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Lane Gwinn

The Columbia County Fair Hostesses followed the country roads along Main Street. They next road will lead them to Dayton Days this weekend.

THIS WEEK



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Spring Concert (see page 12)

Students, Board, parents discuss Wolfpack future

Concerns after Dayton School Board question future for DW athletic combine.

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg School Board held a regular monthly meeting on May 16 at the Waitsburg Elementary School. All board members, Sarah Boudrieau, Christy House, Stephanie Cole, and Lisa Morrow, were in attendance, with Carol Clarke joining via Zoom.

During the secondary principal's report, Stephanie Wooderchak said the well-attended prom was enjoyable for all. Students from both Dayton and Waitsburg celebrated together at the combined event.

Waitsburg's Megan Forney was selected as the Walla Walla Exchange Club's Youth of the Year. She will attend a special luncheon on June 6. Her original essay will be submitted to compete at the club's district level and could go on to the national competition.

The Class of 2022 will graduate on June 3, at 8:00 p.m., at the Waitsburg High School gymnasium.

Transportation and Facilities maintenance supervisor Colter Mohny updated the board on the possible repair or replacement of a district fleet Chevy Suburban, which had total engine failure. He said it would be roughly \$10,000 for a new engine and an additional \$600 for cooling system needs. Should the transmission fail, which Mohny said was a concern, it would be an additional \$3,000. Potential repairs total 13,600, with the current value of the vehicle only \$9,500. A similar vehicle would cost approximately \$60,000.

Elementary Principal Mark Pickel gave a brief report on elementary-level testing. Pickel noted some deficiencies in the science department and said he would ask other schools what teaching programs they use to help students in the subject.

Pickel moved to the Superintendent's report, saying he is in contact with the Walla Walla County Department of Health regarding a possible School Behavior Health Assessment. The assessment will help determine strengths and weaknesses in the school systems, along with recommendations for program improvements, amongst other behavioral-health-related needs.

Following the reports, the board opened the floor for public comment. Many students, coaches, and community members had signed up, though some of the speakers dropped off the list after speaking at the Dayton School Board meeting the night prior.

The Dayton-Waitsburg Athletics Combine, known as the DW Wolfpack, was the center of the public comment portion. On May 18, the Dayton School Board held a meeting with a 'possible action' regarding continuing the combine. The combine was formed five years ago to boost sports participation during declining student interest. The Dayton public section of the meeting went on for over three hours, with no action taken.

Board member Christy House spoke first, saying the Waitsburg school board fully supported the Dayton-Waitsburg Athletics Combine. She said that the members were aware that the combine is a 'working document,' She looks forward to working issues out and growing the combine. House said that the board

Athletic combine, Character Strong discussed at Dayton School Board meeting

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Dayton School Board held its regular meeting at 6 p.m., May 18, 2022. All Board members, Aneesha Dieu, Zac Fabian, Grant Griffen, Jeffry McCowen, and Korinda Wallace, were present in the high school auditorium, Superintendent Guy Strot and student representative Madison Richardson. Members of the public attended in person and on Zoom.



The board approved the consent agenda, including hiring two elementary teachers, Angela Kenney and Amanda Wade. It also included the retirement of the high school science teacher, Doug Yenney.

Dr. Clay Cook, the Chief Development Officer for Character Strong, gave a presentation on the program. Character Strong is the program the district plans to implement for socio-emotional training in schools. The training teaches educators how to deliver effective practices for students. The goal is to help students acquire skills that promote self-regulation, responsible decision-making, the ability to build, maintain, and repair relationships with others, and handle interpersonal conflicts.

Public comments were welcomed and included a recommendation from Amy Cox, the Elementary School Principal, who spoke in favor of the program, saying the adults at the school need to learn to work towards common goals.

Griffen moved to approve the Character Strong curriculum, seconded by Fabian. The Board approved Character Strong unanimously.

McKinstry, Spokane, gave the board an update on work by the consulting firm. McKinstry was contracted to assess needed upgrades to the district's buildings and help identify funding sources to complete the projects. Identified projects include upgrades to electrical systems, electric-based HVAC systems, lighting upgrades, new windows for the high school which would match its historical appearance, and some facade restoration to the high school.

The Dayton School District has the complete list of projects on the web page. Most of the major projects will not be completed until summer 2023. No action by the board was required, and there will be an update at the next regular meeting, June 1, 2022.

Athletic Director, Sam Korslund, read a statement illuminating his experience working with the athletic combine. The thirteen-minute report included a list of challenges, some previously identified but never solved. The list included transportation issues and the lack of joint meetings with both school boards (they had met in joint meetings before the combine was finalized).

He also mentioned discipline policy differences between the districts causing athletes to face different consequences for the same behavior. He has heard complaints of alleged favoritism by coaches towards students from their schools.

In his statement, he said there are no budgets or fiscal transparency for the combined athletic department. He was also concerned that the two school districts continued to promote team spirit with their former mascots and names, not the DW Wolfpack. He felt this has led to an apparent lack of support for the combined teams.

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NEWS BRIEFS

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LETTERS

AT THE LIBERTY: TOP GUN: MAVERICK

THE TIMES

After more than thirty years of service as one of the Navy's top aviators, Pete "Maverick" Mitchell (Tom Cruise) is where he belongs, pushing the envelope as a courageous test pilot and dodging the advancement in rank that would ground him. When he finds himself training a detachment of Top Gun graduates for a specialized mission the likes of which no living pilot has ever seen, Maverick encounters Lt. Bradley Bradshaw (Miles Teller), call sign: "Rooster," the son of Maverick's late friend and Radar Intercept Officer Lt. Nick Bradshaw, aka "Goose". Facing an uncertain future and confronting the ghosts of his past, Maverick is drawn into a confrontation with his own deepest fears, culminating in a mission that demands the ultimate sacrifice from those who will be chosen to fly it.

Rotten Tomatoes critics rate this at 96% favorable. There are no audience reviews available yet because this movie begins showing in the US on Friday, May 27, when it also opens at the Liberty Theater. The summary from Rotten Tomatoes critics is "Top Gun: Maverick pulls off a feat even trickier than a 4G inverted dive, delivering a long-belated sequel that surpasses its predecessor in wildly entertaining style." CNN says "Nimbly mixing nostalgia and full-throttle action, Top Gun: Maverick soars higher than it has any right to, constructing a mostly terrific sequel 36 years later..." This movie is rated PG-13 (sequences of intense action, and some strong language). Commonsense media agrees that this movie is suitable for children over 12, although it notes there is some swearing (including use of the F word). Runtime is 2 hr. 10 mins. This movie will show at the Liberty Theater on May 27-June 7 (2 weeks).

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TOWN HALL MEETING ON DAYTON WASTEWATER TREATMENT ISSUE

THE TIMES

DAYTON—A town hall meeting to discuss Dayton's wastewater treatment plant upgrade project will be held Thursday, June 2 at 6 p.m. in the Dayton Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room. A panel will be on hand to present the history of the upgrade project and plans going forward, and to discuss state requirements. The panel will also take questions from the public.

Panelists will include:

- Department of Ecology- Lucy Peterson
- Department of Commerce- Cynthia Wall-Fuller
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation - Anton Chiono
- Anderson Perry & Assoc. - Jake Hollopeter
- Washington Water Trust- Ethan Lockwood
- City of Dayton - Mayor Zac Weatherford

Neighbors United for Progress, a local Political Action Committee, has organized and sponsored the Town Hall Meeting.

On April 12, the Dayton City Council voted down a proposal to purchase two parcels of land downstream from the current treatment plant on the northwest edge of Dayton.

Dayton's current treatment plant does not currently meet Department of Ecology standards for releasing effluent into the Touchet River. The city has been working on plans to upgrade the facility since 2007. City officials said that the rejection of the land purchase is a major setback to the upgrade plans and the city's ability to meet requirements and avoid being fined by the state.

"Hosting a Town Hall creates the opportunity for people to ask questions and professionals to give educated answers," said Elise Severe, chair of NUP. "Giving Dayton residents access to the professional team behind the wastewater project will help to build trust and understanding when moving forward with the project."

The town hall will also be accessible on Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82574569313>.

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

I am excited to announce I am running for the position of Walla Walla District Court Part Time Judge. I served as a deputy prosecuting attorney for Walla Walla County from 2013 to 2020. In April 2020, I started my own law firm. My primary area of practice is public defense in Walla Walla Superior Court.

As a deputy prosecutor I appeared weekly in district court. I handled cases from inception to resolution. That included pursuing trials — both before the judge as well as before a jury. As a private attorney, I have also assisted in both the petition for and defense against harassment orders. I am exceptionally familiar with the types of hearing in district court, as I maintain a continued presence there for both criminal and civil matters.

I understand the importance of making difficult, nuanced decisions relying on the laws of Washington State. As a deputy prosecutor, I responded regularly to motions both in superior court and district court involving every type of action, from suppression of evidence to motions to dismiss. As a criminal defense attorney, I have pursued myriad motions as well. In both roles, I have had to not only scrutinize the law, but I have also had to evaluate the facts and circumstances of each individual person affected by the case.

My experience has prepared me to make this significant step. Whether I am presiding over a jury trial, evaluating a speeding ticket, or hearing a petition for a protection order, I will have the breadth of experience and depth of knowledge to be able to accurately and fairly render a determination that is supported by the law, and which addresses the unique needs of the parties appearing before me.

As my campaign begins, I invite you to reach out to me or my campaign committee with any questions or comments. You may e-mail my campaign at electnicholasholce@gmail.com. In the meantime, you can visit my committee's webpage, Facebook profile, and Instagram. If you are interested in participating, consider joining my team, and be on the lookout for my campaign kickoff event!

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Walla Walla, Wash.

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CONCERNS OVER COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

As of March 1, 2022, the Columbia County Public Health Department has a new director. This director was chosen by the county commissioners over a qualified individual who had been working for the department for 3.5 years and would have loved to apply, but was not made aware while she was on maternity leave that the position was open. Standard procedure for hiring at the department of health is for the board of health to approve both a job description and an advertisement for the position. Once the board approves these things, they are given to the county commissioners to approve and start the hiring process. This time around, there was never a motion, resolution, or mention of approving a job description or advertisement at all. The commissioners did not ask for any input from public health officials or our public health officer, Dr. Lewis Neace, before hiring the new director.

All of this is concerning, even before knowing that the person hired for this position was featured in a national news article first published in the Washington Post on November 6, 2021 entitled, "The Vaccine Countdown" by Eli Saslow. The article recounts the new director's decision to leave her job at Columbia County Health System rather than comply with WA state's health-care worker vaccine mandate. Yes, you read that right. The head of our public health department, who is in charge of informing the public of current health guidelines and overseeing vaccine administrations, left her job at CCHS rather than follow the healthcare guidelines put forth by medical experts. This does not instill confidence regarding the safety of the community if another public health crisis were to occur.

According to the county, you don't have to be vaccinated in order to be hired, but specific grants that are held at public health require anyone who may come into contact with WIC clients be vaccinated. Due to the size of our public health office, everyone who works there has not just the potential, but the probability of coming into contact with those individuals.

The lack of transparency during this process is unsettling. With the commissioners' decision to go about hiring in this way, we've lost another good public employee who would have liked the opportunity to apply for this job. Please don't let this mismanagement of human resources by the Columbia County Commissioners go unnoticed.

Shellie McLeod
Dayton, WA

SUPPORT FOR PREVIOUSLY VETTED WASTEWATER PROJECT

To the Editor,

In the May 19th online edition of the Waitsburg Times, the article titled "Dayton wastewater treatment project stalled again" included three letters that need to be shared to a wider audience. The first was from Cynthia Wall-Fuller, lately of the Washington Department of Ecology, now at the Washington Department of Commerce, to Dayton Mayor Zac Weatherford and the Dayton City Council.

There's a lot to say about the other two letters, but this first one is the one that needs to be addressed most urgently. In it, she warns the city that it verges on losing the promised funding for the purchase of land to build a wastewater project on. It seems that because of the innovative nature of the proposed wetlands plan, the DOE has offered the city an unusually generous deal to fund the purchase of land for the project. That deal is now in danger because council members Anderson, Auerman, and Dieu seem to be set on derailing the wetlands project in favor of a land-use system that, instead of returning water to the river, would use it to irrigate about 80 acres of non-consumable crops.

Because Ecology believes the wetlands system will have beneficial environmental impact beyond our region, they have offered the city a pretty remarkable deal. They've awarded nearly \$1-million of funding for both the purchase and the design phase of the wetlands project, and loan forgiveness of 50%, meaning that the city would only have to pay back \$495,000. They have additionally allowed the city to delay starting the loan repayment until after the design phase is completed.

However, the deadline of the design deliverable is the end of this year. The City can apply for two extensions, bringing the absolute, final deadline for the final project design to the end of 2024.

The city has spent the last two years and \$200K investigating the feasibility of the wetlands project. It was on the verge of moving on to the design phase and on track to meet the funding deadline. Now, because the three new Council Members seem intent on reinventing the wheel, the project is so far off track that Wall-Fuller is recommending the city "close the current design loan and de-obligate the remaining funds."

She suggests the city can reapply for another design loan. But she reminds the city that Ecology won't likely offer the same deal for land purchase for another type of project.

Amy Rosenberg
Dayton, WA

WAITSBURG - FROM PAGE 1 would appreciate public comments that give them an idea of what to discuss at an upcoming meeting with the Dayton School Board regarding the combine's future.

The first commenter expressed reassurance that the Waitsburg School Board was in support of the combine and hoped issues could be resolved to keep the combine intact for future generations of athletes.

She touched on the identity of each school's mascot, saying she found it weird to walk into the gyms and see signage saying, "Go Cardinals" or "Go Bulldogs." She supported removing the old mascots from gyms and replacing them with the DW Wolfpack logo students had decided on.

"I'm a Cardinal, my kids are Cardinals, but that's okay- it doesn't define me," the speaker said. "Let's let these kids have something to group around. We have had our time. Let the kids have their time."

WHS Senior and athlete Brayden Mohney approached the board, asking if the boards are willing to work out differences and move forward or if they foresee a future full of "butting heads."

House answered that this was why the boards were meeting. Board member Lisa Morrow added that this was why the board was seeking comments for a productive meeting.

Board member Sarah Boudrieau said the students have always been the priority of her plan as a school official.

"Of our agenda," she said, including the rest of the board, "we will try and be examples to you guys on compromise and all other adult things that will come your way in the future."

Mohney ended his comments reflecting on the Waitsburg-Prescott Combine and the camaraderie that those teams had. He said he hoped Dayton and Waitsburg could come together to achieve a similar program.

DW baseball coach Greg Crenshaw said he would like to see the two boards talk to coaches about the pros and cons and setbacks and victories of the combine to help identify areas of improvement.

Charlie Barron spoke next, first thanking the school for their ongoing support of the music programs.

He spoke on the combine, saying that it is time to stop making excuses and figure out the differences.

"I don't know how we got here today, five years or so after this was started, without having the questions answered," he said. After COVID-19 struck, he said there was no chance to resolve issues as the original DW Combine Committee was disbanded with no notice during the downtime.

He expressed frustration with the lack of commitment from the DW Committee and the cancellation of meetings because there was 'nothing to talk about.' This was just weeks before the Dayton School Board could have potentially voted to disband the Combine.

"You walk into Mabton, and there is a DW Wolfpack banner hanging in their gym," Barron said. "Guys, the legacy is over. Even if we go back, split up, the banners that hang in both gyms are not the teams we would be playing today. Whether it be DW, whether it be Waitsburg or Dayton, it's a legacy issue."

Barron, who graduated from Dayton High School in 1997, said that he was a Dayton Bulldog back in the day, but now, he supports the Wolfpack and encourages other alumni to move past their legacies and put the current students first.

He closed his comments by asking why a detailed letter shared by the athletic director at the Dayton meeting was left out from the Waitsburg meeting. Korslund later explained that the DSB had requested a statement from him, but the Waitsburg board had not, and he did not feel it was appropriate to impose that statement without it being an agenda item.

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Mohney also echoed the importance of the middle school combine, explaining how the relationships and teamwork formed at a young age only strengthen the future teams.

Barron said that as the softball team gets ready to travel for districts, the uncertainty of the combine weighed heavily on athletes. She asked that the boards be willing to keep students informed, so they don't have to deal with rumors and misinformation while focusing on academics and sports.

House apologized for the stress to the students. She noted that students knew more about the issue than the Waitsburg School board, and she planned on addressing it at the upcoming meeting.

A Dayton High School student said it was 'truly embarrassing and hurtful' to see her own school board questioning the combine, and showing that they are against continuing the program.

"It is really hard to walk through the halls of my school, with my head held proud, when my school is not all in for the combine," she said. "The combine has brought us together as students, and it is something I look forward to every day. Every sports season, I come out, and I am so happy to see all of my Waitsburg friends and my Dayton friends; there is no point in breaking this apart. The middle school kids are too young, and they do not deserve this."

The future of the combine is still uncertain, and The Times will continue to provide full coverage of the situation.

DAYTON - FROM PAGE 1 His final concern was regarding higher turnout for middle school sports than for high school, leaving some players feeling they are not getting enough time on the field or on the court.

Two members of the Waitsburg School Board spoke in favor of the combine for middle school through high school. Several student-athletes also shared positive personal experiences competing in the combine. Support for the combine was expressed unanimously by persons making public comments, both from Waitsburg and Dayton.

McCowen made a lengthy statement suggesting the combine did not provide enough playtime for some athletes, but he did not definitively state his support or opposition to the combine.

Dieu said, "Dayton is Dayton school every day. Right. Our kids come here. They're here. They're Bulldogs. That's what they see on our signs. That's what they see in the front of the school. That's what they see everywhere. We have sweatshirts, you know. Husband grew up here, has all of that stuff. They're Bulldogs. You guys have yours. They're Cardinals. Everything is still there. It's up on the fence."

"But then, yet you come together, and you see it as a Wolfpack. So honestly, to me, it's the combined separation of who are we? In reality, it's an identity crisis between the two schools. It's causing that character, morale issue between our two schools. Because really, what are they doing? They're torn. Do we wear a Bulldog sweatshirt today, or do we wear a Wolfpack sweatshirt today? What are we doing? Where are we? What are our brains focused on?"

Dieu promised that the numbers of athletes in the school programs would soon be "immense," and we would not have the ability to stay together anymore. Dieu said that if any classes were too small to field a team, students could just play for another school.

Some people commenting complained that sixth-grade boys do not get the playtime because the numbers turning out are too high.

The public comments were mostly unregulated, many speakers were not identified, and some speakers spoke over and interrupted each other. Most speakers, however, clearly supported the sports combine as it is.

Jennie Dickinson, chair of Citizens for Education, during the public comment period, spoke of the eventuality of combining school districts with Waitsburg as it would only help solve the problem in academics and athletics due to declining enrollment. She also said that many of the students who have left the district did so not because of the combine but because of the way people treat each other, and that needs to be the focus.

Comments from those who attended in person and those on Zoom showed strong support for continuing the combine but also making a strong effort to fix the problems that linger with it.

Dieu asked the superintendent to do polling of the sixth through twelfth grades to see if there is any actual support for the combine. She said there were a lot of kids not at the meeting who have the opposite view from those who made the effort to attend. Dieu said that maybe the polling needed to be extended out to the community "to see what that does."

Strot recommended moving the evening's department reports and actions until the June 1, 2022, meeting since the meeting had been in session for over three and a half hours. The public portion of the meeting adjourned without agreeing on any action.

An executive meeting was convened. The purpose for the meeting as stated on the agenda was to discuss qualifications of an applicant for public employment.

WALLA WALLA VA CENTER TO HOLD MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE MAY 26

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center (Walla Walla VA) is holding a VIRTUAL Memorial Day Service on Thursday, May 26 at noon. The event will be streamed LIVE on Walla Walla VA's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/vawallawalla). This year, and every year, it is important for us to remember and honor those who were lost in service to this Nation, and for the sacrifices of their families whose loved ones are no longer here. The special guest speaker will be Trina Parrish, a U.S. Army Gulf War Veteran, who is currently the Commander of VFW Post #992 in Walla Walla. She is also the commander of District 17, the chairperson for the Walla Walla County Veterans Relief Advisory Board, and long-time supporter of Veterans and their families in the Walla Walla community.

The Walla Walla VA welcomes former Chaplain Benjamin "Ben" Vegors to the event. Chaplain Vegors served as Walla Walla VA's chaplain for over 40 years before retiring in 2014 and is set to turn 100 years old later this year.

The VA invites all to join us for this special event. Please contact Linda Wondra, Public Affairs, at 509.386.1117 with any questions.

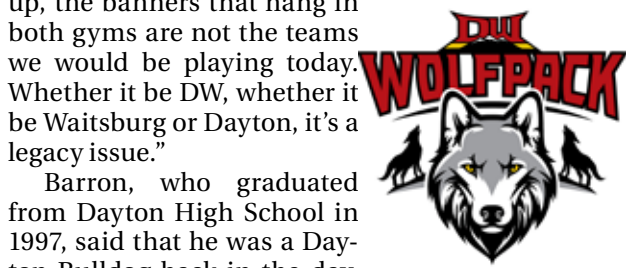
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THE CLUB RECEIVES DONATION FROM HOMESTREET BANK

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton branch of HomeStreet Bank has donated \$5,000 to The Club to support financial assistance for students to attend The Club's summer program. HomeStreet Bank has been a long-time supporter of The Club's programs.

"We are so grateful to HomeStreet Bank for helping to keep our programs accessible to anyone who wants to attend," said Jim Pearson, The Club's Executive Director. "Homestreet has been a strong community partner, and we are so thankful for their continued support."



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Lunches

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Tuesday, March 22

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Thursday, March 17

B: Breakfast pizza
L: Shepherd's pie
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Friday, March 18

B: Yogurt parfait
L: Pizza
Pasta salad
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Cookie

Monday, March 21

B: Scrambled eggs & sausage
L: Chicken alfredo
Garlic bread
Veggie
Fruit

Tuesday, March 22

B: Biscuit & Gravy
L: Macaroni & cheese
Chips
Veggie
Fruit

Wednesday, March 23

B: Muffins & yogurt
L: Grilled cheese
Tomato soup
Veggie
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NEW MAJOR FEATURE FILM LOOKING FOR NEW FACES OPEN TO THOSE WITH NO ACTING EXPERIENCE- CASTING NOW!

THE TIMES

LOS ANGELES—The casting team for a new feature film - 1975 Music Therapy Film (Working Title) is announcing a nation-wide casting call. They are looking to cast paid, speaking roles to play various characters in the film. The film's director is committed to finding original and authentic new talent, and is therefore open to those with little or no acting experience. The roles they are casting include characters who have an affinity for music, so they are especially seeking musicians with particularly distinctive looks and personalities. The film is set in the mid-70s in California.

Production will likely start in Fall of 2022 in Los Angeles, CA. Travel and accommodations will be provided for all out-of-state talent. Pay will be union scale - \$1056/day or \$3,756 per week.

Online auditions can be submitted virtually by visiting www.tinyurl.com/NationalOpenCall and by filling out the online casting call form and uploading a video audition.

The casting team is searching for real, vibrant people of all ages. Those with interesting looks and natures should apply! More information can be found at MusicTherapyFilm.com. Anyone interested in more information should send an email to MusicTherapyFilm@gmail.com.

COLUMBIA COUNTY CHILDREN'S FUND NOW ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS

THE TIMES

SPOKANE—Nonprofit organizations that serve children in Columbia County are invited to apply for funding through the Columbia County Children's Fund at Innovia Foundation. Applications close on Wednesday, July 13, 2022.

The Columbia County Children's Fund supports organizations that address one of the following program areas: educational enrichment and special needs programs (with preference given to elementary school-aged children); guidance, counseling and therapy to children and their families; or medical and dental services and/or supplies (glasses, hearing aids, braces) for disadvantaged children. Grant awards are typically less than \$4,000.

Complete funding guidelines and application instructions are available <https://innovia.org/non-profits/apply-for-a-grant/>.

If you have any questions about any of Innovia Foundation's grant programs or eligibility, please contact the Lauren Nissen, Associate Director of Grants at lnissen@innovia.org.

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TOWN OF STARBUCK SPRUCES UP HISTORIC CITY HALL

THE TIMES

STARBUCK—The Town of Starbuck in Columbia County, Washington recently completed an interior restoration of the Historic City Hall Building following an almost year-long shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

City Hall was the former Bank of Starbuck, originally built in 1904 at the corner of Main and McNeil Streets. It closed as a bank in 1931 and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1978.

The closure of the building in 2020 and into early 2021 created maintenance issues for the interior of the building. Leaking from outside sprinklers through original brick walls negatively affected the hardwood flooring in the office and general meeting room. The old wooden meeting table and oak furniture required refurbishing, and brass fixtures needed polishing. The bulk of the interior was desperate for fresh paint to its original colors.

Starbuck Mayor Zonia Dedloff contacted a regional non-profit, Blue Mountain Resource Conservation & Development Council, to request assistance to secure funding for building improvements. The council was awarded \$4,000 from the Blue Mountain Community Foundation, \$3,000 from the Wildhorse Foundation, and \$1,000 from the Kinsman Foundation of Milwaukee, Ore., for the restoration project. The Council also offered an additional \$500 of professional services for grant writing, project oversight, and final grant reporting.

Work began once suitable contractors and bids were received last winter. The mayor, city council, and community members are pleased with the restoration.

"Our City Hall is beautiful!" exclaimed Mayor Dedloff.

New drapes (former drop cloths during the interior painting) are effectively minimizing the noise in City Hall. New blinds reduce the warming of the office space, leading to reduced energy use for the building. New entry rugs and a planned handrail will welcome persons to the building. Community members now hold monthly potluck dinners organized by residents to enjoy the building and each other.

The building continues to be used for town business, city council meetings, and housing office equipment. Future projects may yet include the replacement of a cracked interior window and the addition of storm windows. Starbuck recently received financial support from Representative Skylar Rude's office to resurrect the Starbuck Rodeo Grounds.

Uncharted Waters

ASK THE EXPERTS!
Thursday, June 2, 6pm

A Town Hall discussion about innovative solutions to Dayton's wastewater problem

PANELISTS INCLUDE:
Anderson Perry: Jake Holopeter
City of Dayton: Mayor Zac Weatherford
CTUIR: Anton Chiono
Department of Commerce: Cynthia Wall-Fuller
Department of Ecology: Lucy Peterson
Washington Water Trust: Ethan Lockwood

In person:
Dayton Elementary Multi-purpose Room

Via Zoom:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82574569313>

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CALENDAR

Community Calendar



Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

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

Waitsburg School Board

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

Waitsburg Commercial Club

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

Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

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

Community Health & Protection Committee

8:30 AM - Tuesday, June 21, 2022
Waitsburg City Hall and on Zoom

Walla Walla County Commissioners

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



Friends of the Weller Public Library

4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m.
Weller Public Library,
212 Main Street, Waitsburg

Weller Library Book Club

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

Weller Library Board of Trustees Meeting

2nd Tuesday of each month

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

Board of Columbia County Commissioners

First and second Monday of each month at 9 a.m.
Board of Columbia County Commissioners work session meetings Second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.
Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

Dayton City Council

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

Dayton School Board

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

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

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

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

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

Dayton Memorial Library

Discovery Kids
Every Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Starbuck City Council

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



Events, Film, Performance, Live Music

WAITSBURG

Waitsburg High School Alumni Annual Meeting
May 28, 4:30 p.m.
Waitsburg High School Auditorium

Waitsburg High School Alumni Association Greetings
May 28, 6:00 p.m.
Waitsburg Town Hall

Mythical / Movable

Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam
Upcoming Jams
(All Jams - 7:00PM)
For more information email Kate Hockersmith at TVAMP1@charter.net

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

Weller Library Story Times

Every Thursday at Weller Library
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Weller Library Crafts

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

Memorial Day Program

Monday, May 30, 2022
11 a.m. at the Waitsburg City Cemetery
Waitsburg, Wash.
Information at (509) 386-7348

Waitsburg Farmers Market

May 27, Nancy's Dream Garden Center
9 a.m.

DAYTON

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

Columbia County Rural Library A Night at the Library
May 27
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Dayton Days

May 28

Wastewater Treatment Plant Town Hall
Dayton Elementary Multipurpose room
June 2, 6 p.m.

Childcare Forum

May 23, 6 p.m.
Columbia County Fairgrounds



Dayton Days Rodeo, Parade, Music
May 27 and 28

WALLA WALLA

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



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

Gesa Power House Movie: "Charm Circle"
(documentary)
June 1, 7:00 p.m.

Little Watts: "Look out! Science is coming!"
June 12, 2:00 p.m.



Wine Country Amphitheater located at Veterans Memorial Golf Course

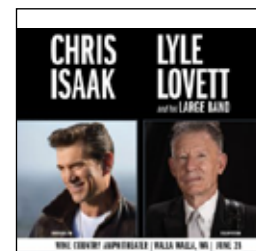
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General Admission, bring a low back lawn chair or blanket and make yourself comfortable for a great show.



ZZ Top
June 8, 2022



Aaron Lewis
June 10, 2022



Chris Isaak and Lyle Lovett
June 28, 2022



Bonnie Raitt
Marvis Staples
August 17, 2022



Maren Morris
August 23, 2022



Jackson Browne
Sept. 9, 2022

BIRTHDAYS

May 26: Hannah Perry, Pam Hermanns, Rob John and Pamela Gluck.

May 27: Betty Maxwell, Sherrie Erikson, Michelle Anderson, Floyd Strohmaier, Mathew Conrath, Allen Robertson and Laisha Archer.

May 28: Roy Phillips, Mike Snyder, Jo Wolfe, James Wright, Andrea Miller and Jessie Duckworth.

May 29: David Moser, Geraine Hansen, Harry Seaton, Randall Johnson, Betty Wood, James Angell, Andrea Estes, Cody Nordheim, Nick Stroobants, and Enzo Harri.

May 30: Preston Hinchliffe, Melissa Huwe and Amy Thomas.

May 31: Kathleen Smith, Valerie Coe.

June 1: Sean Baker, Virginia Beckel, Gary Peters, Jimmy Fisher and Jon Bickelhaupt.



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Waitsburg High School Class of 1970

Celebrated their 50 Year Class Reunion (just a couple of years late) at the Royal Block in Waitsburg.

L to R: Ed Banka, Kathy Donnelly Conrath, Claudia Hevel Doty, J. E. McCaw, Bette Harris Huwe, Jack Hubbard, Patricia Estes Dunn, Bruce Abbey, Ed Sickles, Terry John, Judy Lindsey Reser, Louie Gagnon, and Becki Kenney Maki (Not Pictured: Ralph Brown and Lory Duckworth; Bobby Johnson joined us on Face Time.)



Luck of the Duck winners:

Becky Huwe -- \$300 cash
 Rosie Warehime -- \$200 cash
 Fred Hamann -- \$100 cash who donated the prize back to the library in memory of his mom, Jan
 Jill Thomas -- \$50 cash
 Dan Henze -- Royal Block certificate
 Betty Standfill -- Blush Salon certificate
 Zachary Marick -- Sam's Corner certificate

Savannah Castillo -- Waitsburg Grocery certificate
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Times Traveler



Celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary, Bart and Tiffany Baxter brought a copy of The Times on their trip to Alaska.

Dayton Days are this weekend

**DAYTON DAYS RODEO
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Join us at the Boldman House after the Dayton Days parade for family friendly activities at the museum, including old-fashioned lawn games, rope twisting and tool demonstrations, make & take crafts and more!

11:00 - 3:00 May 28 Boldman House Museum, 410 N. First St. Dayton, WA Participation is free.



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CALL FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that Prescott School District No. 402-37, Prescott, WA 99348 is requesting sealed bids for the following surplus vehicles:

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Justin Bradford
 Superintendent
 Prescott School District No. 402-37
 POB 65
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 The Times
 May 26, June 2, 2022
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HELP WANTED

Help Wanted – Admin. Assistant
Prescott Schools is hiring an Administrative Assist. III. This person will provide administrative support to the Superintendent and the Board of Directors; coordinate the flow of administrative actions and communications to and from the Superintendent's office, including all-district support services; communicate with the public on behalf of the Superintendent. See the full job description on our website at prescottsd.org Contact Justin Bradford with questions at 509-280-7663.

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2022 Waitsburg Celebration Days brought the past and future pride back to town



Everyone was happy to gather on Main Street after two years without Waitsburg Celebration Days.



Photos by Lane Gwinn

Natalie Knudsen kicked off the Main Street Parade by singing the National Anthem.



The Washington State Penitentiary Honor Guard led a parade with more than 40 entrants through Waitsburg early Saturday morning.



Preston Park was lined with nearly 130 classic cars, hot rods, rat rods, restored pickups, and decked-out motorcycles on Saturday, May 21. The Classic Car Show is put on by the New Generations Car Club.



Lane Gwinn

The Pendleton Round-Up Queen and Court stopped by our little town on their way to Spokane for the Lilac Festival and Parade. Pictured is Princess Madeline Hale



Times reporter Beka Compton traded the notepad and pen for a camera this weekend, and was spotted on the job by publisher Lane Gwinn.



(left) The kiddos of Waitsburg had their time to shine, of course! The Kiddie Parade is a Saturday morning staple on the third weekend in May.

(right) Andy Winnett, driving a vintage John Deere combine down Main Street



SPORTS



Karen Huwe

District qualifiers: (L-R)-Trista Villaro, Tristan Rennaker, Teegan Kenney, Alex Dahlby, Hudson Reser, Tony Halvorson, Chasity Paddock, Kaydance Tiner, Marion Duncan

TWO WINS FOR WOLFPACK MS BASEBALL

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

The DW middle school boys baseball team collected a couple of wins and finished one game in a tie. The game on May 16 was a doubleheader against Sager of College Place. Big bats in the 3rd inning of the first game against Sager led to six runs for the Wolfpack. Beau Hazelbaker, Jayton Gleason, William Cranmer, and Isaias Reyes collected singles, and William Durham hit a double in that inning. Jordan McCowen stole four bases in the game, ending with the score tied at 11.

In the second game of the doubleheader, McCowen struck out 11 batters, and his team won 18-1. Cranmer and Hazelbaker each had three hits at-bat. McCowen stole five bases.

Next was a 5-2 win over Bethlehem Lutheran on Wednesday, May 18. Cranmer led the team with two hits. Colton Steinhoff struck out eight batters and had three stolen bases. The team was error-free in the field.

TRACK & FIELD

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

The Wolfpack track and field team traveled to Cle Elum on Wednesday, May 18, to attend the 2B District 5 Championship. The top two boys and top three girls in each event advanced to the state track meet, which will take place May 26-28 at Eastern Washington University.

The young DW team did not have any members advance; however, four set PRs in their events. Alex Dahlby trimmed six seconds off his previous time in the 3200 meters. Tristan Rennaker improved his distance in the triple jump by about three feet. Marion Duncan knocked off a second in the 400 meters, and Kaydance Tiner threw the shot approximately three feet further.

Coach Nechodom stated that many athletes recognized that this was likely their last meet of the season. He said it was encouraging to watch many of them studying the competition, watching techniques, and finding ways to improve even at the end of the season.

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Pluto TV offers classic baseball for free

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

Tired of watching the news, I decided to check out Pluto TV. A free internet television service owned by Paramount Streaming offers 100s of free shows and is available for Smart TVs, streaming devices, tablets, or computers.

To my pleasant surprise, they have an MLB channel featuring classic baseball games, highlights and shows, and historic All-Star and World Series games. The first game of the 1977 World Series between the New York Yankees and the Los Angeles Dodgers was about to start on the live broadcast. This series was right about the time I started watching baseball. I won't say how old I was at the time, but I'm pretty sure I was only able to see the first two innings before being sent to bed.

This MLB channel presentation had the complete CBS broadcast, and the only difference was the commercials. The commercials were today's advertisements, not the originals from over forty years ago. Usually, when these classic games are shown, they are edited and only show innings with scored runs or something significant that happened.

Keith Jackson, Howard Cosell, and Tom Seaver were the television announcers. It was like watching my old baseball cards come to life as Keith Jackson introduced the Yankees on the field.

"In left field, Lou Pinella, good arm and better speed than you might think for a guy his size," announced Jackson.

Later in the broadcast, Cosell remarked about the failed launch of the Russian space shuttle reminding everyone when to tune in to watch the test launch of America's space shuttle orbiter. He did this twice during the broadcast noting the date and time of the



shuttle launch.

It wasn't unusual then to have active players on broadcasts once their team's season was over, and Tom Seaver was still in his prime as a player.

Fortunately, this game and others are available on demand under "Great Games" on the MLB channel. Here are some seasons and episodes that I would recommend for Mariners fans.

- Season 1995 Episode 149 – "My Oh My" Edgar, Griffey Jr. win hit."
- Season 2001 Episode 4 – "Ichiro breaks out during rookie season."
- Season 2004 Episode 38 – "Randy Johnson is perfect vs. Braves."
- Season 2004 Episode 69 – "Junior hits 500th homer on Father's Day."
- Season 2012 Episode 119 "King Felix throws perfect game vs. Rays."

The first one on this list is better known by Mariner's fans as "The Double." Fans have probably seen the highlight of Edgar Martinez doubling in Ken Griffey Jr. to beat the Yankees in the 1995 AL Division Series. This is the complete four-hour broadcast. Since it is on-demand, you can watch part of the game or break it up and return where you left off.

Other on-demand shows on the MLB channel include "Baseball Seasons," recaps of baseball seasons going back to 1959; "All-Star Highlights," going back to 1967; and "World Series Films," highlights from selected World Series going back to 1958. It's a nice collection, and there is sure to be something of interest for fans of any team in any era.

DW WOLFPACK

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LIFESTYLES



Photos by Beka Compton

Oliver Castillo and Scarlett Scott race down Millrace Grade during the Sunday morning Soap Box Derby. The derby was put on by Waitsburg Park and Rec.



Look, Ma! No hands! Michelle Brooks placed second in the Soapbox Derby's adult division.



McKenzie Castillo, pictured with Hostess Hope Adkins, with one of many prizes she has won with her driving skills.

Cars, Soap box Cars, ATVs, Dunk Tanks, and Ducks



Fifties verses low riders at Preston Park. Car clubs brought their best and brightest.



All sorts of off-road vehicles cooled off in the mud pits at the Fairgrounds, after a 30 plus mile Poker Run ride.



Burgers, fries, and cold drinks were on Saturday night's menu! The Waitsburg Lions Club Cook Shack was up and running, with the lovely ladies of the PEO taking orders and handing out happiness.



(above) Visiting royalty enjoyed a post-parade luncheon at the Lions Club Building after the parade on Saturday. Gracie Compton was the honorary princess for the day

(top left) Mayor Marty Dunn just moments before he disappeared after someone hit the dunk tank target during the Alumni vs. Wolfpack Softball Game.

(left) Lawmakers vs. Firefighters: Senator Perry Dozier fired off a ball, hoping to hit the mark and dunk Fire Chief Colter Mohney

(right) Caris Lynch, a WHS Alum, was back on the field on Sunday afternoon when past Waitsburg grads challenged the DW Wolfpack softball team to a game.



FUN & GAMES

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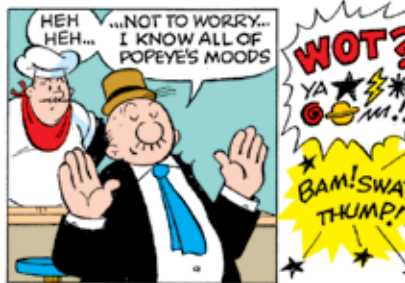
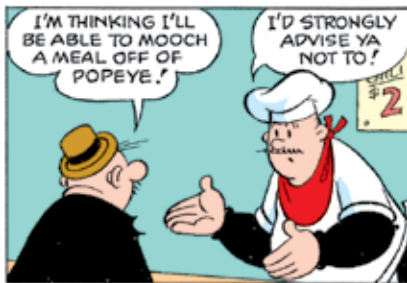
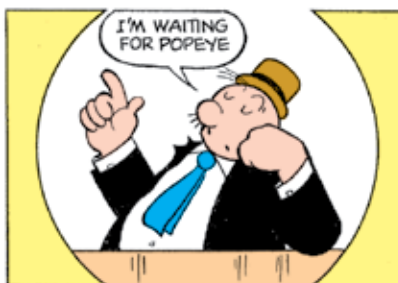
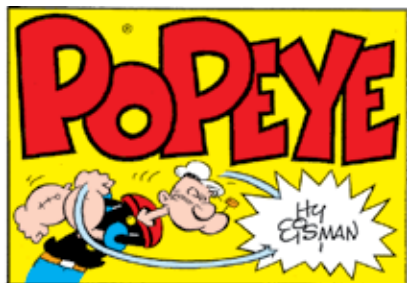
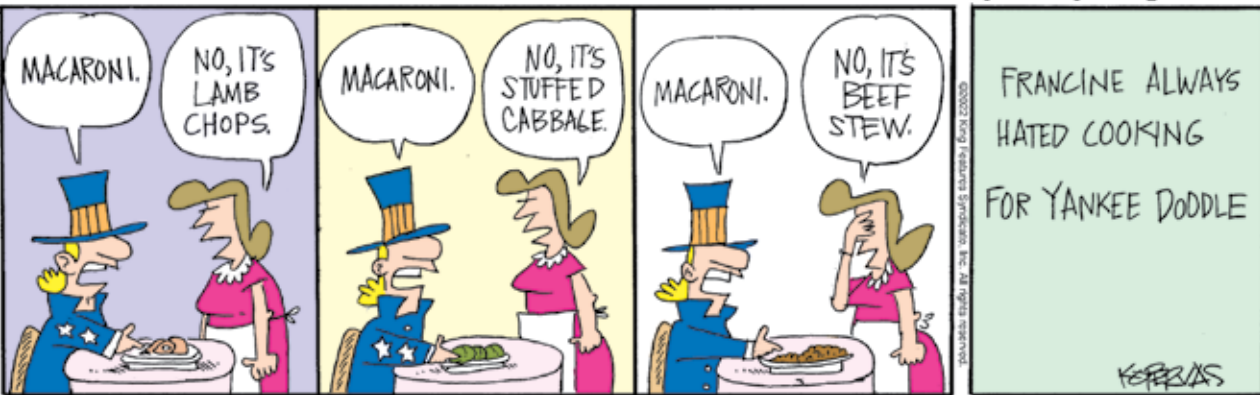
The Friendly Forest

By Jimmie L. Turner



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Touchet Valley Weather

May 25, 2022

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Wednesday	Partly Cloudy	77	57
Thursday	Mostly Cloudy	78	56
Friday	Few Showers	69	49
Saturday	Mostly Cloudy	66	47
Sunday	Few Showers	63	48
Monday	Few Showers	67	53
Tuesday	Partly Cloudy	68	52

Weather Trivia

At what time of day do most tornadoes hit?
 ?
 Answer: Between 5 and 6 p.m.

Weather History

May 25, 1955 - Two tornadoes struck the town of Blackwell, Okla. within a few minutes time during the late evening. The tornadoes killed 18 people and injured more than 500 others. Early the next morning, a tornado virtually obliterated the small community of Udall, Kan.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	66	44	72/50	0.00"	0.38"
Wednesday	63	46	72/50	0.15"	0.46"
Thursday	58	42	73/50	Trace	-0.08"
Friday	63	41	73/51	0.00"	54.1°
Saturday	66	43	73/51	Trace	61.6°
Sunday	67	41	73/51	0.00"	-7.5°
Monday	70	48	73/51	0.23"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
New 5/30	5:10 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	3:16 a.m.	3:42 p.m.	Full 6/14
Wednesday	5:09 a.m.	8:31 p.m.	3:33 a.m.	4:50 p.m.	
Thursday	5:08 a.m.	8:32 p.m.	3:52 a.m.	5:58 p.m.	
Friday	5:08 a.m.	8:33 p.m.	4:12 a.m.	7:06 p.m.	
Saturday	5:07 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	4:36 a.m.	8:13 p.m.	
Sunday	5:06 a.m.	8:35 p.m.	5:04 a.m.	9:18 p.m.	
Monday	5:06 a.m.	8:36 p.m.	5:40 a.m.	10:18 p.m.	Last 6/20

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

May 24, 2012

Welcome to all. Dayton's new Pastor Marj Johnson at Dayton's First Congregational Church says that is the no. 1 message she wants to convey. Johnson, who grew up in the small town of Raymond on the coast, is 52 and has already lived more than most people her age. Johnson, who grew up in a Christ-loving household, fought the ever-present desire in her to become a pastor for most of her life. Her journeys down other roads working at a funeral home and later with the homeless and in human services have made her who she is, just as much as her journey of being an out-lesbian serving Christ has influenced her. "It was one of those things that never really went away," Johnson said of her desire to be a pastor. "At some point, something snapped."

Twenty-Five Years Ago

May 29, 1997

The Waitsburg High School Class of 1997 will hold commencement exercises 8 p.m., Friday, June 6 at the High School Auditorium. Twenty-eight are expected to receive diplomas. Valedictorian of the class is Holly Ruzicka, with Renee Scott speaking as Salutatorian during the ceremony, Honor speaker will be Lisa Reichert.

Work on the Waitsburg City Pool is moving toward completion in time to open on Monday, June 23. The project, which has been funded largely through community fundraising efforts, recently received a boost in a \$41,805 grant from the Waitsburg Lions Club, which received the funding from the Lions Club International Foundation. In addition, pool liner installers were expected to begin wrapping up work within the coming week, said Councilman Mark Lambert.

Fifty Years Ago



May 25, 1972

[Photo Caption] Winner of the Days of Real Sport float competition held during the parade here last Saturday was this entry by the Campfire Girls titled "62 Years of Fun and Service." The girls on the float threw kisses (candy type) to the young people lining Waitsburg's Main Street.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

May 30, 1947

Alumni of the old Waitsburg Academy are planning a reunion in Waitsburg on Saturday, June 21, when over 150 former students of the now extinct academy will meet to recall past experiences and renew old friendships.

George Long was displaying an 18½ pound salmon in Kash's Hardware Monday which he landed the previous day from the Tucannon.

Mrs. Henry Roberts and Mrs. Jake Smith were hostesses for the Sorotus and A.T.E. Club at a bridge luncheon on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Chester Stonecipher, Mrs. James Hodgen and Mrs. Joe McCown were high at bridge.

One Hundred Years Ago

May 26, 1922

Theo. Grote and Harry Rainwater took their herds of cattle to the South Touchet jungles Friday, assisted by John Tate, who will be herder this year.

Lawrence Michelsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Michelsen who is a member of the senior class, entertained his classmates and Miss Angeline Ward, senior class advisor, Wednesday evening at his home on West Fifth Street. After a delightful evening spent with music and games, dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Michelsen.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Fletcher arrived Saturday from Cunningham, Wash. To visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Stonecipher.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

May 28, 1897

M. Zuger, a prominent farmer living near Bolles Junction is building a substantial brick cistern on his ranch. The cistern is to be 16 feet deep and 16 feet in diameter. Jack Smith has the contract for doing the brick work. A cistern on a ranch in this country is rather an unusual occurrence.

A surprise party was given Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Crabtree yesterday at the Willis Ingalls ranch. Several wagon loads of people passed thru town early in the morning bound for a good time.

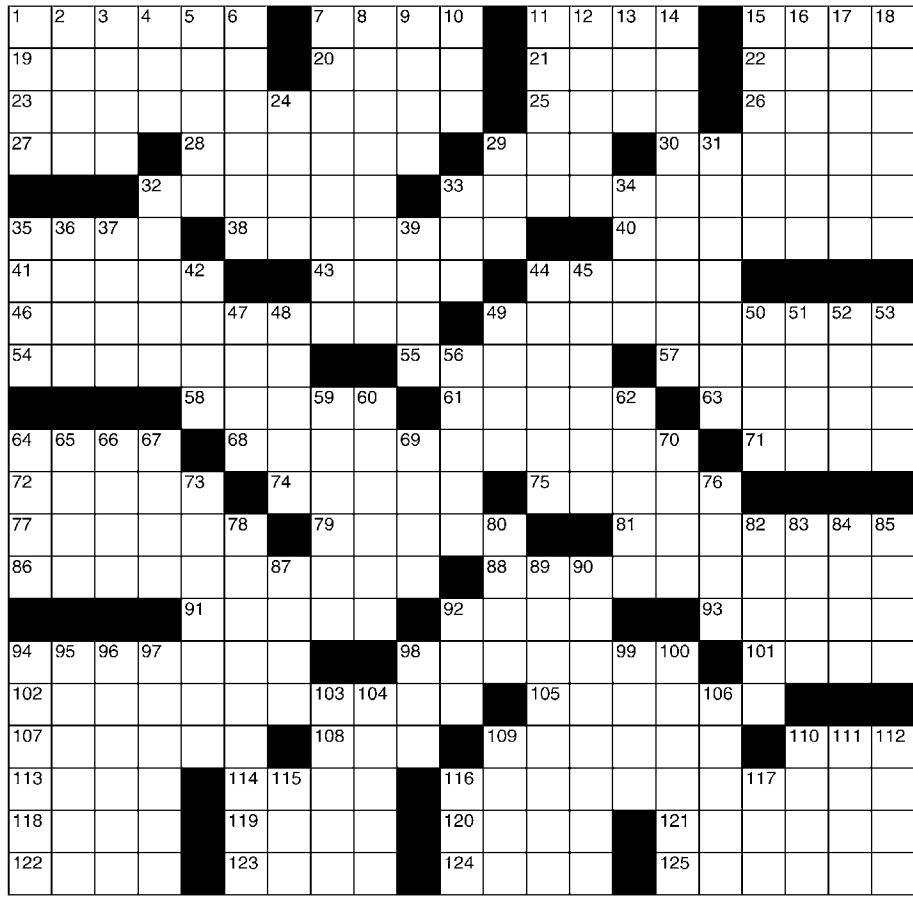
The people of Whiskey Creek gave a basket dinner at the Winnett grove on Sunday. It was well attended and an excellent dinner was served.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

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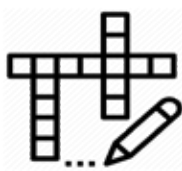
- ACROSS**
- 1 Classic Pabst beer brand
 - 7 Place for hay or a choir
 - 11 Facial mask offerers
 - 15 Barter
 - 19 Retort to "Am so!"
 - 20 "La Traviata" solo, say
 - 21 Many a smartphone message
 - 22 By way of, for short
 - 23 He played V in "V for Vendetta"
 - 25 Domain resident
 - 26 German "a" with the dummy
 - 27 The, in Tours
 - 28 Tarnish
 - 29 Galahad's title
 - 30 Tina of pop
 - 32 Mogadishu
 - 33 "Rags to Riches" singer [Broadway]
 - 35 Capital of Italy, in Italy
 - 38 Golfers' positions
 - 40 Built on
 - 41 Jungian inner self
 - 43 Stallion, e.g.
 - 44 Yellow shade
 - 46 "Little Birds" actress [Canadian music]
 - 49 Longtime member of the Four Tops [off-Broadway]
 - 54 Fred dancing in films
 - 55 Tile locale
 - 57 Fly of Africa
 - 58 Rice dish
 - 61 Walton who wrote "The Compleat Angler"
 - 63 Leaves port
 - 64 Rub roughly
 - 68 Ventriloquist with the dummy
 - 71 Horse pace
 - 72 "Incredible!"
 - 74 Delight in
 - 75 Bus stop
 - 77 She's asked to "peel me a grape" in film
 - 79 Call to a pig
 - 81 1982 Dustin Hoffman film
 - 86 "Shameless" actress [television]
 - 88 "The Picture of Dorian Gray" novelist [film]
 - 91 Panache
 - 92 La — Tar Pits
 - 93 "The Piano" actor Sam
 - 94 Remits in advance
 - 98 Kids' racers on tracks
 - 101 Lyric verses
 - 102 American labor leader [French film]
 - 105 Verbalized
 - 107 Go — (no slouch)
 - 108 Cager's hoop
 - 109 Went flat
 - 110 Be in arrears
 - 113 Blind as —
 - 114 Uncork, e.g.
 - 116 What any of the eight people featured in this puzzle should be?
 - 118 Dust particle
 - 119 Blu-ray Disc producer
 - 120 Work benefit
 - 121 Puts into law
 - 122 Squeezed (out)
 - 123 Circus barker
 - 124 Actress Harper
 - 125 Least refined
- DOWN**
- 1 Witty Mort
 - 2 Like facts
 - 3 Rules, for short
 - 4 1969 Beatle bride Yoko
 - 5 "— I love thee?"
 - 6 Cooks, as asparagus
 - 7 Kitschy
 - 8 First
 - 9 High-quality
 - 10 Gift label
 - 11 Tarnish
 - 12 "Firework" singer Katy
 - 13 Tree topper
 - 14 Governor's fiscal concern
 - 15 "Tristram Shandy" author
 - 16 Complained childishly
 - 17 Actor Will of "30 Rock"
 - 18 — Rico
 - 24 Amo, amas, —
 - 29 Distress call
 - 31 Strip down
 - 32 Island group near Fiji
 - 33 Summer shirt
 - 34 Tiny toddler
 - 35 Indian royal
 - 36 Big burden
 - 37 Breath freshener
 - 39 Treble —
 - 42 "Take — from me"
 - 44 On the train, e.g.
 - 45 Illusion on a hot road
 - 47 Sandusky's lake
 - 48 Merges
 - 49 Seep out
 - 50 In good order
 - 51 Move a bit
 - 52 Capital of Norway
 - 53 Sticky home?
 - 56 Cuba — (rum cocktail)
 - 59 Tennis champ Andre
 - 60 Courteous act, to a Brit
 - 62 — secret (didn't blab)
 - 64 Judge's wear
 - 65 "Pardon me"
 - 66 Done the backstroke, e.g.
 - 67 Prefix with 104-Down
 - 69 House unit
 - 70 Jordanian queen dowager
 - 73 Major combat while
 - 76 Word before hall or crier
 - 78 Jesuit college in Worcester
 - 80 Part of NYSE
 - 82 Attach with laces, say
 - 83 Lost traction on the ice
 - 84 Waste time
 - 85 Bioelectric fishes
 - 87 Tiara go-with
 - 89 Five-armed echinoderms
 - 90 Lots to leave autos in, to Brits
 - 92 "Lowdown" singer
 - 93 Scaggs
 - 94 World of Warcraft, e.g.
 - 95 Nike rival
 - 96 Grand home
 - 97 Touched comfortingly
 - 98 Jewel
 - 99 Blabbed
 - 100 Meat sticker
 - 103 Boxing venue
 - 104 Plastic for a waterbed
 - 106 Suburb of Minneapolis
 - 109 —Pea
 - 110 In time past
 - 111 Makes moist
 - 112 Word before while
 - 115 "The Raven" poet
 - 116 Inclined
 - 117 Rustic denial



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

Salmon Gravlax



Of the many foods that define the Pacific Northwest, such as apples, berries, wild mushrooms, and shellfish, at the top of the list is the mighty salmon. Culturally and spiritually significant to our various indigenous tribes, salmon was also quickly revered by settler communities. Flavorful and versatile, the many ways to eat salmon represent the diverse cultures that have also come to define this beautiful part of the world. Here I have an easy recipe for gravlax, a Scandinavian style cured salmon that makes an elegant and memorable dish.

Ingredients:

- 2-pound fresh salmon fillet, skin on (see notes)
- 1 tablespoon whole peppercorns
- 1 tablespoon juniper berries
- 1 tablespoon crushed red pepper (optional)
- 1 teaspoon caraway seeds
- 2 teaspoons whole fennel seeds
- 1 teaspoon celery seeds
- ¼ cup fresh chives, minced
- ¼ cup fresh dill, minced
- ¼ cup fresh thyme, minced
- Zest of one lemon
- 8 ounces rock salt (see notes)
- 8 ounces white sugar

Directions:

With the flat side of a large knife, or in a mortar and pestle, coarsely crush the peppercorns, juniper berries, caraway seeds with the fennel seeds. Then add to a bowl along with the red pepper, celery seeds, chives, dill, thyme, lemon zest, sugar, and salt. Mix to combine.

Rinse salmon fillet in cold water, then pat completely dry with paper towels. Use tweezers to carefully remove any pin bones from the salmon fillet.

On work surface, place two large sheets of parchment or wax paper, slightly overlapping. Spread about half of the salt mixture on paper, roughly in the shape of the salmon. Place fillet, skin side down over the salt, then top with the remaining salt mixture. Make sure the salt mixture is spread evenly and thickly over the entire piece of fish. Wrap paper tightly around fillet to completely cover. Place wrapped salmon in a large zip-top plastic bag, press out as much air as possible and seal the bag. Cover the fillet with a smaller dish, or cutting board, and place weights on top such as a couple of cans from the pantry.

Set dish in the refrigerator to cure. After first 12 hours, flip salmon, then return weights and set back in fridge. Repeat after another 12 hours. After another 12 hours, remove salmon from fridge, 36 hours total for a medium cure (see notes). Unwrap the salmon, scrape off the salt mixture, and gently rinse clean under cold water. Pat dry and return to a clean dish. Set dish back in the fridge and chill for another 3 to 12 hours uncovered. This final time in the fridge allows the surface to dry slightly and gives the salt more time to evenly permeate the fillet.

When ready to serve, use a very sharp knife and cut at an angled bias, to make thin slices off the skin. Do not cut through or serve the skin. Garnish with fresh dill. Stored in a covered dish, gravlax is good to serve for 3 to 5 days after curing.

Notes:

This dish requires using the highest quality fish you can find. Look for fresh, wild-caught Pacific Northwest or Alaskan salmon fillets. Some stores will label the best fish as "sashimi grade." Avoid farmed salmon. A high-quality fish that has been flash frozen will work, when fully thawed in the fridge before curing. If getting fillets from a larger salmon, such as a Chinook salmon, look for center cut fillets. Fresh wild salmon is in season May through late September.

The specific salt used in this recipe is also important. You want to use a pure, culinary rock or coarse salt. A coarse kosher salt will work, too. DO NOT use fine table salt, as the cure will be too salty. Also, do not use an iodized salt, as it will discolor the fish.

A medium cure (36 hours) will have a firm outside, and a softer cured (but not raw) center. You can add another 12 hours of curing time in the salt mixture (48 hours total), for a firmer, hard cure gravlax. Both versions will be noticeably less salty than store bought gravlax. This recipe is for a 2-pound fillet of salmon but can easily be halved for a one-pound piece of fish. Curing time will be about the same, unless the fillet is very thin.

Serve slices of gravlax, with your favorite accompaniments, as an appetizer or as part of a brunch spread. Classics include slices of rye toast, cream cheese or crème fraiche, stone ground mustard, thin sliced red onion, and capers. Try slices wrapped around blanched asparagus with a homemade hollandaise sauce, for a special seasonal treat. Enjoy!

Super Crossword

Weekly SUDOKU

Answers

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LAST PAGE

Around the Valley: With Karen Huwe

Waitsburg High School/Middle School Bands & Choir performed at the Spring Music Program on Tuesday, May 17, in the High School Auditorium. Director Elizabeth Arebalos-Jagelski and the students presented the crowd with an array of songs. The sixth and seventh-grade beginning band started the evening off, followed by the high school and middle school mixed band.

A highlight of the evening was a performance by Natalie Knudson, who played the piano and sang her original composition, "Natalie's Song."

The nine-members choir entertained with a selection of songs and the high school band concluded the evening's performance.

Principal Stephanie Wooderchak presented the senior band members with appreciation certificates following the program. Recognized were seniors Alexis Reeves, Caleb Barron, and Olivya McFarland. Senior Jessie Atteberry was absent due to illness.



Natalie Knudson performing "Natalie's Song"

PG's Wine of the Week



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Tranche and its Blue Mountain Vineyard occupy a spectacular setting on the eastern edge of Walla Walla. The focus is on Rhône-style varietals and blends that may be enjoyed picnic-style on the expansive grounds. Regular weekend concerts are held outdoors throughout spring and summer (full disclosure – my band plays there once or twice a year). It's fair to say you cannot get anything less than a wonderful wine at Tranche, but this week's feature is a particularly good value. An estate-grown blend of six southern French white grapes, this is vinified and aged in a mix of concrete eggs and French oak. It's ripe, rich and loaded with buttery tropical fruit flavors of melon, papaya and peach. The acids keep it fresh and refreshing, though not tart, and there's a seam of butterscotch lacing through the finish. A better alt-white would be hard to imagine.

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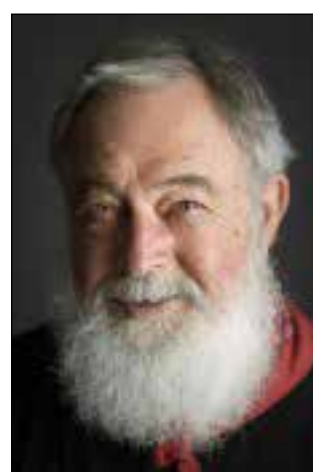
RED PINE IS COMING TO ROYAL BLOCK

THE TIMES

The Royal Block Reading Series welcomes inimitable Red Pine, né Bill Porter on Tuesday, May 31 at 6 p.m.

While traveling with Porter through Yunnan Province, Joseph Roberts was astonished by his celebrity -even in the most remote villages.

"My sense is that he is revered in China not just for taking interest in and deftly translating ancient Chinese poetry and Buddhist texts, but for re-introducing China's rich literary history to its own modern-day citizens. Bill is as unassuming as he is engaging. He will be joined by Michael Wieggers, Copper Canyon Press Editor in Chief, for a Q&A.



Dead: The Life and Times of Red Pine.

This will be an evening to remember," said Roberts.

The reading will take place at the Royal Block on Tuesday, May 31 at 6 p.m. Admission is free, though donations are welcome and will support Copper Canyon Press' publication of the anthology *Red Pine: Dancing with the Dead* and premiere of the documentary film *Dancing with the*

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