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Beka Compton

Pollinators are busy taking care of the remaining along Lower Hogeve Road wildflowers as the heat winds down and gives way to cool, fall weather.

Heated public comment against mask mandate at Waitsburg School Board meeting

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Emotions were high as parents and caregivers voiced opinions about the recent mask mandate at the Waitsburg School Board meeting on August 23.

Secondary principal Stephanie Wooderchak reported that middle and high school business offices were now open, and staff would be available Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. School registration was August 23-26. Ice cream socials and open house events were also held this week for middle school students to give them a chance to meet teachers, learn their schedule, and get familiar with the classrooms. The first day of school for all students will be September 7.

Wooderchak reported that football practice started on August 18 and the district is excited for the upcoming sports seasons.

Dayton-Waitsburg Athletic Combine director Sam Korslund reported that 31 students had signed up for football, up from the 29 athletes reported at the Dayton School Board meeting the night before.

"I wrote all of this information out for the Dayton School Board meeting last night," Korslund said. "I have had to cross the information out four times because we keep getting registrations in. We are now up to 31, I expect that number to keep climbing. The great news is that we are getting dangerously close to being able to have a JV team."

Korslund said this is exciting considering the incoming football team is made up of young players, there were only two seniors signed up as of Thursday.

"Getting those kids out against younger kids on other JV teams will help their skill level, and will help them progress faster," he said. "We are very excited about the turnout."

As of Thursday, there were two students signed up for cheer, but Korslund said that cheer is a sport that tends to have more late sign ups. He expects that team to grow as the school year starts.

There were 15 volleyball players signed up as of Thursday, up by one player since the Dayton School Board meeting. A rumor had circulated in the community that there would not be enough volleyball players for the season, and Korslund was very excited to announce that the rumor was not true.

Games will be split between the Dayton and Waitsburg school districts. Korslund said that he had discussed game location with volleyball coach Tracy Barron, who wanted to play in Waitsburg, however, the gym floor is being redone and the season will start in Dayton and end in Waitsburg.

He reported that ticket prices had been set at a recent league meeting- \$5.00 regular ticket fee, \$4.00 for students and seniors. Korslund wants to work with both schools to develop an equitable ticket sales distribution.

"We are combined, so it doesn't matter where the game is. The money should be split between the two ASB's, equally," he said.

Korslund also shared that he would like to recreate the DW Combine Committee, offering the leadership to previous members. He said that representation from both schools, including student athletes, would be necessary to keep the combine running smoothly. Korslund said he anticipates sitting as chairman for the future committee.

The school board heard from many concerned parents during the public comment period.

Abby Grende, a mother of three students in the district, spoke against the mandates, calling them "harmful against rights and freedoms." Grende referenced data provided by the Centers for Disease Control, that as of August 2021, 349 children ages 0-17 have died as a result of COVID-19 in-

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Sports, masks, and vaccination discussed at Dayton School Board meeting

An August 18 mandate requires all K-12 staff to be vaccinated by October 18

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton School Board met on August 18 for a regular school board meeting. Dayton School District had its first day of the 2021-22 school year on August 24.

Before the business meeting, Superintendent Guy Strot spoke on recent mask mandates, which went into effect on Monday, August 23. Strot said that, aside from health-related risks, the school district had multiple reasons to comply with the mandate.

According to Strot, the school's insurance company has stated that they will not insure the school if the district does not follow the mandate. Washington schools that do not comply with the mask mandate risk losing their state and federal funding said Strot.

The recent mask mandate removes local control, according to Strot, and does not allow the district or Public Health Department to give direction or advise school districts. Last year, county health departments were able to direct school districts regarding in-person learning and mask requirements.

Strot briefly discussed the sexual health education requirements that went into effect in December 2020. Strot said the curriculum would not be implemented for elementary students for the 2021-22 school year; however, it would be taught in the secondary grades. The secondary curriculum will include mental health education, STD prevention education, HIV/AIDS prevention education, suicide prevention, and sexual health education.

According to the state's website, "...all public schools must begin providing or planning to provide comprehensive sexual health education (CSHE) to all students by the 2022-23 school year. Instruction must be consistent with Health Education K-12 Learning Standards, which provide a framework for comprehensive instruction, and the provisions of RCW 28A.300.475. CSHE for students in grades 4-12 is defined in the law as "recurring instruction in human development and reproduction that is medically accurate, age-appropriate and inclusive of all students, using language and strategies that recognize all protected classes." Instruction for students in grades Kindergarten through third grade is defined in the law as Social-Emotional Learning.'

Strot said the district would form a committee later in the school year to review and select CSHE-compliant curriculums for elementary students.

The Dayton School District will not teach Critical Race Theory (CRT) to students or staff, reported Strot. Parents of Dayton School District students have strongly opposed the teachings throughout the summer. Strot said the state requires two types of training, and the district will be focusing on inclusion and equity education. Strot said equity training addresses different living situations, including poverty and socioeconomics. Inclusion training will focus on individual education plans and related items. The state requires the training.

Strot addressed the vaccination mandate announced last Wednesday, requiring all K-12 staff, including educators and administration staff, to be vaccinated against COVID-19 by October 18. Strot said it was unclear if religious or medical

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AT THE LIBERTY: 12 Mighty Orphans

THE TIMES

This movie tells the true story of the Mighty Mites, the football team at a Fort Worth orphanage during the Great Depression. The team went from playing without shoes—or even a football—to playing in the Texas state championships. The architect of their success was Rusty Russell (Luke Wilson), a legendary high school coach who shocked his colleagues by giving up his privileged position to teach and coach at the orphanage. Few knew Rusty's secret that he was an orphan.

Recognizing that his scrawny players couldn't beat the other teams with brawn, Rusty developed innovative strategies that helped define modern football. Throughout their winning season, these ultimate underdogs became an inspiration to their city, state, and the entire nation.

A well-known cast brings this movie to life, including Robert Duvall, Martin Sheen, Luke Wilson, Vinessa Shaw, Wayne Knight, Treat Williams, Jacob Lofland, Scott Haze, and Lucy Faust.

Rotten Tomatoes critics rate this film as 64% favorable, but the audience gives it a 97% favorable. This movie shows on August 27-29, and on the 31, on Fri. & Sat. at 7:30 pm, Sunday at 3 pm, and Tuesday at 6:30. It is rated PG-13 for violence, language, suggestive references, smoking, and brief teen drinking. The runtime is 118 minutes.

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12 MIGHTY ORPHANS PG -13

PORT ANNOUNCES SMALL BUSINESS START-UP GRANT OPPORTUNITY

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Port of Columbia has opened a new grant opportunity for start-up businesses in Columbia County. Through funding provided by Innovia, a private foundation that serves eastern Washington and northern Idaho, the Port of Columbia is offering micro-grants to start-up businesses. Grants up to \$5,000 will be awarded to qualifying businesses upon review and recommendation by a local committee.

Qualifications for applying include, but are not limited to:

- Business Plan
- Business License
- Ability to have a business location physically secured, in Columbia County, within 30 days of the grant award
- Copies of estimates of planned expenditures or invoices of expenses incurred
- Must be a business that has not yet started operating or has not been in operation more than three months
- Has not received any previous grants from the Port of Columbia

The Port received \$15,000 from Innovia for the program and will award 100% of the funds directly to start-up businesses.

In 2020, the Port offered a similar program with funds received from Innovia. That program assisted in the location of two new businesses in downtown Dayton: Main Street Marketplace and Table Rock Meat Co.

Grant information and an application form can be found on the Port's website at

<https://www.portofcolumbia.org/economic-development/business-assistance/>

Applications are due September 30th.



VACCINE VICTORY: FDA GRANTS FULL APPROVAL TO PFIZER BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

On Monday, August 23, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted full approval to Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine for people 16 and older. This is the first COVID-19 vaccine to receive full approval in the United States. The FDA ruling should help overcome vaccine-hesitancy in some unvaccinated people who have stated this as their primary concern.

According to the FDA, the approved vaccine will now be marketed as Comirnaty to prevent COVID-19 disease in individuals 16 years of age and older. The vaccine will continue to be available to individuals ages 12-15 under emergency use authorization (EUA) granted on May 10, 2021. Recently recommended by the CDC, a third-dose booster for certain immunocompromised individuals will remain available under the EUA.

The FDA uses emergency use authorizations during public health emergencies to provide access to medical products that effectively treat, prevent, or diagnose a disease. The FDA website states it must determine whether the known and potential benefits of a product outweigh any risks.

"The FDA's approval of this vaccine is a milestone as we continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. While this and other vaccines have met the FDA's rigorous, scientific standards for emergency use authorization, as the first FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine, the public can be very confident that this vaccine meets the high standards for safety, effectiveness, and manufacturing quality the FDA requires of an approved product," said Acting FDA Commissioner Janet Woodcock, M.D. "While millions of people have already safely received COVID-19 vaccines, we recognize that for some, the FDA approval of a vaccine may now instill additional confidence to get vaccinated. Today's milestone puts us one step closer to altering the course of this pandemic in the U.S."

The Comirnaty vaccine contains messenger RNA (mRNA), a type of genetic material. The mRNA is used to mimic the COVID-19 virus' protein responsible for the infection. The mRNA is only present in the vaccinated body for a short time to allow the body to produce a defense against natural COVID-19 protein. It is not incorporated into an individual's genetic material, nor does it alter any genetic material. The newly named Comirnaty has the same formulation as the Pfizer-BioNTech's vaccine used under the EUA.

Before granting full approval, the FDA reviewed data from a clinical trial that supported the original EUA findings earlier this year. The approval review included data from a longer duration of follow-up in a larger clinical trial population.

According to the website, in the FDA's review for approval, the agency analyzed effectiveness data from approximately 20,000 vaccine and 20,000 placebo recipients ages 16 and older who did not have evidence of the COVID-19 virus infection within a week of receiving the second dose. The safety of Comirnaty was evaluated in approximately 22,000 people who received the vaccine and 22,000 people who received a placebo 16 years of age and older.

Based on results from the clinical trial, the vaccine was 91% effective in preventing COVID-19 disease.

The FDA will continue to monitor as safety concerns continue to be identified and evaluated. The agency is also requiring post-marketing studies to assess the risks of myocarditis and pericarditis following vaccination.

It is important to remember that no vaccine will 100% prevent infection from COVID-19. The protection from any of the vaccines is to reduce infection and hospitalization rates significantly. The current surge in hospitalizations shows vaccinations are effective in prevention and hospitalization as most COVID-19 patients are unvaccinated.

Touchet Valley Weather

Aug. 25, 2021

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
High: 83 Low: 58	High: 80 Low: 55	High: 78 Low: 53	High: 80 Low: 54	High: 87 Low: 58	High: 86 Low: 59	High: 83 Low: 53

Weather Trivia

Has there ever been a year without an Atlantic hurricane?

Answer: In 1907, four tropical storms formed, but none became hurricanes.

Weather History

Aug. 25, 1987 - Morning thunderstorms produced heavy rain in eastern Nebraska and southwestern Iowa. Stanton, Iowa reported 10.5 inches of rain. Water was reported up to the handle of automobiles west of Greenwood, Neb.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	73	59	89/62	0.07"	0.24"
Wednesday	75	58	88/61	0.00"	0.09"
Thursday	84	58	88/61	0.00"	+0.15"
Friday	78	62	88/61	0.00"	66.4°
Saturday	72	55	87/61	0.17"	74.3°
Sunday	78	55	87/60	0.00"	-7.9°
Monday	73	50	87/60	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Last	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	First
8/30	Wednesday	6:05 a.m.	7:43 p.m.	9:31 p.m.	9:27 a.m.	9/13
	Thursday	6:06 a.m.	7:41 p.m.	9:50 p.m.	10:33 a.m.	
	Friday	6:08 a.m.	7:40 p.m.	10:11 p.m.	11:39 a.m.	
	Saturday	6:09 a.m.	7:38 p.m.	10:34 p.m.	12:44 p.m.	
	Sunday	6:10 a.m.	7:36 p.m.	11:01 p.m.	1:49 p.m.	
	Monday	6:11 a.m.	7:34 p.m.	11:34 p.m.	2:53 p.m.	9/20
	Tuesday	6:13 a.m.	7:32 p.m.	Prev Day	3:53 p.m.	

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The Frontier Days fun will be happening in Walla Walla, from September 1-5

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WALLA WALLA—Head over to Historic Downtown Walla Walla and join 2020 & 2021 Parade Marshalls Doug and Margie Krueger at the Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days Parade on Saturday, September 4 at 10 a.m. The parade is proudly presented by Baker Boyer Bank.

Event coordinators are excited for this long-standing community event. To date, there are over 150 entries in the parade. This year is also a "Royalty Reunion" year. The parade will feature past royalty members from each year dating back to 1955.

If you missed the entry deadline for the parade, you can still enter for a \$20 late fee. Visit the online registration form on the fair's website at www.walla-wallafairgrounds.com or swing by the main office at 363 Orchard Street to pick up an entry form. Parade spots are limited.

For more information, e-mail info@wallawalla-fairgrounds.com or call the main office at (509) 527-3247. The Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days theme is, "Stars and Stripes and Country Nights."

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exemptions are allowed under the mandate, so he has reached out to local representatives to seek clarification.

"My personal opinion is that it should be a personal choice," Strot said. "I feel like it is dividing our school district and school districts around the state. I have shared that opinion with our representatives and senators. I was hoping that there would be an out like there is in California that allows weekly testing, but that is not going to happen."

The board accepted six resignations and approved more than ten recommendations for hiring, including athletic coaching staff and teachers. In the budget report, Business Manager Paula Moio advised the school board to be mindful of the impact that hiring lots of new staff would have on the budget.

During public comment, Jeremy Trump asked about the Dayton-Waitsburg Athletic combine, expressing concern over the absence of the DW Athletic Combine Committee, which has not met since

February of 2020. While not officially dissolved, the combine committee has transitioned to being led by the superintendents and high school principals from both Dayton and Waitsburg and the DW athletic director, Sam Korslund.

Trump wanted clarification regarding athletic changes, ranging from accepting new athletic and athletic parent code of conduct, mascot selection, and facility use plans. During his report, Korslund said he did want to revive the combine committee.

Korslund began exploring a new facility use plan over the summer. At the July 22 Waitsburg School Board meeting, Korslund suggested changes, including moving all fall sports (high school volleyball and high school and middle school football) to Waitsburg. Middle school volleyball would be played in Dayton. Winter sports, including boys and girls basketball, would be played in Dayton. Dayton's basketball court size, and a third locker room, were two reasons for keeping basketball in Dayton. He did say that splitting the seasons was an option; however, coaches or athletes did not seem interested in doing that.

Korslund said he would like to split ticket revenue

between the two schools while offering concession revenue to various class and school clubs and organizations.

"I want to do whatever is in the best interest of these kids," Korslund said. "I'm not interested in traditions or history. I do want to honor all of that, but we have to make decisions based on what is best for the kids now, today."

Korslund reported 29 athletes have registered for football and 14 for volleyball, with the numbers 'changing by the hour' as registrations continued to flow in. Sixteen middle school football athletes and ten middle school volleyball athletes were registered as of August 22.

Masks will not be required for athletes on the field or the court, but coaches and benched athletes must wear a mask indoors.

Korslund said that at a league meeting, it was decided that canceled games due to COVID-19 or other outbreaks or because of academics would result in a team's forfeiture. Games canceled due to uncontrollable circumstances, such as poor air quality, would be made up later if possible.

Green Ridge Fire up to 35% contained

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST—Good news in the Blues, the Green Ridge Fire has seen minimal growth over the past few days, aided by weekend rainfall and cooler weather.

On Tuesday, August 24, the Green Ridge Fire had burned 39,471 acres, and was 35% contained. Officials report that fuel moisture encouraged less than 50 acres of growth on Monday. While containment did not increase, firefighters are becoming increasingly confident that additional portions of the fireline in Divisions M and K will soon be contained.

Tuesday's plan for firefighting efforts included continued mop-up operations in Divisions M and K. A drying trend bringing lower humidity and warmer temperatures was anticipated to move into the area and will likely continue throughout the rest of the week and could contribute to increased fire behavior.

Fire crews in Divisions M and K will continue to mop up the area, looking for areas of heat and engaging wherever is safe to do so. Three fire suppression modules will be working in Divisions P and S on the fire's southern side.

227 personnel are currently working the Green Ridge Fire, which was started on July 7 by lightning.

Forest closures remain in effect in the Umatilla National Forest. All lands in the Walla Walla Ranger District and the Pomeroy District remain closed, while parts of the forest in Northeast Oregon have been reopened for public access. The complete closure notice can be viewed at <https://go.usa.gov/xFyhn>.

Evacuations in Garfield and Columbia Counties have been amended. The Level 3 evacuation area north of the Green Ridge Fire has been changed to a Level 2. This area includes Clearwater Tower, Stentz Springs, and Rose Springs. With these changes, Garfield County and Columbia County currently have Level 1 and 2 evacuations in place. The Grouse Flats area is currently under a Level 1 evacuation in Garfield County, Asotin County, and Wallowa County, Oregon. An interactive fire map that shows evacuations and other important information are available at <https://arcg.is/0mrCel>.



(Courtesy photo)

On August 12, the Information Technology Disaster Resource Center (ITDRC) arrived at the Green Ridge Fire's Incident Command post to set up information, communication and technology resources that will allow the ICP to communicate clearly with firefighters on the ground.



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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 Gun Club

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

Walla Walla County Commissioners

Every Monday and Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.

Call-in information is available at https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020_agendas.php

Friends of the Weller Public Library

August 25, 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main St., Waitsburg

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

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

Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

Dayton City Council

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

Dayton School Board

Third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at

the Dayton High School auditorium

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners
Fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Every month on the Third Monday at 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting - Online

Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon
Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5598153650>

Starbuck City Council

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

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Thursday, August 26

Spaghetti
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Salad
Garlic bread
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Milk

Tuesday, August 31

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Watermelon
Cookies
Milk

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Tuesday, August 31

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Waitsburg School District

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NEWS & COMMENTARY

LETTER

Letter to the Editor

I was present at last Thursday's school board meeting. As anticipated, there were some there who voiced strong opposition the governor's mask mandate. The view was expressed that the Waitsburg School Board should vote to defy the mandate.

There was rationale given. Unfortunately, though, some were vehement in their demands and seemed to have difficulty considering any perspective but their own.

When the time set for public comments was over the board made an attempt to discuss the matter among themselves. This discussion was repeatedly interrupted.

One could have left the meeting with the impression that the overwhelming community sentiment is in defiance of the mandate. I believe that conclusion would be premature. After the meeting I spoke to one parent, who had remained silent during the comment period. She told me simply that she just wanted her child to be in school.

We can discuss these issues with conviction. They are worthy of that, but I hope that we will remain civil, no matter which side we find ourselves on. To that end, some who spoke on Thursday, could have done better.

Stan Hughes
Waitsburg



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August 28: Michelle Donavon, Jerome Baumann, Daniel Harshman, Shelby Janovich, Robert White.

August 29: Debby Nordheim, Howie Smith, Rick Peck, Ryan Meier, Ivan Keve, Lori Hickman, Hanna Mock, Eddie Hernandez.

August 30: Lee Bergstrom, Jake Harshman, Tristan Michael Dunn, Chance McDaniel, Kendra Smith.

August 31: Tim Quigg, Tammie Witt, Dara Roberts, Marshall and Maverick Counts, Mark Leroue, Jr.

September 1: Leslie Yancey, Allison Huwe, Janis Huwe, Todd Hawkins, Ronald William Winnett, Travis Roberts, David Mahoney, Mathew Witt, Donna Thomas, Mrs. L.O. Gardner.



AS COVID-19 SURGES IN WALLA WALLA, PROVIDENCE ASKS PEOPLE NOT TO COME TO ER UNLESS IT IS AN EMERGENCY

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—With the rapid spread of the COVID-19 Delta variant, Providence St. Mary Medical Center asks people not to come to the emergency department unless they are experiencing medical emergencies such as difficulty breathing, chest pain, high fever, or a traumatic injury. People seeking COVID-19 testing or treatment for mild symptoms or other non-emergency care should not use the emergency department.

“Walla Walla has been incredibly supportive of healthcare workers during the pandemic, but the support we need most is for people to get vaccinated, so they don't get severely ill, take good care of themselves, and to only come to the Emergency Department if it is an emergency,” said Dr. Cicero Running Crane, medical director of the Providence St. Mary Emergency Department. “The Emergency Department should be used with great discretion so that when someone has a life-threatening illness or injury, we have the staffing and beds available to care for them.”

The Providence St. Mary Emergency Department and Providence Urgent Care are seeing extremely large volumes of patients, including many people with mild COVID-like symptoms seeking testing. This is creating very long wait times.

COVID-19 testing is available at numerous locations in Walla Walla, including at pharmacies where there may be little waiting to receive the test. A list of testing sites is available at

<https://www.covidwwc.com/testing>.

“It is important to remember that most people with mild cases of COVID-19 can recover while isolating at home without medical intervention,” Dr. Running Crane said. “You do not need to come to the Emergency Department unless you have trouble breathing, chest pain or pressure, you have trouble staying awake, or your skin takes on a gray or bluish color that may indicate your oxygen levels are declining.”

WALLA WALLA COUNTY VACCINATION CLINICS IN AUGUST, SEPTEMBER

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH) and healthcare partners will open vaccine clinics on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday beginning August 25. All clinics will be held at the Providence Southgate campus with varying appointment times. The clinics on August 25, 26, and 27 will run from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., and the clinics on September 1, 2, and 3 will run from 3-7 p.m.

All clinics will offer both the Pfizer-BioNTech and Janssen, Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine. There will be a mix of first- and second-dose appointments, along with some third-dose appointments for eligible immunocompromised individuals. Walk-in appointments are welcome for those who wish to register on-site.

Anyone arriving at the Southgate campus for a vaccine should use the main entrance of the building and not the urgent care entrance of the facility. Anyone under the age of 12 years old is not eligible to receive a COVID vaccine. Those interested in receiving the J&J vaccine must be 18-years old or over. People younger than 18-years old will only be eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine. They must have written parental consent or bring a parent or guardian with them to their vaccine appointment.

Everyone interested in scheduling an appointment should complete the following steps:

• Step 1: Go to <https://www.covidwwc.com/clinics>.

• Step 2: Scroll through the list of first-dose clinics and click the “Schedule an Appointment” button after confirming eligibility under the selected clinic.

• Step 3: Select an appointment time and complete the registration process.

Residents who are homebound or without Internet/computer access can call the DCH helpline (509) 524-2647 and leave their name, date of birth, phone number, and a message stating that they are homebound or do not have access to the internet or a computer.

DCH encourages all residents to visit the County COVID website or text COVIDWW to 888777 for information on upcoming vaccination clinics.

WWCSO

August 12

Theft of a leaf blower. Coppei Ave., Waitsburg

August 16

A violation of a court order was reported in the county. Cottonwood Road, Walla Walla County

August 17

Jail drug possession. Alder Street, Walla Walla

August 18

A male in Walla Walla County was arrested for eluding and reckless driving. Lake Road, Burbank

August 19

Theft of batteries and water pump. Piper Canyon Road, Prescott

August 20

A theft was reported. Newton Rd, Walla Walla Co.

August 22

Female bitten by dog during bike ride. Blue Creek Road, Walla Walla County

CCSO

August 16

Traffic call. Patit Road

Parking complaint. Richmond Street

Malicious mischief reported at Dayton Elementary. 2nd Street

August 17

Missing person reported. 3rd Street

Fight reported. 4th Street

Unwanted person reported. Bruce Street

August 18

Found property at Best Western. Main Street

Suspicious activity reported. Main Street

Traffic call. 3rd Street

August 19

Animal call. Eckler Mountain

Suicide threats. 1st Street

Theft reported. Main Street

August 20

Suspicious activity reported. Main Street

Welfare check. Flour Mill Park

Theft of motor vehicle. Rose Gulch

August 21

Trespass reported. Cameron Street

Disturbance reported. Palouse Street (Starbuck)

9-1-1 Call. Race Street

August 22

Harassment reported. Tucannon Road

9-1-1 Call. Dayton Ave

Domestic problem. 5th Street

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Feasibility study shows how to turn the childcare desert into an oasis

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—A 2020 “Washington Child Care Industry Assessment” sponsored by the Washington Department of Commerce characterizes Walla Walla and Columbia counties as childcare “deserts.” This means 96-percent of families in Columbia County and 18-percent of families in Walla Walla counties do not have the childcare they need. In 2020-21 three in-home providers in Columbia County closed their doors, pushing the county into a childcare crisis.

The issues for parents who seek care for their children are many, including long waiting lists and wait periods, high costs, and the inability to find childcare to fit their schedules, if at all.

Licensing and regulation fees, high costs, reduced income related to the COVID-19 situation, inadequate paid sick leave, and finding and retaining quality staff are significant challenges for childcare providers.

For employers, costs increase when employees can’t access the childcare they need, creating high absentee rates with low productivity and work quality. It is also hard to hire and retain a workforce without adequate childcare.

Columbia County Health System has chosen to address these issues by developing a childcare center for its 218 employees, said Paul Ihle, a social worker at CCHS who serves on a standing committee researching childcare options that fit employees’ needs. He also serves on the Walla Walla Valley Early Learning Coalition (WWVELC) Project Coordination Team.

Ihle said the idea is to open a center prioritizing the needs of CCHS employees but also to invite the participation of other stakeholders in the community, such as the Dayton School District.

An ideal location would be close to the hospital and the schools. A zoom walk-through assessment of the church building for sale on South Third Street shows promise, said Ihle, and other buildings are being assessed.

Once funding is secured, the Walla Walla YWCA will license and operate the center.

A new childcare center in Dayton could accommodate Special Education programs and extended day preschool programs, in alignment with the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) and before and after school care. None of the former licensed daycare providers in Dayton participated in an Early Achievers program, and participation in that program would qualify the center as state-supported childcare.

Ihle is asking for community-wide support.

“The more people in the community come up with good ideas and methods of support, the closer we get to a viable program,” he said. “Nobody will be able to pull this off on their own. It is way too complex and expensive, which is why we are currently a childcare desert.”

In the Spring of 2021, Arrowleaf Consulting was brought on board by WWVELC as part of the “Creating an Accessible, Valley-wide Child Care System” feasibility study. To fund the study, WWVELC, in partnership with (CCHS) and the City of Walla Walla, applied for and received a grant through the Dept. of Commerce Child Care Partnership. Data was collected across Columbia and Walla Walla counties through survey responses from families, childcare providers, and employers in Burbank, Prescott, Touchet, Walla Walla, College Place, Dayton, and Starbuck.

There are many goals listed in the study, some of which are; to increase capacity at existing private licensed centers in Walla Walla County and new licensed provider capacity across both counties.

Emphasis will be placed on building navigation and in-person support across the entire system, improving communications and engagement with Spanish-speaking families, developing WWVELC as an independent nonprofit organization, and increasing funding resources.

The Walla Walla Valley Early Learning Coalition (WWVELC) is a good resource for employers, parents, and providers. Staff at WWVELC can be reached by phone at: (509) 526-1777 or by visiting the website at: earlylearningwallawalla.org.

Some additional resources for families are Care Aware of Washington, which provides an online database with information about child care providers and current child care occupancies. The website address is: childcareawarewa.org.

There is a tax credit for employer-provided childcare online at: irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-8882.

It should be noted, the Fair Start for Kids benefits began on July 1. Families at 200% of the federal poverty level or under will pay no more than \$115 each month for childcare using the Working Connections Child Care subsidy.

On October 1, families at 60% of state median income, or less, will pay no more than \$115 each month when using the Working Connections Child Care subsidy. Providers who accept the subsidy will see their reimbursement rate go from 65-percent to 85-percent of market rate, according to Eiledon McClellan at WWVELC.

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fection since January of 2020.

“Children are at low risk of contracting COVID as well as spreading COVID due to various reasons, such as the type of receptors in their nose and the t-cells in their antibodies,” Grende said. “With that, there is no reason to make our children wear masks.”

Grende went on to say that decades of research proved that masks are ineffective in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

Another speaker, Tracy Daniel, a life skills para educator at College Place Public Schools, said that she has had communication issues with her special needs students, alluding that students did not recognize her with a facemask on and it was inhibiting their learning environment.

Daniel referenced a time that she removed her face mask to take a drink of water, during which one of her students seemed to recognize her, which later helped improve the student’s learning. Daniel said it was very hard to teach sounds and enunciation with a mask on. She ended her speech saying that the mask mandate was “medical tyranny (sic).”

School board member Sarah Boudrieau spoke against the mask requirement, saying that the mandate was not discussed with school boards, nor was it put up for a vote which she stated is part of her duties outlined in the school board expectations and various RCW’s. In the district policy, she said, she is to be held accountable for the community which she felt was loud and clear.

Boudrieau cited various lines from the state’s Constitution regarding funding for public K-12 education facilities. She referred to Section 3, stating funds may not be pulled from public schools if all basic education means are not met as laid out by the state.

She also referenced a letter submitted by the Office of the Superintendent for Public Instruction (OSPI) in 2016, clarifying that schools are supposed to be under local control. She later recom-

mended that the district amend their infectious disease policy. Her amendments included adding that the district will not participate in controlling or enforcement of facial coverings outside of what is listed within state statute.

“We need to give our kids a safe environment, but if they can’t breathe, they can’t breathe,” she said.

Board member Ross Hamann said that, if the district were to defy the mandate, they would lose the funding needed to continue providing education to the children of Waitsburg. Superintendent Pickel added that the emergency proclamation signed by Governor Inslee, is law under the current circumstances.

“I have serious concerns about this as an agent of the district as well,” Pickel said. “Legally, the governor’s proclamation, which is an emergency proclamation, carries the force and effect of law under the broad powers awarded to him in times of emergency. The proclamation 21-5.1, is the law unless or until it is either revoked by the governor, set aside by the courts, or changed through the legislative process.”

Boudrieau expressed additional concerns with discipline measures if students refuse to wear a mask, referring to a suspension that was issued last school year. The board said they were not prepared to discuss new policies, as the proclamation was only recently released.

Board member Lisa Morrow noted that the Washington State Supreme Court had upheld the mandate, after several attorneys attempted to fight the mandate given to state employees earlier this month. She said there is nothing that can be done to fight against the state. She noted that failure to comply could cost many people their jobs and livelihoods.

Acting chairman Ross Hamann had to quiet comments from the public multiple times before dismissing everyone for a five-minute recess following the heated conversations. Upon return, the school board resumed their regular business meeting.

Key Takeaways from current CDC data

1. Students benefit from in-person learning, and safely returning to in-person instruction in the fall 2021 is a priority.
2. Vaccination is the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Promoting vaccination can help schools safely return to in-person learning as well as extracurricular activities and sports.
3. Due to the circulating and highly contagious Delta variant, CDC recommends universal indoor masking by all students (age 2 and older), staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.
4. In addition to universal indoor masking, CDC recommends schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms to reduce transmission risk. When it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of at least 3 feet, such as when schools cannot fully reopen while maintaining these distances, it is especially important to layer multiple other prevention strategies, such as screening testing.
5. Screening testing, ventilation, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, staying home when sick and getting tested, contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation, and cleaning and disinfection are also important layers of prevention to keep schools safe.
6. Students, teachers, and staff should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care.
7. Many schools serve children under the age of 12 who are not eligible for vaccination at this time. Therefore, this guidance emphasizes implementing layered prevention strategies (e.g., using multiple prevention strategies together consistently) to protect students, teachers, staff, visitors, and other members of their households and support in-person learning.
8. Localities should monitor community transmission, vaccination coverage, screening testing, and occurrence of outbreaks to guide decisions on the level of layered prevention strategies (e.g., physical distancing, screening testing).

LETTER FROM OSPI SUPERINTENDENT REYKDAL OFFERS CLARITY ON MASK MANDATE

On July 28, Governor Jay Inslee announced mask requirements for the 2021-22 K-12 school year. The following day, Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal sent all Washington’s school directors and superintendents the following letter:

July 29, 2021

Good afternoon, School Directors and Superintendents:

This message provides additional details following the Governor’s remarks yesterday about the extension of mask requirements in our school facilities. The Department of Health (DOH) has updated more than just the masking sections of their guidance for schools. The link is <https://tinyurl.com/mjue3da8>, and I strongly encourage you to read about all the changes. In some cases, more flexibility is being offered such as physical distancing, symptom monitoring, and other cleaning and disinfecting protocols.

I hope the following messages are very clear and shareable with your communities:

- The Delta variant is highly transmissible, and a growing number of young people are getting infected with and spreading the virus. Based on a DOH review of the literature:
 1. “From national antibody studies, we know that children do get COVID-19 infection, even if they have had less symptoms. National seroprevalence data show that children (age 0-17) have the highest level of antibodies of any age group (27.8%).”
 2. “Young people have been infected and are spreading this virus, especially Delta, even though they appear less symptomatic. Because they are less symptomatic, they are less likely to be tested and less likely to embrace mitigation strategies in their public interactions.”
- Wearing masks, for now, is an important mitigation strategy when layered with additional strategies, including vaccinating every eligible person.
- The ongoing mask order continues to apply to public schools, charter schools, private schools, and tribal compact schools.
- Under the authority of RCW 43.06.220, the Governor has broad emergency

powers, and they have the power of law! As state Superintendent, I have a responsibility to carry out the law, and I intend to do so, regardless of how I might personally feel about masks, or any other requirement placed upon this system at this time.

- By constitutional authority and RCW 28A.300.040, one of the state Superintendent’s clear powers is, “supervision over all matters pertaining to the public schools of the state.” Apportionment amounts and timing are shaped by additional law, but let me be clear: Boards or districts that intentionally disobey, dismiss, or shun an explicit law, including a Governor’s executive order, which has the power of law, will see an immediate halt to their basic education apportionment, and their federal funds that come through OSPI.
- Any district that does not offer a full-time, in-person learning experience for each and every family and student that seeks it will be considered in violation of basic education rights of families, and will also have their apportionment and federal funds immediately halted.
- These critical public health actions, including masking for now, are not at the discretion of local boards or local superintendents.

Local community members will always have the right to bring their grievances to their elected leaders, but in the case of these public health measures, they are not local decisions. Local boards of directors have broad discretion on the details of instructional delivery. They are not empowered, however, to override the legal authority of public health officers or the Governor in times of a public health emergency.

Community actions that result in board actions that violate the law, including executive orders, will jeopardize school budgets, local school personnel, and ultimately the opening of school to in-person learning this fall and beyond.

Individuals who violate the mask orders, or other layered mitigation strategies, not only carry individual legal risks, but they also risk cases and outbreaks in school that will warrant quarantines, school building closures, and disruptions in high-quality in-person learning.

You are leading education in a time where misinformation is highly pervasive. Leadership that is focused on genuine data and the common good is essential right now! Thank you for facing this directly and leading for student success.

Sincerely,
Chris Reykdal
Superintendent of Public Instruction

NEWS & LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICES

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

No. 21 2 00348 36
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT, a nonprofit corporation
Plaintiff,
vs.
PENTACOSTAL CALVARY TABERNACLE OF WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, a dissolved nonprofit corporation, and its SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS unknown persons
Defendants.

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO PENTACOSTAL CALVARY TABERNACLE OF WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, and the SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF PENTACOSTAL CALVARY TABERNACLE OF WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON:

You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this Summons, to wit, within sixty (60) days after the 5th day of August, 2021, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court and answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for the Plaintiff, at their office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demands of the Complaint in this action, which has been filed with the Clerk of said court. The object of this action is to quiet title for real property.

DATED this 28th day of July 2021
Minnick - Hayner, P.S.
By: /s/ Kathryn Unbehaun,
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August 5, 12, 19, 26, September 2, 9, 2021
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 21-4-00159-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of:
KEVIN SCOTT WALKER, Deceased.

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 21-4-00165-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of:
H. LOUISE OVERTURF, Deceased.
The personal

representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA
No. 21-4-00019-7
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW § 11.28.240
In the Matter of the Estate of:

GARY D. GRIFFEN, Deceased.
The persons named below have been appointed as Co-Personal Representatives of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW § 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Co-Personal Representatives or their attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced.

The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty (30) days after the Co-Personal Representatives served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW § 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

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Columbia County Superior

Court Cause Number: 21-4-00019-7
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By: /s/ Matthew R. Johnson, WSBA #47821
Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives
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LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR LETTER OF INTEREST COUNCILMEMBER OF CITY OF DAYTON

The City of Dayton is seeking to fill the vacant position of City Councilmember for the City of Dayton. The City is a non-charter code city with a Mayor-Council form of government as prescribed by Chapter 35A RCW. The City Councilmember position is open to a registered voter at the time of declaration of candidacy and has been a resident of within the boundaries of the City of Dayton for a period of at least one (1) year. Interested parties shall submit a letter of interest no later than Aug. 26, 2021. Interviews for the position shall be conducted at a regular meeting of the City Council and are anticipated for Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at 112 S. 1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328. For additional information contact the City of Dayton, 111 S. 1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328, (509) 382-2361 or via email at info@daytonwa.com. Published: Waitsburg Times Date: 08/19/2021, 08/26/2021
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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO. 21 4 00170 36
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In the Matter of the Estate of

AVA JEAN GAGNON, Deceased.
The personal

representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FILING NOTICE TO Creditors with Clerk of the Court:
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Proposed Rate Increase

On July 30, 2021, in Docket UE-210593, PacifiCorp dba Pacific Power & Light Company (Pacific Power) filed an advice filing with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) to implement a rate adjustment to Schedule 91, Surcharge to Fund Low Income Bill Assistance Program, to recover the costs associated with Pacific Power's rate discount program for low-income customers.

This proposed change will result in an overall average increase to Washington customers of approximately 0.9%. A residential customer would see a bill impact of \$1.26 per month. The table below reflects the impact to customers by service type.

Type of Service	Percentage Increase	Current Surcharge	Proposed Surcharge
Residential service (Schedule 16, 18)	1.1%	\$0.74	\$2.00
Small general service (Schedule 24)	1.0%	\$1.56	\$3.84
Large general service < 1,000 kW (Schedule 33, 36)	1.1%	\$37.89	\$103.19
Large general service > 1,000 kW (Schedule 47T, 48T)	0.1%	\$257.50	\$300.00
Agricultural pumping service (Schedule 40)	1.2%	\$15.65	\$51.61

The Commission will examine Pacific Power's request. As a result of this examination, the Commission may determine that the schedule should be accepted as filed, modified, or rejected. If accepted as filed, the rate change would go into effect on October 1, 2021.

You are invited to comment to the Commission. The Commission has the authority to set final rates that may be lower or higher than the Company's request, depending on the outcome of its investigation. You can comment by using the "Submit a Comment" feature at the Commission's website, at utc.wa.gov, or by using the contact information below.

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504
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NO. 21 4 00171 36
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In the Matter of the Estate of

JAY EDWARD THOMAS, Deceased.
The personal

representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as

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DATE OF FILING NOTICE TO Creditors with Clerk of the Court:
August 10, 2021
Date of First Publication: August 19, 2021
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Columbia County Public Hospital District #1

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Team Concepts Board Training

08/27/2021 at 9:00am

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Columbia County Public Hospital District No. 1 will be held on August 27, 2021 at 9:00am in the conference room at the Tuccanon River Room at the Best Western Plus Hotel in Dayton, Washington. The purpose of the meeting: Board Training. Final disposition shall not be taken on any other matter at such meeting.

Item	Responsible
1. Call to Order	Bob Hutchens, Chair
2. Roll Call	Bob Hutchens, Chair
3. Board Training	Team Concepts with Semi Bird
4. Adjournment	Bob Hutchens, Chair

The Times
August 19, 26, 2021
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Spider mites: A fine web of trouble

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

I made a rookie plant collector mistake the other day, and failed to properly quarantine alocasia plants I found at The Home Depot. They were just too pretty to hide away! As a result, a handful of my plants started showing signs of spider mites and I had to act quickly before they got out of hand.

Truth be told, I can't tell for certain if the mites came home on the alocasia, as there are a million and one ways that the pests can make it inside, but my recent infestation did not start until I introduced the new plants.

Since they occur naturally outside, it is possible that one of my dogs picked some up and brought them in from the garden or a walk. I could have brushed up against an infested plant and brought them home on my jeans. They could have come in from any of the houseplants that I have started bringing inside now that night time temperatures are dipping.

Named for the silk webbing that they spin on the leaves of plants, spider mites are a royal pain. They can be found on a broad array of plants, including herbaceous ornamentals and woody plants, vegetable plants, fruit-bearing plants, and even various trees. They feed on plant leaves through their piercing-sucking mouthparts, sucking up all of the contents from individual plant cells.

When the cells are empty, they turn a silvery color, which is one of the most noticeable signs of a spider mite infestation. Delicate webbing, often on the underside of leaves, accompanied by small specks of white or red, are tell-tale signs of the little pests.

If you suspect that spider mites might be a problem, grab a plain white piece of paper, place it under a leaf, and shake the leaf. You'll notice small specks moving around if your plant does have spider mites, however, you may need to use glasses or another magnifying device to see them. If you observe webbing, or can see the mites on the plant, that is also plenty of confirmation of an infestation.

Now, spider mites do not mean that you need to toss your plants. There are many safe, effective ways to fight infestations if you are willing

to put in the work. The first step for me, personally, is to quarantine and manually wipe off all the mites and webs that I can see with my strong-lense-prescription-assisted eyes, before spraying with a safe bug soap.

I used a mixture of water and Captain Jack's Dead Bug Brew that I sprayed, very liberally, on the leaves and stems. It should be noted that I did spray all of my plants outdoors. Captain Jack's is a personal favorite because its main active ingredient is a natural bacteria, Spinosad, and it is safe around people and pets and can be used on plants you plan on eating produce from. Neem oil is an effective and safe insecticide, as well as most insecticidal soaps, just be sure to carefully read all of the instructions before use.

I was able to get the mites under control with a good spray down routine, but plants that have a large infestation may not be as lucky. Biological control measures, using predatory mites, are a great option for large infestations. Most of the harmful mites in the area will either be two-spotted mites (*Tetranychus urticae*), and bean spider mites (*T. ludeni*). Predatory mites are incredibly effective on outdoor plants, and are safe to use on fruit and vegetable-bearing plants.

If you suspect that two-spotted mites are your problem, you can purchase a packet of Swirski mites. They work best in temperatures above 68-degrees, are incredibly aggressive, and can be used to treat an entire garden or single plant. Suggested application is 5-10 mites per square foot, or per individual plant. Swirski mites also feed on thrips and whiteflies, which are equally maddening to try and clean off of plants.

Californicus mites are another two-spotted mite predator, and work very well in cooler temperatures. Application suggestions range between one and five mites per square foot.

Chemical control is a last-resort option in spider mite control, because it takes a great deal of reading and requires a thorough understanding of everything on the label. Chemical labels are the law, and not following the instructions can result in making you, the plants, or surrounding life very ill. If mite infection is bad enough to use chemicals, it is best to call a professional.

Spider mites are a pesky pest. Learn from my mistakes and just quarantine the new plants, especially if they are purchased from a nursery that has both indoor and outdoor plants, for up to 30 days. Don't worry- masks aren't required after this kind of quarantine!



Beka Compton

Spider mite damage is often silver or gray in color, as seen on the underside of this Alocasia Ivory Coast leaf. Spider mites are pesky, but infestations can typically be handled with a little bit of care.



Courtesy

Webbing is a clear indicator of a spider mite infestation, as seen on this tomato plant. The mites can affect just about any plant that is green, can crawl from plant to plant, and can even hitch a ride on clothing, shoes, and pets.

Peaches on the Snake River

Bring the family for a wonderful experience.

By Terry Lawhead | THE TIMES

Warm Springs Ranch is a family-owned u-pick 100-year-old fruit orchard in Whitman County right on the Snake River and now with delicious ripe peaches and the nicest people in the most beautiful place.

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your left (there are no other signs for the orchard on the road, but once you get on Penawawa Road, there is no risk of getting lost).

It can be a little tricky, but not all that hard, to get to if you choose to use your phone mapping or a Gazetteer to take shortcuts off SR 127. The gravel roads in the area do wind around occasionally unidentified.

The owners encourage visitors to bring boxes for the fruit they pick and purchase with cash or check. Peaches are \$1.40 a pound. There is a bathroom, excellent drinking water, and an old-fashioned easy-going atmosphere.

History buffs should ask about the fascinating history of this place.

Warm Springs Ranch, 12804 Penawawa Road, LaCrosse, WA 99143. (Note: The orchard is not near LaCrosse, but that is how the zip code works.) (509) 397-2253 or (509) 397-3314.

Terry Lawhead

Robin Fahle Ohlgren in the orchard.





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SPORTS

Mariners still in contention

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

With thirty-six games left to play, the Seattle Mariners find themselves still competing for a playoff spot. Though the Mariners are unlikely to catch the Houston Astros for the division title, they are only three games behind the second wild-card spot. Ahead of them are the Oakland A's, who Seattle is currently playing a two-game series, and the Boston Red Sox. After the short series with the A's is over, they will have seven more games with them before the end of the season, so there is time to catch up to them in the standings. As luck would have it, they will host the Red Sox at home in the middle of September for a three-game series. So, they have a chance to pick up games against Boston as well.

Monday night, the Mariners took the first game of the series against Oakland, beating the A's 5-3. They were behind 3-2 in the top of the ninth when Ty

France tied the game with a solo home run against A's closer Lou Trivino. Abraham Toro followed with a single, and Jake Fraley doubled to put runners on second and third with nobody out. Jarred Kelenic and Cal Raleigh both struck out, leaving it up to Jake Bauers to drive in the go-ahead runs. Bauers delivered with a two-run single, and Paul Seward shut down Oakland in the bottom of the ninth for the win. The Mariners are 7-4 against the A's this season.

The remaining schedule is favorable for the Mariners. They play the A's, Royals, Astros, Diamondbacks, Red Sox, and Angels. The only team they have a losing record against at this point is the Astros, who have won eight of the thirteen games played. Overall, they are 22-19 against these teams. They haven't played the Kansas City Royals, who are in fourth place in the American League Central and have a .452 winning percentage. The Mariners also haven't played the Arizona Diamondbacks, who are in last place in the National League East with a .333 winning percentage.

A few players are close to returning from the injury list and could help the team in the playoff chase. Right fielder Kyle Lewis is close to beginning a rehab assignment. He has been out with a meniscus tear for much of the season. Starting pitcher Justus Sheffield completed his second rehab

start this week for the triple-A Rainiers and could be back with the team soon. Finally closer, Diego Castillo received good news when the results of his MRI showed only fatigue and no damage to his inflamed right shoulder.



MLB AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

Wins			Batting Average		
C. Bassitt	OAK	12	M. Brantley	HOU	.319
H. Ryu	TOR	12	Y. Guriel	HOU	.312
G. Cole	NYG	12	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	.309
Z. Greinke	HOU	11	C. Mullins	BAL	.309
C. Flexen	SEA	10	X. Bogaerts	BOS	.306

ERA			Home Runs		
R. Ray	TOR	2.79	S. Ohtani	LAA	40
G. Cole	NYG	2.92	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	36
C. Bassitt	OAK	3.22	S. Perez	KC	32
Z. Greinke	HOU	3.43	M. Olson	OAK	31
J. Berrios	MIN/TOR	3.52	M. Semien	TOR	30

Strike Outs			Runs Batted In		
G. Cole	NYG	191	J. Abreu	CHW	92
R. Ray	TOR	178	R. Devers	BOS	90
D. Cease	CHW	170	V. Guerrero Jr.	TOR	90
L. Giolito	CHW	169	A. Meadows	TB	88
F. Montas	OAK	151	S. Ohtani	LAA	88

Saves			Stolen Bases		
L. Hendriks	CHW	28	W. Merrifield	KC	37
R. Iglesias	LAA	27	C. Mullins	BAL	22
M. Barnes	BOS	24	M. Straw	HOU/CLE	21
A. Chapman	NYG	23	S. Ohtani	LAA	19
L. Trivino	OAK	21	N. Lopez	KC	18

MARINERS HITTING

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

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	BA	OBP	OPS	WAR
M. Haniger	472	85	120	28	71	37	.254	.314	.795	+2.1
J.P. Crawford	462	63	123	6	38	41	.266	.329	.693	+2.8
K. Seager	462	54	101	29	82	47	.219	.293	.747	+1.8
T. France	431	64	126	15	58	31	.292	.362	.824	+3.2
D. Moore	272	31	48	10	36	34	.176	.277	.607	+0.5
L. Torrens	247	28	52	14	32	22	.211	.277	.698	+0.7
T. Murphy	211	27	42	9	24	26	.199	.288	.652	+0.6
J. Kelenic	199	20	28	6	20	23	.141	.236	.497	-1.5
J. Fraley	169	21	35	8	27	39	.207	.357	.724	+1.2

STANDINGS

AL West	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	73	51	.589	-
Oakland	70	55	.560	3.5
Seattle	67	58	.536	6.5
Los Angeles	62	64	.492	12.0
Texas	43	81	.347	30.0

AL East	W	L	PCT	GB
Tampa Bay	77	48	.616	-
New York	73	52	.584	4.0
Boston	71	55	.563	6.5
Toronto	65	58	.528	11.0
Baltimore	38	85	.309	38.0

AL Central	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	72	54	.571	-
Cleveland	61	61	.500	9.0
Detroit	60	66	.476	12.0
Kansas City	55	68	.447	15.5
Minnesota	54	70	.435	17.0

Columbia County COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Schedule

Schedule online at cvaccines.as.me or call Public Health at 509-382-2181. Vaccine varies by vaccination clinic.

Dates:	Times:	Location:
August 12, 2021	9:30am-11:00am	CCPH
August 12, 2021	12:00pm-6:00pm	DSD
August 24, 2021	4:00pm-6:00pm	CCPH
September 2, 2021	4:00pm-6:00pm	CCPH
September 7, 2021	4:00pm-6:00pm	CCPH

CCPH: Columbia County Public Health @ 112 N. 2nd St., Dayton, WA
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Audio Farm: Scary Science

By John Avery | THE TIMES

I tend to lean into things when I shouldn't. When I feel sad, I overdo the mopey ballads and let the blues wash over me. When I'm home alone and already feeling tense, I find it the perfect time for a horror movie, and start jumping at every creak of the floorboards. It would be smarter to avoid exacerbating these negative feelings, but I can't help myself.

Appropriately, as COVID numbers have been taking off again, I've decided to lean into my anxious hypochondria by listening to a delightfully unnerving podcast, aptly titled *This Podcast Will Kill You*. Hosted by two disease ecologists and epidemiologists, Erin Welsh and Erin Allmann Updyke, each hour-or-so-long episode dissects a specific disease, be it a rare medical mystery or something relatively common like chickenpox. Most of the episodes specifically focus on infectious disease, and they will make you want to never leave your home (or perhaps move into a plastic orb with a really good air filter).

The episodes typically begin with a first-hand account of the illness. In "Episode 68: Coccidioidomycosis: It's never a spider bite" for example, we meet a woman named Tori that, while out for a run one morning in Arizona, suddenly came down with Valley Fever, a fungal infection of the lung which



had been caused by breathing in a fungal spore blowing around in a desert dust storm. This tiny little spore cost Tori one of her lungs and nearly her life, and as we learn from Erin and Erin as they nerd out on the disease's biology, treatments, prevalence, and history, it's a lot more common than was once known, possibly even being endemic to Washington State! Eeks!

One of my favorite summer activities used to be going to hot springs in Eastern Oregon. I might rethink that after listening to "Episode 74: Naegleria fowleri: The brain eating amoeba." Though exceedingly rare, brain-eating amoebas, which are typically found in warm stagnant water, carry with them a nearly 99% mortality rate. Infections typically occur when warm water makes it up the nose, such as when jumping into a freshwater lake on a

hot summer day, or using a neti pot with unboiled tap water. From the nose they make it into your brain and peacefully coexist with your vital nerve cells...I'm just kidding, they eat your brain!

The first-hand accounts are like nature's true crime stories, and the history sections are fascinating (the head of one of the first known victims of Valley Fever, for example, is still preserved in a jar of formalin, and on display in a museum...yikes!). What truly makes this podcast worth your time though is the science. Nature is both beautiful and terrifying, and hearing two PhD experts explain the why's and the how's of mysterious illnesses is more interesting than almost anything on TV (which is blurry and a bit difficult to see anyhow since moving into this plastic bubble).



Courtesy Photo
Hosts Erin Welsh and Erin Allmann Updyke

Let the Music Play On...

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

Shakespeare wrote in his play *The Twelfth Night*, "If music be the food of love, play on!" Obviously, Shakespeare didn't have to listen to Daniel's playlist. I grew up in a houseful of music and musicians. My maternal grandfather and all his ten siblings were musicians, mostly violinists. Although the musical talent gene skipped my mother, she did appreciate and love music.

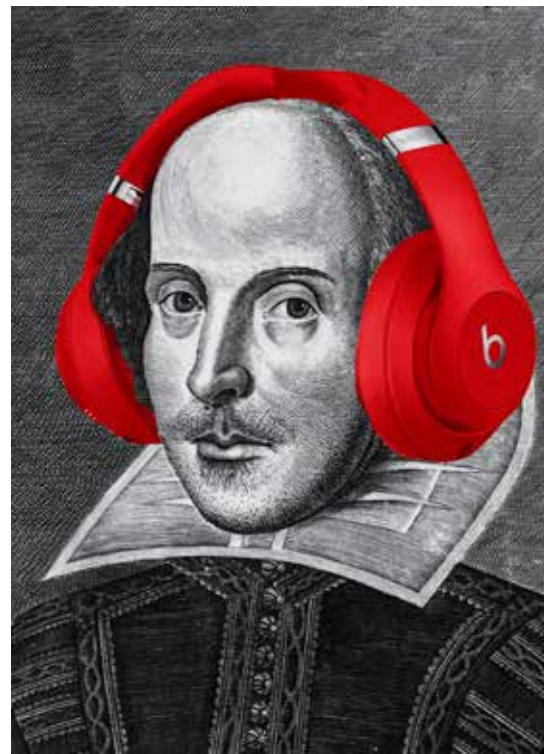
My father also came from a musical family. Although he never took lessons, he could sit at a piano and plunk out tunes by ear. We were the first in the neighborhood to have a HIFI, and we always had music playing in the house. Broadway show albums were my mother's favorite, while classical albums, usually conducted by New York's own Leonard Bernstein, were my father's choice.

I played flute, my brother did a short stint on trumpet until he fell in love with sports, and my sister was a struggling violinist. Unfortunately, she, like my mother, lacked the musical gene, so I'm sure anyone in hearing distance joined us in celebrating her decision to quit violin. Her teachers made a futile effort to convince my mother to encourage her to continue. We were relieved that we no longer had to be tortured by her off-key playing.

Daniel is a terrific musician. He is a self-taught banjo, guitar, and dobro player and actually loves practicing. When we have a break at the restaurant, he sometimes sits on the patio and plays his banjo for fun and practice. He's even had a few pennies thrown into his case!

Luckily, when it comes to listening to music, we usually agree; both of us have a very eclectic taste in music. We enjoy Bluegrass, Jazz, Classical, and Opera. I also love Motown, Oldies from the '60s and '70s, and of course, the smooth, swinging sounds of Bobby Darin, Sinatra, and Bennett.

Daniel has recently become a fan of the mellow "Rainy Day Jazz" station,



which he streams on Spotify. Maybe it's his way of calming down when things are crazy, but I immediately fall asleep when he turns that on. That would not be an issue at home, but he is now trying to get me to change the "playlist" that I've curated for the restaurant to this mellow, sleepy jazz station.

When the clock strikes 11:30 a.m., Daniel's immediately in the front of the house to make sure the music is on and the volume up. Although he has finally given up trying to foist his mellow music on our customers, he insists on turning up the volume. Then, of course, when the first customers come in, they ask if I could please turn down the volume because it is

bouncing off the brick walls.

At lunchtime, I usually stream the oldies from the '60s and '70s, or the songs from the British Invasion list, with lots of Beatles, Rolling Stones, and The Who. Remember those bands?

Sometimes, I go for the Essential Summer Love songs, but that starts to sound a little sappy for lunchtime. So, I quickly switch to something more upbeat.

Dinner is my personal curated list, a mix of Sinatra, Rock, Country, and Jazz. So far, no one has complained about the musical choices; in fact, customers' comments have been very complimentary.

And this year, I need some validation.

I lost my garden competition to Daniel and worse, to Mugsy. My zucchini and cucumbers had bugs, and the tomatoes were lacking this year; I've even killed the succulents I bought for the restaurant. So, I listen to swingin' Bobby Darin sing his hit "Artificial Flowers" and say: "Play on!"

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COLUMBIA PULP

To My Friends and Colleagues in the Community,
After a 48 year profession in the Pulp & Paper industry, and the last 8+ years of having the privilege to lead the project at Columbia Pulp, the time has come for me to retire from my current role as President and CEO. This was not an easy decision, but it is the right one for Columbia Pulp and me personally.

Since I have been involved with Columbia Pulp and this community, you have always made me and our company team feel important and welcome. So many community members have asked "How can I help you succeed?" Because of that, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support. Without the community backing Columbia Pulp, the company would not have become a reality. Leading this venture has been an incredible journey, one that I will always cherish.

There are so many people to thank that if I tried to mention everyone I would certainly miss important supporters. However, I do want to recognize a few members of the community including Jennie Dickinson, the late Gary Grendahl, Terry Nealy, Blaine Bickerhaupt, Kim Boggs, Kim Lyonais, Pat & Rhonda Barker, the staff at the Best Western and the late Kurt Campbell.

While we will be back to visit and support Columbia Pulp, Pam and I will greatly miss the area and the wonderful people in Dryton, Starbuck and the surrounding communities.

John & Pam Begley

FUN & GAMES

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"Would you mind not crowding the plate so much? I'm on TV, too, you know!"

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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

August 15, 2011

It was never Wyatt Withers' sole inspiration for going in the Navy, but once he had decided to join it certainly helped having a grandfather who had served in the same branch many decades ago. Choosing to be "seasick over digging a fox hole," longtime local farmer Jack McCaw went to amphibian training school in preparation of the Allied invasion of Japan when the atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. He became part of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's occupation force in Japan and spent eight months there after that country's surrender. Withers' mission will be much different. He always wanted to become a chemical engineer, but figured as a nuclear engineer in the Navy, he'd get his way paid through training and college.

It has been 43 years since 17-year-old Julie Stonciper, a farmer's daughter from Waitsburg, won the Washington State American Junior Miss competition and was runner-up at the national American Junior Miss competition. The Touchet Valley held parades in her honor, signs bearing her name sat at the entrances to Waitsburg and she even received a key to the city of Walla Walla. After many years away from the largest and oldest national scholarship program for high school girls, Julie Stonciper, now Julie Yokel, is sitting in the judge's seat and helping out behind the scenes to inspire young women to set goals and overcome their obstacles.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

August 29, 1996



[Photo Caption] Aerial applicator Val Woodworth was uninjured in a Thursday accident in which his Ag Cat spray plane flipped in soft ground after veering off the runway while landing at Crop-land Air Service's Whiskey Creek airstrip. Woodworth exited the cockpit quickly as flames engulfed the aircraft's midsection. Ambulance and fire personnel responded to the 11:55 call for assistance. Woodworth said gusting winds, which had made previous landings increasingly difficult, turned the airplane beyond the limits of his control, resulting in the accident.

Fifty Years Ago

August 26, 1971

Perhaps the most successful "live-in" held in Walla Walla County occurred peacefully and without untoward incident five miles southwest of here. They played guitars and sang, gave lessons to the younger generation in ballads, folk songs and the Irish jig, and reminisced until dawn. There were no famous rock and roll stars, but the festival was well attended. The site of the live-in was the Collins farm southwest of here when the seven children, fourteen grandchildren and three sons-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Collins gathered August 13 to 15. It was the first family reunion that all seven children of the couple were able to attend.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

August 30, 1946

Hot lunches will be served as usual this year in the high school lunchroom for all grade and high school students under the sponsorship of the Parent-Teacher Association. Mrs. Hillis and Mrs. Buroker will continue to be in charge of the kitchen.

Mrs. Bill Wardrip and Mrs. Verna Nifong gave a bridal shower for Mrs. Mays Smith at the C. A. Smith home last Thursday.

Touchet Valley Flying Service has been promised delivery this week of a new two - place side - by - side Aeronca Chief.

One-Hundred Years Ago

August 26, 1921

Three auto loads of Waitsburg farmers, having completed the harvesting of their wheat crops, are off this week for a several week's tour of Yellowstone Park. Included in the party are Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Roberts and Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Art Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bateman, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hollowell and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Morrison.

Johnnie Danielson gave a party Tuesday, Aug. 22, it being his 9th birthday. A number of his friends enjoyed the afternoon eating cake, ice cream and watermelon. All declared they had a good time.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

August 28, 1896

Side bacon will be sold for 7 cents at Neace-Hanger Co., for a few days.

Main Street presents quite a different appearance since the electric appearance since the electric light poles have been erected and wired.

Conover and Roberts have finished threshing in this part of the country and will go to Palouse tomorrow. They had a good run - 27 days and made an average of 954 sacks per day.

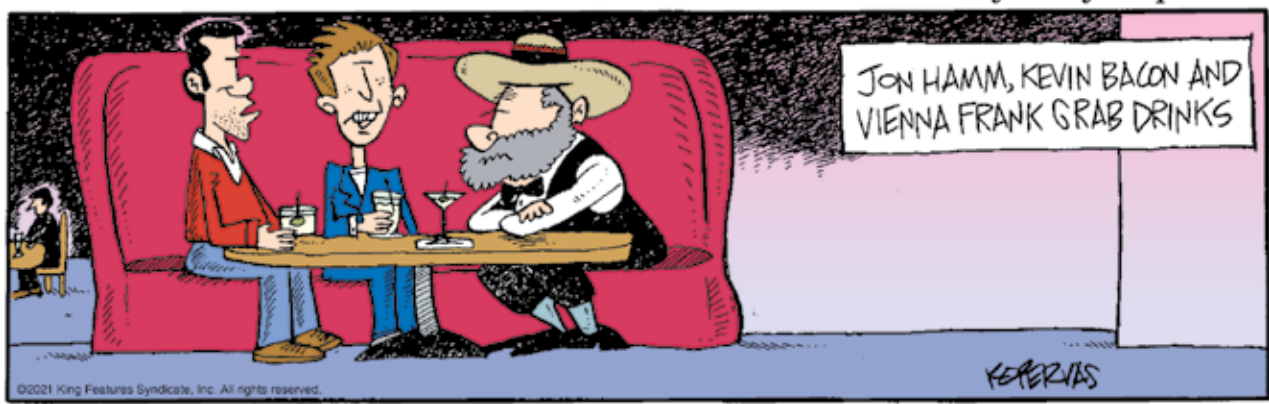
Frank Vining, Charley Preston, John Gaugh, and Ira Chew spent a few days in the mountains above Dayton this week.

The Spats



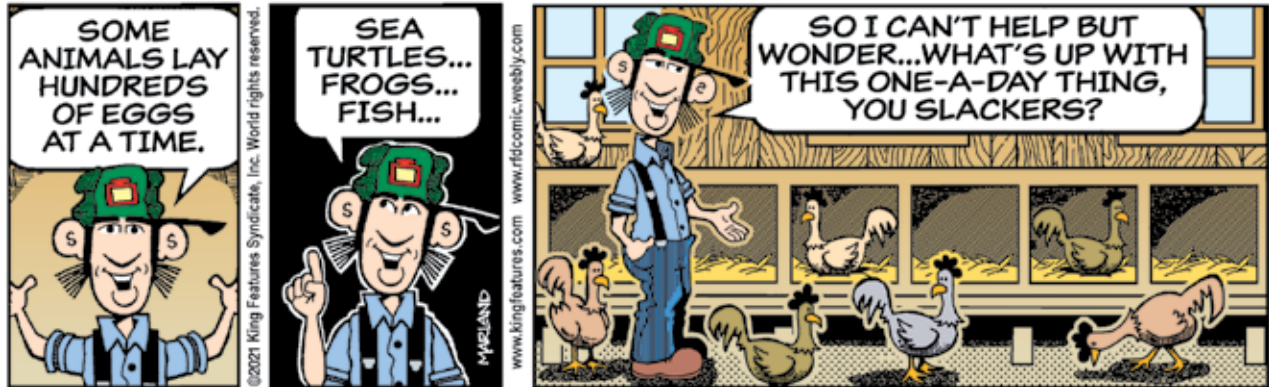
by Jeff Pickering

Out on a Limb



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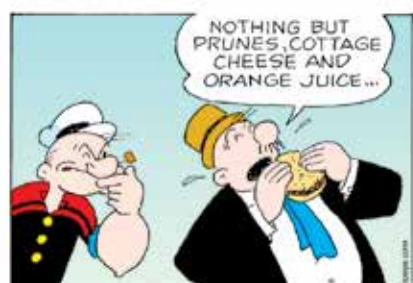
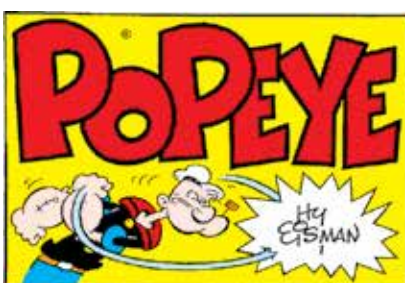


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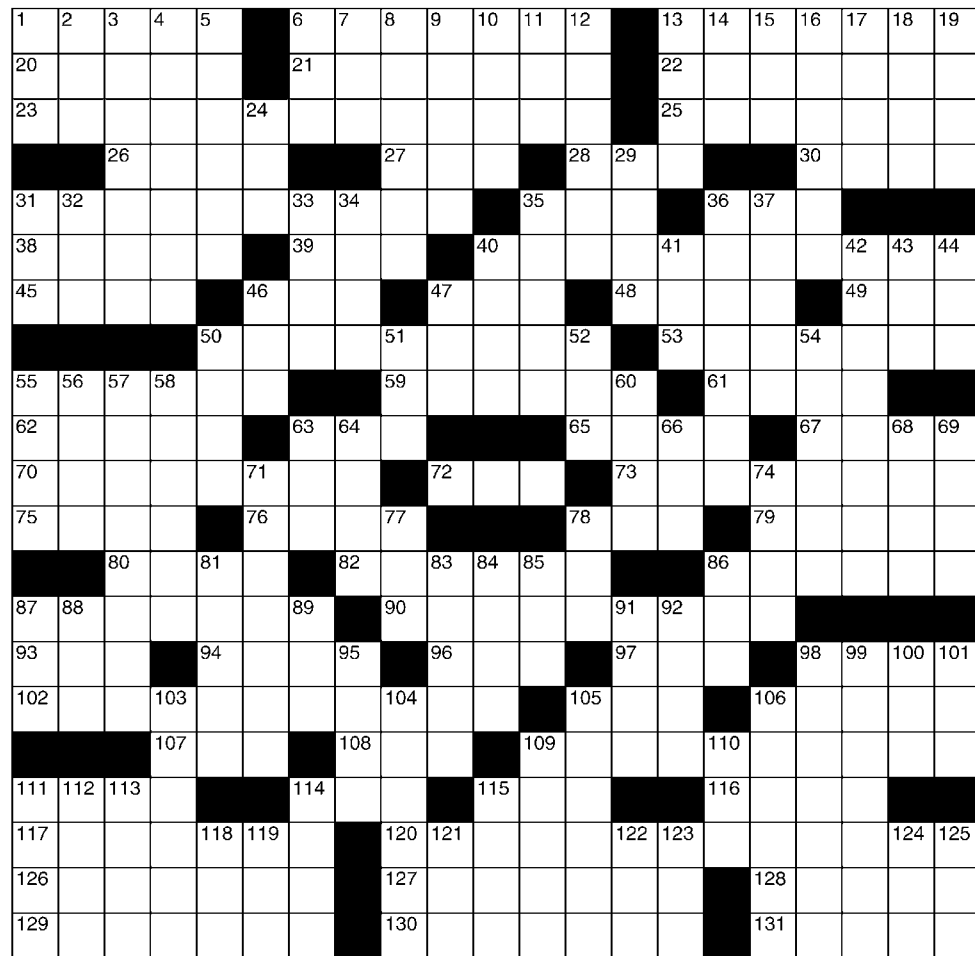


PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

GAME TIME

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ford dud
 - 6 Like a poetic lament
 - 13 Reggae land
 - 20 Mucho
 - 21 Sailing event
 - 22 Warded off
 - 23 Game in which groups of items are named
 - 25 Game utilizing five dice
 - 26 Liver spread
 - 27 Part of TGIF
 - 28 "That's show —!"
 - 30 Singer Elliot
 - 31 Game of bluffing and trivia
 - 35 Enraged
 - 36 Tax doc, pro
 - 38 Filled cookies
 - 39 Autumn mo.
 - 40 Game involving picking fruit from trees
 - 45 Boomers' children
 - 46 Seal herd
 - 47 Part of TGIF
 - 48 Glimpse
 - 49 Atop, in poetry
 - 50 Game having a cross-shaped playing area
 - 53 Suggest
 - 55 Catch sight of
 - 59 Big arteries
 - 61 Sports squad
 - 62 Writer
 - 63 Calvino
 - 65 Mensa figs.
 - 65 Brunch, e.g.
 - 67 TV host Kelly
 - 70 Game containing 100 tiles
 - 72 Apt word for this puzzle's theme, found by using the three letters that appear nowhere else in this entire puzzle's grid
 - 73 Game based on jumping and capturing
 - 75 Burn a little
 - 76 Eclectic mix
 - 78 Greek vowel
 - 79 Certain eye surgery
 - 80 Notified
 - 82 Dogs' jinglers
 - 86 Glues
 - 87 Indianan, informally
 - 90 Game featuring war negotiation
 - 93 Pt. of PLO
 - 94 Male buds
 - 96 Zodiac cat
 - 97 "Six-pack"
 - 98 Mass seats
 - 102 Game whose players try to get rid of all their cards
 - 105 Taoism's Lao- —
 - 106 "The land of cotton"
 - 107 Acorn tree
 - 108 Lean- — (simple huts)
 - 109 Game entailing sinking vessels
 - 111 Actor Scott
 - 114 Lead-in to propyl
 - 115 — Lanka
 - 116 — Spumante
 - 117 Game with an unmatched penalty card
 - 120 Game using rebounding automaton, as originally named
 - 126 Painter's mixing board
 - 127 Geronimo's people
 - 128 Slur over
 - 129 Veers
 - 130 Toy terriers, for short
 - 131 Lauder of cosmetics
 - DOWN
 - 1 High trains
 - 2 Medico
 - 3 Office gizmo
 - 4 — Unidos de América
 - 5 Espresso quaffs
 - 6 Blunder
 - 7 Lower limb
 - 8 Vain person
 - 9 Country star
 - 10 Inflammation suffix
 - 11 Polished off
 - 12 North African city citadel
 - 13 Rap star married to Beyoncé
 - 14 Film director DuVernay
 - 15 "Doesn't excite me"
 - 16 Elaborately decorated auto
 - 17 Chichén — (Mayan ruins)
 - 18 OK grades
 - 19 Citrus drinks
 - 24 Suffix with profit
 - 29 Sacred cow
 - 31 Be a pugilist
 - 32 "— you in?"
 - 33 Portal
 - 34 "T.N.T." band
 - 35 Center
 - 36 Chuckle
 - 37 Black tea
 - 40 User of a certain weeding tool
 - 41 Perp nabber
 - 42 Most spacious
 - 43 With
 - 52-Down, retort to "No you're not!"
 - 44 Mined matter
 - 46 Stipend, say
 - 47 Prefix with thermal
 - 50 "No —!" ("Sure!")
 - 51 Owns
 - 52 See 43-Down
 - 54 Arctic coats
 - 55 Frisbee, e.g.
 - 56 Mark permanently
 - 57 Bay Area city
 - 58 Light cigars
 - 60 Faith faction
 - 63 Sick
 - 64 Brit. monarch beginning in '52
 - 66 "Caught ya!"
 - 68 — dieu (kneeler)
 - 69 Inquires
 - 71 "Bolero" star
 - 74 Pottery need
 - 77 Strange
 - 78 "— Beso"
 - 81 Tripoli is its capital
 - 83 Is inclined
 - 84 Imitates
 - 85 Day- — colors
 - 86 Mac rivals
 - 87 Ad —
 - 88 NHL's Bobby
 - 89 French "king"
 - 91 Sail holder
 - 92 Help do bad
 - 95 Mil. figures
 - 98 Small guns
 - 99 Demonstrate
 - 100 Nintendo system
 - 101 Autumn mo.
 - 103 Fast car, e.g.
 - 104 "Yippeee!"
 - 105 Meditative martial art
 - 106 One-named singer of the 1994 hit "You Gotta Be"
 - 109 Baseball great Lou
 - 110 Nero's lang.
 - 111 Conks
 - 112 — unto itself
 - 113 Sit in neutral
 - 114 — of March
 - 115 Mark permanently
 - 118 Safari truck, in brief
 - 119 Suffix with Wisconsin
 - 121 NYSE event
 - 122 Bray starter
 - 123 Letter #19
 - 124 Lyrical poem
 - 125 Letter #20



MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

Gnocchi with Kohlrabi



Kohlrabi, with its funny name and alien appearance, is the type of overlooked vegetable that can seem intimidating to most home cooks. Originating from northern Europe, kohlrabi is in the brassica family, related to kale, broccoli and cabbage. Both the bulbous stem and the sprouting leaves are edible, with a sweet crisp flavor which can be enjoyed raw or cooked. This past week, the first kohlrabi of the season was ready to pick in our garden, a welcomed change from the recent endless bounty of zucchini. Here the bulb is roasted, and the greens are sautéed separately, before being combined into a creamy sauce to toss with fluffy gnocchi.

Ingredients:

- 1 to 2 kohlrabi bulbs, about 1-pound, peeled
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon fresh rosemary, minced
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme, minced
- Kosher salt and fresh ground black pepper
- 4 slices thick cut bacon
- 3 cloves garlic, sliced
- Pinch crushed chili flakes, to taste
- 1 cup kohlrabi greens, thinly sliced (see notes)
- 1 small onion, finely diced
- 1 carrot, finely diced
- 1 celery rib, finely diced
- 1 tablespoon fresh sage, minced
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1-pound gnocchi, homemade or store-bought
- ¼ cup fresh basil, torn or sliced
- ¼ cup parmesan, fresh grated, plus more



Directions:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Cut kohlrabi into half-inch cubes. In mixing bowl, toss kohlrabi cubes with 1 tablespoon of the olive oil, rosemary, thyme, and season with a pinch of salt. Spread evenly on baking sheet, and roast for 25 to 30 minutes, stirring every 15 minutes. Kohlrabi is done when tender and golden brown. Remove from oven and set aside.

Slice bacon into half-inch strips and place in cold Dutch oven. Set pan over medium heat, cook until fat has rendered, and bacon is just crisp. Remove bacon with slotted spoon to drain on plate lined with paper towel and set aside. Drain all but one tablespoon of bacon fat and return pan to moderate heat. Add sliced garlic and crushed chili flake. Sauté for a minute until garlic is lightly golden and fragrant. Add greens all at once. Sauté for 5 to 10 minutes, stirring frequently, until greens are tender but still bright green. When done, add greens to roasted kohlrabi and set aside.

Bring large stock pot of salted water to a boil over medium heat. Meanwhile, add butter and 1 tablespoon of olive oil to Dutch oven and return to medium heat. When butter is hot, add onion, carrot, celery, sage, and a pinch of salt. Season to taste with fresh ground black pepper, and sauté for 5 minutes, until onions are translucent. Add flour and continue to cook for 2 minutes, stirring constantly, until paste is foamy. Whisk in stock, making sure to scrape up all the butter and flour paste from sides of pan. When smooth, add milk and continue to whisk and cook over medium heat. Cook until sauce is silky smooth and slightly reduced. Reduce heat to low, then stir in roasted kohlrabi, greens, and bacon.

Add gnocchi to rapidly boiling water and cook for 2 to 4 minutes, until they float to surface. Drain and add gnocchi to pan with sauce. Add parmesan and toss until fully mixed. Taste and adjust seasoning, adding more salt or pepper, if needed, then take off heat. Serve immediately, garnishing top with fresh basil and more grated parmesan.

Notes:

Kohlrabi is found in many grocery stores and farmers markets, late summer through fall. It is often sold with its green leaves still attached. If you don't have any kohlrabi greens to work with, you can substitute fresh spinach, chard or kale. Trim the root end of the bulb and peel off the two outer layers of tough fibrous skin. If you can't find kohlrabi, try this recipe with turnips or rutabaga.

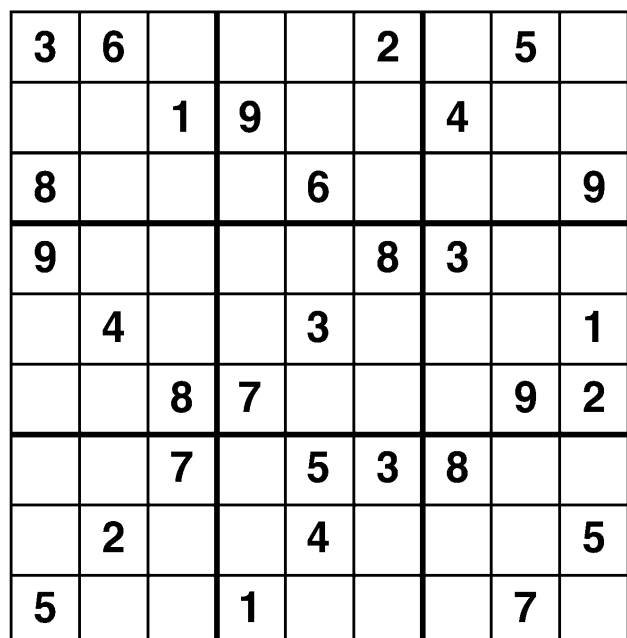
Gnocchi, which are small Italian potato and flour dumplings, can be found packaged in the same aisle as dry pasta. They can also sometimes be found in the freezer, or in the refrigerated fresh pasta section. If you have the time, and patience, making them homemade can be a fun endeavor.

Serve this with a lush, yet dry, white wine such as a Willamette Valley chardonnay, a pinot Blanc, or a fruity pinot grigio. On a recent perfect summer evening, we enjoyed this creamy pasta dining alfresco on our back deck with a simple crisp salad on the side. Enjoy!

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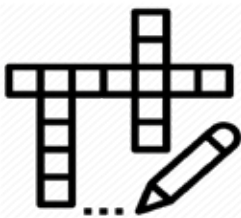


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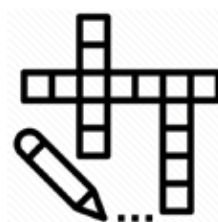
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Weekly SUDOKU

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THE LAST PAGE

Help Wanted: An overview of American work shortages

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

Help wanted signs are showing up in storefront windows across the nation, with 9.3 million job openings being reported in the United States, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Economists have been studying this most recent employee shortage and the effects the gaping holes in the workforce have had for businesses, workers and consumers.

Locally, businesses have had to adjust to the shortages. Waitsburg Grocery has had to close an hour earlier for nearly a month, missing out on the late-evening sales. In Dayton, Chief Springs Fire and Irons Brew Pub announced on Facebook yesterday that they will be closing at 3 p.m. on Tuesdays due to a staffing shortage. Though the pub will close earlier the pizzeria will keep regular hours. There have also been temporary adjustments due to employees testing positive for COVID-19.

Hospitals are short staffed as they now need to take care of the normal flow of patients and the recent increase in COVID-19 cases. Community pools have struggled to remain open throughout the summer, many citing 'lifeguard availability' as the need to close. Restaurants in Walla Walla are experiencing difficulties bringing back staff and finding new workers as the inside dining and tourism has been increasing.

The labor shortage is heavily affecting the hospitality industry; a July 8 report from Business Insider showed up to one-third of hospitality workers weren't considering returning to the industry. This comes after many were forced to find work elsewhere due to COVID-19 restrictions on the industry.

The fear of contracting COVID-19 is another concern for many workers who have been out of the workforce during the pandemic. Jobs in retail, hospitality, and other industries that require face to face contact with the public are often positions that have limited health benefits. With the increase in COVID-19 and specifically the Delta variant, many workers have held off coming back to these jobs.



Beka Compton

Stephanie Aaronson, Vice President and Director of Economic Studies at Brookings Institute suggested it will take time for workers and employers to find each other again and that there may be mismatch between the types of jobs offered and the workers who are still looking for work right now. She said it is primarily workers with the lowest levels of education and lowest wages who are still lagging the furthest behind their pre-pandemic unemployment rates and that will likely persist going forward.

Economists, including Aaronson, have found some workers have stayed home with their children and might decide to do so for a little longer. People could have made decisions to attend school which will keep them out of the labor force. And finally, although I don't think this is the most important story, there could also be workers who are hesitant to work because they don't feel safe yet, even as more of the country is becoming vaccinated, and that could hold employment back a bit going forward.

According to the Wall Street Journal, some economists, Republican lawmakers and business owners say enhanced federal unemployment benefits are contributing to the labor shortage, because many workers receive more in government aid than they would get on the job. Those benefits—\$300 a week on top of regular state payments—are due to expire after Labor Day.

While unemployment benefits may have helped low-income workers during the pandemic, many do not want to return to jobs that don't pay a living wage. Forbes reports that there are moves toward worker's rights reform, including making competitive wages and benefits a standard. Other economists believe that the lingering pandemic and its potential to blow again, are holding people back from returning to the workforce as they are uncertain of the future.

Economists at Morgan Stanley strongly believe that caregiving responsibilities may be a big factor in people choosing to stay at home. Last year, as school closed for in-person learning, some parents were forced to quit jobs to stay home to care for their school age children. Many found themselves acting as teachers or teacher aides after schools moved to virtual learning.

A Federal Reserve analysis from July 2021 showed that loss of jobs due to caregiving impacted women significantly higher than men. Women are more likely to stay home with children due to closing of childcare facilities and schools going to remote learning. Shortages in childcare have been an issue long before the pandemic and will continue to influence this section of shortages. School reopening may offer more concrete options for stay-at-home-parents, but experts at the Institute for Women's Policy Research say that moms may not return to work for months, concerned about possible school closures as COVID-19 cases continue to surge.

Another factor in the labor shortage may come with the lack of job mobility. Waitsburg was one of many small, rural towns that experienced an influx of new residents who left larger cities, hoping to work remotely in this time of Zoom meetings and cloud computing. As the pandemic looked to be heading towards containment through vaccines and other measures, employers who allowed workers to operate remotely are now asking employees to return to the office.

With so many changes in the economy over the last year, there is not a clear cause or solution to the current labor shortage. Next week, I will be exploring how local businesses have been affected and how they are handling the shortage of available workers.

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