-4-00087-36  
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**WALLA WALLA COUNTY F.P.D. NO. 8**  
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
For Engineering Services for a Vehicle Storage Building  
PROPOSAL SUBMISSION  
DEADLINE:  
JUNE 1, 2022, 4:00 p.m. (PDT)  
BOARD REVIEW, AND POSSIBLE AWARD:  
JUNE 1, 2022. 5:00 PM. (PDT)  
WALLA WALLA COUNTY FPD #8 MEETING HALL  
10127 E. HIGHWAY 12  
DIXIE, WA 99329  
INTRODUCTION:  
Walla Walla County Fire Protection District No. 8 (“District”) is seeking an engineer (“Engineer”) for the design of a building to store fire apparatus. The District requests that firms desiring to provide these services submit a Proposal in response to this Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”).  
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:  
The District proposes to construct a building on district property at the location listed below. The proposed building dimensions are estimated at Approximately 5000 square feet. The District expects to erect a structure with slab on grade construction. The building will have sufficient space for maintaining vehicles and equipment year-round. The site location is near Isaacs Avenue and Mill Creek Rd., Walla Walla, WA and is also known as Walla Walla County Tax Parcel 360714140019 and Parcel 360713230004, having approximately 1.63 acres. The site is accessible and large enough to accommodate the building. Site improvements will be included but are not limited to: site drainage, vehicular access, water hookups and septic tank, and outdoor lighting. Perspective bidders are encouraged to contact the below listed District “Point of Contact” for the entire Proposal information.  
SCOPE OF SERVICES:  
The successful Proposer will provide the District with a full range of professional services including:  
Assistance with building design.  
Assistance with site planning and design.  
Building engineering.  
Site engineering.  
Assistance with project management including scheduling and cost estimating.  
DUE DATE:  
Proposals are due no later than 4:00 p.m. (PDT), June 1, 2022. The document should be enclosed in a sealed envelope identified clearly with the words “Request for Qualifications – Engineering Design Services for Vehicle Building” addressed to the district representative indicated below.  
AWARD OF CONTRACT DATE:  
The Board of Commissioners will review and possibly award a contract for Services at a Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners at 5:00 p.m.(PDT) at the Fire District Meeting Hall located at 10127 E. Highway 12 Dixie WA 99329  
District Representative “Point of Contact”  
Bob Clendaniel, Fire Chief  
PO Box 112  
Dixie, WA 99329  
Phone: (509) 301-3977  
E-mail: dixiefire8@gmail.com  
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## CLASSIFIEDS HELP WANTED

**NOTICE OF JOB OPENING: FULL TIME CASE MANAGER/ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR:**  
Provide quality supportive counseling and skills development through psychoeducational/skill building/symptom management groups and individual contact/collaboration with the treatment team and community partners. Duties may also include coordinating monthly medication management at the agency and visiting clients in the community.  
EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: AA in social services or related field. Must be eligible for Washington State Agency Affiliated Counselor Registration. Experience may replace education. Benefits include: Medical/Dental/Life/Retirement/Accrued Vacation and Sick leave. Salary: DOQ, DOE. This position will be open until filled. For application and/or job description, contact Blue Mountain Counseling, 221 E. Washington Ave., Dayton, WA 99328, phone 509-382-1164. E.O.E.



# Road Trip With Bill

by Terry Lawhead | THE TIMES

Last weekend, a quick 700-mile trip into Oregon's Union and Baker Counties began rolling decades ago when Waitsburg photographer Bill Rodgers studied botany and geology and then worked professionally throughout the western states. His familiarity with the timeless forces shaping the Earth's subsurface informed his love for the mystery and beauty of the landscapes above.

This outing was to seek photographs for Volume VI of "The Blues," to be published later this year by the Blue Mountain Land Trust (bmlt.org). We enjoyed sunshine, pelicans and meadowlarks, emerging arrow leaf and Hooker's balsamroot, flowing creeks, pondering the relics of 19th-century ghost towns, and appreciating prosperous farming and ranching operations in the region's springtime countryside.

A rule for discovering beautiful, secluded landscapes is to take an exit off the freeway—almost any exit, the less known, the better—and carry maps, preferably Gazetteers. Bill carries two, both worn out from his numerous trips through the region. There is stunning terrain everywhere, but there are only occasional road signs on the best gravel and dirt back roads. Feeling comfortable getting a little bit lost opens one up to delightful discoveries, and it is also good to know the way back.

Carrying a geology book for reference adds to the experience as well. We studied one unusual landform that defied explanation; the ancient geology of Oregon is extremely complex. It wasn't until we found information in one of his books that what we were seeing made sense and thus became even more wonderful.

The science of knowing where one is, thus understanding that it took wild planetary changes over millions of years to produce a landscape, yields a new appreciation of what a person sees. Throw in a sudden meadowlark song when you step out of the car for a photo, and you feel lucky.

I enjoy seeing cows on narrow roads and the young horse riders trying to get them back into the pasture, the friendly waves of the men and women moving hay bales, and even the presence of the moderately large tire-busting stones we had to drive around that when I looked up the rocky cliff above, understood they had tumbled down not long before we came upon them.

Stone and soil began the gift of abundance produced by thoughtful farmers and ranchers caring for the land. The wide green fields and slopes of sage and junipers climb to dark pine forests in the steep valleys and ridges, revealing the structure of geology far beneath. It is a pleasure to view and experience.



Bill Rodgers

Just two of the stunning photographs taken by Bill Rodgers on this road trip.

## DAYTON'S NIGHT OF AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

THE TIMES

The Dayton Chamber of Commerce held its annual Community Choice Awards Banquet on Wednesday, April 20, 2022. Each year, the public submits nominations for exceptional citizen, employee, business, and youth. This year, the Chamber added two categories to recognize, Start-up Business and Non-Profit of the year.

A selection committee, made up of the Chamber Board and community members, selected the winners. Though this year's banquet remained small, the Chamber didn't want to miss an opportunity to recognize these outstanding individuals and businesses.

The Start-up Business of the Year is Paige's Floral & Gifts. The glowing terms in which this business was nominated made it easy for the selection committee to make this choice. This business makes people who are suffering feel loved during one of the worst events in their lives and brings smiles to others experiencing joyous of occasions. Paige's Floral is also known for its hard work and giving nature.

The award for Non-Profit of the Year was given to The Club. The honor was presented to a non-profit that keeps children safe, supervised, busy and happy. A place where children can gather, socialize, and learn in an environment that promotes self-discovery, social and emotional learning, personal responsibility, and builds positive relationships with peers and adults. The Club was also recognized for alleviating stress on parents. The community appreciates what The Club has established for our children and, in turn, for us.

The winner of this year's Employee of the Year, Director of Port of Columbia Jennie Dickenson, was chosen for her dedication to community, economic development, and improving Columbia County's quality of life. Nominations described Dickenson as

"devoted, working tirelessly, deserving, passionate, energetic, and loyal." Dickinson was also recognized for her commitment to the community as she strives to move our community forward while sometimes facing obstacles that others are unable to overcome. All she has accomplished has been done while managing Port of Columbia property and staff, helping local businesses through COVID-19, maintaining professionalism in the face of adversity, and continuing to try to make life better for the community.

Economic growth, vitality, support, dedication, and commitment are a few words used to nominate the Business of the Year, Puget Sound Energy. PSE began a movement in Columbia County to live and work in our community. This meant more jobs and opportunities for others to follow. PSE helped to improve Dayton's quality of life with not just what their company brings in the form of wind energy but also with community support and volunteerism.

Starting with economic vitality, PSE brings taxes over four million dollars annually. This helps fund local services, including the fire department, school district, library, hospital, and county roads. During their 17 years in Dayton, they provided their employees work time to support Dayton and Columbia County community organizations. They are not just a part of the community; they are invested in the community.

Trista Villaro was chosen as this year's Youth Citizen. Villaro was recognized for her willingness to help community members and events around Dayton. She has volunteered to pass out food to those in need, help clean a community member's kitchen, help at Blue Mountain Station's Oktoberfest, and the Easter Egg hunt in the park. She is described as kind and caring to everyone and loves animals. Trista is serving this year as one of the Columbia County Fair Hostesses. The daughter of Eric & Jennifer Villaro, Trista is the Youth Citizen of the Year.

The last award of the evening, Citizen of the Year, was presented to Bette Lou Crothers. Crothers embodies the definition of what Dayton is, can and should be. A place to live, work, love, grow and prosper. She wants what we all want, a community to call



Courtesy photo

The two exceptional citizens, Trista Villaro and Bette Crothers.

home, a community to take pride in. Crothers embodies the definition of "giving back." The word no has never been a part of her vocabulary. Ask the Dayton Task Force, or All Wheels Weekend committee, the Dayton Historical Depot, or the Touchet Valley Golf Course. Does she ever say no? Dedication and commitment to growing Dayton, helping to define who we are not just by words but by action. Striving to enhance how Dayton looks, feels, and welcomes others into the community with selflessness and devotion to its growth, beauty, and economic development. Bette Lou's smile, laughter, and generosity make it almost impossible to say no when she asks for sponsorships or donations. When Bette Lou approaches you, you automatically open your heart and your wallet to give back as she has always done.

The Historic Preservation Society also presented an award to My Dad's Place for the restoration of their facade for business, enhancing Main Street. Joel & Christy Steele were awarded the Residential award for their extensive preservation efforts on the historical Mill House on 1st Street.

## PG's Wine of The Week

Samuel Robert 2021 Conscious Pinot Noir Rosé

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

This is among Oregon's finest value brands, especially for Willamette Valley Pinot Noir. Samuel Robert makes two versions of dry, Pinot-based rosé, and both are excellent. The Conscious is priced a buck less than the winery's other rosé, and tastes more like a reserve, which is to say it is more precise and less fruity, with appealing minerality. The flavors are light, elegant and expressive, with watermelon and wild raspberry fruit. It's a fine counterpoint to the more fruity, bold Samuel Robert. Both are exceptional values.

2500 cases; 13%; \$15

<https://www.samuelrobertwinery.com/shop/2020-conscious-pinot-noir-rose-12-pk>



# SPORTS

## DW Wolfpack Sports



Karen Huwe  
Pitcher Klint Kuykendall

### MS SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL

Middle School Softball and Baseball Pick up first win of the season against Bethlehem Lutheran.

DW softball beat Bethlehem Lutheran Eagles on Monday, April 25, 15-9 and the Wolfpack baseball team won their game 15-0.

In the girls' game, Peyton Benavides got the start at pitcher and Lucy Trump pitched in relief. Trump, Cindi Howard, and Skyla Johnson each had a hit in the game that saw a lot of walks and wild pitches by the Eagles. Coach Des Jones stated that her players ran the bases well.

In the boys' game William Durham got the start on the mound striking out eight and Beau Hazelbaker pitched in relief. The Wolfpack had 13 hits in the game with Traicen Garcia and Denver Hutchens amassing three hits each. Colton Steinhoff led the team in stolen bases with four. The team stole a total of 25 bases and had no fielding errors in getting their first win for Coach Duke Morrow.

### HS BASEBALL

On Tuesday, April 19, the high school baseball team lost 8-2 and 5-4 to WWVA. No other details were received.

Thursday, April 21, the Wolfpack lost their first game to River View 14-4. The teams were tied 4-4 after three innings then the Panthers scored two runs in the 4th and five runs in the 5th to extend their lead. DW struggled to put runs on the board and although they didn't commit any errors, they had a tough time defensively containing their opponent. Levi Boudrieau started as pitcher, allowing six hits and four runs over three innings. He struck out two and did not walk a batter. Klint Kuykendall pitched in relief. DW had nine hits in the game with Kuykendall getting three hits in four at bats. Jasper Morrow, Cyson Morris and Boudrieau had two hits each. Morrow also had three stolen bases.

In game two of the doubleheader, the game ended in a tie at 5-5 after River View scored on a stolen base in the seventh inning. DW tallied seven hits in the game with Keon Lindley going 3 for 4 at the plate. Zach Durham had two hits and Levi Boudrieau had three stolen bases. Jasper Morrow pitched all seven innings.



Karen Huwe  
Madison Kaehler on defense



Garrett Palmer

Courtesy photo

### HS SOFTBALL

The high school softball team lost both games of the doubleheader on Thursday, April 21, against River View. In the first game Megan Forney pitched and had a hit in the 18-4 loss. Kameryn Tupling, Peyton Struckmeier, Jessie Atteberry, Alyssa Segraves and Alyssa Hollingworth had one hit each. In the night-cap the Panthers scored 14 runs in the 2nd inning and won the game 17-1. Tupling pitched for DW and Struckmeier had two hits.

DW played River View JV in Finley winning both games on Wednesday, April 20; 15-13 and 20-16.

### TRACK

The Wolfpack track and field team traveled to Burbank for their first league meet. Coach Nechodom stated that it was great getting out and competing after the previous week's meet was canceled due to weather. He said that his athletes wanted to see how they'd stack up against peers instead of schools with senior classes larger than our school districts.

Several athletes set personal records (PR) at the meet. Trista Villaro and Cedar Stegall had PRs in the 100 meter, Marion Duncan had a PR in the shot put, and the 400-meter, where she placed 5th. Chasity Paddock had PRs in the shot put and discus. Kaydance Tiner had PRs in the discus and long jump. Teegan Kenney's PRs were in the 100-meter and long jump. Vaughn Walter had a PR in the 400 and placed 2nd in the high jump for another PR. Tony Halvorson had a PR in the 800-meter, and Alex Dahlby had PRs in the 1600-meter and the discus events.

### GOLF

On Tuesday, April 19, the golf team traveled to Walla Wala for a 9-hole, par 72 course at Veterans Memorial. Coach McGhan was happy with his team's short game as their chipping and putting kept their scores reasonable. Caleb Barron had a good day with a score of 93, second best among the five teams of 2B golfers. Theo Anderson shot 111, Garrett Palmer 127 and Lucas VanHoose shot a 134.

On Thursday, April 21, at the 18-holes, par 68 course the Wolfpack had another respectable showing. The Legacy meet was in Othello and Coach McGhan saw a lot of improvement in his golfers. Theo Anderson and Garrett Palmer shot their personal best, stated Coach McGhan. All the players had some difficulty reading the greens so their putting was not the best. Anderson shot a 108, Palmer 113, Cayle Davis 121 and Caleb Barron shot a 107.

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## Back to Los Angeles – maskless

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

The day has come, and this is the test: am I ready to travel maskless?

I had an early morning flight scheduled for my next sojourn to Los Angeles this last Monday. It's a dreadful time to wake up and make it to the airport, but it's nice to get into Los Angeles around noon. More time to hang with friends and eat sushi.

But, as luck would have it, I received a text from the airline around midnight advising me that the flight was canceled. They rebooked me to a flight leaving on Tuesday afternoon and arriving in Los Angeles around 10 p.m. Considering my appointments were scheduled for seven hours before my arrival time, I was on the phone immediately to beg for a solution.

A wonderful airline representative changed my flight to one that fits my schedule. So here I am on my first flight sans the mask mandate. I am sitting on the plane with my mask on, next to someone chomping on gum, mouth agape, and coughing!

I guess my question is answered; I am not ready to travel maskless. If I had been on the 7:00 a.m. flight, I'm not sure I would be awake enough to care. But, this afternoon, standing next to coughers, spitters, and drooling babies, I care.



I'm not the only one not ready for bare-faced travel because I noticed about one-third of the passengers were also masked. There is comfort in numbers. I've always been a fan of remaining inconspicuous, except when I brag on Facebook about my success on Wordle. Solving the puzzle in fewer than four guesses is braggable.

Full disclosure, when they offered me a beverage on the plane, I took the mask off and enjoyed the wine. I wore a white shirt and drank red wine in turbulence without spilling a drop. Will wonders never cease?

Before leaving on this very quick trip, I planted some of the tomato plants gifted to me, and I sincerely hope they survive without my constant oohing and aaahing over them. Typically, when I first put in the season's new plants, I spend hours making sure they are damp but not drowning, planted properly so they won't bend in the breeze, and generally are looking happy. There are more tomatoes still to plant after I am home on Wednesday (assuming flights aren't cancelled). I will do the ceremonious cooing over the new ones along with those already planted.

Daniel has been so consumed with the deck he's building, that he has stuck to his decision not to plant anything before May 1st.

However, he has accused me of planting lettuce in his strawberry patch. I didn't; it must have been the birds, wind, or other random occurrence. Of course, he doesn't believe me. He swears I'm crazy! But, if my app is correct, we now have blackberries, an elderberry tree, and wild violets growing that I didn't plant, and I'm happy they're growing. Thank you, birds and wind.

I am still somewhat amazed at the plants that made it through this winter, especially the April snow. I was sure I would lose most of my garden. But, somehow, the seeds are sprouting, the lettuce has returned (in various places), and the mini-irises are already blooming.

Masked or not, Mother Nature recognizes me as the one in awe of my garden's perseverance. And everyone knows: Masked or not, you can't fool Mother Nature!

## Basket Illusion woodturning at Wenaha Gallery

THE TIMES

The new Art Event at Wenaha Gallery features the woodturning art of Louis Toweill, an artist from Yakima. Toweill makes hardwood bowls in sycamore, maple, walnut, and other fine hardwoods. He began woodturning seriously in 2000 and creates bowls, platters, vases, pens, and other items. This show includes some of his most recent work in 'basket illusion' woodturning.

These are wood-turned bowls that, while on the lathe, are grooved with horizontal grooves that wrap around the piece. After taking the bowl off the lathe, Toweill adds the perpendicular lines, evenly spaced across, to give the appearance of a woven basket. Toweill completes the illusion by painting the individual cells with a pattern that he has pre-designed on a software spreadsheet.

"You have to know exactly how many cells surround the circumference of the piece (usually it's 96), and then

once you start painting, you have to be awful careful about counting — if you miss by one cell, you mess up everything."

The artist said that adding paint to the process is time-consuming and demands intense concentration and care. The result is worth it, and the visual fusion of wood with weaving is pleasing and captivating.

Toweill's Art Event features a selection of his illusion pieces with more traditional woodturned work. Toweill is a member of the Mid-Columbia Woodturners. He has twice been invited to show his work at the American Association of Woodturners national symposiums. Most recently, he received an award for one of his illusion pieces at the 65th Annual Central Washington Artists' Juried Exhibit at the Larson Gallery in Yakima.

The Wenaha Gallery, located at 219 E. Main Street, is open from 9-5, Monday through Friday.



## Blue Mountain Station celebrated the opening of the BMS Nursery

THE TIMES



Beka Compton

(left) Waitsburg resident Gail Gwinn enjoying the selection at the nursery.

(center) Mike Collins combines his love for bees, and knowledge of bee keeping, to create meads that showcase the work of each hive. Bard and Bee Meadery is one of Blue Mountain Station's newest additions, but the sweet sips are hard to miss!

(right) Josh Sanderson, Red Band Cellars Tasting Room Manager, had a selection of their red and white wines available for wine lovers to taste during the opening. Red Band Cellars utilizes multiple spaces at the Port of Columbia to produce top-notch wines with locally-grown grapes.



Owner and distiller for Cedar Rain Spirits, Robert McNicol, offered samples of the distillery's vodkas, which ranged from unflavored to espresso flavored spirits. Cedar Rain Spirits is veteran owned and operated.

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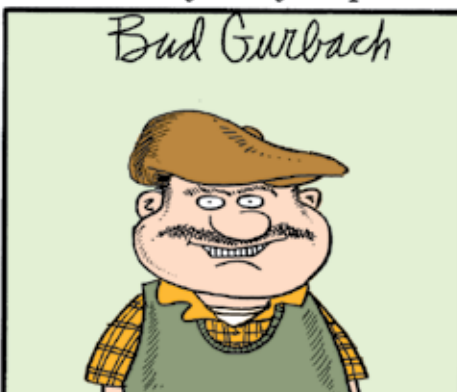
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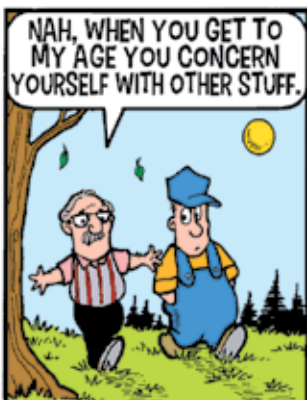
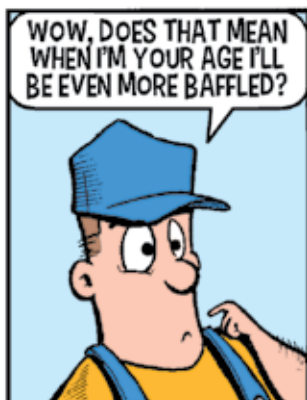
## R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



## Touchet Valley Weather

April 27, 2022

### Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

| Day       | Forecast       | High | Low |
|-----------|----------------|------|-----|
| Wednesday | Mostly Cloudy  | 58   | 38  |
| Thursday  | Isolated Rain  | 57   | 40  |
| Friday    | Partly Cloudy  | 60   | 42  |
| Saturday  | Isolated Rain  | 61   | 43  |
| Sunday    | Mostly Cloudy  | 65   | 44  |
| Monday    | Scattered Rain | 63   | 43  |
| Tuesday   | Sunny          | 61   | 39  |

### Weather Trivia

What is the first day of spring known as?



### Weather History

April 27, 1988 - Mount Washington, N.H. reported seven feet of snow in 10 days, pushing their snowfall total for the month past the previous record of 89.3 inches, which was set in 1975.

### Local Almanac Last Week

| Day       | High | Low | Normals | Precip | Precipitation |
|-----------|------|-----|---------|--------|---------------|
| Tuesday   | 55   | 37  | 63/43   | 0.04"  | 0.37"         |
| Wednesday | 61   | 35  | 63/43   | 0.16"  | 0.43"         |
| Thursday  | 58   | 41  | 64/43   | 0.06"  | -0.06"        |
| Friday    | 61   | 36  | 64/43   | Trace  | 50.4°         |
| Saturday  | 61   | 43  | 64/44   | 0.00"  | 53.7°         |
| Sunday    | 69   | 39  | 65/44   | 0.00"  | -3.3°         |
| Monday    | 64   | 45  | 65/44   | 0.11"  |               |

### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

| Day       | Sunrise   | Sunset    | Moonrise  | Moonset    |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Wednesday | 5:45 a.m. | 7:56 p.m. | 4:50 a.m. | 4:41 p.m.  |
| Thursday  | 5:44 a.m. | 7:57 p.m. | 5:08 a.m. | 5:51 p.m.  |
| Friday    | 5:42 a.m. | 7:59 p.m. | 5:27 a.m. | 7:00 p.m.  |
| Saturday  | 5:41 a.m. | 8:00 p.m. | 5:46 a.m. | 8:09 p.m.  |
| Sunday    | 5:39 a.m. | 8:01 p.m. | 6:07 a.m. | 9:17 p.m.  |
| Monday    | 5:38 a.m. | 8:02 p.m. | 6:33 a.m. | 10:24 p.m. |
| Tuesday   | 5:36 a.m. | 8:04 p.m. | 7:03 a.m. | 11:27 p.m. |

## PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago  
April 26, 2012



[Photo Caption] Pam Conover fits Waitsburg Elementary student Jake Bradshaw with a helmet for the fifth-grade class's lesson on bike safety recently in Waitsburg.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

May 1, 1997

The Quilcene-Brinnon (Wash.) Schools Shellfish Science Club, advised by Charlie Baker, son of Tom and Anita Baker of Waitsburg and a 1971 graduate of Waitsburg High School, and who counts his daughter Molly and sons Tom and Daniel as members of the science club, has won a national award from the Environmental Protection Agency. EPA recognized the group for its involvement in beach and watershed enhancement, operating a self-sustaining shellfish business and providing environmental education for themselves. The club, which operates an ongoing, student-managed oyster-culture business, recently travelled to San Diego for regional competition and learned, while there, that it was the national winner for the region.

Fifty Years Ago

April 27, 1972

Jake Keve, native son of this area, has been named Parade Marshal for the 1972 edition of the Days of Real Sport Parade on Saturday morning, May 20. Jake was born on Jasper Mountain, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clemens Keve. He attended Darden School, then farmed with his father for about 5 years. In 1916 he married Marie Hermanns. The couple moved to Waitsburg on Armistice Day, 1918. Here in town, Jake did work with his own team and worked for the Adams golf course. He began working on the County road crew in 1924, was supervisor for 17 years and retired in 1959 after 35 years of service. Jake and his wife, who passed away in 1968, had three children - Andy, Ivan, and Jaunita (Long). Jake enjoys hunting, fishing, and riding, and he will head the parade on his favorite mare "Lady."

Seventy-Five Years Ago

May 2, 1947

Troop 36, Waitsburg, has completed an active and most successful week of Scouting. Tuesday evening of last week three members of the Board of Review had a busy session in preparing for a Court of Honor to be held Sunday, April 27 at the Camporee. Second class candidates reviewed were George Lloyd and Richard Pettichord. Bob Collins was a candidate for First class. Merit badge candidates were Neal Alexander, cooking; Fred Zuger, safety; David Dilts, cooking; Freddie Rankin, pioneering, safety, civics and pathfinding; Bill Zuger, pathfinding, automobiling and scholarship.

One hundred Years Ago

April 28, 1922

The 1922 class of the Waitsburg High School is composed of eighteen young people this year - nine girls and nine boys as follows: Opal Mock, Lola Danielson, Mable Groom, Violet Land, Martha Billups, Edna Price, Verta McDonald, Donna Buroker, Ethel Perkins, Arden Archer, Boyd Flanders, Orville Fox, Ward Guntle, Laurence Michelsen, Gail Schiltz, Mount Shaffer, Ralph Perrine and Craig Vining.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Porter had as their guests, William Vollmer and family, Henry Vollmer and family, Mrs. Gus Vollmer and her two daughters, Minner and Zelma, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Mills, Mrs. M. E. McCall and her sister Ettie Mitchell.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

April 30, 1897

L. T. Parker last week received the appointment of guard in the jute mill at the penitentiary. This is not a surprise to Mr. Parker as he has been expecting the appointment. The position commands a good salary and is said to be the best guard position there.

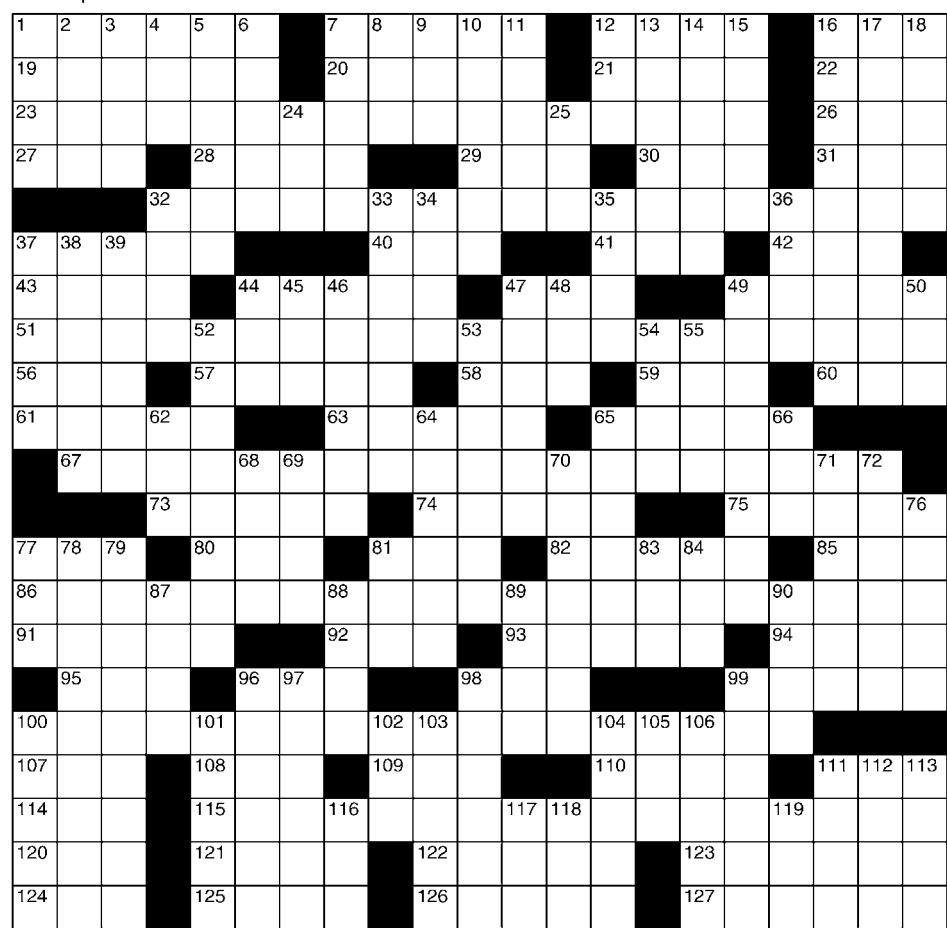
J. W. Cold returned Wednesday morning from a trip to Heppner, Oregon where he purchased 6,000 head of sheep. They will be driven east immediately.

Henry Hauber and Art Mullinix caught three fine salmon last Saturday in the Touchet a short distance east of the city. The largest fish weighed 13 pounds and the three together weighed 28 pounds.

# PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

## Super Crossword WHO TO WHO?

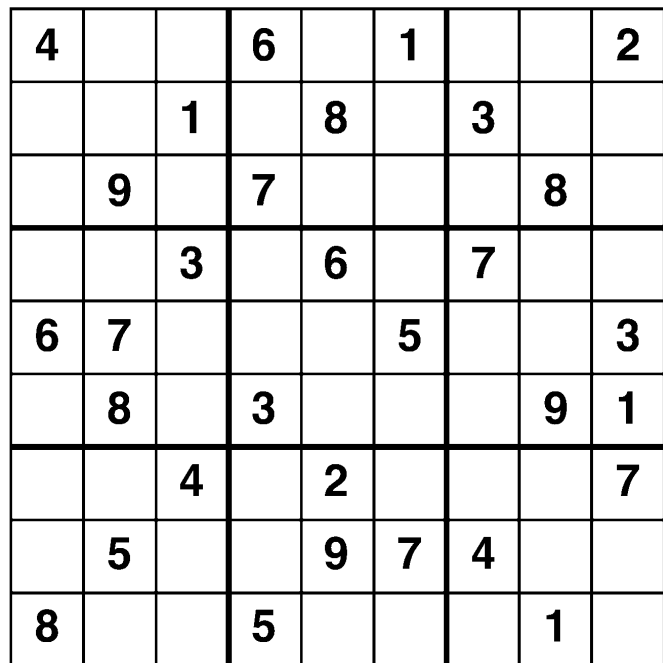
- ACROSS**
- 1 Otis of elevator fame
  - 7 One-named co-star of "Crime Without Passion"
  - 12 "Striped" fish
  - 16 Trick-or-treating mo.
  - 19 Sine and cosine, say
  - 20 Korean, e.g.
  - 21 "I smell —!"
  - 22 Golf standard
  - 23 Road trip between apparitions?
  - 26 LAX guess
  - 27 Bobby on ice
  - 28 Otis on "The Andy Griffith Show," e.g.
  - 29 Darling
  - 30 Above, in verse
  - 31 Unrefined
  - 32 Phone conversation between ministers?
  - 37 Little Bighorn tribe
  - 40 Summer mo.
  - 41 Many millennia
  - 42 "The Wire" channel
  - 43 Organic compound
  - 44 Choose as a member
  - 47 —Locka, Florida
  - 49 Get back together, as alumni
  - 51 String of vehicles between gas station patrons?
  - 56 Pointer
  - 57 Market segment
  - 58 A fifth of XV
  - 59 Old fed. led by Nasser
  - 60 Nuts are high in it
  - 61 In the least
  - 63 Maine city near Bangor
  - 65 New York stage awards
  - 67 Conga line between Arab leaders?
  - 73 Pistons great Thomas
  - 74 "The Chronic" rapper
  - 75 Love a lot
  - 77 Sahara viper
  - 80 Soothing treatment, for short
  - 81 One in a pod
  - 82 Cher and Adele, voicewise
  - 85 License plate
  - 86 Rugs between casino high rollers?
  - 91 Eminent
  - 92 Publicize
  - 93 "The — falling!"
  - 94 Went by taxi, e.g.
  - 95 Eminent
  - 99 Perfected
  - 100 Guy peddling in it
  - 102 Guess
  - 103 Lick like a cat
  - 104 Common co. name ender
  - 105 Brief romances between Copenhagen residents?
  - 106 School gp.
  - 107 Ax part
  - 108 Pop or bop
  - 109 Fidgets
  - 110 Cur's noise
  - 112 Potting dirt
  - 116 Exhausted
  - 127 Attack like a cur
- DOWN**
- 1 Hence
  - 2 Lion player Bert
  - 3 "Believe — not!"
  - 4 Gal in the family
  - 5 Depilatory treatment
  - 6 Moving about
  - 7 Myopic cartoon "Mr."
  - 8 Pale gray
  - 9 With
  - 11 In first place
  - 12 Gin joint
  - 13 Songlike
  - 14 Buy for less
  - 15 Draconian
  - 16 Regular at the Met, maybe
  - 17 Spanish region
  - 18 Fish with a heavy net
  - 24 Come- (lures)
  - 25 Genetic stuff
  - 32 Orange juice stuff
  - 33 Siesta takers
  - 34 Ballet garb
  - 35 Back part
  - 36 Julia Child or James Beard
  - 37 Nasal partitions
  - 38 Some Alaska natives
  - 39 Repeating polka sound
  - 44 Dernier —
  - 45 Non-Rx
  - 46 "Pick me! I know this!"
  - 47 Strong pain reliever
  - 48 Architect I.M.
  - 49 Little-seen instance
  - 50 Outer: Prefix
  - 52 In the military
  - 53 Vitamin's relative
  - 54 Heavy brass
  - 55 Drought relief
  - 62 Maui wreath
  - 64 Worrywart's cry
  - 65 Grammy-winning Beck album of 1996
  - 66 Caesar of TV
  - 68 Piper's skirt
  - 69 Tortilla treat
  - 70 Hershey chocolate bar with crisped rice
  - 71 Vague idea
  - 72 See 9-Down
  - 76 Spurred (on)
  - 77 Barley beard
  - 78 Store proprietor
  - 79 Cop's vehicle
  - 81 Chi lead-in
  - 83 Angle lead-in
  - 84 Photo —
  - 87 Lewd look
  - 88 Texas city
  - 89 This, to Jorge
  - 90 1982 Disney sci-fi film
  - 96 El — (city of legend)
  - 97 African river
  - 98 Exhausted
  - 99 Reveled
  - 100 Twanging spring sound
  - 101 Ebb-and-flow phenomena
  - 102 Frequently, in verse
  - 103 Inn offerings
  - 104 Raise
  - 105 Deep blue
  - 106 Makes mad
  - 111 Talk like Daffy Duck
  - 112 Vicinity
  - 113 "Hey ... you"
  - 116 Wiggling fish
  - 117 Enzyme suffix
  - 118 Dorian Anais
  - 119 Actor Butterfield of "Ender's Game"



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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

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

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## MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

# Sicilian Orange Cake



It was around this time of year, many moons ago, that I made my first visit to Waitsburg. After the long dusty drive, the bucolic view of vivid green rolling hills surrounding this picturesque little town felt particularly welcoming. The sun was just starting to set as we arrived, the golden light making the abundant spring blooms in the neighborhood glow. Outside, the air was thick with the unmistakable scent of lilacs. The whole town smelled sweet.

Years later, during my first spring living in our home, I was thrilled to realize that our backyard had several beautiful established lilacs. Their sweet scent always reminding me of that first lovely impression of the 'burg. Last year, to celebrate the beauty of spring, I wanted to feature the edible flowers of my beloved lilacs into a dessert. This recipe for a moist orange cake proved a perfect pairing to the perfumy purple blooms. However, this cake is perfectly lovely with or without the flowers.

### Ingredients:

- 3 large eggs
  - 1 1/8 cup sugar
  - 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
  - 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
  - 1/3 cup butter, room temperature
  - 1/3 cup plain whole milk Greek yogurt
  - 1 large orange, organic preferred
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- For the glaze:
- Juice and zest of one additional orange
  - 1/3 cup sugar
  - Edible flowers, optional (see notes)
  - Powdered sugar, for dusting optional

### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare an 8-inch springform cake pan by greasing with oil or butter, then line bottom and sides with parchment paper. Then grease the paper as well. If using flowers, soak and rinse the flowers thoroughly, then lay in a single layer over clean kitchen towels to dry.

In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to whisk together the eggs and sugar until light and fluffy. Sift the flour and baking powder together, then slowly add to the egg mixture. In increments, add the butter and mix until fully incorporated. Finally, mix in the yogurt until a smooth batter has formed.

Wash the orange well, and then cut into pieces. Keep the rind on but remove the seeds. Place orange chunks in the bowl of a food processor and pulse until coarsely pureed. Add the orange puree and vanilla extract to the cake batter and mix until evenly combined. Pour batter into prepared pan.

Place pan in heated oven and bake for about 50 to 60 minutes. Test with a skewer to make sure cake is fully cooked before removing from oven. Allow to cool for at least 15 minutes before removing the sides of springform pan, then allow to fully cool on a wire rack.

To prepare the glaze, melt sugar in a small saucepan with the orange juice and zest. Allow to gently simmer for a few minutes until reduced to a syrupy consistency. Do NOT walk away from the pan as the glaze can burn or thicken too much very quickly. After the cake is fully cool, drizzle glaze over the top and brush to smooth evenly over the surface. If using flowers, drizzle and brush half the glaze, then arrange flowers decoratively over the top and finish by carefully drizzling the rest of glaze over flowers. Lightly dust with powdered sugar.

### Notes:

Edible flowers are a beautiful way to elevate this cake into something memorable. I used fragrant lilacs from my backyard, but you could also use viola, pansy, or rose petals. Chrysanthemums, elderflowers or lavender would also be lovely. Look for culinary flowers sold at grocery stores in the same section as fresh herbs. Or harvest from your own garden, or a trusted neighbor. Make sure to use flowers that have been grown organically, and not sprayed with toxic chemicals. No round-up on your cake, please.

As you are using the whole orange, peel and all, look for the highest quality oranges you can find. This recipe is based on a large navel orange. If you use other smaller varieties, you might need more than one orange. I think this would be lovely with blood oranges when they are in season. Also, because you are using the peel, try to find organic oranges if you can.

This recipe could also be baked in a square cake pan, or if you are ambitious, in a decorative Bundt pan. If using a Bundt pan, make sure to generously grease and dust the inside with flour to help cake release from the pan. Allow cake to fully cool before removing from decorative pans. Serve this cake as is or with a dollop fresh whipped cream. Enjoy!

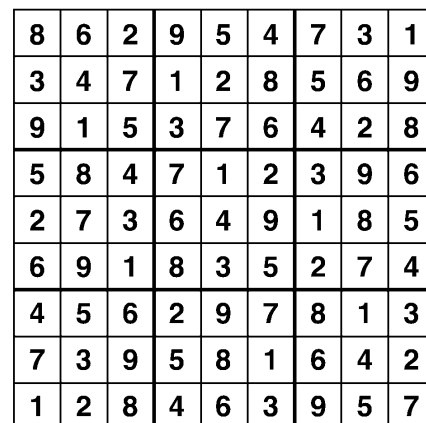
## Super Crossword

### Answers



## Weekly SUDOKU

### Answer



## Around the Valley: With Karen Huwe

*Around the Valley with Waitsburg FFA teams; three events in three different towns and a 3rd place banner!*

Waitsburg's FFA Vet Science team was successful in a district Vet Science event hosted in Dayton on Wednesday, April 20. The seven FFA students were tested on tool identification (ID), parasite ID, and breed ID and scored by the FFA advisors.

Dr. Chuck Reeves of Dayton and Dr. Jessie Lentz of Animal Clinic East in Walla Walla judged the students on the clinical and handling portion of the event; which included administering ophthalmic solution and haltering a ruminant. Of the eight teams present, Waitsburg brought home the 3rd place banner in their first Vet Science event this year. Makenna Barron, Amy Bly, William Duncan, Marion Duncan, Jessika Lambert, Jasper Morrow, and Abbi Paolino competed for Waitsburg High School. The state Vet Science event will be held in June 1 in Pullman, Washington.



(L-R) FFA Advisor Nicole Abel, William, Abbi, Preston, coach Dean, Garrett, Caleb, Hagen

On Friday, April 22, six FFA students traveled to Wenatchee to compete in the State Trap Shooting event. An overnight event, the students arrived at Lincoln Rock State Park and unloaded their bags into cabins and relaxed before heading to the gun club for shooting games.

The group consisting of Caleb Barron, Garrett Palmer, Abbi Paolino, Preston Hinchliffe, William Daves, and Hagen Taylor were signed up to shoot in two games; Annie Oakley and partner shooting. In both games, Garret Palmer made it to the finals. Upon their return to the campground, FFA Advisor Nicole Abel, cooked chicken and rice and a chocolate cake in Dutch ovens.

Rising early on Saturday, the team enjoyed another Dutch oven meal for breakfast and then saw some sights before they were scheduled to shoot. The team competed by shooting 100 rounds each. Twenty-five at each of the four stations. Senior Barron and Junior Palmer led their team with scores of 89 and 76 respectively. The final results have not been posted. On the posted students' shot sheet, they were 10th out of 21 teams; with about four teams yet to finish.

(right) Lincoln Rock State Park received its name in the early 1900s because the rock along the Columbia River looked like the face of Abe Lincoln. The park offers camping, RVs or cabins, and has a swimming area, ballpark, bird watching, and bike or hike trails.



(L-R) Amy, Jasper, William, Makenna, Abbi, Jessika, Marion

On Friday, April 22, nine FFA students traveled to Asotin for the livestock judging event. The team of Jasper Morrow, Bailey Standring, Megan Forney, Makenna Barron, Jack Karl, Jessika Lambert, McKenzie Lewis, Madison Kae-hler and Chasity Paddock placed 31 out of 48 teams. The students individually judged six classes; included were beef, sheep, goats and hogs. One portion of the event was when the Waitsburg FFA students were given a class to judge as a group and then they had to present a set of oral reasons to explain their results.



(L-R) Jasper, Jack, Bailey, Jessika, Megan, Mckenzie, Makenna, Madison, Chasity

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