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Bill Rodgers

This year's harvest promises a significant increase in yields after a cooler, wetter spring and summer. The weather has also impacted the start time for harvest evident by the activity still going strong in the rolling hills around the counties.

## THIS WEEK



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Lightning  
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## County officials report to the Dayton City Council

*BDI adds fuel surcharge to household bills in new contract with the city*

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Columbia County Sheriff Joe Helm spoke at length in his report to the Dayton City Council last week. Most notably, he reported about traffic stops and criticism he has received from some who say there have been way too many. Since January 1, the road deputies have made 748 traffic stops.

Helm said the stops are not only for safety reasons but also to prevent crime and drugs from entering the community.

According to the sheriff, Columbia County is a major drug route from the west coast to Lewiston.

Over the last few weeks, deputies have taken some “dangerous” drivers off county roads, confiscated a large number of drugs, recovered stolen property, apprehended several fugitives, and assisted numerous law enforcement agencies across the country in solving crimes.

During one stop, Deputy Riley Conahan recovered \$50,000 in stolen property and arrested a fugitive in possession of two stolen vehicles from the New York area. Helm said that person was on a crime spree across the country, stealing identities, passports, and credit cards. At the time of the stop, there were four children in the vehicle and illicit drugs.

Another stop on the west end of town yielded 200 fentanyl pills and powder. Fentanyl and opioids are the leading cause of drug death in the 18-46 age group, according to Helm.

He said the Sheriff's Office would continue a “balanced approach” with public safety in mind as they continue to work on traffic issues.

There are two new faces in the Sheriff's Office, said Helm. Gino Bruce and Daniel Wagner have been hired and are waiting to be admitted to the Police Academy, either in Burien or in Spokane.

The Sheriff's Office has policies in place, and applications are being accepted for the volunteer Posse program. Anyone older than 18 years of age is welcome to apply. Volunteers can work in the office, at special events, with traffic control, and in making security checks. Help is also needed with public education programs and neighborhood watch programs.

Helm said his office is gearing up for the Blue Mountain Search and Rescue academy in October. Those who participate will receive their core competency requirements and become fully certified during the weekend event.

Firearm safety classes are also in the process of development. To volunteer in the various programs or ask about the courses phone the Dispatch Office at: (509) 382-2518.

Helm also provided the incident log report for July: 399, City. 139, County. 43, EMS, City. 11, EMS, County. 8, Fire, City. 5, Fire, County.

Columbia County Commissioner Ryan Rundell reported on a year-long process for the Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan. The scope is in four phases; organizing planning resources, risk assessment, public

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## Waitsburg taking bids on historic city hall building

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—On September 21, 2022, Waitsburg City Council will consider bids for 147 Main Street, which until recently housed City Hall.

The city decided to surplus the building last year and accepted a bid for the assessed value of \$205,000. The accepted bidder planned to build apartments upstairs and create retail space on the ground floor. Unfortunately, the sale fell through in June.

The city reopened the bidding process on July 5, 2022, requesting proposals (RFP) for the historic building. Bidders must submit proposals by 2:00 p.m. on September 16. The City Council will consider bids, including the proposed purchase price and use for the property, at its regular meeting on September 21, 2022.

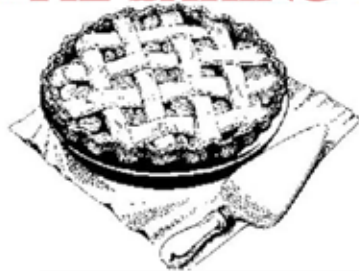
The First National Bank built the building in 1889. The City of Waitsburg took over the building in 1974, moving city hall from the Weller Public Library building.

Some upgrades were made over the years, including uncovering the keystone windows, painting the interior and exterior, and replacing some flooring. The ground floor housed the city's offices until City Hall relocated to its new building at 106 Main Street. The council decided to purchase the newer building last year to avoid the significant costs associated with ADA upgrades and repairs. The price for renovations was projected to cost the city significantly more than it would be for a non-government owner.

With the recent sales of commercial buildings left vacant for many years, there are no longer any historically significant buildings left for sale. This beautiful brick building, with arched windows, stunning light, and a built-in vault, offers a unique opportunity for someone who is not afraid of a challenge.

Contact City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe at 509-337-6371 during business hours for more information and to arrange a viewing. The RFP and RFP information, appraisal, and other information about the building are available at [www.cityofwaitsburg.org](http://www.cityofwaitsburg.org).

### LAURETTE MCCAW PIO-NEER FALL FESTIVAL PIE BAKING CONTEST



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# NEWS BRIEFS

## LETTERS

### BIPARTISAN SUPPORT IN LOCAL POLITICS

To the Editor:

We seem to live in an ever-increasing political state of division. But I think it's an illusion caused by the far-right and far-left and the media that is constantly scrambling for viewers. There are lots of dog-whistles being blown that raise hackles and get people frothing at the mouth about some lefty-libtard or some right-wing-nutjob.

But I don't think that's where the majority lives. And it certainly hasn't historically been where the majority lives. Some of us are old enough to remember how closely Republicans and Democrats worked to pass important legislation on the federal level. (here is a link to historical bipartisan-ship <https://bipartisanpolicy.org/history-of-bipartisanship/>). And on the local level, traditionally party didn't matter as it seems to matter so much to some these days. It was once 'county over party' or 'city over party' and deeply ingrained ideologies didn't worm their way into the dealings of local government. One of the reasons I am supporting Jack Miller is because he isn't being held aloft by one tribe, like Simba in the Lion King as the great and only savior for this county. He was approached to run by Democrat and Republican voters alike because we are wanting to find our way back to the place where party and ideology isn't being placed over county/city/citizen.

I've heard Jack being called a RINO (Republican in Name Only) as if that is an insult on down-ballot elections like Commissioners/City Council/Port elections. Down-ballot elections shouldn't be responded to with the hard-core ideologies that we've see of late. Local issues are rarely driven by the same engines as federal elections are and we need local people taking care of the local people's business with ALL the local people's interest at the forefront. So, when a candidate has the support of people from both parties, I'd say that's a win for us all.

When ideologies keep leaders from seeing or hearing or acknowledging their neighbors in our small community, then something isn't working right. When ideologies cause leaders to speak disparagingly of neighbors that don't vote, look, worship or love as they do, then something isn't working.

Exclusion in small communities isn't sustainable. We need leaders that are willing to be supported by members of the opposite party. We need leaders that are not so entrenched in their ideologies that they reject, outright, anything that comes from the opposite party. We need leaders that the opposite party is willing to step out of their entrenched beliefs to offer support to and see as a leader for ALL of Columbia County citizens. This is how to accomplish and move ahead. Jack Miller is supported by Republican and Democrats in this county and that is quite amazing in such divisive times. I'm voting for Jack Miller, County Commissioner, Position #3 in November.

Vicki Zoller,  
Dayton, Wash.

### SEPARATION OF SPEECH AND DUTY NEEDED IN SHERIFF'S OFFICE

To the editor,

The following is a letter, dated June 28, 2022, sent to Columbia County Sheriff Joe Helm.

The letter pertained to his Under Sheriff wearing the County Law Enforcement uniform and badge while giving a political/religious speech on the streets of Dayton.

June 28, 2022

Sheriff Joe Helm  
Columbia County  
341 E. Main St.  
Suite 1  
Dayton, WA. 99328

Sheriff Helm:

*As an introduction: I left Dayton in 2015 but still remain connected to the community that I lived in and served for 24 years. Additionally, I'm retired with over 28 years in law enforcement and seven years in direct support of law enforcement at the city, county, state, and federal levels, in a consultant role.*

*I have read and totally support your Vision, Mission, Values, and Goals established for your Department. With that said, I take exception to Deputy Patterson wearing what appeared to be a uniform shirt with his Name and a Columbia County embroidered Sheriff's Badge as a speaker at a recent event near the Dayton Depot. After reviewing a video of the speech, I found no relationship between his political views/words, Biblical and Constitutional references, and your department's Vision, Mission, Values, Goals, and law enforcement responsibilities to the Community. It begs the question: Was Deputy Patterson on duty?*

*What happened to the sayings "When you wear the Badge, you're always on duty" and "What you do and say reflects on your Department and Community"!*

*As a past member of the law enforcement profession I continue to support and uphold the uniform and badge in high esteem. I strongly feel that Deputy Patterson was wrong when he wore the Badge while speaking or preaching on a matter of his personal, biblical or political beliefs and interests? Additionally, by wearing the embroidered badge, his words and personal view represented that of the Sheriff's Department and Government of Columbia County.*

Respectfully,  
Ted Paterson

To date, I have not received a response nor acknowledgment that the issue has been corrected.

Ted Paterson  
Whidbey Island, Wash.

### AT THE LIBERTY:

*Where the Crawdads Sing*

THE TIMES

DAYTON—*Where the Crawdads Sing*, from the best-selling novel by Delia Owens, is a captivating mystery that tells the story of Kya (Daisy Edgar-Jones), an abandoned girl who raised herself to adulthood in the dangerous marshlands of North Carolina.

For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" haunted Barkley Cove, isolating the sharp and resilient Kya from her community. Drawn to two young men (played by Taylor John Sharp and Harris Dickinson) from town, Kya opens herself to a new and startling world. When one of them is found dead, she is immediately cast by the community as the main suspect. As the case unfolds, the verdict as to what actually happened becomes increasingly unclear, threatening to reveal the many secrets that lay within the marsh.

Rotten Tomatoes critics generally did not like this movie. Their critics had 35% that thought the movies was favorable, but audiences disagreed, with 96% that gave it favorable reviews. The critics noted "*Where the Crawdads Sing* is ultimately unable to distill its source material into a tonally coherent drama." The audience summary was "A particular treat for viewers who love the book, ... (which) offers a faithfully told, well-acted story in a rich, beautifully filmed setting." It is rated PG-13 for sexual content and some violence (including a sexual assault). Runtime is 2 hours 5 minutes.

Please see our nearby advertisement, or our website, for movie dates and times. However, the incidence and spread of BA.5 variant of COVID is high, so we highly recommend that you wear face masks in the theater. We appreciate your cooperation.

**Special Live Event** – Sundae + Mr. Goessl performance, Sunday, August 28 at 7 pm (\$20/seat). This will be the fourth visit to the Liberty Theater for this award-winning husband-and-wife vintage jazz duo. They have taken several tours across the country with their delightful brand of entertainment, melding award-winning vintage jazz with comedy. Their show, "Fun & Fancy", mixes banter, comedy, and crowd engagement with great music, multiple instruments and exciting arrangements. This talented and highly trained duet have been wowing audiences since 2014. With 1000's of shows under their belt, this fantastic act has earned its fair share of well-deserved attention and awards (including 2 Golden Ears from Earshot Magazine!). No matter your age or musical taste, this duo will keep you smiling and entertained. Don't miss this event! Reserved seats are available at the Liberty Theater website, or during Tues and Friday theater office hours (2-5 pm).

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OBITUARY

Glenda Kaye Barron

December 29, 1956 – August 7, 2022

We are heartbroken to announce the sudden and unexpected death on August 7, 2022, of Glenda Kaye Barron, 65, of Dayton, WA. Glenda was born December 29, 1956, to Norman and Marilyn (Williams) Roff in Dayton, where she lived her entire life. She graduated from Dayton High School in 1975 and married Charles (Bob) Barron later that year. They had two children, Angela and Charlie. Bob and Glenda were married until his passing in 2006. Glenda retired in 2020 after 30 years as a Correctional Officer from the Washington State Penitentiary.



Glenda Kaye Barron  
1956 - 2022

Glenda loved to sew, read, and tend to the animals on her small farm, but her greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren. She enjoyed going along with her children and their families to concerts, fair/rodeo events, camping trips, sporting events, going to the mountains, and also loved baking and decorating Birthday cakes for family and enjoyed leather work, sharing and passing on that love to her grandchildren. She had a huge heart and was always eager to help anyone in need. She was outspoken and always stood up for what she believed was right. She will be greatly missed by many.

Glenda leaves behind daughter Angela (Randy) Hoover of Kennewick; son Charlie (Tracy) Barron of Waitsburg; step-daughter Lori Hatfield of Shelton; grandchildren Caleb Barron, Makenna Barron, Mason Hoover, Carter Barron, and Nora Hoover; mother, Marilyn Roff; sisters, Diana Ashley, Sherry White, Kathy Gallaher; brother, Norman Roff; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and close friends she considered family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles (Bob) Barron; step-daughter, Bobbi Barron; and father, Norman Roff.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 10:00 AM, at the Faith Church in Dayton, Washington.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Herring Groseclose Funeral Home. Guests may sign the guest book at [www.herringgroseclose.com](http://www.herringgroseclose.com).

Columbia Port meeting includes public hearing on surplus property

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Columbia Port Commissioners held their regular meeting at 5 p.m., July 13, 2022, at the Port of Columbia and on Zoom. All Commissioners were present in person, Genie Crowe, Seth Bryan, and Johnny Watts, along with the Executive Director, Jennie Dickinson. Members of the public attended using Zoom and in person.

Dickinson reported that Dayton Electric will vacate its lease at the Port to move into a duplex the company purchased. Red Band Cellars has agreed to expand its operation into the unit vacated by Dayton Electric.

Dickinson said the Comprehensive Plan process was ongoing.

Crowe opened a public hearing to discuss the sale of excess Port property. The property consisted of a former rail siding east of Seneca, near the Columbia Grain Grower’s silo. The Port or the railroad has not used the property for many years. The Grain Growers have been using a part of the property and would like to acquire the rest. Members of the public voiced no objections. Bryan moved to accept Resolution 2022-03, which declared the property surplus, and Watts seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

Two long-anticipated Conestoga wagons have finally arrived at Lyons Ferry Marina. In her report about Blue Mountain Station, Dickinson said two tenants had given notice, Humble Honey, which is closing their business, and Mama Monacelli’s Candy is moving to Walla Walla. Both will leave at the end of September.

Dickinson also said in her Director’s report the rail operator was planning on exercising their option to renew their lease for three years.

No significant changes or met milestones for any of the other Port projects were announced during this evening’s meeting.

Watts said he wanted a U.S. Flag inside the Port office building. Dickinson said the building never has had one inside, only outside. Bryan agreed that he wanted a flag inside the building too.

Crowe adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

VIRTUAL SESSION SCHEDULED FOR TIGER-MILL PROJECT, WALLA WALLA RANGER DIST

THE TIMES

PENDLETON — The Walla Walla Ranger District of the Umatilla National Forest will host a virtual public engagement session on Aug. 18 from 4-6 p.m. for the proposed Tiger-Mill Project.

The purpose of the virtual meeting is to introduce the Tiger-Mill Project, discuss project objectives and proposed treatments, and to gather information from the public about values that they would like the Forest Service to consider in project development. The session will be hosted via Zoom and will include opportunities to engage with District specialists and ask questions regarding the proposed action. The Zoom link will be posted on the Tiger-Mill Project page listed below.

The Tiger-Mill Project is located approximately 13 miles east of Walla Walla, Washington and is within and adjacent to the Mill Creek Municipal Watershed. The project, in partnership with the City of Walla Walla, aims to protect and improve water quality within the Mill Creek Municipal Watershed by treating dead and live vegetation around and within the watershed through both mechanical and nonmechanical treatments. The total project area is 38,471 acres. Preliminary proposed actions include commercial timber harvest (11,149 acres), thinning smaller trees (3,268 acres), and landscape-scale prescribed burning (27,737 acres) within the project area.

“Protecting water quality and the health of the Mill Creek Municipal Watershed is one of our top priorities,” said Aaron Gagnon, Walla Walla District Ranger. “This project is designed to reduce the risk of a wildfire negatively impacting this important resource.”

The Mill Creek Municipal Watershed plays a vital role to the residents of Walla Walla and surrounding communities, providing nearly 90% of the City’s water needs. The watershed also provides important habitat for wildlife and fish. The Umatilla National Forest and City of Walla Walla have co-managed the Mill Creek Watershed since 1918 under a unique agreement signed by the Secretary of Agriculture and the City. Protecting the health and resiliency of forested



landscapes within the watershed is crucial for reducing runoff of snow, rain and soil, and for maintaining the high quality of the water, which is important to the communities, wildlife, fish and economies that depend on it.

The project proposal is anticipated to be released for a 30-day scoping period fall of 2022. This virtual public engagement session is an opportunity for the public to be involved in the process and offer thoughts on alternative ways the Forest Service can accomplish the project purpose and need. Forest staff are also developing an interactive story map, which will be displayed during the virtual meeting to provide further details on the Tiger-Mill project.

For additional information about the upcoming public workshops, please contact Darcy Weseman, Public Affairs Officer, at [darcy.weseman@usda.gov](mailto:darcy.weseman@usda.gov), or Joseph Sciarrino, Tiger-Mill Project Lead, at [joseph.sciarrino@usda.gov](mailto:joseph.sciarrino@usda.gov).

Additional information on the Tiger-Mill Project is available on the website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62658>.

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

BIRTHDAYS

**August 11:** Alfred Peters, Gary Pierson, Kim Townsend, Dorothy Anderson, Bradley Grende.

**August 12:** Seth Deal, Gordon Gilmore, Abby Hyder Barrantes, Darleen Dozier, Shawn Smith, Suzanne Schulke, Mia Becker, Bess Herndon, Patsy Foust, Keaton Jean Larsen.

**August 13:** Shawn Thomas, Tammy Wood, Mark Leid, Angela Williams, Forrest Waltermire, Leslie “Zee” Sumlin.

**August 14:** Jim Wills, Gary “Bubba” Brookshire, Lassie Wittman, Pamela Cresswell, Betty Kress, Joan Helm, Daniel Stanley.

**August 15:** Kathy Patton, Courtney Durkee, Erica Grende, Jean Hofer, Nicholas Lloyd,

JoAnn Gagnon, Jennifer Lambert.

**August 16:** Gracie Compton, Roberta Long, Jerry Hall, Tammy Pauley, Patty Froke, Maita Hagedorn.



**August 17:** Addisen Ford, Pauline Stanton, Kenneth Leaverton, Casey Davison, Lance Munden, Larry Williams, Ken Graham.

**August 18:** Kay Pettichord, Wiley Miller, Angela Hopkins, Clark Hulce, Nicole Page, Levi Fluharty, Paula Cooper, Jeanie White, Keith Williams, Alex Dill, Janell Groom, Chris Wood, Vincent Wright, Madison McCaw.

**August 19:** Nicki Johnson, Steve Barr, Lucas Mohny, Georgia Rose Leisure, Brandon Crawford, Christopher Rohlfing.

**August 20:** Deric Davidson.

**August 21:** John Largent, Jennifer Clifton, Rick Reedy, Adelaide Johnson.

**August 22:** Randy Farley, Peggy Stedman, Lynn Baker, Mindy Nordheim, Raylene Scott, Richard Beckel, Luke Alexenko.

**August 23:** Babs Cerna, Coleen Langlo, Dan Donavan, Brian Hopkins.

**August 24:** Zach Bartlow, Cathy Lambert, Audeana Ritter, Bryan Harris, Denise Reid, Matt Everett, Taelor Carter.

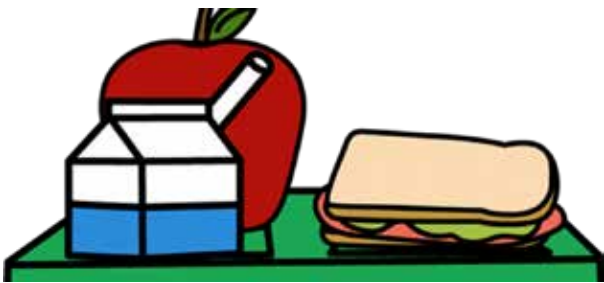
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WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Waitsburg School District is offering free breakfast and lunch to all children under 18 years of age. Meals will end July 29. Breakfast is served between 8:30 a.m and 9:30 a.m. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m.



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MAREN MORRIS AT WINE COUNTRY AMPHITHEATRE AUGUST 23

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLLA—The Wine Country Amphitheater has brought familiar and new headliners, including Bonnie Raitt and Aaron Lewis, to the Walla Walla Valley. As part of her Humble Quest tour, Maren Morris will step on the outdoor stage on August 23.

Before her solo career took off in 2015, Morris wrote songs for country music stars, including Kelly Clarkson (Second Wind) and Tim McGraw (Last Turn Home). Morris’s debut song, “My Church” became her first top 5 hit on Billboard’s US Hot Country Songs and later earned her a Grammy for Best Country Performance.

Throughout her career, the 32-year-old Texas native has earned more than 30 awards and was nominated for over 90 others for performance and songwriting.

Her music is rooted in country mixed with pop, rock, and R&B. “The Middle” released in 2018 was a collaboration with Russian-German producer Zedd and American duo Grey. The recording reached the top ten charts in the US and internationally. To date, it has been streamed on Spotify over one billion times.

Morris’s 2022 album, Humble Quest pays homage to her Texas-country roots with twangy guitars, steady beats, and story-telling lyrics while honoring her modern-country status.

Knitting Factory Entertainment, CMoore Concerts, and W3 Entertainment have teamed-up to debut a new summer concert series at the Wine Country Amphitheater. The 5,000-capacity live music venue is located at the Veterans Memorial Golf Course in Walla Walla. The stage, which is erected days before each performance and taken down immediately after, is on course driving range. The range creates a perfect amphitheater with a stunning view of the sun setting over golden wheat fields behind the stage.

The Maren Morris: Humble Quest Tour stops in Walla Walla on August 23. The concert starts at 8:00 p.m. and the general admission tickets are only \$65 at the venue’s website. Be sure to go to <https://winecountryconcerts.com> for information and to purchase tickets at the venue price.

The Walla Walla Wine Country Concert series has already hosted ZZ Top, Aaron Lewis, Lyle Lovett and Chriss Isaak. On Wednesday this week, Mavis Staples and Bonnie Raitt will perform. Next week is Morris and the last concert of the series will be Jackson Brown on September 20, 2022.



Maren Morris

W3Concerts

MASTER FALCONER AND HIS FALCON TO VISIT WAITSBURG FOR ROYAL BLOCK READING

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Royal Block Reading Series welcomes author James West Nelson (and one of his raptors) for a reading from his magnum opus, *Hoods, Hooding, and Hoodmaking*, at the Royal Block in Waitsburg Saturday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Children and young adults are welcome to meet Mr. Nelson and his Harris Hawk outside the Royal Block on the Main Street sidewalk from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. To attend the reading inside, guests must be 21 or over (because of the wine bar).

Now a master falconer, hood maker, and breeder, Nelson first received his Washington State falconer’s license in 1969 as a youth in Port Townsend, WA. Lacking access to organized falconry programs, he taught himself the basics of the sport by reading library books.

He has trained and flown most raptors suitable for falconry. He helped found the Washington Falconers Association in 1980 and has served as its past president. Nelson was instrumental in establishing the Peruvian aplomado falcon (*Falco femoralis*) as a falconry bird in the United States. He is known for his innovative falcon-hood manufacturing techniques and falcon-training methods.

*Hoods, Hooding, and Hoodmaking*, published by Western Sporting, Sheridan, WY, is one of the most comprehensive works on the topic of falconry in modern years. Nelson has also published articles, short stories, and poems describing falconry through the eyes of a falconer.

Nelson resides in Prosser, WA, and teaches science at Richland High School.

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Photo by Dan Robertson

Jim Nelson and gyr x peregrine hybrid falcon.

KINGSTON TRIO PAST AND PRESENT AT GESA THEATER

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — The Kingston Trio will perform an acoustic concert at Gesa Power House Theatre on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.

In 1957, The Kingston Trio emerged from San Francisco’s North Beach club scene to take the country by storm, bringing the rich tradition of American folk music into the mainstream for the first time. During the late 50s & early 60s, the trio enjoyed unprecedented record sales and worldwide fame while influencing the musical tastes of a generation.

Through changing times, the Trio has played on, and fifty-eight years after “Tom Dooley” shot to the top of the charts, the Trio is still on the road thirty weeks a year, bringing back all the great memories and making new ones.

Current members of The Kingston Trio, Mike Marvin, Tim Gorelangton, and Buddy Woodward, have close connections to the original group. The Kingston Trio’s founding members were Dave Guard, Bob Shane, and Nick Reynolds. Marvin is the adopted son of founding member Nick Reynolds, who was also his musical mentor. New member Gorelangton is one of the few musicians outside the Trio who had recorded with Nick Reynolds; and Woodward, a longtime friend of the Kingston Trio, was invited in 2002 to perform at the World Folk Music Association’s 45th Anniversary Tribute at the Birchmere Music Hall in Alexandria, VA. Many of their personal memories recall the iconic trio’s performances and journey as folk music made its extraordinary ascent to the pinnacle of popular culture – and the top of the music charts.

Reserved seating tickets (\$70-\$45) are available online at [www.phtww.org](http://www.phtww.org) or by calling the Gesa Power House Theatre box office at 509-529-6500. Gesa Power House Theatre is located at 111 N. 6th Avenue, Walla Walla.



LIVE VINTAGE JAZZ AT LIBERTY THEATER SUNDÆ + MR GOESSL

THE TIMES

DAYTON—This nationally touring husband and wife duo has been storming the country with their delightful brand of entertainment, melding award-winning music with non-award-winning comedy.

Their show, “Fun & Fancy,” is all in the title: banter, comedy, crowd engagement, and fun costumes mixed in with fancy music, multiple instruments, and exciting arrangements giving the audience more than they bargained for with this charming duo.

Sundae + Mr. Goessl have been wowing audiences since 2014 with their homegrown music and comedy act featuring velvet vocals, swingin’ guitar, ukulele, bass, and melodica, all from this talented (and highly trained) duet.

With 1000’s of shows under their belt, this fantastic act has earned its fair share of well-deserved attention, acquiring awards that some artists have taken decades to achieve (including two Golden Ears from Earshot Magazine). No matter your age or musical taste, this duo will keep you smiling and make you fall in love with music all over again. This will be the fourth visit to the Liberty Theater for this award-winning husband-and-wife vintage jazz duo. Jason Goessl is a virtuoso guitarist, and Sundae’s voice is like diamonds on silk. Fun, funny, entertaining, and inspiring. Don’t miss this performance.

Live Vintage Jazz at The Liberty Theater  
Admission \$20  
Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022 @ 7pm



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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/>

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#### Waitsburg Commercial Club

Last Thursday of each month

Zoom info available by emailing [waitsburgcc@icloud.com](mailto:waitsburgcc@icloud.com)

#### Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

First and third Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Ten Ton Coffee, 216 Main St Waitsburg

For more information email: [waitsburgpr@protonmail.com](mailto:waitsburgpr@protonmail.com)

#### Community Health & Protection Committee

TBA

Waitsburg City Hall and on Zoom

#### Friends of the Weller Public Library

4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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212 Main Street, Waitsburg

#### Weller Library Book Club

Third Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

at Weller Public Library

#### Weller Library Board of Trustees Meeting

2nd Tuesday of each month

#### Weller Public Library

##### Children's August

##### Reading Program at

##### Weller Public Library

Saturdays in August,

9am to 5 pm



### Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

#### Board of Columbia County Commissioners

First and second Monday of each month at 9 a.m.

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

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

#### Dayton City Council

Second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m.

Call-in information available at <https://www.daytonwa.com/54-inside-city-hall/city-council>

#### Dayton School Board

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

#### Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

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

#### Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

April 25 at 7 p.m. (Changed date from April 18)

Delaney room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

#### Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting

Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon

Hybrid in-person meetings at the Delaney Library with online Zoom available.

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#### Starbuck City Council

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

## Events, Film, Performace, Live Music

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#### Mythical / Movable

#### Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam

#### Upcoming Jams

All Jams - 7:00 p.m.

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#### Waitsburg Art Garden (WAG)

Come tour this unique art venue on September 1, 2022 during Waitsburg's Open House, starting at 4 p.m.

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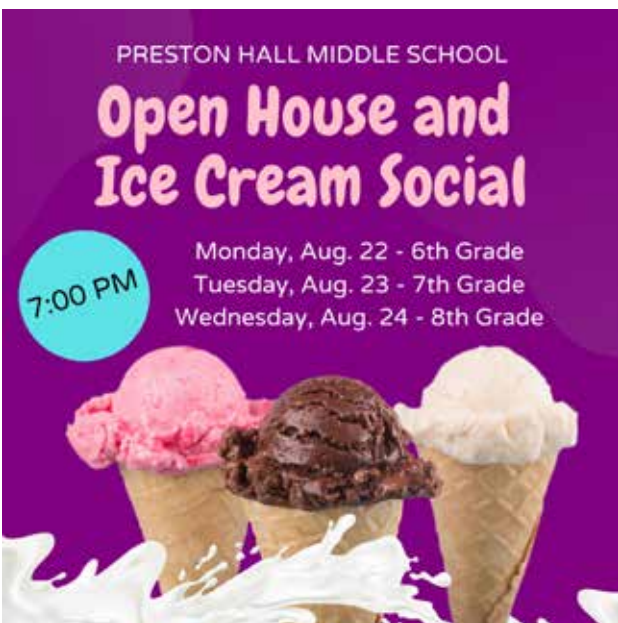
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More information to follow...



### DAYTON



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If you have never seen this husband and wife duo before, don't miss this opportunity.

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### WALLA WALLA



Maren Morris: Humble Quest Tour

August 23, 2022 @ 8:00 pm

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Jackson Browne

September 20, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

\$85.00

### WALLA WALLA



Join the Walla Walla Symphony during its 2022-2023 season for a yearlong celebration honoring Music Director & Conductor Yaacov Bergman, who is retiring after 36 years on the podium.

The season will include selections by familiar composers like Beethoven and Brahms. There will be performances from notable soloists, including violinist Rachel Barton Pine and trumpeter Pacho Flores and music by dynamic new composers Daniel Freiberg and Nancy Ives.

The season will premiere compositions written by students participating in the Symphony's SPARK! program.

More information about the concerts can be found in the season preview video at <https://tinyurl.com/2p8vjbt8> or the online brochure at <https://tinyurl.com/3s93arkw>.

The full Symphony Series subscription includes seven concerts. The Symphony experience can be customized to suit schedules with U-Pick packages of four, five, or six concerts. All subscriptions will be general admission, and many concerts will be Lives-treamed. The Symphony will continue to retain subscriber seating preferences from the 2019-2020 season until we return to reserved seating).

Proof of up-to-date vaccinations plus booster (if eligible) is required for in-person attendance until further notice. Before each concert, we will email all ticket holders about safety protocols and procedures, including mask requirements.

The Walla Walla Symphony looks forward to honoring Maestro Bergman's legacy this year at its full schedule of concerts.





WWCC WARRIOR PLEDGE DEADLINE EXTENDED TO AUGUST 22

**THE TIMES**  
WALLA WALLA – Walla Walla Community College (WWCC) continues to find new ways to make college possible for residents.  
A first-year pilot of the new Warrior Pledge will cover tuition and other educational expenses for as many as 50 students this fall—from the start of their studies through graduation.  
Residents of Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, and Asotin counties in Washington; Umatilla County in Oregon; and Nez Perce County in Idaho are eligible for the program. The Warrior Pledge is available to all students who are new to WWCC.  
“We know through data and experience that access to higher education improves the lives of individuals, their families and entire communities,” WWCC President Chad Hickox said. “That’s why we’re making the Warrior Pledge available to new students pursuing all areas of study, including workforce training and associate degrees.”  
Individuals wishing to restart their education and undocumented students are also encouraged to check out the Warrior Pledge, as it provides assistance that may not otherwise be available through state and other financial aid programs. Warrior Pledge scholarships do not need to be paid back.  
Find out more by submitting your contact information by August 22 via a new, designated webpage: [wwcc.edu/warriorpledge](http://wwcc.edu/warriorpledge). Someone from the college will reach out to determine your eligibility and help you through the application process.



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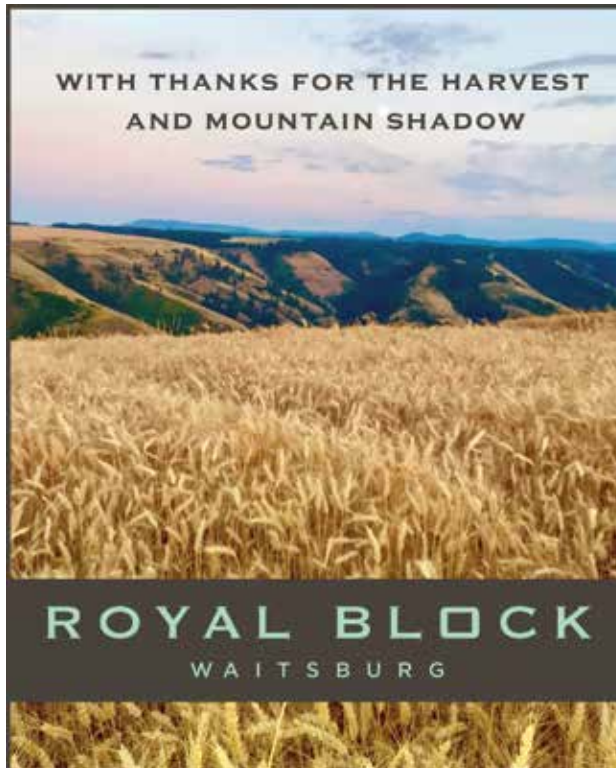
**DAYTON - FROM PAGE 1** engagement strategies, and plan development. City officials are invited to attend those meetings.  
Rundell said Chuck Beleny, Debbie Davis, and Nancy Laughery have been appointed to the county Board of Health. Jeff McCowen has been promoted to Project Manager in the Public Works Department, and Amber Phinney is now the Assistant Public Works Director/Business Manager.  
Interviews are underway for the position of Emergency Management Director. Desi Lockard is the Interim Director.  
Rundell said Jeromy Phinney will take the lead for the county’s drone program. Two drones were purchased with help from a \$20,000 Wildhorse grant.  
Dayton Mayor Zac Weatherford said he and city staff met with Anderson/Perry & Associates regarding a draft agreement with a property owner for a new piece of property for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. They hope to have an agreement with the owner within the next month after which, it will be brought before the city council for review.  
Work on the 2023 budget will begin on Sept. 1 and Sept. 2.  
He would like to have an informational meeting, also in Sept. or Oct., for the public and for city council to meet with the Public Works Department staff to learn about the city’s snow removal program.  
So far, Public Works Director Ryan Paulson has received one bid for the city’s crack/seal program. The Transportation Improvement Benefit (TIB) for that program is capped at \$50,000.  
Paulsen said he met with Sheriff Helm about a “drastic” rise in vandalism on city-owned property, particularly to the public restrooms. Deputies now have keys and will lock the restrooms at the end of each day.  
A manufacturing defect is causing the LED street lights to turn purple when they are about to burn out. They have been exchanged and more will be exchanged as they burn out.  
Paulson said his department has been sending out a fairly substantial number of code enforcement letters to property owners regarding public nuisance and fire hazards for unkempt yards.  
“It just seems like there is a lot.”  
He also has had complaints about unlicensed dogs. He estimates that nine out of ten dogs are unlicensed. Dogs need to be licensed with the city an-

nually, he said.  
The Main Street Tree Committee has asked Paulson if an arborist can assess the trees as to which should be removed or kept. An arborist from Walla Walla will be brought on board.  
The city has received an \$80,000 grant for sidewalk improvement.  
Mayor Weatherford said, “We’re trying to figure out how to spend that money the best way possible. We don’t want to dump a bunch of money into sidewalks and then have the trees wreck the sidewalks.”  
City Clerk Deb Hays said city hall will be closed for staff meetings during a portion of the first Wednesday of each month. That meeting and the staff safety meetings will reduce insurance premiums for the city.  
She also said the city will work to become a “Wellness City” offering exercise activities and other health initiatives for the city employees.  
The Dayton City Council approved the following:  
**Resolution 1499;** authorizing Mayor Weatherford to execute a fifteen-year comprehensive solid waste agreement with Basin Disposal, Inc, for collection of garbage for all businesses, residences and premises within the City of Dayton. This contract allows for a fuel surcharge of around \$1.94 per household billed each month, beginning with the Sept./Oct, 2022 billing cycle. The reason for the surcharge is the high cost of diesel fuel. In 2016 the rate case was \$2.53. In June of this year, the rate case was \$6.46, according to Rebecca Francik, a government relations representative for BDI. The rate will be adjusted up or down depending on current costs.  
**Ordinance 1992;** amending Ordinance 1568 and Section 9-47.04 of the Dayton Municipal Code, Domestic Violence Protection Order Statues. The city is cleaning up some codification inconsistencies. County Prosecuting Attorney Dale Slack recommended the city ask its attorney to keep them informed of updates to ordinances, codes and RCWs at the end of each state legislative session.  
**Resolution 1500;** authorizing Mayor Weatherford to sign a Resolution of the City Council pertaining to the receipt of notice of intent to annex certain real property known as the Jasper Pines Annexation. Mitch and Kathleen Mathews hope to build six homes east of South Fifth Street.  
The next Dayton City Council will be on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at the Dayton City Hall.



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NO. 22-4-00021-7  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
RCW 11.40.030  
In the Matter of the Estate  
of: RONALD ERNEST  
NORTH,  
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

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August 8, 2022  
Date of First Publication:  
August 11, 2022  
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Attorney for the  
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**Superior Court of Washington, Walla Walla County**  
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# Harvest Profile: Jim Romine

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

Jim Romine is not only a Waitsburg City Council member, retired Walla Walla County deputy sheriff, husband, father, and doting grandfather; he is also a skilled combine operator.

Since Romine was sixteen, he has had a passion for harvest work, driving trucks, and operating combines on the most challenging wheat fields in the world.

“He loves working grain harvest,” said Virginia, his wife, who does not share his passion. She knows the dangers of operating combines and worries about Jim almost as much as she misses him during harvest.

Romine was born in Merced, California, and raised in Prescott since he was three days old. He has worked the area’s grain harvest since he was 16 until he left to join the navy for six years.

He returned to Prescott after the navy, and after only a month, Romine started working as a deputy sheriff at the Walla Walla Sheriff’s Office.

He worked at the sheriff’s office for 37 years, and for the last 30 years, he could take three weeks off a year to work harvest—his idea of a vacation.

“He loved taking those three weeks to work harvest because it reminded him of what was real,” Virginia said.

After retirement, Romine works the entire harvest, which can take three to four weeks in a typical year. With higher precipitation, this year’s harvest is not only late but taking longer. Com-



Submitted photo

Jim Romine can’t hide his passion for combines, harvest, and grain harvesting. Working harvests since he was 16 year old, he isn’t slowing down yet.

Combines move slower in fields with higher yields, making for long days and weeks.

Romine started combining this year’s harvest on July 13 at Erwin Farms outside Prescott. He has worked harvests at the farm for 25 years and, so far, has worked every day but one this season. With weeks to go, it is nice to know there is someone as passionate about the work as he is skilled.



“The Wall” is harvested every other year, and this is the year. It takes a combine operator with nerves of steel, experience, and air conditioning to do it right.

# Around the Valley: with Karen Huwe

“Phenomenal”, “very good, best ever yields,” and “fabulous, record yields” were statements received from area farmer’s wives regarding this year’s wheat harvest.

Early summer rains pushed back harvest time for two to three weeks. Farmers from Prescott, Waitsburg, Dayton, and the Colfax area are finishing up harvesting winter wheat and will soon harvest other crops, such as spring wheat, garbanzos, and lentils, and baling a second cutting of hay.

Fortunately, most farmers did not suffer any significant crop damage due to the recent thunderstorms. At the Abbey Farm, they received about half the rain as Waitsburg experienced. Though some small fires were reported in the area, emergency services said the heavy rain accompanying the lightning quickly doused flames.

The McKinley’s had fortunately completed harvesting the wheat by their house before the thunderstorm last week. During the storm, a fire started close to the home, and as with other incidents in the area, it was swiftly put out by the heavy rain.

The McConnell’s are finishing up harvesting winter wheat and still have at least two weeks of spring wheat and garbanzos.

Overall, local farmers report good yields in most of their fields, though some fields had reduced yields due to grass weeds. The Times will report on more details about this year’s harvest in the upcoming weeks as the season’s operations are completed.

Some farmers I spoke to have finished their harvesting and have headed to Priest Lake for a bit of rest and relaxation.



Karen Huwe

Combine on Wilson Hollow Road.



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# HARVEST

## READER'S PHOTOS



Waitsburg resident and owner of Ironwood Cindy Daves caught spectacular images of last week's thunderstorm as it rolled through town.



Photos by Cindy Daves

## WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), it will be a banner year for Washington wheat.

NASS just published its new harvest forecast based on June 1 conditions. The forecast predicts that Washington growers will produce 131 million bushels of winter wheat this year, up 85% from last year.

The 2021 wheat crop was abysmal due to the extreme drought and heat in Washington state. This year, winter wheat is predicted to yield 73 bushels an acre, which is up 31 bushels an acre in 2021.

In a separate NASS report on hay stocks, the agency posted that farm hay stocks as of May 1 in Washington fell 18% to 180,000 tons from 220,000 tons in 2021.



## Wine of the Week

*Sleight of Hand Cellars 2021 The Magician Evergreen Vineyard Riesling*

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES


The talented team of winery co-founder Trey Busch and production winemaker Keith Johnson have elevated all of the SoH wines in recent years, while expanding production capacity and opening up new venues across the state. This summertime Riesling is sourced from a vineyard near the Gorge Amphitheater in an AVA called the Ancient Lakes. The calcareous soil is perfect for white wines, as this steely, stony example – dry as an ancient lake – amply demonstrates. The flavors focus on lemony citrus and refreshing wet stone minerality. It's a wine to drink nicely chilled, and toss in an ice cube if that's your pleasure!

750 cases; 13%; \$22 (Ancient Lakes)

<https://sohcellars.orderport.net/product-details/1008/2021-The-Magician-Riesling-750mL>



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# FUN & GAMES

## The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner

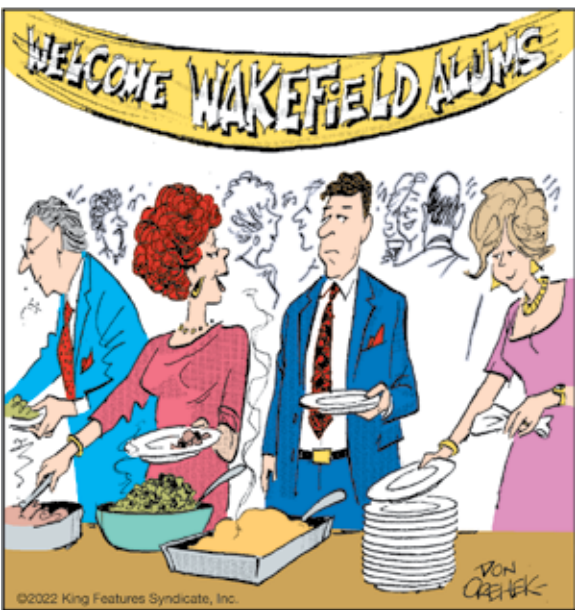


## GRIN and BEAR IT



"Here, this will lessen the pain of the bill."

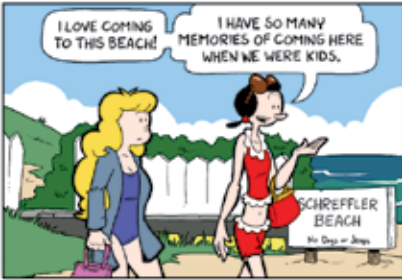
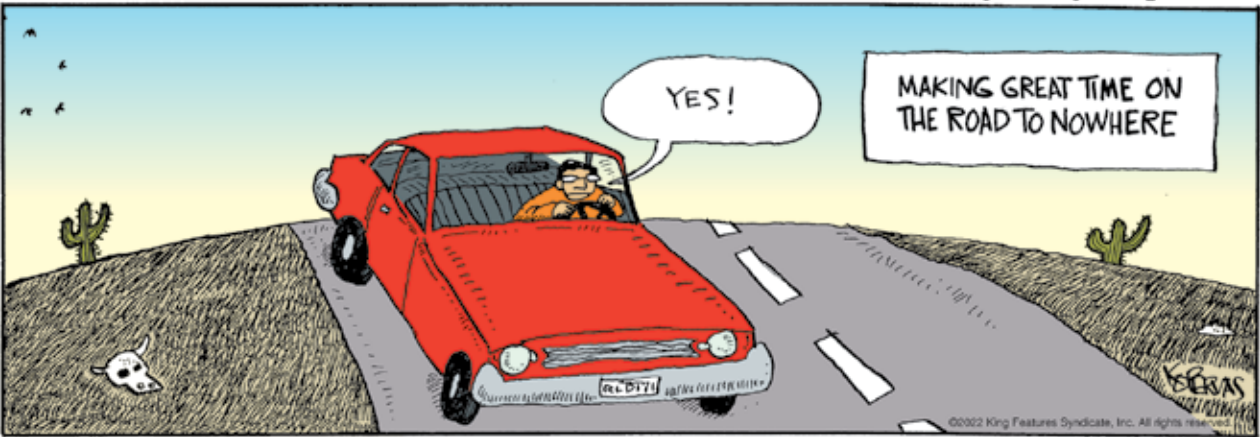
## LAFF - A - DAY



"Of course I remember you!  
You're what's-his-name!"

## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas





Super Crossword

NFL MIX-UP

- ACROSS
- 1 Cheddar-like cheese
- 6 Pointy heel
- 14 Catching with a lariat
- 20 Love to bits
- 21 Decorative park shelter
- 22 Intro
- 23 NFL team whose logo is a red planet?
- 25 Canadian metropolis
- 26 Guitar ridge
- 27 Manning of the Giants
- 28 Co. kingpins
- 30 Cookout raiders
- 31 NFL team whose logo is a prairie?
- 38 President of Syria
- 41 Small-time
- 42 Actresses Longoria and Mendes
- 43 NFL team whose logo is a bracelet?
- 48 Poet Jonson
- 51 Estrada of "CHiPs"
- 52 D-Day invasion river
- 53 Here-there link
- 54 Opposite of staccato
- 56 Headed up
- 57 Thurman of "Robin Hood"
- 58 NFL team whose logo is a steak?
- 61 "— Fideles" (yule carol)
- 63 Go by ship
- 65 Pre-takeoff abbr.
- 66 Biblical "ark-itect"
- 67 NFL team whose logo is a Lipitor pill?
- 72 Gillette razor
- 75 Rhinoplasty doc
- 76 Nix from Nixon, say
- 77 Like most slasher films
- 81 NFL team whose logo is a sword?
- 85 Diving seabird
- 86 Wood chopper
- 87 Venus — (Louvre statue)
- 88 Brian of electronica
- 89 Super-close buds
- 91 Where a goatate grows
- 92 Just-OK mark
- 93 NFL team whose logo is a cheese curd?
- 98 Old film critic James
- 99 Justice Kagan
- 100 Oscar winner Witherspoon
- 101 NFL team whose logo is an amoeba?
- 108 Arkin of film
- 109 San —, Italy
- 110 L-P link
- 111 Final Four org.
- 115 "Honor Thy Father" author Gay
- 117 NFL team whose logo is a perfume bottle?
- 123 Lounging
- 124 Board, as a train
- 125 Slabs
- 126 Alleviate
- 127 Half a school year
- 128 Really vexed
- DOWN
- 1 Baby cow
- 2 Smell
- 3 Be defeated
- 4 "St. Elmo's Fire" bunch
- 5 Longing
- 6 Kind of wheat
- 7 Lucky charm
- 8 "— done it!"
- 9 Fleur-de- —
- 10 "A Nightmare on — Street"
- 11 Carrere of "True Lies"
- 12 Illuminator on a dime
- 13 Advent
- 14 President on a dime
- 15 Choose
- 16 Floral parts
- 17 Nonsensical
- 18 Pond
- 19 Lawn stuff
- 24 Catch on to
- 29 Baseballer
- 32 Tyrant Amin
- 33 Light meal
- 34 Prefix with cycle
- 35 Burglarize
- 36 Actor Hugh
- 37 Artist's stand
- 38 Amtrak train
- 39 Fathered
- 40 Sarcastic
- 44 Ladies' club policy
- 45 Target of the Million Mom March, for short
- 46 What the weary have, in a saying
- 47 Little cave
- 48 Chachi player
- Scott
- 49 Volcano in Sicily
- 50 Light meal
- 55 "Who ya — call?"
- 57 Colorado tribe
- 58 Affront, informally
- 59 Pupil, in Paris
- 60 Suffragist — B. Wells
- 62 "My Two Dads" actress
- Keanan
- 63 Karate teacher
- 64 Former name of Kazakhstan's capital
- 68 Prefix with 101-Down
- 69 Ending for auction
- 70 Bridge beam
- 71 Rile
- 72 "Moneytalks" rock band
- 73 You, quaintly
- 74 "The — of the Ancient Mariner"
- 78 Western lake
- 79 Leaves
- 80 Concentrated
- 82 Put straight
- 83 Taken eco-friendly measures
- 84 Like filets
- 85 Movie-archiving org.
- 89 U2 vocalist
- 90 Apartment sharer, to a Brit
- 91 Neat and wholesome
- 94 Nixing mark
- 95 High peak
- 96 For every
- 97 Old PC screen
- 98 Trojan hero
- 101 Birth-related
- 102 Thrill
- 103 Swansea locale
- 104 Stockpile
- 105 Opposite of day, in Italy
- 106 Soon to receive, as a treat
- 107 Fa follower
- 112 Traffic marker
- 113 Singer Paul
- 114 Office helper: Abbr.
- 116 Iceland-to-Ireland dir.
- 118 NASA lander
- 119 Chimp, e.g.
- 120 Denials
- 121 Blast creator
- 122 "Eureka!"

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

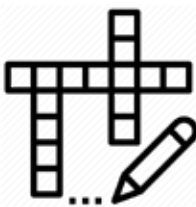
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

Answers

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MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

Walla Walla Sweet Galette

Lately, I have been obsessed with galettes, which are sweet or savory free-form tarts that are as much a celebration of good crust as they are about a tasty filling. Balanced and rustic, these baked delights have an inherent laid-back elegance. Here, I make a galette that highlights our region's beautiful sweet onions with a dash of thyme and Gruyère. However, it is the perfectly golden, flakey crust that makes this a truly memorable bite. This dish is a fitting way to pay tribute to our local harvest, and all the hard-working farmers, big or small, who are such an integral part of our valley.

Ingredients:

For the crust:

- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt (or ½ teaspoon fine salt)
- ½ teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- 8 tablespoons, (1 stick) unsalted butter, cold
- ¼ cup ice water

For the filling:

- 3 to 4 Walla Walla Sweet onions, (or other sweet onion variety), halved lengthwise and thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Kosher salt and fresh ground black pepper
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme, plus more for garnish
- 2 tablespoons sherry vinegar
- ½ cup beef or chicken stock
- 1 ½ to 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 cup Gruyère cheese, shredded (see notes)

Directions:

First, make the crust. In a mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, salt and black pepper. Cut the butter into ½-inch cubes and toss into the dry mixture. Working quickly, use your fingertips to rub the butter into the flour until it has a course pebbly texture. There should be large irregular pieces of butter throughout. Add the water, a little bit at a time, and mix in with a fork until a shaggy dough just comes together. Turn the dough out on a lightly floured surface and gently pat into a square. Use a rolling pin and roll dough into a ½-thick rectangle, then fold dough over itself three times back into a square. Gently press together then wrap dough in plastic and chill for at least one hour.

While the crust is chilling, caramelize the onions. In a large skillet, melt the butter with the olive oil over medium-high heat. Add the onions, 1 teaspoon of kosher salt, the thyme sprigs, and a few cracks of black pepper to taste. Stir to coat all the onions in the butter and oil. Cook, stirring frequently, until the onions begin to become translucent and begin to lightly brown on the sides, about 20 minutes. As you cook, scrape up any browned bits from bottom of pan. When the onions are beginning to turn a light golden, turn the heat down to medium and continue to cook. When the onions are an even golden color, add the vinegar, and deglaze the bottom of pan. When the vinegar has cooked off, add the stock and stir to combine. Continue to cook until all the liquid from the stock is gone. Stirring constantly, keep cooking until the onions are shiny and a rich chestnut brown, about another 15 to 20 minutes. Taste and adjust seasoning, adding more salt if needed. Remove from heat and allow onions to cool for at least 30 minutes. Discard thyme stems.

Preheat oven to 375 and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. On a lightly floured surface, roll out the dough into a 13-inch round. Using rolling pin, carefully transfer dough to baking sheet. Spread the Dijon over the dough in an even thin layer, leaving about a 2-inch border around the edges. Scatter the caramelized onions over the mustard, spreading in an even layer. Next, sprinkle two-thirds of the cheese over the top of the onions. Season top with a little pinch of salt and black pepper. Fold the edges up and over the onions, slightly overlapping as you go to make a rustic, crimped edge.

Set tray in hot oven and bake until dough is golden brown, about 40 to 50 minutes, rotating pan halfway into the baking process. Remove from oven and sprinkle the remaining cheese around the top of the crust. Bake for an additional 5 minutes to melt the cheese. Remove galette from the oven and allow to rest for 10 minutes before slicing. Garnish the top with fresh, stemmed thyme leaves. Serve hot or at room temperature.

Notes:

Gruyère is a lovely semi-hard cheese from Switzerland that has a distinctive nutty flavor. You can often find it in groceries with large, imported cheese sections. If you cannot find Gruyère cheese, you could substitute with Comté or Swiss cheese. For a delightful alternate version, you could try using crumbles of a quality blue cheese, such as an English Stilton or Rogue River Blue.

Serve this as an appetizer or side dish to a large meal, or as the main event to a light luncheon. I served it this week with a large, crisp summer garden salad, and some Bavarian style sausages off the grill for a casual summer meal. Enjoy!



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Photos Lane Gwinn

This young archer competed in contests in honor of the Baroness of the kingdom. The wolf below didn't stand a chance.



JUST ANOTHER SATURDAY...

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG/LYONS FERRY—This weekend saw medieval sports and crafts at Preston Park in Waitsburg and an open swim across the Snake River at Lyon's Ferry. Residents and visitors to Walla Walla and Columbia counties enjoy a wide range of intesests and skills. Lisa Naylor, an accomplished open water swimmer, brings her love of the sport to her community by volunteering at the annual Swim the Snake event. Swimmers and paddle boarders are given the opportunity to safely swim across the river from Lyons Ferry Park to the marina.

Twice a year the Society of Creative Anachronism(S-CA) come to Waitsburg to meet, camp, and fight in medieval clothes and techniques. Despite their prowess with bows and arrows, rapiers, and armoured combat, this is a friendly group who welcomes newcomers to the Kingdom of AnTir. [www.AnTir.org](http://www.AnTir.org)



(above) Annika Burns, 11 years old, Naylor's neice is a cross county runner, skier, and competitive swimmer. Her dad, Mike Burns, completed the swim as well, just not as quickly.



Fred Crowe braved the conditions to swim against the wind and complete the course. All participants shared a similar smile of a job well done.



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