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Karen Huwe

This little guy looked a little dazed after hitting his head on the ice, helping to break up the ice on Rainbow Lake last Monday to get ready for the March 1st opening at Tucannon Lakes.

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Garden with the Columbia County Rural Library

A four-week series taught by gardening and soil experts will provide basic knowledge for growing greens this summer

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Columbia County Rural Library District welcomes the WSU Extension's Master Gardening Program for a four-week intro into all things gardening, starting with the dirty work- literally! The program begins on March 7 and the first Monday of each month, through June.

Director of Library Services Todd Vandembark said the first class would be about seeds and soil. An introduction to soil, additives, composting, and the benefit of worms will be the second session's topic, and the third session will discuss functional aesthetics.

"It's going to be kind of a natural progression," explained Charlie Oribio, the CCRLD employee who has been helping coordinate with WSU. "We are starting with soil and seeds, all of that stuff. Our last one will close with maintenance, pruning, harvest, all of that."

Oribio said that the class is limited to 25 participants, open to all ages, and people are being asked to register ahead of time at the library's front desk. If more than 25 people are interested, the presenter has expressed interest adding a second class to the program. The classes are free!

"There will be tons of guest speakers," Oribio shared. "The speaker at the first session is actually a soil specialist, and they will help kick off the program."

The classes go hand in hand with the library's Seed Library, with packets of seeds being provided by the Friends of the Library organization.

"We put it up every year in the main lobby," Oribio said. "Not only does our lovely Friends of the Library group provide seeds, the Master Gardener from the (WSU) extension will also be providing seeds. People can come in, pick up seeds, and take them home. If they are able to preserve and store seeds, they are encouraged to bring some back for next year."

Oribio said that the Seed Library welcomes donations of seeds that are packaged and labeled. Home-preserved seeds are preferred over store-purchased seeds, as they are tried and true in Dayton's soils. Store bought packets are accepted, however.

The gardening program will start on March 7, at 12 p.m. The hour-long classes will be on the first Monday of each month, with the last class on June 6.

Other library happenings include the Family Story Time, starting at 6:30 p.m. on March 3. This month's featured books, read by Vandembark, will be *The Rainbow Bridge*, by Adrian Raeside, and *Rechenka's Eggs*, by Patricia Polacco.

Discovery Kids is still going on every Wednesday morning, at 10 a.m. and the Friends of the Library's book sale is still happening inside the Delany Room. Books, audiobooks, CD's and DVD's are available for purchase.



Prescott schools, Parks and Rec team with Walla Walla YMCA

Prescott finds solutions to bring swimming and drowning prevention training to students.

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

PRESCOTT—Students at Prescott Schools will soon be headed to the Walla Walla YMCA for swimming, CPR, and first aid courses. WWYMCA Executive Director Karen Hedine shared that the new program was made possible through a Community Impact Grant, offered by the Sherwood Trust.

Hedine said the grant supports two primary objectives: Providing drowning prevention and swim lessons for all Prescott School District elementary students, and providing American Red Cross certification in First Aid and CPR, as well as lifeguarding skills and training for high school students.

The project is a collaboration between the WWYMCA, the Prescott School District, and the Prescott Joint Parks and Recreation department. According to Hedine, Superintendent Justin Bradford will coordinate the program's schedule. Elementary swimming lessons will be taught at the Y's pool, in Walla Walla. High school classes will begin on the Prescott campus shortly, Hedine shared, but COVID-19 has slowed things down a bit.

"Water safety lessons decrease drowning risk by up to 88%," Hedine wrote, in an email. "Children who learn to swim, build confidence, endurance, muscle strength, and cardiovascular fitness; they maintain a healthy weight, improve heart and lung health, and reduce chronic diseases, like asthma."

CPR and First-aid training will help students qualify as lifeguards and swim instructors for the Prescott pool. The training also helps students develop leadership and decision-making skills.

Hedine said that the Y covers the cost of all training, and pays a stipend to the students who put in the needed hours to pass the lifeguard class. Details are still being finalized, but Hedine did confirm that the Parks and Rec department is entering an agreement with the YMCA to run the pool this summer. More details will be released at a later time.



Courtesy photo
Karen Hedine



Prescott Pool is an important asset to the Prescott, Dayton and Waitsburg communities.

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AT THE LIBERTY:

Uncharted

THE TIMES

DAYTON—*Uncharted* is based on one of the best-selling and most critically acclaimed video game series of all time. It tells the story of Nathan Drake (Tom Holland) and his first adventure with rival-turned-partner Victor “Sully” Sullivan (Mark Wahlberg). *Uncharted* will introduce audiences to how Nathan Drake becomes the treasure hunter as he unravels one of history’s greatest mysteries and treasures in an action-adventure epic that spans the globe. The cast also includes Sophia Ali, Tati Gabrielle, and Antonio Banderas.

Rotten Tomatoes critics gave this movie a 40% “fresh,” but 90% of the audience rated it favorably. The audience summary from Rotten Tomatoes was, “With plenty of action and a terrific cast, *Uncharted* is a solid adaptation of the games -- and a fun throwback to classic adventure movies of the past.” It is rated PG-13 for violence/action and language. The runtime is 115 minutes.

This movie will show March 4-6 and 8 at the Liberty Theater’s usual days and times (see advertisement below, or the theater website). Use of masks is required of guests, and seating is distanced between groups.

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ANYTHING GOES SCREENING AT GESA POWER HOUSE THEATRE

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Gesa Power House Theatre presents a Live Cinema screening of *Anything Goes* on Sunday, March 27 at 1:00 p.m.

Filmed live at the Barbican in London, and screening for the first time to select international cinemas, this new production of the classic musical comedy features an all-star cast led by renowned Broadway royalty Sutton Foster reprising her Tony Award-winning performance as Reno Sweeney, alongside three-time Olivier Award and Tony Award winner Robert Lindsay (*My Family*), Evening Standard Theatre Award winner Felicity Kendal (*The Good Life*) and beloved West End Legend Gary Wilmot (*Chicago*).

Anything Goes will take audiences back to the Golden Age of high society on the seas. When the S.S. American heads out to sea, etiquette and convention head out the portholes as two unlikely pairs set off on the course to true love, proving that sometimes destiny needs a little help from a crew of singing sailors, a humorous disguise, and some good old-fashioned blackmail. This hilarious musical romp across the Atlantic, directed by the multi-award-winning Broadway director and choreographer Kathleen Marshall, features Cole Porter’s joyful score, including *I Get a Kick Out of You*, *You’re the Top*, and the show-stopping *Anything Goes*.

Filmed during a live event, the Live Cinema Series broadcasts offer audiences an equivalent to the best seat in the house, with incredibly detailed close-ups of the performers. The Live Cinema Series is supported by Shakespeare Walla Walla.

This screening has an approximate runtime of 2 hours 45 minutes. Beer, wine, popcorn, and snacks will be available for purchase and may be taken into the theater.

Reserved seating tickets (\$15 adults, \$10 students) are available online at www.phtww.org or by calling the box office at 509-529-6500.

Additional precautions, such as required mask use, will be observed based on the latest guidance from state and county health departments.

EQUINE INDUSTRY SUPPORT BILL HEADS TO SENATE FOR SECOND READING

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Washington state legislative bill HB1928 (2021-22), concerning equine industry support, has passed the House and moved to the state Senate. On February 28, the Senate sent the bill to the Rules Committee for a second reading.

Sponsored by Rep. Joe Schmick (R), Rep. Drew Stokesbary (R), Rep. Robert Sutherland (R), Rep. Emily Wicks (D), and Rep. Tom Dent (R), the bill could bring \$6 million in support to Washington’s equine industry, including but not exclusively horse racing. The funds will come from sales tax collected through industry-related sales, including bedding, feed, horses, equine medication, and grooming supplies.

Approximately \$600,000 has been set aside for smaller tracks such as Kennewick’s Sundowns and possibly smaller tracks, including Dayton’s class C track. Many of the smaller tracks will have challenges bringing facilities back to race conditions.

Non-racing programs could also benefit from \$900,000 reserved for groups including 4-H, FFA, agricultural fairs, and rodeos.

\$450,000 has been set aside to the Washington Horse Racing Commission for regulatory costs, and \$450,000 has been reserved for the Washington Breeder’s Bonus.

The majority of the money will go to the larger racing venues and businesses. As much as \$3.6 million will benefit the only Class 1 racing association, at Emerald Downs. A popular track with spectators and owners, Emerald Downs is owned by the Muckleshoot Tribe. \$2.7 million of that share would go directly to purses, with the remaining amount being used for facility upgrades and equine health and research.

To follow progress on the bill, visit <https://legiscan.com/WA/bill/HB1928/2021>, or <https://tinyurl.com/4zxsx6j4>.

DAYTON HISTORICAL DEPOT SOCIETY DIRECTOR LEAVING POST.

THE TIMES

DAYTON—After six and a half years of employment, Tamara Fritze has left the Dayton Historical Depot Society to pursue other interests. As the Depot Museum Director, Tamara created many interesting exhibits and newsletters sharing her wealth of knowledge about local history. The society is grateful for her years of dedicated service and wishes her well in her future endeavors. Shellie McLeod will take over the responsibilities of this role.

McLeod was hired as Events Manager for the Depot in March of 2020. Before a successful year of coordinating (primarily virtual) events, she was the co-owner and operator of The Weinhard Hotel in Dayton for 12 years with her husband, Gary McLeod. McLeod has deep roots in the community. She grew up on a farm on the North Touchet, then raised her two children in Dayton. Over the years, McLeod has served on the board of directors for Touchet Valley Arts Council, Blue Mountain Heritage Society, and the Dayton Chamber of Commerce. Her community involvement and experience in hospitality management make her an excellent fit for this position.

LETTERS

QUESTIONS TO A COUNTY COMMISSIONER

THE TIMES

Dear Editor

In the last two weeks I have read two articles in The Times quoting Columbia County Commissioner Chuck Amerein, each of them a complete contradiction to the other. In the first article, “Commissioners approve \$5,000 grant to The Club” printed Feb. 17, 2022, Commissioner Amerein seems to suggest that funding could be withheld from this organization because they do not show sufficient patriotism by flying the American flag. He did not address the fact that The Club is a private non-profit organization providing a much-needed service to the community. He did not address the fact that the money was coming from the Juvenile Justice Fund, having no strings involving patriotism attached.

The very next week, Mr. Amerein attended a school board meeting and voiced his opinion that our school district should not enforce the WA State mask mandate because, “it’s about compliance, it’s about teaching blind obedience and I don’t think that’s something I’d like to see happen because the safety of our nation depends on the kind of people we raise in it.”

Which is it, Mr. Amerein? Are you looking for compliance and blind obedience from an organization who puts up a flag to appease you (and keep their funding), or do you want disobedience from a state funded school to assert their freedom and independence?

Shellie McLeod
Dayton, Wash.

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PROVIDENCE ST. MARY EASING VISITOR RESTRICTIONS TO ALLOW TWO VISITORS PER PATIENT; MORE FOR END OF LIFE

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Due to declining cases of COVID-19 in the community, Providence St. Mary is easing visitor restrictions to allow two visitors/support people per patient beginning on February 23, 2022.

The visitors must remain the same individuals throughout the patient's stay/appointment and cannot rotate. They may come once a day and may not come and repeatedly go within the same day.

Patients who are expected to pass away in 12 to 24 hours may have four visitors at a time, and those visitors may rotate. For example, if a family of 10 wanted to visit, they would divide up and rotate through, four at a time, until all could visit.

Additionally:

- No visitors are allowed in COVID positive or isolation rooms unless the patient is at the end of life.
- In the Birthing Center, two support people of the mother's choosing are permitted throughout the stay. They cannot rotate.
- Patients under the age of 18 may have two support people, with one of them required to be a parent or guardian legally able to make decisions. They cannot rotate.
- In addition to the visitors outlined, patients may have visits from clergy.

All visitors are required to wear medical-grade surgical masks fully covering their nose and mouth while in the hospital, including while in the patient room. This requirement does not change after March 12. The change to Washington state's indoor mask mandate does not apply to health care facilities. Masking will continue to be required statewide in all healthcare facilities in Washington State for the foreseeable future.

One will be provided if the visitor does not have a surgical mask. Bandanas, gaiters, and cloth masks have been proven not to provide sufficient protection, so in the interest of keeping everyone safe, these forms of face coverings are not acceptable.

Providence St. Mary is asking all visitors to help do everything possible to maintain proper masking. Proper masking with a good quality mask is a primary line of defense against COVID.

Providence St. Mary asks patients and their families to consider communication through phone calls and video chats as their primary means of communication. The hospital staff has iPads on hand and can help set this up upon request for patients who don't already have the capability on their personal devices.

Washington's indoor mask mandate ending 9 days earlier. on March 12

State follows CDC guidance as COVID-19 case rates continue to fall.

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA/COLUMBIA COUNTIES—Grocery stores, childcare facilities, gyms, bars, and restaurants are just a few of the indoor industries in Washington preparing for a sooner-than-anticipated mask mandate lift. Governor Jay Inslee Monday announced that Washington's mask mandate will be lifted on March 12, instead of the original March 21 date.

The announcement was made in a joint statement with the governors of California and Oregon, following updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"We've continued to monitor data from our state Department of Health, and have determined we are able to adjust the timing of our statewide mask requirement," Inslee said in the joint statement. "While this represents another step forward for Washingtonians, we must still be mindful that many within our communities remain vulnerable. Many businesses and families will continue choosing to wear masks, because we've learned how effective they are at keeping one another safe."

As of Tuesday, March 1, Walla Walla County had 25 new cases, and 222 active cases. Hospitalizations total 9. In Columbia County, two active cases. (updated data as of March 3).

According to new CDC metrics, less than 30% of people in the United States live in a county labeled as 'high risk' and need to continue to mask indoors. Previously, about 99% of the US population lived in a high risk transmission area.

While the CDC previously looked at transmission within communities as a key metric for transmission likelihood, the new metrics are based on three key points of information: New COVID-19 hospitalizations, hospital capacity, and new COVID-19 cases. Both Walla Walla and Columbia counties have been designated as 'moderate' risk under the new guidance.

More than 70% of the US population resides in a 'moderate' or 'low' risk area, under the new guidance, with the CDC saying that there is no recommendation for indoor masking unless you are at a potential increased risk for COVID-19. The CDC advises that at-risk individuals speak with their healthcare provider to determine if they should continue to mask.

In Washington, indoor mask requirements will be lifted as of 11:59 p.m. on March 11. This new date does not change any other aspect of the updated mask requirements Inslee announced last week. Masks will still be required in certain settings including health care, corrections facilities, long-term care facilities, and public transportation. The Washington State Department of Health will be issuing new guidance for K-12 schools next week so schools can prepare to implement updated safety protocols.

WHITMAN MISSION NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE VISITOR CENTER TO CLOSE MARCH 15-17

The closure will allow staff to prepare for the 2022 season

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA— On March 15th-17th, 2022, the Whitman Mission National Historic Site Visitor Center will be closed for staff to participate in professional and employee development. The interpretive park rangers will join staff from Big Hole National Battlefield and Nez Perce National Historical Park to share expertise and resources to prepare for the upcoming summer season.

The following areas will continue to be available:

- Picnic area
- Restrooms

- All trails and grounds

The Visitor Center will reopen to the public, March 18, 2022, at 9:00 am. Winter hours remain Tuesday thru Saturday, 9:00 am- 4:00 pm.

Whitman Mission National Historic Site is located 8 miles west of Walla Walla, WA on Whitman Mission Road. In the winter the Visitor Center is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free. For more information, please contact Whitman Mission National Historic Site at 509-522-6360, or visit www.nps.gov/whmi.

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
February 24, 12:00 p.m.
Ten Ton Coffee, 216 Main Street, Waitsburg
Zoom info available by emailing waitsburg-cc@icloud.com

Waitsburg Gun Club

TBA-General Membership / Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Walla Walla County Commissioners

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

Friends of the Weller Public Library

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

Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Meeting

First and third Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Lions Club, Waitsburg Fairgrounds
For more information email: waitsburgpr@protonmail.com

Weller Library Book Club

March 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
at Weller Public Library

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Location to be announced

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.

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Dayton City Council

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

Dayton School Board

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

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

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

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

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

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting - Online

Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon
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Starbuck City Council

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

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L: Haystacks
Veggie
Fruit

Friday, March 4

B: Yogurt Parfait
L: Hamburger & fries
Baked beans
Veggie
Fruit
Cookie

Monday, March 7

B: Omelet, Hashbrown & sausage
L: Pulled pork sandwich
Baked beans
Chips
Veggie
Fruit

Tuesday, March 8

B: Biscuit & Gravy
L: Orange chicken & rice
Veggie
Fruit
Fortune cookie

Wednesday, March 9

B: Cinnamon roll
L: Chicken strips
Curly fries
Veggie
Fruit



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Fr. Steve Werner

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SPORTS

When Major Leaguers played against prisoners

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

With no new progress on major league baseball's collective bargaining agreement (CBA), it looks like some regular-season games will be canceled this year. The owners have continued to lock out the players impacting spring training. Without a chance to prepare players for the regular season, we will lose games. After a CBA is accepted, it will take at least four weeks of spring training before the regular season can begin. It's anyone's guess when that will be since both sides seem to be far apart in the negotiations.

But this article isn't about players that are locked out, it's about players that are locked up. California and New York prisons hosted baseball games as early as the 1880s and played against MLB players in 1913. Over the years, some of the biggest

stars in baseball, including Babe Ruth and Joe DiMaggio, played in these games against prisoners.

San Quentin State Prison in California has had a history of baseball beginning in 1902 and still has teams today. After try-outs in February, players are split into two teams, the Giants and the A's. Baseball was suspended at the prison due to COVID-19 since March 12, 2020. Try-outs opened back up on June 9, 2021. Unfortunately, the suspension broke a streak of twenty-five consecutive seasons played on a field lined with razor wire.

On September 5, 1929, the New York Yankees led by Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig went to Sing Sing prison to play an exhibition game against the prisoners. The Yankees won the game 17-3, with Ruth hitting three home runs and pitching the final two innings. One of Ruth's homers, according to legend, traveled six hundred twenty feet.

A game at the Folsom State Prison in California in February 1942 had to be stopped after the seventh inning with Dom DiMaggio's (Joe's brother) All-Stars team ahead 24-5. The stoppage wasn't due to a mercy rule in the score but the discovery that two prisoners had escaped. Industrious convicts Elvia Mead and Philip Gardner cut a hole in the prison yard fence during the game.

"They jumped into the power canal, swam across the swift stream and pulled themselves up the bank with prison-made ropes," according to the United Press.

Gardner was caught at the final guard post, and Mead was found six miles away at Mississippi Bar. Surprisingly, Folsom continued to host games after the escape attempt. It had been hosting games in the prison yard since 1915 and continued until 1965, when the field was paved over.



DW Girls Basketball wraps up the season with a win

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

DW Wolfpack middle school girls' basketball team played strong on both offense and defense on Tuesday, February 22, when they traveled to Liberty Christian in Walla Walla. Fourteen girls saw playing time in their 29-10 win.

On Thursday, February 24, DW played in their last home game against Liberty Christian of Richland. The game was a close, well-played game that LC pulled out in the last couple of minutes to win 21-18.

DW Wolfpack middle school girls' basketball team played their last game of the season at Touchet on Monday, February 28. The girls won the game 31-6.

(right) #42 Peyton Benevides tips LC's shot as Cindi (#2), Jaelynn and Rosemary look to rebound

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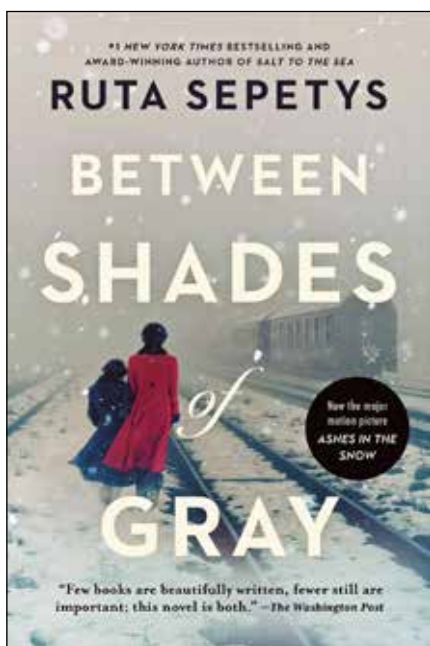
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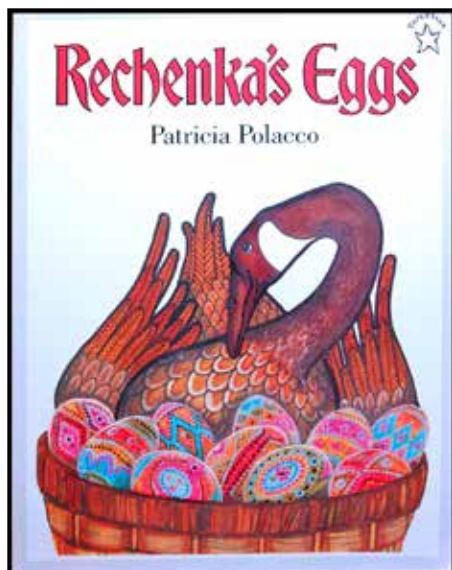
Library Reviews:

by Todd Vandenberg, MLS.

Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys is the story of Lina, a 15-year old girl living in Lithuania during World War II. One night the Soviet secret police enter Lina's home and send their family to forced labor camps in Siberia, with her father going to one camp and the rest of the family going to another. Lina, her younger brother, and her mother must labor in inhuman conditions to survive. Lina takes solace in art, embedding clues in her artwork that she hopes will one day help her father rejoin the rest of the family. This haunting and moving work of historical fiction exemplifies the untold story of ethnic Lithuanians during World War II, a story eerily similar to the Jews of Nazi Germany. The movie *Ashes in the Snow* is based on this book. The library has multiple copies available for you to read, including a graphic novel version.



Looking for a heartwarming children's tale for Easter? *Rechenka's Eggs* by Patricia Polacco is a story about Old Babushka (grandmother) whose hand-painted, Russian Easter eggs are the most beautiful in all of old Moscow. One day she takes in an injured goose who repays Old Babushka for her kindness by laying the most beautiful Russian Easter eggs anyone has ever seen. Illustrated in vibrant color and detail, this charming book was a favorite for both of my daughters when they were growing up.



Dayton Library's February poetry slam

THE TIMES



(left) Veronica Manis' poem, *Sheep Thrills*, received plenty of laughs from listeners on February 23. Manis' poem, chronicled the events of a little boy who took his sheep-pulled cart to the market. Things got a little wild and wooly, but the best part of all, Manis said that her poem was based on true events. Manis was awarded Dayton Dollars for her reading.



(right) Peggy James, of Dayton, read her poem titled *Love: The Ultimate Sacrifice*, at the Columbia County Rural Library District's February Poetry Slam. James shared that she wrote the poem for a contest she participated in while in high school. She received the highest marks from listeners, and was awarded Dayton Dollars, courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Roadside Northwest offering basic roadside services

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

PRESCOTT—Flat tires, locked doors, and empty gas tanks are just a few common car troubles that Roadside Northwest can help with.

Brian Danaher said that he founded Roadside Northwest in 2014, after he worked various jobs in auto shops and service stations. He said he left the car repair industry because, at the time, it was notorious for trying to sell services that customers didn't need.

He was working for a roadside service company in Hillsboro, Ore., and upon leaving that job, he took his last paycheck, bought the tools for his own roadside service business, and hit the ground running.

Danaher has operated Roadside Northwest in Corvallis, Ore., and Portland, Ore., before settling in Prescott. Since 2020, he has struggled to maintain employees as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and its subsequent restrictions.

Operating in Portland was tough for a service company, Danaher explained, because the public transportation system is so robust and so heavily used, the demand to rescue stranded drivers was low.

He said that he had been trying to get out of Portland for a while, and saw the chance to leave when his mother purchased property in Prescott. He offered to move to Washington with her to help her out as she recovers from needed surgeries.

As a business owner, Danaher said that he remembers how it felt when he was expected to sell services that car owners didn't need, and reflects on those feelings for his pricing models.

For the time being, Roadside Northwest offers everything but towing, including unlocking vehicle doors, jumpstarts, both gas and diesel fuel delivery, and tire changes. Danaher said that he previously had a tow truck and car trailer, and plans to add a truck and trailer back into his business after he gets settled in the area.

"Roadside service is pretty easy," Danaher said. "I don't care what time of day or night it is- I'll be there after a call."

If your car gets cranky and says 'no more' while on the road, give Danaher a call at (971) 533-6349 or email roadsidenorthwest@gmail.com. The business is also on Facebook, by searching the name.

"A good business starts with the locals," Danaher said.



"THE WRESTLER'S DAUGHTER" AT ROYAL BLOCK, LOOSE COLLECTIVE AT PLAZA THEATER MUSIC, BOOKS, AND GOOD TIMES ARE HEADED TO WAITSBURG THIS WEEKEND

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Shake off the winter blues and head to downtown Waitsburg this weekend for music, books, or both!

Local band Loose Collective will be performing at Waitsburg's Plaza Theater on Friday, March 4. Hailing from Walla Walla, Loose Collective has a funky style that is perfect for dancing. \$5 donations are welcome at the door, and some refreshments will be available. The band kicks off at 8 p.m.

On Saturday March 5, the Royal Block Wine Bar is hosting Waitsburg's own Markeeta Little Wolf for a reading of her book, "The Wrestler's Daughter." Enjoy an adventure into Little Wolf's international career as an entertainer, her local days in Waitsburg as mayor, and her expertise in the kitchen. Catch a glimpse of the author's relationship with her father, Big Chief Little Wolf, through recipes and stories. Don't be surprised if a little singing takes place!

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Alaskan Nets documentary to play at school fundraiser

The documentary follows the Metlakatla Chiefs basketball team, coached by TJ Scott, formerly of Waitsburg.

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

METLAKATLA, Alaska—The documentary Alaskan Nets premiered at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival in April 2021. The movie focuses on former Waitsburg-Prescott basketball coach TJ Scott who now coaches the Metlakatla Chiefs basketball.

Scott first moved to Metlakatla in 2012 after the school superintendent reached out to him about a coaching position.

“I was teaching part-time in Prescott and coaching for Waitsburg-Prescott when I got a call from the superintendent here,” Scott said. “They were looking for a head basketball coach, and he pretty much said he would find a full-time teaching job for me, but they didn’t know in what department yet. Basically, they wanted me for a coach, and they’d find a place for me to teach.”

It took a moment for Scott to decide if he wanted to move to a remote community, accessible only by plane or boat, but he ultimately decided to take the leap. He said he fell in love with the area, and he’s been there ever since. He was joined in 2016 by his (now) wife, Ashley Coila Scott (also from Waitsburg).

Sports are a completely different situation for remote island communities. In Waitsburg, athletes load up on a bus, drive a couple of hours to their game destination, play, and come home. Regional

and state-level games may take athletes away for a weekend, but never much longer than two or three days.

In Metlakatla, however, league games are a four-to-five-day ordeal.

“When we go play Haines, for example, we leave on Thursday morning. We ferry to Ketchikan, stay in Ketchikan for the day, and then fly to Juneau, and stay the night in Juneau. Then, we get up at five in the morning and take a ferry to Haines, which is a six-hour ferry,” Scott said. “We play Friday and Saturday, and we ferry back Sunday, fly back to Ketchikan, and we are home by Monday night. And that’s only a league game.”

The extra travel time has given Scott a chance to develop a positive relationship with his athletes. He said that he has become a father figure to many, because he spends so much time with the athletes.

“It’s a whole different dynamic up here. I spend a lot of time with my team, but I’m also away from my family that much more,” he said.

A couple of years into his coaching career, Scott said independent journalist Samuel Wilson asked to follow the team for a month. The final essay and photographs were featured online by ESPN, and discovered by producer Jeff Harasimowicz (Ultimate Rush, Way of Life).

Experienced film producer and sports enthusiast, Harasimowicz said that he had always been interested in doing a “Friday Night Lights” type story and was intrigued by Wilson’s essay.

“Seeing those images and hearing a little bit about the community. The only Native reserve in Alaska, where high schoolers are doing this very lucrative, yet dangerous, job (commercial fishing) to support their families, and the fact that basketball is the kind of the center of this community’s passion, and tradition, and pride,” Harasimowicz said.

“It was this unbelievable intersection for a super-compelling story.”

Harasimowicz’s crew got very close with the athletes and the community, forming a family-like bond. The dangerous reality of the fishing industry was especially hard for the crew to come to terms with.

This was an excerpt from an article published in the March 4, 2021 issue of *The Times*.

Save the date!

The Waitsburg Class of 2023 will show the movie Alaskan Nets on Saturday, March 19, a fundraising event presented by Alaska Airlines. The Alaskan Nets website states that the award-winning film tells the story of a small Alaskan village and their 2018 boys’ basketball team. It’s a story about life and a story about a community overcoming hardship.

There are two sacred traditions on the remote Southeast Alaska island of Metlakatla: fishing and basketball. Waitsburg High School alumni, TJ Scott is the coach of the team that won their first championship in over 30 years. The movie will begin at 6 p.m. in the WHS auditorium.

Prior to the movie the Class of 2023 will host a dinner; serving hamburgers starting at 5 p.m.

There will be a silent auction to benefit students attending the Alaskan Biology and Washington, DC trips. Save the date, March 19, and stay tuned for more information before the event.



Courtesy of Alaska Nets/ Jeff Harasimowicz

Metlakatla Chiefs coach TJ Scott and his team celebrate a moment of victory. Scott has been coaching basketball since 2012, and said he has fallen in love with the small Alaska Native community, and the Alaskan Island lifestyle.

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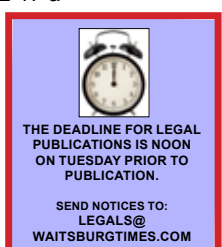
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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
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RCW 11.40.030
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Palouse Outdoors: Fishing the Trestle

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

“So, you wrote a book on bird hunting? You should write one on fishing”, Scott said.

“That’s a strong possibility, considering I have twenty years’ more fishing stories over bird hunting in the bank,” I replied. “Lately, I’ve been thinking of the days when we fished below the train trestle where the creek spilled into North River.”

Scott is one of my long-time fishing buddies from Virginia. Hunting just never resonated with him the way fishing did, and I could hear him light up at the mention of our childhood days spent on our best local bass waters.

North River is a tributary to the South Fork Shenandoah River that begins its journey as a brook trout stream in Virginia’s George Washington National Forest. From there, it generally flows southeast approximately fifty-five miles, winding through the beef and poultry farms of the Shenandoah Valley to its confluence with Middle River between Weyers Cave and Port Republic. Shortly after the river exits National Forest, fish species transition from trout to a variety of basses, catfishes, and sunfishes.

While trains crisscross the river at several locations along its course, the particular trestle that Scott and I reminisced of was a unique spot situated near his home. In those days, anticipation would keep us up most of the night, and with the rising sun, we would march to the river, which was only a mile or so from Scott’s house.

At the end of the street where we jumped onto the tracks was a small pond off to the left. Canada geese honked noisily and guarded their tiny yellow chicks



Smallmouth bass like this, and some far bigger, were a common catch on the rivers back home.

as we passed during late spring. That pond has some stories of its own, like the night Scott caught the likely world’s record yellow bullhead catfish in the hissing glow of a Coleman lantern with the aroma of chicken liver on the air.

The tracks were carved through limestone bedrock, leaving a steep and high embankment along its course. A quintessential Valley woodlot shaded the tracks beneath a canopy of native maple, black locust, and oak. Where the tracks spanned the river corridor, the sun shone on the trestle like a spotlight at the end of a tunnel.

At the river’s edge, the terrain fell away from the tracks, plummeting approximately sixty feet into the floodplain carved by the river over millennia. The descent (and later ascent) was characterized by limestone outcrops, slick red clay, and gravel from the above train corridor. Conditions worthy of breaking rods and tackle boxes, as well as bones if we were to take a tumble.

The river split around small islands just upstream of the trestle. Scott would fish the bigger pool and boulders beneath the tracks while I hit the braids and smaller pools upstream. A white, two-inch Mister Twister grub, banana-scented, was one of the few items I carried. To this day, I cannot fathom why or

how pieces of banana-smelling rubber were so effective or how we even wound up trying them out, but those grubs literally caught everything that swam big enough to eat them. Rigging them up on a hook with no weight, I would toss them into the current and let them spin or cast across current and drift them down over boulders and bedrock seams, much like swinging a fly for steelhead, which I knew nothing of in those days.

On occasion, I would switch from the grub to a tiny crankbait like a crawdad or “crick-hopper”. I recall a time fishing upstream at the creek mouth a couple hundred yards above the trestle, working a crick-hopper along the water surface with the bait’s tempting wobble. The creek mouth formed a beautiful delta, perched a few feet above North River on bedrock slabs. A deep pool was carved off the end of the delta and a massive sycamore tree and root wad lay on the upstream end. Casting the crick-hopper near that root wad provided hours of entertainment. Once it was engulfed by what I assumed was a sizeable smallmouth bass, but as the fish approached shore, it turned out to be the biggest rock bass or “goggle eye” I would ever see.

Rock bass are an olive-colored panfish with black speckles and similar in shape and size to bluegill, but have a bigger mouth and deep red eyes. This fish, however, was easily fourteen inches long, eight inches deep, and four inches thick. The crick-hopper was wedged sideways in its mouth. Trying to grip the fish’s jaw was futile and with a hefty flop, the line snapped. I dove on the fish, frantic because Scott had yet to see the spectacle, but the beast escaped without witness, locking the fable in my singular memory. Despite sampling thousands of those fish throughout western Virginia as a fisheries technician with the state, I would never see another even remotely comparable in size.

Sometimes we would wade beyond the creek to a large pool carved off to the right at a bend in the river. A different aquatic plant grew there on clean sandy substrate. Similar in appearance to bunchgrass, plants grew in clumps with open riverbed between them. We would cast for largemouth bass there and occasionally land one.

I am far in time and distance from those days below the trestle, and bluebird days of winter stir the memories. I envision wading the rivers of my youth with friends, skirting the cattle (and cowpies) that speckled the riverbanks, and experiencing the innocent wonderment of complete immersion in Mother Nature. No sense of time. Mesmerized by the roar of the river, the aroma of creosote and livestock, and the tug of something finny on the opposite end of the line.



In lieu of photos never taken by a child, this illustration presents the rock bass that were always up for a fight. (Image credit: Iowa Department of Natural Resources)



Wading the riffles and casting behind limestone bars often produced smallmouth bass.

Name that tune (or Appliance)

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

I love music. My parents and many relatives had both musical talents, a great appreciation for music, and there was almost always music playing in our house. My father loved classical music and grew to love opera, influenced by my grandfather, who lived with us who loved both of those genres. My mother owned every Broadway musical album ever recorded and was a big fan of Frankie Lane.

We were the first on our block to have a HiFi which was constantly played. The first “big” gifts I received as a pre-teen were a phonograph (it played 33, 78, and 45 RPMs), a transistor radio to carry around, and a clock radio so I could wake up to music.

Probably, because of the variety of music always playing in our house, I developed very eclectic musical tastes. Depending on my mood or the occasion, I happily listen to opera, classical, Motown, the oldies (Fabian, Bobby Rydell, Paul Anka), country, bluegrass, or the pops; think, Frank Sinatra, Mel Torme’ and Ella. This week at the café, we had a Mardi Gras playlist to go with our Mardi Gras menu. Yes, the Saints were Marched in at least every 30 minutes.

Lately, the songs running through my brain are the annoying sounds from my kitchen. And, for



some reason, the new kettle Daniel just bought has brought this cacophony of “music” to light. I don’t know why these appliance manufacturers think their musical notices are any less intrusive or more pleasant than a simple buzz or ding; they are not!

The new kettle is a beautiful hot pink and has a variety of temperatures you can choose,

depending on what the water is used for. Evidently, various teas have very particular temperatures required to brew the perfect cup.

The kettle plays a “tune” when you set it, another when the water comes to temperature, and another when it is shut off.

The oven “sings” a song to advise it’s at the proper temperature, another tune when the timer is set, and a different one when it stops. The dishwasher

has a specific tone when the power button is pushed, another when you set it to start, and of course, a song when the cycle is completed.

Thankfully, the refrigerator only has one obnoxious tone that lets you know the door has been open too long. What I question; since the oven/range, dishwasher and refrigerator are all the same brand, how much time did the engineers spend composing the large variety of tunes these appliances sing? Of course, we have the washer and dryer, but luckily, I don’t hang out in the laundry room as often as in the kitchen, so I don’t hear their melodies.

Today, with the rain and the wind blowing, my knee-jerk reaction was to run outside and cut down the wind chimes. However, their sounds are more soothing than annoying, probably because they don’t compel me to do anything. I just make sure no loose items are blowing around the yard and revel in my decision to stay warm, cozy, and dry in the house. Next is the silencing of the iPad, phone, and any other device with beeps, dings, dangs, or donges.

I know that Shakespeare wrote in The Twelfth Night, “If music be the food of love, play on,” but, obviously he didn’t live with today’s appliances.

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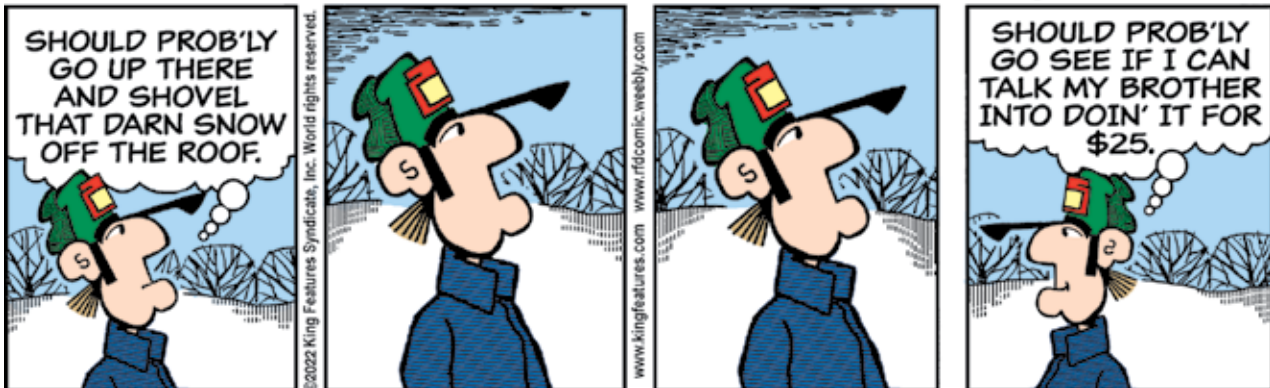
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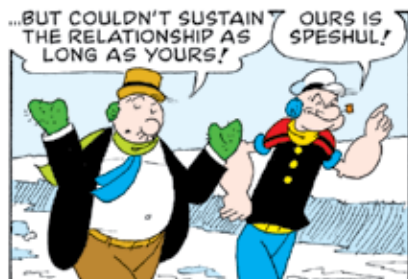
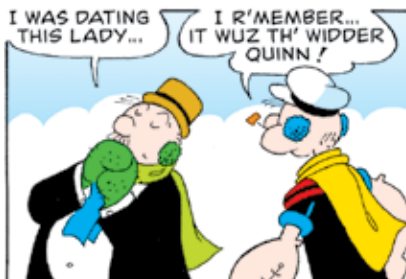
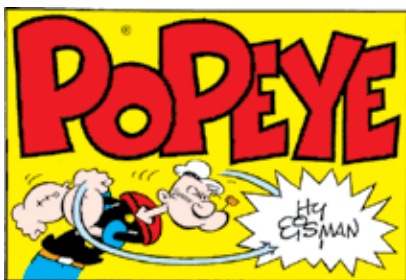
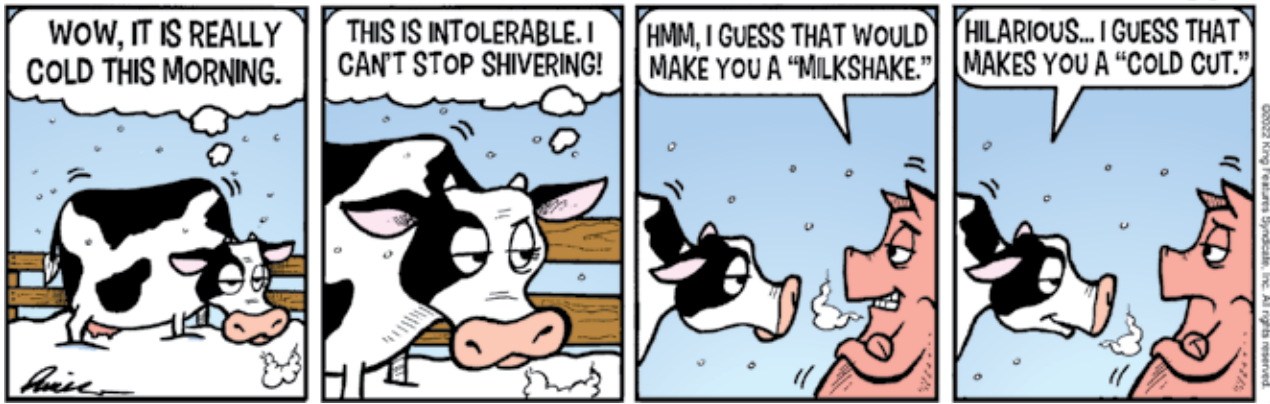
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Touchet Valley Weather

March 2, 2022

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Rain Likely	Scattered Rain	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy
High: 54 Low: 41	High: 49 Low: 36	High: 48 Low: 33	High: 47 Low: 30	High: 49 Low: 32	High: 50 Low: 34	High: 49 Low: 32

Weather Trivia

Can tornadoes rotate in the wrong direction?

ANSWER: Some tornadoes rotate clockwise, opposite of the normal rotation.

Weather History

March 2, 1975 - The "Governor's Tornado" in Atlanta did considerable damage to the governor's mansion and surrounding areas, resulting in three deaths and 56.5 million dollars in damage.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	25	10R	49/34	0.02"	0.46"
Wednesday	23	9R	49/34	0.00"	Normal precipitation
Thursday	23	12	49/34	0.03"	Departure from normal
Friday	35	10	50/34	0.00"	Average temperature
Saturday	42	17	50/34	0.00"	Average normal temperature
Sunday	55	29	50/34	0.08"	Departure from normal
Monday	62	52	51/35	0.33"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:29 a.m.	5:41 p.m.	6:59 a.m.	5:48 p.m.
Thursday	6:28 a.m.	5:42 p.m.	7:21 a.m.	7:02 p.m.
Friday	6:26 a.m.	5:43 p.m.	7:40 a.m.	8:14 p.m.
Saturday	6:24 a.m.	5:45 p.m.	7:59 a.m.	9:23 p.m.
Sunday	6:22 a.m.	5:46 p.m.	8:19 a.m.	10:32 p.m.
Monday	6:20 a.m.	5:48 p.m.	8:40 a.m.	11:40 p.m.
Tuesday	6:18 a.m.	5:49 p.m.	9:05 a.m.	Next Day

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

March 1, 2012

For the first time in 17 years, the Dayton Bulldogs are going to Spokane for the Hardwood Classic state basketball championship tournament starting Thursday. After resoundingly beating the Riverdale Christian Crusaders from Yakima, 59-41, in front of a predominantly hometown crowd Friday night at Walla Walla High School, the Dogs are now in the Final 8 of their 2B division. "We've worked hard since fifth grade and this was our goal," senior Joey Schlachter said when he emerged from the locker room after the hard physical match against the Crusaders. The 2012 Bulldogs, the best team to represent their high school since the 1995 crew, face Toutle Lake High School Thursday in Spokane.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

March 6, 1997



[Photo Caption] The first-place team from the Waitsburg FFA Chapter, which won the Commodity Marketing Activity for the state of Washington includes Elizabeth Abbey, Amanda McKinley, Anne Bickelhaup, and Jane Conover, with advisor Scott Branson.

Fifty Years Ago

March 2, 1972

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Maxwell of Preston Avenue will be the honored guests at a reception Saturday afternoon, March 11, in observance of their golden wedding anniversary. The affair will be held in the Parish Hall in Waitsburg, between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m. Hosts for the affair will be the couples three children and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Ira (Willa) Short of Maple Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Maxwell of Dayton, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Maxwell of Edmonds. William Maxwell and Myrtle Silvers were married in Burley, Idaho on March 13, 1922. They moved to Waitsburg in 1953 to make their home. In addition to their three children, they have eleven grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

March 7, 1947

The City of Waitsburg is now in the process of having a new well dug adjacent to the cannery with work being done by O. A. Durand and Son of Walla Walla.

Six Patrol leaders and assistants of the Waitsburg Green Bar Patrol of Troop 36 enjoyed a hike to Coppei Falls Sunday with Scoutmaster Ernest Kison. The boys included Bill and Fritz Zuger, Neil Alexander, Freddie Rankin, Dave Dilts, and Jack Roberts.

J. W. Carson announces he has started a farm shop course including machinery repair and welding on Monday and Thursday evenings.

One Hundred Years Ago

March 3, 1922

Wednesday afternoon in the directors room of the Walla Walla Commercial Club, representatives of county fair and racing interests in Waitsburg, Dayton, Ritzville, Davenport and Plummer, convened for the purpose of forming the Inland Empire Fair and Racing Association whose charter membership comprised the above named cities.

Peter Ganguet, well-known sheepman, who with his family live at the fork of the Coppei, is just completing extensive remodeling and improving of the farm home. A new kitchen has been added as has also a new bathroom and front and back porches.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

March 5, 1897

A very pleasant party was given at Armory Hall on last Saturday evening in honor of Miss Emma McKinley who left on Tuesday night of this week for Portland where she will spend several weeks visiting friends and relatives.

A Kansas man has discovered that brandy can be made of wet elm sawdust, and a discouraged prohibitionist asks what chance a good cause will have when a man can go forth with a ripsaw and get drunk on a fence rail.

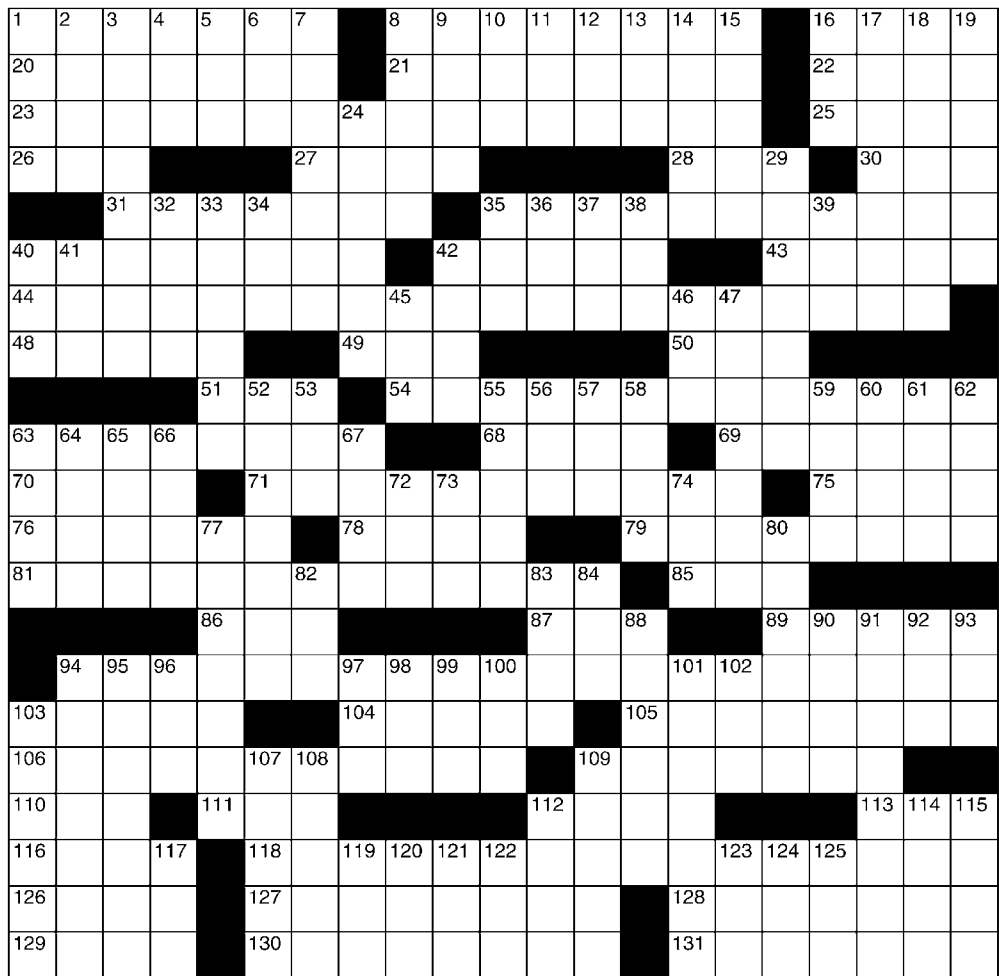
Miss Lizzie Wisdom will commence her second term of school north of Prescott a week from Monday. Being chosen the second time to teach in the same district is proof enough of Miss Lizzie's ability as an instructor.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

RYOU AT THE W?

- ACROSS**
- 1 Make sarcastic remarks
 - 8 It was stormed in the French Revolution
 - 16 Petri dish gel
 - 20 Never-dying volcanic glass
 - 22 Move, in real estate
 - 23 Something the "Eat It" singer's parents did?
 - 25 Sig Chi, say
 - 26 Letters on an ambulance
 - 27 Tacit assents
 - 28 Big Apple ball team, on scoreboards
 - 30 From — Z
 - 31 Grieves over
 - 35 Container for a picnic beside Bonn's river?
 - 40 Salamis, e.g.
 - 42 2016 Disney film set in Polynesia
 - 43 Unclad art class models
 - 44 Meticulous barracks examination not using the left hand?
 - 48 French for "enough"
 - 49 Corpulent
 - 50 — culpa
 - 51 10th mo.
 - 54 Work for Consumer Reports for many years?
 - 63 Attending college, e.g.
 - 68 "Today — man"
 - 69 Short preview
 - 70 "— life!"
 - 71 Train passengers' noisy crying?
 - 75 1990s attorney general
 - 76 San Luis —
 - 78 Disposition
 - 79 They have crisp, edible pods
 - 81 Instruction sheets on how to lull babies to sleep?
 - 85 Corrida cry
 - 86 Needle-nosed fish
 - 87 Old nuclear regulatory agency.
 - 89 Some Apples
 - 94 Scoundrel below a spanning structure?
 - 103 Divided Asian land
 - 104 1980s attorney general
 - 105 Like some fans and eels
 - 106 Group of commandos from which to choose?
 - 109 Reached by car
 - 110 Year, to Rosa
 - 111 E-chuckle
 - 112 Borscht, e.g.
 - 113 Little devil
 - 116 Lawn vermin
 - 118 "This road furrow was not fully repaired"?
 - 126 Scrapes (out)
 - 127 1990s GM car model
 - 128 Soccer star Cristiano —
 - 129 Siesta, e.g.
 - 130 Tense state
 - 131 Features of joyless faces
 - 8 Hopalong Cassidy actor and others
 - 9 French mutiny cry
 - 10 Tax ID
 - 11 "— ToK" (#1 Kesha hit)
 - 12 Wedding vow
 - 13 Actress Tyler
 - 14 Singer Frankie
 - 15 Multivolume ref., often
 - 16 Dog's cry
 - 17 Rivera of TV
 - 18 Support group for adolescents
 - 19 Turbine parts
 - 24 A great many
 - 29 Filmmaker's patchwork
 - 32 Arthur with a racket
 - 33 Passover bread
 - 34 It has a yolk
 - 35 King, in Paris
 - 36 Sci-fi's Solo
 - 37 Outs' partner
 - 38 Siesta, e.g.
 - 39 Yes, in Paris
 - 40 Span, lady
 - 41 "— for Ailbhi"
 - 42 Prefix with carpal
 - 45 Not the std. spelling
 - 46 Broody music genre
 - 47 Part of CIA
 - 52 Rings around the sun
 - 53 Up — point
 - 55 Squiggle over an "n"
 - 56 — de toilette
 - 57 Diplomatic official: Abbr.
 - 58 Testing sites
 - 59 Rain delay cover-up
 - 60 "It's all clear"
 - 61 Suvari of film
 - 62 Lovers' god
 - 63 Helper for Frankenstein
 - 64 Mount where Moses died
 - 65 Clic — (Bic pen brand)
 - 66 Beer barrel
 - 67 Not at all stiff
 - 72 Mauna —
 - 73 Jazz genre
 - 74 Musician Brian
 - 77 Laura Ingalls' hair feature
 - 80 "Boys Don't Cry" director
 - 82 Dog's threat
 - 83 Not common
 - 84 Tennis unit
 - 88 Angelic being
 - 90 Pol Romney
 - 91 With skill
 - 92 Some film FX
 - 93 Min. fraction
 - 94 Virginia city
 - 95 Baltimore baseballers
 - 96 "The Ref" director
 - 97 "Stee-rikel!" caller
 - 98 Lead-in to colonial
 - 99 "— volente" ("God willing")
 - 100 Subj. for U.S. citizens-to-be
 - 101 Pair fleeing to wed
 - 102 Grandma on "Roseanne"
 - 103 Cosmo on "Seinfeld"
 - 107 Oslo's nation, to its natives
 - 108 Pasted
 - 109 Extinct birds
 - 112 Some 35mm cameras
 - 114 Early Persian
 - 115 Old hands
 - 117 N.Y. hours
 - 119 Dress fancily, with "out"
 - 120 901, in old Rome
 - 121 Prefix for a vintner
 - 122 Sporty truck, in brief
 - 123 — constrictor
 - 124 Call a halt
 - 125 Lead-in to "kwon do" or "Bo"



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MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

Sausages with Peppers and Onions



With the combination of my ever-hectic work schedule, my better half recently starting grad school, and our looming list of spring garden projects, it's no wonder I've found myself researching recipes for easy weeknight dinners. Making great use of pantry staples, and often coming together in one pot, these kitchen classics can be lifesavers for busy families. This week, I went with my take on a cozy Italian American classic, sausages simmered in a flavorful sauce of sweet peppers, onions and tomatoes.

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 pound mild Italian sausages, 4 to 5 links
- 2 small yellow onions, sliced into ¼-inch thick halfmoon rings
- 2 sweet bell peppers, red or yellow, sliced into ¼-inch thick strips
- ½ to ¾ teaspoon crushed chili flakes
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons fresh marjoram or oregano, minced
- 3 to 4 garlic cloves, sliced
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 (15-ounce) can chopped tomatoes
- Parmesan, grated, optional for serving

Directions:

In a large heavy skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add the sausage links and brown on both sides, about 5 to 10 minutes. The sausages will have a nice, browned exterior, but will not be cooked all the way through. Remove sausages and set aside on a plate.

To the same pan add the peppers, onions and chili flake, adding more olive oil if needed. Season with salt and pepper to taste then sauté until peppers are soft and onions are starting to turn light golden brown, about 7 to 8 minutes. Next add the marjoram and garlic, cooking for another minute or two, until garlic starts to become fragrant.

Next, push pepper mixture to sides of pan, making a little open well in the center of pan. Add tomato paste to this open spot and cook for two minutes, stirring frequently, allowing paste to darken lightly. Then, add balsamic vinegar and stir quickly to combine with the tomato paste. When vinegar has cooked off, add the can of chopped tomatoes plus a ½ cup of water. Stir to combine all ingredients, scraping up any browned bits from the bottom of pan.

Bring mixture to a simmer and return the sausages, along with any accumulated juices from plate to the pan. Baste the tops of sausages with sauce, cover pan and reduce heat to maintain a gentle simmer. Cook for 10 minutes with the lid on, then remove the lid and cook for another 10 to 15 minutes with the lid off. Add more water if the sauce thickens too much too fast. Dish is done when the sauce has nicely thickened, and the sausages are plump. Test the sausages for doneness with a meat thermometer, reaching at least 165 degrees. Taste and adjust seasoning if needed. Serve immediately.

Notes:

This is another versatile recipe which can easily be adjusted to make it your own. Try it with classic pork, mild or spicy, Italian sausage links, or like I did with chicken Italian sausage links. Would also be lovely with high quality bratwurst or Spanish style chorizo links. Check out the fresh sausage links at your local butcher shop and get inspired.

Add fresh chopped basil or parsley when finishing this dish for a burst of fresh herbal flavor. Or try it with sage and rosemary for a deeper robust herbal note. Instead of balsamic vinegar try it with sherry vinegar or Marsala cooking wine. Adding chopped olives or capers could bring a bright briny taste.

This past week I served this over creamy polenta with a generous dusting of grated parmesan for a comforting late-winter meal. These sausages with saucy peppers and onions would also be lovely served over buttered rice, or your favorite pasta, with plenty of grated cheese over the top. For a satisfying sandwich option, try it stuffed in a toasted hoagie roll with melted provolone cheese. Mangia! Enjoy.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

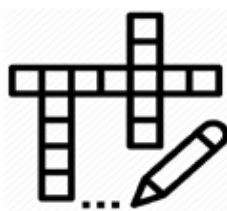
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Around the Valley: with Karen Huwe NATIONAL FFA WEEK

During National FFA week, February 19-26, Waitsburg members had dress-up days, Ag Olympics, a trap shoot meet, and the Harvest Ball.

Monday, President's Day, the students did not have school. On Tuesday, it was pajama day and Wednesday was hat day. There wasn't a dress-up day on Thursday and Friday was flannel day. Friday afternoon was also the Ag Olympics.

One girl and one boy from each class was selected to compete for Harvest Ball King and Queen. Freshmen, Alyssa Hollingworth and Jack Karl; Sophomores, Makenna Barron and Jasper Morrow; Juniors, Claudia Benevides and Jay Dimak and Seniors, Mackenzie Lewis and Caleb Barron competed in a race through a series of activities. After the competition of carrying buckets of water, bowling, herding balloons, roping a steer, and donning the FFA jacket, Seniors Mackenzie Lewis and Caleb Barron were announced as the 2022 King and Queen.



The FFA officers organized the Harvest Ball to end National FFA week. The ball was held Saturday evening in the high school Ag Shop. Students gathered to celebrate the Harvest Ball Court and to enjoy music and dancing.

Five FFA members competed in a trap shoot event on Saturday morning in St. John, Wash. Senior Caleb Barron was the top Waitsburg shooter. Junior Garrett Palmer, sophomore Abbi Paolino, freshman Preston Hinchliffe and eighth grader Hagen Taylor also shot on the cold, windy day. The team finished twelfth out of eighteen teams.

(right) FFA trap shoot members with Ag Advisor, Nicole Abel. From left to right, Garrett Palmer, Nicole Abel, Caleb Barron, Preston Hinchliffe, Hagen Taylor, Abbi Paolino



(left) Alyssa Hollingworth and Mckenzie Lewis attempt to rope the steer



(below) - Caleb Barron & Jack Karl carry buckets of water during the first part of the race

All photos by Karen Huwe



Anita Baker on the piano and Jack McCaw, soloist, entertains before Enhance Fitness class with Go Tell It On the Mountain followed by an encore request of God Bless America with a few mature exercisers singing backup. Great Fun!

WELLER PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE

The library is getting closer to completion. A lot of work has been done over the last couple of months to get the back room ready for the handicap lift. Volunteers painted the ceiling and the walls, the deck has been raised, white bricks have been painted to match red bricks and new railings are being installed. Thanks to volunteers, Louie & Marie Gagnon, Allen & Karen Huwe, Terry Lawhead and Sherrie Erikson. The electrical inspection passed on February 28th and now the Weller Library lift will be put on the work list by the company that will do the installation. The lift is currently in Spokane.

National Library Week will be April 3-9. Friends of the Library members will be arranging some activities during that week. More information to come next month.



Volunteers paint the ceiling and walls

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