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Stubble and Clouds, 2020. A beautiful fall landscape, photographed from Middle Waitsburg Road by local photographer and accomplished home chef, Bill Rodgers.

Road named after longtime Waitsburg resident

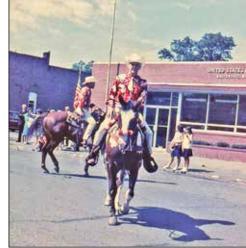
The Taggart Road Extension was named Hazelbaker Road in September

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—At the September City Council Meeting, Waitsburg City Council members voted to memorialize Elmer Hazelbaker, a man with a rich history in Waitsburg.

The Taggart Road Extension, which connects Taggart Road and Highway 12 at the end of the city limits, was named Hazelbaker Road in September. The project, which began in 2019, is getting close to being finished with crews moving in to pave last week. The road extension aims to improve traffic safety along Taggart Road.

At the regular City Council meeting, City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe presented the Council with a group of proposed names, all sub-



Elmer Hazelbaker serving as Days of Real Sport Parade Marshal in 1970.

mitted by community members. On the list were Huffman Road, Phillips (or Liebermann) Road, and Bette Chase Way.

Hazelbaker Road, however, was suggested by Mary Phillips, who purchased her land from Hazelbaker years ago. The newly named road runs right on the edge of the property that Hazelbaker once owned. With family still in the area, everyone at the meeting agreed that the name was most fitting.

Elmer Hazelbaker was born in Seneca, Nebraska in 1903 and moved west with his family in 1919. He attended school in Grangeville, Ida. before moving to the Walla Walla Valley in the late 1930s. Hazelbaker began working on farms in the area before moving to Waitsburg in 1948.

He split his time working at both the hardware store and as a mechanic for local farmer Kenneth Smith upon moving to the area. Eventually, Hazelbaker went to work for the City of Waitsburg, and in 1957, he was promoted to the city's Water Superintendent, a position he held well into the 1970s.

During that same period, Hazelbaker was elected Fire Chief for the Waitsburg Volunteer Fire Department and was re-elected in 1960, according to The Times

In 1970, Hazelbaker led the Waitsburg's Days of Real Sport parade as the parade marshal. He passed away in 1976, at the age of 73.

"I would like to thank everyone for doing this, Dad would have loved it," said daughter-in-law Penny Hazelbaker. "Dad thought that Waitsburg was just the best place to live. We have lots of memories on that property."

Update from Columbia County Health Department

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Columbia County Public Health Administrator shared information about COVID-19 at last week's meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, and it was mostly positive.

Martha Lanman said the last time anybody in the community tested positive for COVID-19 was on Sept. 2, and that person has since recovered.

The schools are open for in-person learning, Personal Protective Equipment supplies are stable, and a strong collaborative partnership has developed between the Health Department, emergency management officials, school officials, and the business community over the past six months.

"I think we've done a good job," she said.

Lanman said she has been sitting in on calls with state officials regarding the development of a COVID-19 vaccine, and plans for its eventual distribution an effective vaccine is identified.

The County Public Health Department has begun a Mental Health Promotion

On Sept. 15, staff provided 170 bags of personal care items to people passing through the food bank at the county fairgrounds. The bags have contact numbers for the Crisis Text Line and Suicide Crisis hotline on them. They were distributed to people at the Dayton Senior Center last week and distributed to Project Timothy and the local YWCA soon. Dental hygiene items will be distributed at the food bank next month.

Lanman said there is a "real need" for these resources in the community, as witnessed by an increase in the number of requests for food stamp assistance last

Chelsey Eaton, Coordinator for the Coalition for Youth and Families, said there are between eight and nine members regularly attending the monthly meetings. A member orientation meeting is scheduled for Oct. 13. The goal is to increase membership and discuss the purpose and objectives of the Coalition. The results of a community survey, required for the Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative grant, will also be discussed.

Delphine Bailey is the Health Department's Community Health Worker/Insurance Navigator and a certified Senior Health Insurance Benefit Assistance (SHIBA) volunteer through the state Office of Insurance Commissioners. Open enrollment for Medicare begins on Oct. 15 and Bailey can help people navigate the system. Open enrollment for the Affordable Health Care health insurance program begins on Nov. 1, and she can help people with that, as well.

Bailey also helps community members with their food stamp benefit applications and renewals. She also coordinates the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program. Funding for WIC is through the Dept. of Agriculture, which provides nutritious foods and education for pregnant women, infants, and children, along with breastfeeding support for new mothers.

Jan Strohbehn is the Program Coordinator for the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) grant for Asotin, Garfield, and Columbia counties, working to align telehealth and care coordination resources and activities across the region. The lead agency is the Southeast Washington Alliance for Health.

She is also the coordinator for a Washington State Department of Commerce emergency housing grant for Garfield and Columbia counties. The funding addresses the quarantine and isolation needs for people experiencing homelessness and other people who cannot isolate at home. This includes individuals needing to be isolated or quarantined due to testing positive for COVID-19 or have been in direct contact with someone who has tested positive.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

DAYTON CHAMBER AND COLUMBIA COUNTY COMING EVENTS

THE TIMES

The Blue Mountain Station Market & Nursery will be celebrating fall with the annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Whetstone Springs will be there with honey, garlic and more. And Zonia, Starbuck's new mayor, will have her delightful baked goodies!

Alas, no beer garden due to social distancing measures, but take a look at the menu on Facebook, https://www.facebook.com/bluemountainstation. You can pre-order food for pick-up on Saturday by emailing BMS with your order, desired pick up time, and contact info at bmscoopmarket@gmail.com. Lederhosen away!

HALLOWEEN 2020 - Trick or Treat Main Street will be a drive-through event in the parking lot behind Dingles at Commercial and 1st Streets. The event will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31. The Chamber will hand out bags of candy to children as they are driven through the parking lot. Social distancing guidelines will apply. Businesses wishing to donate candy can drop it by the Chamber at 166 E. Main St. or contact Molly at 509-382-4825 or chamber@historicdayton.com for pick up.

BRIX & BREW HOME EDITION –This year's event will be an online silent auction and a virtual live event. The online auction gets underway on Oct. 30 and runs through Nov. 7. The virtual event will be held via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Nov. 3. Information on how to register to bid and purchase online tickets will also be available next week. The annual Brix & Brew event supports the operating costs for the Dayton Chamber of Commerce.

CARES ACT FUNDING STILL AVAILABLE FOR WAITSBURG BUSINESSES

THE TIMES

The City of Waitsburg received roughly \$37,000 in CARES ACT funding, and the City Council decided to make the bulk of the financing available to the local businesses impacted by the pandemic. The grant covers expenses from March through October and can be used to cover the costs of various things, including, rent utilities, PPE, etc.

Information on the grant is available on the City website at www.cityofwaitsburg.com. Any business located in the City of Waitsburg that was impacted by the pandemic is welcome to apply.

The grant amount is limited to \$1500 per business, and those interested need to fill out the application form and provide backup documentation to the City of Waitsburg. Applications can be dropped off in the City Payment box, mailed to P.O. Box 35, or emailed to administrator@cityofwaitsburg.com. Any questions should be addressed to the City administrator at the email address above.

The deadline for applying for the first round of funding is October 16, 2020.



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Waitsburg City Hall

ECONOMIC UPDATES FROM PORT OF COLUMBIA

THE TIMES

The Port just concluded the second round of grant funding for local businesses. Funding was made possible through Washington State's CARES Act, the City of Dayton, and private grant funds from the Innovia Foundation. In this round, \$170,718 has been distributed to 24 local businesses. Between the two grant programs facilitated by the Port so far, 44 businesses have received assistance for a total of \$328,256.

Funds are still available, so Round 3 will open up as soon as Round 2 distributions are complete. Notification will be sent via eNewsletter when the Round 3 application process is open.

Columbia County's unemployment rate has dropped to 6.8% for August, the 5th lowest in the Washington state. While this is encouraging news, August is a high farm employment month, and the rate may rise as harvest wraps up. Additionally, unemployment may increase as the county continues to recover from damage caused by the pandemic and business closures this spring.

Columbia County once again led the state in retail sales growth for the first quarter of 2020 compared to the first quarter of 2019—a 106% increase. According to Port of Columbia director Jenny Dickenson, this was pre-pandemic, so we'll have to see what the second-quarter numbers show.

NEW STATEWIDE STANDARDS ANNOUNCED FOR WASHINGTON AIRPORTS

THE TIMES

On Thursday, Gov. Jay Inslee announced that Washington is setting new requirements for commercial airports and recommendations for airlines.

"The steps we're taking will help protect those who need to fly," Inslee said. "This guidance isn't just about SeaTac—these requirements apply to airports across the state—Pullman, Spokane, Tri-Cities, and Everett too".

In addition to the new state requirements, Delta Air Lines, Alaska Airlines, and the Port of Seattle announced additional steps to protect airline passengers and staff's health and safety.

The new Commercial Service Airport Requirements are a statewide approach to the COVID pandemic to ensure the health and safety of employees, passengers, and crewmembers working and traveling to and from the state's aviation sector.

The guidance will require face coverings in the airport, signage, spacing for physical distancing; protective barriers between travelers and workers, sanitizer and disinfectant protocols; and airport vendors and businesses following state and county health agency requirements.

It also strongly encourages airlines to establish health-screening questionnaires for passengers regarding potential COVID-19 exposure or symptoms and require passengers to adhere to face covering and physical distancing requirements to be issued a boarding pass.

Touchet Valley Weather Sept. 30, 2020 Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast Wednesday Saturday Sunday Monday Mostly Sunny Mostly Sunny Mostly Sunny Sunny Sunny Sunny Sunny High: 80 Low: 47 High: 73 Low: 42 High: 81 Low: 51 High: 83 Low: 55 High: 84 Low: 56 High: 85 Low: 53 High: 84 Low: 54 Local Almanac Last Week **Weather Trivia** What are the odds of Day High Low Normals Precip Precipitation 0.22" being struck by lightning? Tuesday Normal precipitation 0.21" 75/50 Wednesday Departure from normal+0.01" 71 56 75/50 0.08" Thursday Average temperature 63.4° 70 54 74/50 0.04" Friday Average normal temperature 61.9° 0.02" Saturday 68 51 74/49 Answer: About 1 in 800,000. Departure from normal+1.5° 73/49 0.00" Sunday Weather History Data as reported from Walla Walla Monday 73/49 0.00" Sept. 30, 1970 - A nineteen Sun/Moon Chart This Week month drought in Southern California came to a climax. The **Day** <u>Sunrise</u> Sunset **Moonrise** Moonset drought, which made brush and Wednesday 6:38 p.m. 6:51 a.m. 6:33 p.m. 5:23 a.m. New buildings tinder dry, set up the Thursday 6:52 a.m. 6:31 p.m. 6:57 p.m. 6:27 a.m. worst fire conditions in state 7:16 p.m. 6:53 a.m. 6:29 p.m. 7:29 a.m. Friday history as hot Santa Ana winds 6:28 p.m. 7:37 p.m. 8:32 a.m. Saturday 6:55 a.m. sent the temperature to 105 6:56 a.m. 6:26 p.m. 7:59 p.m. 9:34 a.m. Sunday degrees at Los Ângeles. Last First 8:24 p.m. Monday 6:57 a.m. 6:24 p.m. 10:38 a.m. 10/9 10/23 6:22 p.m. 8:55 p.m. Tuesday 6:58 a.m. 11:41 a.m.

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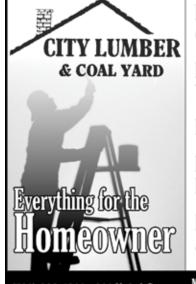
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PORT OF COLUMBIA URGES 2020 CENSUS PARTICIPATION

THE TIMES

After months of trying to get residents to fill out their census forms, Columbia County has made very little progress. We are ranked 24 out of 39 counties in self-response rates.

Why does this matter? Because federal funds (the tax dollars we've paid to the IRS each year) are sent back to states, counties, and cities based on population numbers as tracked by the Census. The number of representatives we have in Congress is also based on Census numbers. Millions of dollars are at stake for Columbia County, dollars that would be used for county roads, city streets, mental health, education the list goes on. This is not an exaggeration. Literally millions of dollars could be lost to our county over the next 10 years.

We need everyone in the community to help get the word out. Call people and ask them if they've filled out their census form, especially people that only have a PO Box and don't get mail at their homes. If they haven't, offer to help. Call your family, your neighbors, your church friends, your coworkers, anyone you can think of. Ask everybody. This is a critical issue for our county. The deadline is approaching.

Filling out the census is easy. All you need is your address.

- Complete online at 2020census.gov
- Complete on the telephone by calling 1-844-330-

TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

Providence free drive-through | Main Street Marketplace adult flu clinic Oct. 24

THE TIMES

Providence offers its annual free drive-through adult flu shot clinic on Oct. 24 at the Providence Southgate Medical Park main building entrance (former main entrance of Walla Walla General Hospital) from 9 a.m. to noon, or until the vaccine is gone. This is a new location for the annual drive-through clinic.

People can be vaccinated without leaving their cars, and no appointments are necessary. People are asked to follow the signs as they enter and to wear masks to protect Providence caregivers while being immunized. Walk-ups also are accepted.

The clinic is sponsored by Providence St. Mary and the Providence Medical Group in cooperation with the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health.

Free immunizations are available to adults age 18 and over. Although the clinic is open to all adults, Provi-

dence would like to encourage people to come who are low income and do not have health insurance. The clinic also is ideal for people who might have difficulty walking since they do not have to leave their vehicles to get the shot.

The annual Free Drive-Through Adult

Flu Shot Clinic allows patients to be

vaccinated without leaving their cars.

No vaccine for children will be available at this clinic. To get immunizations for your children, please call your primary care physician. The clinic also will not have a high-dose flu vaccine for people 65 and over or FluMist. People who need FluMist or high-dosage shots should contact their primary care providers.

It will be the ninth year that Providence and Community Health have teamed up to offer a one-day free flu clinic. The clinic not only advances immunity in our community but also serves as an annual drill for Providence and Community Health on the logistics of immunizing a large number of people quickly and efficiently. The training and interagency collaboration from doing these mass drive-through flu vaccination clinics over the years will dovetail into preparations for mass COVID-19 immunizations in Walla Walla once the COVID-19 vaccine becomes available.

Flu season usually begins in October and can last through May. The CDC recommends annual immunizations for adults to protect them from the flu. It is more important now than ever to get immunized against the flu because some flu symptoms are similar to those of COVID-19. Being vaccinated helps protect you and your loved ones from the flu and preserves health care resources to treat

Providence St. Mary Medical Center, a 142-bed regional hospital located in Walla Walla, Wash., is one of the largest employers in Walla Walla County. The Providence Medical Group is the largest group of primary care providers and specialists in the Walla Walla area.

to open in October

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON-Shane Laib is leasing the building at 262 East Main Street for use as an indoor marketplace. For the past several months, he has been busy with painting, installing new carpet and lighting, and creating individual spaces for vendors when the marketplace opens in October.

Vendors were displaced when VS Mainstreet, a vintage/antique mall at 245 East Main Street, closed its doors earlier this year, and some of them will be moving to the Main Street Marketplace.

"All of the vendors still desired an outlet to sell our wares. We tried to organize a co-op organization in the location we had been in, but that didn't work out,' Laib said. Laib said he has been in the vintage/antique/architectural salvage/estate sale

business for the past fifteen years and has reserved space inside the marketplace for his own business, Three Doors Vintage.

Biker B's Bathworks, Harmony Gardens, McGovern Residence, and many other vendors will lease space inside the marketplace.

"I'm excited to have another opportunity to sell my plants downtown," said Judi Pilcher, owner of Harmony Gardens.

Pilcher plans to sell seasonal plants, house plants, succulents, planters, and yard art. Prices will range from \$5 to \$65.

Laib said he received financial assistance for the marketplace from the COVID-19 Small Business Relief Grant, administered by the Port of Columbia.

"I am grateful for the help of the Dayton Chamber, the City of Dayton, and especially Jennie Dickinson at the Port of Columbia," he said.

Laib is a local Inland Cellular Business Development Representative, and he grew up in Dayton.



The town of Starbuck has a new mayor

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

STARBUCK—Zonia Dedloff was appointed mayor at a special city council meeting on Sept. 22. She replaces Richard Ells, who has resigned, in part, for health reasons. City Clerk, Jan Ells, has also turned in her resignation, effective Sept. 30. The Ells are planning on traveling and enjoying their retirement.

Zonia Dedloff has lived in Starbuck for fifty years.

"I love Starbuck. I always have," she said.

Dedloff has served on the city council for the past four years and was the Mayor Pro-tem before stepping up.

Dedloff said the council is looking forward to the end of





Above: Zonia Dedloff, new mayor of Starbuck Left: City of Starbuck's city council members.

COVID-19 when they will look into getting new stop signs installed throughout the town.

Darcy Linklater, Eugene Sutton, Denerd Harstad, Don Jackson, and Amber Jones also serve on the city council. Steve Wildman will take over for Jan Ells as the City Clerk.

Starbuck City council meetings are on the second Tuesday of every month at six p.m.at the city hall on Main Street.

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

Dayton Senior Center 403 E. Patit St. 12 p.m. Drive Up Only

Thursday, October 1

Sloppy joes Baked beans Coleslaw Fruit, milk

Tuesday, October 6 Beef stroganoff Pickled beets Salad, Garlic bread Gelatin salad

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

504 Main Street 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tuesday, October 6 Lasagna Italian blend vegetables Garlic bread Coleslaw Fruit

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT MEAL DELIVERIES

Starting September 8, Waitsburg School District will resume home meal deliveries for students. Staff will deliver meals Monday-Thursday. To sign up for meal deliveries, families must submit a Consent for Meal Deliveries form, and return it to Susan Wildey, Director of Nutritional Services. Susan can be reached at swildey@waitsburgsd.org.

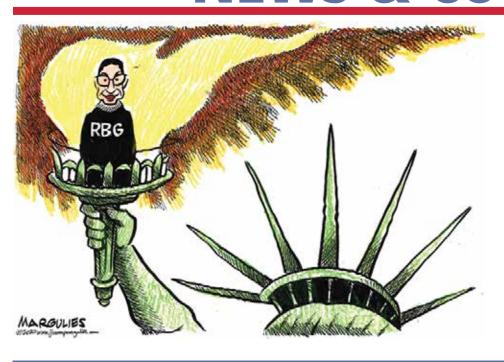
The consent form can be found on the school's website, www.waitsburgsd.org.

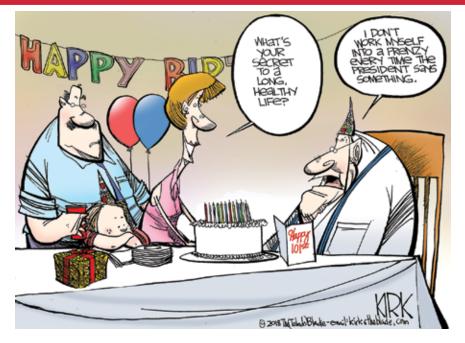


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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

In 2018, my young relatives in Texas had worked hard for Beto O'Rourke's bid for US Senate, and they came so close to victory. Out of anger and disappointment, I posted a rude remark on Facebook that included a curse word and then was rightly called out for it by a Facebook friend. I removed the post, apologized in a private message, and agreed that ugly language was not appropriate or necessary; I should be able to make my case without it.

We put yard signs up in support of Democratic candidates. Our neighbors across the street put up yard signs supporting Republicans, I respect their right to their opinions, and they seem to respect mine.

What I object to are the ugly words I see on a few of the Trump signs in town. I'm not above swearing now and again, but I know better than to use profanity in front of my neighbors' children or around folks like my lovely 90-year-old neighbor who I suspect would rather not hear it.

In this time of great political division, can we at least try to get through this election cycle as respectfully as possible? Please?

It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood.

Gail Gwinn Waitsburg, Wash.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

I am writing to endorse Mike Talbott for Columbia County Commissioner, Position #2. I have known Mike for over 40 years. Mike and I have daughters the same age, we both farmed, and have been involved in many similar community activities. Mike is a leader and has demonstrated his leadership skills in many ways. He has been a County Commissioner for eight years and served on the Dayton School Board for 17 years. He also served as President on the Columbia County Grain Growers Board and was a member of that board for many years. He has also served on several state commissions and boards.

All these board positions require knowledge of how a budget is developed and how the process works. Mike's many years of service to our community has given him the experience and knowledge to continue to help Columbia County through the next few tough years due to COVID-19. His opponent has indicated that he has been involved in our community, but his previous ads and interviews have not provided me with any assurance that he has the necessary experience, knowledge and/or skills for the County Commissioners position.

Please, when you vote on or before November 3 base your vote on experience and leadership. Remember the other two commissions only have a total of two years' experience as commissioners. We need Mike Talbott's experience and leadership! Please join me and support Mike Talbott for Columbia County Commissioner.

James (Jay) Takemura

Cheers!

Cheers to the friends and neighbors who helped watch out for their neighborhood here in Waitsburg. A vehicle most recently connected to possible drug related activity at the Waitsburg fairground was left abandoned in front of a residence on Orchard Street. The circumstances of how it was left caused concern for those on the block. With quick action from Walla Walla Sheriffs and concerned citizens, the unlicensed and unregistered R.V. was towed and impounded, pending location of the owner.

This is a reminder to pay attention and ask questions. Older and vulnerable residents may need assistance from neighbors and community to feel safe in their homes.



Lane Gwinn

The documentary-drama The Social Dilemma: A call to digital arms

A recommendation to everyone who goes on-line

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WORLD WIDE WEB—Recently I watched *The Social Dilemma*, a documentary-drama directed by Jeff Orlowski, currently available on Netflix. The movie presents a series of interviews with Silicon Valley engineers and tech experts discussing the science behind technology addiction, surveillance capitalism, and other dangers embedded in popular social media platforms. There is also an acted and scripted story interspersed between interviews, illustrating how a family faces the effects of their social media use.

The interviews are harrowing; they cover what many of us already knew or suspected about social media structure and its potential dangers. The difference here is that the people interviewed are the people who created the platforms and features they want to warn viewers of.

The incredibly steep advancement of the technology, the manipulation and vulnerability of users, particularly teenagers, and the unregulated use of data gathered and sold are just some of the topics presented in this film. It articulates complicated issues clearly and without political spin.

One of the issues described by these experts is the deepening divide between the country's political parties. It gives the best explanation to the question, both sides ask themselves, "how can they vote for that person? How do they ignore all

the information that's out there?"

The answer is a very efficient algorithm that doesn't care about content, truth, or social dialogue and preaches to both choirs separately. It only cares about keeping users on-line, on-site, and actively sharing posts—all with the sole purpose of mining data and monetizing users' information. Unlike phone companies, these businesses have no regulations limiting how they use your data or who they sell it to

Tristan Harris, a co-founder of the Center for Humane Technology, explains, "social media isn't a tool that's just waiting to be used. It has its own goals, and it has its own means of pursuing them."

Harris is one of the experts featured in the film and is a well-respected tech leader since first working at Google as a design ethicist. He famously challenged social media companies in a presentation to his Google coworkers, titled *A Call to Minimize Distraction & Respect Users' Attention*. In that paper, he suggested that Google, Apple, and Facebook should feel an enormous responsibility to make sure humanity doesn't bury itself in a smartphone.

The harsh reality revealed in this movie is that the basis of social media companies' success is to do precisely that, bury users in their smartphones.

As Harris reminds us, "If you're not paying for the product, you are the product."

The Times will be running a series of articles on social media, Facebook, and journalism through October.

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October is breast cancer awareness month

18- year survivor tells her story

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Eileen McMunn, "Teeny" to those who know her, is an eighteen-year survivor of breast cancer, an amazing feat considering her cancer was identified as triple negative breast cancer (TNBC).

This type of breast cancer is not fueled by estrogen and progesterone receptors, or by HER2, a type of protein. It accounts for 15-percent of breast cancer in the Caucasian population, and 35-percent in the African American population

Though TNBC cancer can have the same signs and symptoms as more common types of breast cancer, it differs in that it is faster growing, has limited treatment options, and a worse prognosis. It is associated with a high recurrence risk and poor five-year survival

McMunn said when she discovered the lump in her breast in 2002, she was new to Dayton, and didn't know who to see about it.

Joan, a close friend and a nurse, recommended a doctor in Walla Walla. McMunn immediately went in for an exam. This was followed by a mammogram, and a biopsy, all on the same day.

She received the news nobody wants to hear.

She was scheduled for surgery where a lumpec-



Blue Mountain Breast Cancer Support Group



tomy was performed, and 19 lymph nodes were removed.

"I received a call at home, while recovering, that all nodes were negative, they got "clean margins", and said I was triple negative," McMunn said.

Back in 2002 the Medical community didn't seem to be aware of the "Oh, My Gosh" effect of being triple negative, she said.

"Nobody said that it was not a good one to have." McMunn received infusions of chemotherapy at Providence St. Mary's Hospital in Walla Walla.

"I was scared to death, even to start, but when I started with the infusions, it wasn't as scary as I had imagined," she said. "I didn't miss any work, but I could tell I had poison in my body. I lost all my hair shortly after the first treatment. By the time I had the fourth treatment I had learned tricks to manage my energy and appetite and the side effects."

She then began a 36-week course of radiation therapy, which began at 8 a.m. every weekday.

"The most irritating part for me was having to get

there, take my wig off, receive 10-15 minutes of treatment, get dressed, again, and then go back to work,"

It was not just back to work but back to a business, Abbey's Carpet, she co-owned with business partner, Steve McMunn.

McMunn said she tolerated the treatments, but they made her tired.

Ten years later a friend recommended a webinar about triple negative breast cancer. McMunn learned from the webinar that her type of breast cancer is the one most likely to reoccur.

She told people in the chat room she was a 10-year survivor, which provided them with a degree of hope.

"Only then did I understand the gravity of the prognosis," McMunn said. "It's been 18 years, and I still say a prayer at every mammogram."

McMunn attends a support group, at Providence St. Mary's Hospital in Walla Walla. This is a place where women can share their journey with breast cancer and gather information from experts in the medical field.

She said, "Many who are first diagnosed reach out to someone who has gone through it. It says, if you can do it, so can I. There's hope in that."

Although the Blue Mountain Breast Cancer support group hasn't met since February, because of COVID-19, McMunn is willing to be a resource for people. She can be reached by email at teeny@waitsburgtimes.com.

ADA concerns addressed at Dayton Memorial Library

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Librarian Kristie Korslund said Dayton Memorial Library staff attended a conference on Space Planning Progress last November. They learned about traffic flow and how to maximize patron enthusiasm for library collections.

When patrons are finally allowed back inside the Dayton Memorial Library, they will be pleased to see what has taken place since the building closed in March because of COVID-19.

Dayton Memorial Librarian Kristie Korslund standing beneath the space that will be used for an elevator lift to provide easy access to downstairs library collections.

BIRTHDAYS

Savage, Travis Larsen, Kellen Gerke, Holly Robinson.

October 3: Coe Richards, George Hodges, Dorothy

Mays, Lee Nora Finch, Carolyn Thompson, Heather

October 4: Jeff Nichols, Tom Collins, Sharon Speiss,

October 5: Mary Hansen, John White, J.K. Keve, Larry

October 6: Maye Hofer, Shane Rasmussen, Thelma

Katsel Needham, Grace Reece, Howard Carson, Andy

October 7: Terrie Mason, Tracy Thompson, Rachel

October 1: Quinton

Powers, Jeff Dicus, Peggy

Dicus, Christopher Goff,

October 2: Ted Collins,

Harry Peterson, Lane

Jackson, Stacey Vaughn.

Amanda Marshall.

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Pettichord,

Conover, Cindi Putnam, Rita Lenhart.

Jerri Ann Newbill.

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September 22

A Kubota side by side was taken. Walla Walla Co

September 23

Hit & Run report. Burbank

The library board and

staff have moved for-

ward with making up-

grades on the main floor

level and at the down-

stairs level, so they are wheelchair accessible.

shelves, new computer work stations, and new work tables on the main floor, and the collection

There is a fresh coat of paint, new carpet, new

September 24

Abandoned motor home reported. Waitbsurg

September 25

Towed abandoned vehicle, Prescott.

Subject was a victim of fraud via Internet. Prescott

A woman was arrested on multiple felony accounts for forgery, stolen property. Burbank

September 26

Unknown suspects ran into the stop sign at JB George Rd and Peppers Bridge Rd. Walla Walla Co

Adult male was stopped for DWLS in the third degree. Subject was taken into custody and lodged under DWLS, six misdemeanor warrants. Burbank

September 27

Verbal domestic problem, no crime committed. Prescott

Yard sign stolen during night. Walla Walla Co

September 28 Jail assault and malicious mischief. Walla Walla

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Korslund. The shelves removed from the Fiction section are now downstairs in the new

removed, and shorter shelves were added to the ends of those remaining, said

To make the aisles in the Fiction section more wheelchair friendly, a row was

desk that ate up the middle of the room is gone.

Archive Room, where patrons can access local history, genealogy, and newspapers, without the need to make an appointment., she said. Two new ADA unisex bathrooms are located downstairs, and new lighted Exit

signs have been installed. The Children's Library area has been expanded to provide more room between tables, shelves, and desks. Within the next few weeks, an elevator lift will be installed for improved ADA access to the downstairs collection from street-level.

The Dayton Memorial Library has been the beneficiary of a partnership between the Washington State Legislature and the Washington State Library.

In May of 2019, a Rural Needs Assessment was done at the library. The study identified issues the library would need to address, including extensive interior renovation, restroom upgrades, a new HVAC system, at an estimated cost of \$ 2.8

In November 2019, the Columbia County Rural Library board set aside \$270,000 from their 2020 budget for these capital expenditures.

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NEWS & LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICES

In the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the County of Walla Walla

Whitney Lynn Gonzales Petitioner, No. (15-3-00040-8)

Samuel Cusic Canham, Respondent.

The State of Washington to the Whitney Lynn Gonzales You are hereby summoned to appear within 90 days after the date of the first publication of this Petition to Change a Parenting Plan, after the 10th day of September, 2020, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the respondent, Samuel Cusic Canham, and serve a copy of your answer upon the respondent at the address below stated: and in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the petition, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. If you do not serve your written response within 90 days after the date this summons was served on vou, exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a final order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final order until at least 90 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response on Samuel Cusic Canham at 2249 E. Isaacs Ave #25, Walla Walla, 99362.

The Times September 10, 17, 24, Oct 1, 8, 15, 2020 9-10-е

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT **OF WASHINGTON** AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

No. 20-4-00173-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

In Re the Estate of DONNA B. BROWN, 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 stated below a copy of the claim and filing of the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice.

If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate

Personal Representative: SUSAN JOY BROWN SMALL Date of First Publication: September 24, 2020

/s/ SUSAN JOY BROWN **SMALL**

Personal Representative of the

Estate of DONNA B. **BROWN** Attorney for the Personal

Representative and address for mailing and service: Steven C. Frol Minnick-Hayner, P.S. P.O. Box 1757 249 West Alder

Walla Walla, WA 99362 The Times September 24, October 1,

8.2020 9-24-a

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT **OF WASHINGTON** IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

NO. 20-4-00174-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** In Re the Estate of

PAMELA KEENE GRANATH,

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 stated below a copy of the claim and filing of 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate

assets. Date of First Publication: September 24, 2020 /s/ RENAE E. MILLWEE Administrator of the Estate of PAMELA KEENE **GRANATH**

Attorney for the Administrator and address for mailing and service:

David S. Grossman Minnick-Hayner, P.S. P.O. Box 1757 249 West Alder Walla Walla, WA 99362 The Times September 24, October 1, 8, 2020 9-24-b

NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID:

In accordance with RCW 70.44.140, Columbia County Healthcare District, is soliciting sealed proposals for a dental clinic addition with an estimated value of \$350,000. Bids are to be sealed and filed with the District on or before 3:00PM

Thursday. October 22 at CCHD Administrative Offices, c/o Jorie Freeman, 1012 S 3rd St, Dayton, WA 99328 at which time they will be opened and publicly read aloud. Each bid shall be accompanied by bid proposal security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check postal money order or surety bond made payable to the order of the District, for a sum not less than five percent of the amount of the bid, and no bid shall be considered unless accompanied by such bid proposal security. The bid is inclusive of all applicable state-mandated terms and conditions for such work including prevailing wage. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids in the best interest of the District.

To obtain a Small Works Roster Application, Contact Columbia County District Administration Department, jorie.freeman@cchd-wa.org or call (509) 382-8431.

Complete bid documents are available at no charge by contacting the Architect: John McLean, Blue Room Architecture & Design, PS, (509) 456-6800.

The Times October 1, 8, 2020 10-1-a

IN THE SUPERIOR **COURT OF THE STATE OF** WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

Case No. 20-4-00178-36 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030) In Re the Estate of WILLIAM ROGER SMITH Deceased

The Personal

Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified 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 RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

Date of filing copy of Notice to Creditors: September 24,

Date of First Publication: October 1, 2020 SHARON K. SMITH Personal Representative Ponti & Wernette, P.S.

Attorneys At Law 103 East Poplar Walla Walla, WA 99362 (509) 525-5090 The Times

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Call for Public Comments on Transportation Projects for the 2045 Plan

The Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (WWVMPO/ SRTPO) invites everyone to review and comment on the regionally-significant transportation projects proposed for the next 25 years.

The purpose of the 2045 Plan is to guide multimilliondollar investments into all modes of transportation: roadway, bicycle, pedestrian, public transportation, and freight. The planning area includes Walla Walla County, WA, northeast Umatilla County, OR, and all the cities within - College Place, Milton-Freewater, Prescott, Waitsburg, and Walla Walla.

The web portal with the 2045 Plan projects will remain open until October 19, 2020.

For more information, please visit wwvmpo.org.

Convocatoria de comentarios públicos sobre proyectos de transporte para el Plan 2045

La Organización de Planificación Metropolitana del Valle de Walla Walla (WWVMPO/SRTPO) invita a todos a revisar y comentar los proyectos de transporte de importancia regional propuestos para los próximos 25 años.

El propósito del Plan 2045 es guiar las inversiones multimillonarias en todos los medios de transporte: por carretera, bicicleta, peatonal, transporte público y de carga. El área de planificación incluye el condado de Walla Walla, WA, el noreste del condado de Umatilla. OR. v todas las ciudades dentro de - College Place, Milton-Freewater, Prescott, Waitsburg, y Walla

El sitio web con los proyectos del Plan 2045 permanecerá abierto hasta el 19 de octubre de 2020. Para más información, por favor visite wwvmpo.org.

The Times October 1, 2020 10-1-c





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THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—While the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect our daily lives, autumn brings with it another unwanted visitor - the flu. The presence of both viruses could put more people in the hospital and strain Washington's health care system. While we don't yet have a vaccine to prevent COVID-19, we do have one to prevent flu.

Everyone 6 months and older needs a flu vaccine. Young children, pregnant women, people with underlying health conditions, and those aged 65 and older are at high risk of complications from flu illness. Flu is a highly contagious disease that can cause mild to severe illness, can lead to hospitalization, and can even be fatal - even in healthy young people. Getting a flu shot reduces your chances of getting the flu but does not prevent other respiratory infections.

Washington provides all recommended vaccines at no cost for kids from birth through age 18, available across the state.

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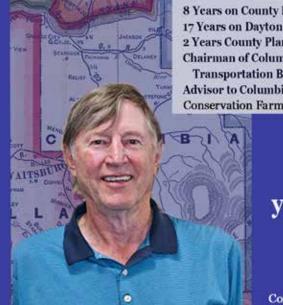
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LIFESTYLES



Waitsburg School District prepares for in-person instruction

Things will look different, but Waitsburg students will return to the classroom on Monday

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Starting October 5, the hallways at Waitsburg schools will be full of students again, actually half of them at a time.

Students will return to class two days a week, in 'A' or 'B' groups. On Monday and Tuesday, group A will attend classes at their respective school. Group B is scheduled for Thursday and Friday. Wednesday is reserved for independent work and targeted assistance, as well as deep cleaning throughout the schools. Students are still expected to participate in their appropriate online classes when they are learning from home.

Students are not to arrive before 8 a.m, at any school. Upon arrival, students will go through a COVID-19 symptom screening. Once the screening is complete and approved, students will receive color-coded wristbands, so teachers and staff will know students have been screened, even as they move between buildings.

Classes are scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m. and will end at 3 p.m. for all grades. The building will remain closed to the general public for the foreseeable future. If a student needs to be picked up for an appointment, parents will need to call the appropriate school office to make arrangements.

Students are expected to follow 'normal' school rules. Cell phones will need to be turned off and put away during class. Students should be aware that water fountains are disconnected, and disposable water bottles are available. There is a bottle-filling station located inside the high school gym.

All students will be required to wear a face-covering while attending in-person instruction. Mask breaks are an option. Students will just need to communicate the need for a break with their teacher. If students cannot, or will not, wear a face covering, they can continue full-time online instruction.

Social distancing, at least six feet apart, will be required. Superintendent Mark

Pickel asked that students be kept home if they are sick and remain home until the student is symptom-free for at least 24 hours. A COVID-19 outbreak at the school is defined as 'two or more unrelated COVID-19 positive cases.' It only takes two positive cases to close the school again.

"The biggest thing, for us, is everyone's safety," Pickel said. "There are three big things: Make sure you wear your facemask, make sure you wash your hands and make sure you stay six feet apart. If we can do that, I think we will be just fine."

Breakfast will be available, like always. The school is asking that students not participating in breakfast arrive at 8:15 a.m. Elementary students will eat breakfast in the Multipurpose room. Middle and high school students will eat in their classrooms

Sign-up sheets for lunch will be available for middle and high school students. Middle school students will be allowed to go home for lunch, with notes from a parent, or walk to the multipurpose room. High school students may eat lunch in the 'Cage,' or outside on the grass, honoring social distancing rules. High school students are also permitted to go home for lunch.

A school bus will be running for students who need transportation. Superintendent Pickel said that the district hopes to contact families they expect will use the bus services by Thursday, October 1. If your child needs to ride the bus and you have not heard from the school, please contact your child's school office. Face coverings will be required for the bus. Transportation details are still being finalized as of Tuesday.

The Waitsburg Elementary School Office can be reached at (509) 337-6301 Preston Hall Middle School Office can be reached at (509) 337-9474 Waitsburg High School Office can be reached at (509) 337-6351.

The district's website, www.waitsburgsd.org, will have detailed information. Information has also been sent out to families.

"We are so excited to have students back," Pickel said. "We are going to work our darndest to make the best of the situation we've been given. We want to make sure that staff and students are safe, and that we maintain that safety."

Combine Art Collective news

Featured artist, Brandon Hallsted

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla native, Brandon Hallsted, wears many hats. By day he is an entrepreneur who owns Connor's Flooring and Design. As past president and current board member for ArtWalla, he's an effective leader. He has spent the last 22 years as a husband to his beloved wife, Mandy. And, this month, Hallsted dons the Combine Art Collective featured artist hat.

Beginning his art years ago with sketches, pastels, and painting, Hallsted pursued technical skills that garnered him a bachelor's degree in civil engineering as well as studying Interior Design. As a self-proclaimed 'idea-guy' and conceptual artist, he works in multiple creative fields.

The body of work he's produced for Combine's featured artist exhibit, titled "2020, One Nation in Division," is indicative of a deeply patriotic pull through ancestral ties to the beginnings of the American experiment. This is portrayed with sketching, graphics, mixed media, color development, scaling, presentation, and symbolism. He says, "it allows him to present a visual conflict to the viewer; I relish the viewer's long pause and fist-to-chin posture surveying the

meaning in the piece."

This exhibit expresses the paradox of colonialism's forceful settlement and expulsion of native occupants while claiming a divine manifesto that has always stained Hallsted's sense of patriotism.

Delving into the New World history in this exhibit reveals a constant theme of division and aggression, which has evolved over time.

Hallsted's politically-charged artwork is based on his frustration that "in recent years, there has been a distinct extremism moving to the core of politics, tricking Americans into believing that their choice of political representatives must be for one side only, with absolute opposition to the other. Anti-Americanism is now marketed as the consequence of being somewhere in the middle, politically."

Hallsted's artwork has been displayed in multiple Walla Walla venues, including Frontier Days pavilion exhibit, Coffee Perk, CAVU Cellars, Walla Walla Roastery, Brasserie Four, Blue Mountain Dental, and True

With no opportunity for a large social gathering, Combine invites viewers to see Hallsted's work beginning October 1 – November 1 in the Gallery, Thursdays-Sundays 11 – 6 p.m. The Combine Art Collective is located at 130 E. Rose, Walla Walla. Look for a special video interview, details available at combineart-collective.com beginning October 7.



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Gracie Reviews: Halloween Candy

From Hershey's to Zombie Skittles, Gracie helps you choose treats to avoid tricks.

By Gracie Compton

Halloween is just a few short weeks away. Now, I know that trick-or-treating is still up in the air, but I like to be prepared. Over the weekend, I taste-tested a few popular Halloween treats, so all of the adults around here know just what to buy.

The first bag up for testing was the Hershey's Greatest of All Time, Miniatures. The Mini G.O.A.T bag had all the classics like KitKat bars, Milk Duds, and Reese's Peanut Butter Cups. This is a pretty safe option to have on hand. It even has Almond Joys (to all the kids reading this, Almond Joys are great for combating parents who like to sneak our hard-earned treats). There are lots of bags that have classic chocolate bars, so if you get overwhelmed in the candy aisle, don't panic. These bags are a great go-to option.

The second bag I tested contained little gray packages of Zombie Skittles. I didn't know there was a way to make Skittles gross, but Skittles killed it. There are random, rotten candies in each bag, but Skittles kind of missed the marketing mark calling them Zombies. In every Halloween episode of Baby Shark that I've seen (and I've seen them all many times), the Zombie is always obvious. The Zombie Skittle, however, is not obvious. In fact, you don't know what it is until it's too late. It blends right into the blues and reds, using the ultimate camouflage and breaking the trust of kids everywhere. I've heard the Zombie Skittle even tricks adults, so at least us kiddos can find a little comfort in that.

My final test candy was a bag of gummy body parts. I can't give you honest feedback, because I couldn't touch them. A little too Hannibal Lecter for my taste. Dad tried to convince me to try an eyeball, and I barely got a nibble before I had to drop it and run away. I recommend saving these for the five and six-year-olds.

If you really want to be popular with us youngsters, go big and get king-sized candy bars. Mom always tells me about a dentist who used to live across from us



Beka Comptor

I had to examine all of my samples closely. Sheriff Woody helped me pick my favorites.

who was famous for giving out king-sized candy bars at Halloween. Ironic, yet fitting. If you plan on supplying the big candy bars, my mom's email is in the staff directory.

So, to narrow it down. Classic candy bar mixes are safe, no matter what age group. I've watched my mom get as giddy as I do when she's handed a KitKat. Trick candies, like the Zombie Skittles, are great for the adventurous eaters, and avoid the body parts for us littles. Hope to see everyone dressed up and safely trick or treating on Halloween!

LIFESTYLES & SPORTS

Waitsburg Gun Club has busy October planned

Range Safety Officer training is scheduled for Saturday

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg Gun Club has a busy schedule for October. With hunting season just around the corner, the volunteer-run gun range has training, sight-in days, and trap shoots planned.

On October 3, at 9 a.m, the Waitsburg Gun Club will be hosting a Range Safety Officer (RSO) training. Range Safety Officer training teaches volunteers the necessary knowledge, skills, and temperament essential for organizing, conducting, and supervising safe shooting events and activities, as well as range operations.

To be certified, volunteers must be at least 21 years of age, be active during class discussions, and complete all coursework. Becoming an RSO does present paid job opportunities; however, none are currently available at the Frank Bramlett Range in Waitsburg.

The training is \$100 per person and covers the cost of the necessary textbooks. Once the training is completed, the certification carries over to gun ranges across the nation: It is not specific to Waitsburg's range. Three local Chief Range Safety Officers, including Daves, will be teaching class. Interested individuals must register online at www.nrainstructors.org.

"More and more people are becoming firearm owners," Daves said, "We need to make sure they know what they are doing, as well."

Roughly ten years ago, the Waitsburg Gun Club stopped hosting shooting competitions, like turkey shoots, and President Cindy Daves said that the club is hopeful they will gain RSO's so the club can begin hosting events again.

On October 10, the Gun Club will open up to the public for a Sight-In Day. Members and non-members are invited to utilize the range to zero in on targets, for \$10 per firearm (targets included), in preparation for the upcoming hunting seasons.

"Last year, we got several phone calls or stop-ins, asking 'hey, are you guys open, can we sight in before we head to the mountains. They were people getting ready to hunt in the Tucannon Wilderness," Daves said. "We wanted to make sure we could reopen and have a designated day that people can come and sight in"

The money raised during the Sight-In day will support the range improvements projects the club has been working on over the past year. One crucial project members have taken on is replacing the ecology blocks between the different ranges, both pistol and rifle.

If you would like to support the renovations at the range, send donations to the Gun Club at P.O Box 61, Waitsburg, WA. Each of the ecology blocks cost \$40, and Daves is excited to share that the club had received enough donations to cover half of the project as of Tuesday morning.

"This is our year to get reestablished," Daves said. "October 10 is actually our (65th) anniversary!" The Waitsburg Gun Club was founded in 1955, known

Waitsburg FFA

Waitsburg FFA Trap Shooting members line up for a practice round at the Frank Bramlett Range, in Waitsburg. Tuesday Night Trap Shooting starts at 6 p.m each week.

originally as the Rifle and Pistol Club.

As always, Tuesday Night Trap Shooting is open and runs from 6 p.m. until dark.

"I can tell you, I belong to numerous gun clubs all over the Northwest. I have shot trap since I was a little kid and the neatest thing about it is everything gets done by volunteers... that's what makes this sport special," said long-time member and trap shooting enthusiast Jack Miller. Volunteers, especially Range Safety Officers, are always welcome at Tuesday Trap Shoots.

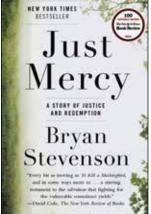
For further information about training or upcoming events, contact Cindy Daves at Sec.WaitsburgGunClub@outlook.com.

Quick Book Reviews

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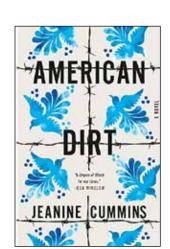
Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson

I think it should be a "must-read" for everyone to help understand that the justice system is not equal for everyone and circumstances are different in different parts of the U.S.A. It's the true story of a lawyer who works for a social



justice type institute that takes on cases of people on death roll who were wrongly convicted, children, sentenced to life in maximum security prisons without possibilities of parole, and other people convicted after an unjust trial where evidence is withheld. Some they win, and some they

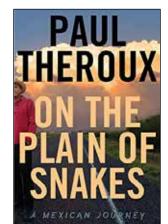
Review by Carol Anderson



American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins

Although this book is a work of fiction, I think it is a "must" read to help people understand the plight of migrants. This read could be followed by Paul Theroux's travelogue *On the Plain of Snakes: A Mexican Journey* to better understand conditions in Mexico and why people are so desperate to leave.





NFL Week #4 – Seahawks vs. Dolphins

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

The Seattle Seahawks find themselves in first place in the NFC West with a perfect 3-0 record. This week they travel to Miami to face the 1-2 Miami Dolphins. This should be an easy win for Seattle even though Seattle is currently ranked last on defense in yards allowed per game and passing yards allowed.

At quarterback for Miami is Ryan Fitzpatrick. Fitzpatrick is with his eighth team and is playing in his sixteenth season in the NFL. He has a career record of 56-85-1, and his 2015 season with the Jets was his only winning season. This season, Fitzpatrick is having his best year, completing passes at a seventy-one percent rate over the first three games. For his career, his completion rate is only sixty percent. For Seattle, Russell Wilson continues to put up video game-like numbers in the 2020 season. With five touchdowns last week, he is up to fourteen touchdowns this season, which is an NFL record for total touchdowns after the first three season games. He has absolutely carried this team so far.

Myles Gaskin leads the running game for Miami. If that name sounds familiar to Washington State Cougar fans, it is the same running back the Washington Huskies featured for four seasons. Gaskin is in his second season with the Dolphins and has only one touchdown in ten games for his NFL career. He is averaging four yards per carry and 50.7 yards per game this season. As a team, Miami is averaging one hundred and eight yards per game. Chris Carson could be unavailable this week for Seattle with a first-degree sprain suffered late in last week's win. This injury could keep Carson out for one to two weeks. If that is the case, then the carries should go to a combination of Carlos Hyde and Travis Homer.

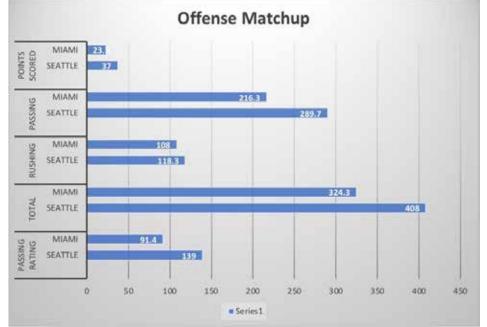
Miami's receiving corps is led by tight end Mike Gesicki. He leads them in touchdowns with two and yards per game with 58.3. Also of note are wide receiver DeVante Parker, Isaiah Ford. This young core accounts for most of the Dolphins 226.3 yards per game. For Seattle, D.K. Metcalf and Tyler Lockett are once again showing they are elite receivers in the NFL.

At kicker, Jason Sanders has been perfect for Miami, going 4-4 in field goals and 6-6 on extra points. For Seattle, Jason Myers has also been perfect. He has made his only field goal attempt and is 14-14 in extra points.



NFL Week Four Games and Picks

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	1:25PM	CBS	Buffalo	Las Vegas	Buffalo			
	5:20PM	NBC	Philadelphia	San Francisco	San Francisco			
Mon	5:15PM	ESPN	Atlanta	Green Bay	Green Bay			



LIFESTYLES

Seasons of Waitsburg

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

Thate to be cliché, but, Wow! Time does fly. And, sticking with clichés, it seems like yesterday that I wrote my first article for *The Waitsburg Times*. It's been a very full year, and I can now say I've experienced all four seasons here. My first winter was brutal. Everyone was apologetic because we were experiencing the most snow and the coldest winter in 15 years. Lucky me, what an introduction to my new home. Good heaters, gloves, great new friends, and a little scotch, I survived.



That first winter, I deliberated about my car. Maybe I should be more practical. Was it time to trade in the convertible for an SUV? Then came spring, and my thoughts of an SUV were dumped! My first spring was magnificent. I constantly took pictures of the daffodils, tulips, lilacs, roses, and irises, annoyingly sending them to my California friends. I also bombarded them with photos of the green wheat fields and my first garden.

The house remodel was humming along, albeit excruciatingly slowly. I started to see progress and felt confident that there was a light at the end of the tunnel. I can be easily fooled, but I prefer to think of it as optimism. I adopted Mugsy, and the two of us survived the construction turmoil with aplomb. He stopped barking at workers, and I didn't go too nuts.

As summer approached, I was warned to prepare for heat, dryness, and dust

from the harvest. No problem, a piece of cake for me. I moved here from the San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles, where the typical summer day is 100+ degrees. I played tennis in that heat for hours at a time. Also, both Northern and Southern California have suffered through intense fires in the last few years, so breathing in ash and dust, unfortunately, is too familiar. And, I had a brand-new air conditioner, so I knew I would survive.

I couldn't wait for autumn! I grew up back east; I anticipated the colorful gold, red, and yellow leaves. Although there were some typical autumn colors, I was a little disappointed, the trees were mostly green. Then it hit me; duh, I'm in the Evergreen State! There are no ads urging people to come to Washington to see the fall colors; this isn't New England. No Maine lobsters, no Maryland crab cakes, and cacophony of fall colors overwhelming my eyeballs.

Yes, there are trees that do turn colors and drop leaves, one of which is just on the other side of our backyard fence. I don't know what kind of tree it is, but its leaves go through 3 stages: lush green, brown, and down! I watched every leaf drop in my backyard in one fell swoop. One gust of wind, then dump! Followed by the pine tree, also just over my fence, which then dumped about 100 pinecones per square inch of our yard. Needless to say, that afternoon, I bought a rake!

I know in life there are trade-offs. I miss the outrageous display of fall colors, but yesterday on my run, I was reminded of what I gained. I ran past horses, cows, pigs, wheat fields, and roosters, all within the first mile. Maybe it's not easy to buy Maine lobster and Maryland crab cakes here, but I'm in wine country, and that's pretty awesome.

I love driving through wheat fields, with NO TRAFFIC! That in itself is more than a fair trade. But, add to it that I live in wine country, with a great chef (and handyman), there is no contest, I am ahead of the game by far!

Adobe MAX 2020: free for all

Free Virtual Event from Oct. 20-22 builds skills in video, photography, illustration, and UX and UI design

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

t isn't surprising in the least that Adobe has chosen to forgo its annual Adobe MAX event in person and take the whole experience online. The novel coronavirus has made virtually everything...virtual to round out 2020.

What's exciting and surprising is the fact that they've made the entire event free for all. (A full conference pass was \$1,295 in 2019, not including travel and hotel accommodations.)

MAX is Adobe's showcase of talent and technology, including keynote sessions, labs, musical performances, celebrity guest appearances, art walks, and a sneak peek at things being worked on in Adobe labs.

The agenda includes 56 hours of live content covering creativity, technology, and entertainment. It also has more than 350 live and on-demand sessions. This is a golden opportunity for someone looking to boost their digital portfolio by learning new skills.

What even is UX? UI? User experience design and user interface design, respectively. Addressing and designing for the digital workflow is a growing necessity, especially as online education has become essential in preventing the spread of COVID-19. UX and UI design can make or break a learning experience.



Sessions:

With so much content to choose from in just three days, choose wisely. Users can tailor their experience by Adobe product, technical level, audience, category, or day, building a schedule of their favorites. For example, an intermediate photographer may have had previous experience with Photoshop and may only require brushing up of skills in that application.

In considering new methods of productivity and creativity, that same photographer could add some sessions on video editing software to expand their skill set

In addition to three full days of live broadcast and inspiring sessions, 2020 MAX includes opportunities to engage with and off-screen experiences. Try your hand at a collection of hands-on, creative ideas, get mixology tips from Stanley Tucci, watch a puppy cam, create art with materials from your yard, or reset your day with a meditation break.

All sessions are hosted on adobe.com and require no download.

Art Walks:

Be inspired by diverse voices of hope, revitalization, and change. Join the virtual guided art walks in Mexico City, Mexico; Fort Smith, Arkansas; Fanzara, Spain; Dakar, Senegal; Osaka and Kobe, Japan; as well as Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

Meet the teams that created industry-standard Adobe products like Illustrator, Photoshop, Premiere Pro, After Effects, Rush, and more. Select viewers will be able to get their questions answered live in Meet the Teams sessions.

To learn more about Adobe MAX, or to register, visit www.max.adobe.com.

The Cookie Chronicles Chapter 19—The Diet

It's a Dog-Eat-What? World!

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

ne of my favorite comics features a genial mutt named Satchel. A recurring theme involves his housemate and nemesis, an arrogant siamese cat named Bucky, who encourages Satchel to eat (or at least swallow) anything conveniently at hand, from roadkill to small electronic appliances. The joke is that Satchel, and by extension all dogs, will give it a try, whatever the consequences.

As is often the case with Cookie, her dietary choices are much more sophisticated than that. There are only a few things that we know are out of the question because they are flat out dangerous for dogs. That don't-even-think-about-eatingthis list includes chocolate, avocadoes, macadamia nuts, grapes and raisins, onions, garlic and chives, bread dough, alcohol, caffeine, and anything with artificial sweeteners.

That leaves a lot of options open. A quick stroll down the pet food aisle of your local grocery store will give you an idea of what the dog food industry thinks your dog would like to eat. For detailed and current market-savvy statistics, an outfit called Sundale Research will sell you a 'State of the Industry: Dog Food in the U.S." publication for \$179. It takes a deep dive into such topics as what is driving industry growth, changing demographics [seriously?], organic pet food sales, dry vs. wet food, and on and on. That stuff is of no interest to Cookie.



She does her market research the old-fashioned way. It starts with the classic sniff test. Any time there is food preparation underway, she will be underfoot. Once we sit down to eat, whether it's mealtime, snack time, or grab-a-handful-of-this-because-it's-sitting-out-on-the-counter time, she will politely station herself on the floor nearby and lock eyes on the food. She won't steal it, and she won't get too close to it, but she can sniff it from a reasonable distance, and that generally leads to phase two, which is trying a bite.

This is where it gets interesting. With fruit, for example, she has very specific likes and dislikes. Apples are out. Blueberries, not so much. Melon is a hit. If there's a breakfast pastry in the offing, she's all over it, but we have to pick the fruit out first. She especially likes the crunchy crust of any scone, muffin, or slice of pie that enters her orbit.

Lunch is perhaps her favorite snack time. She's an equal opportunity diner on almost anything I'm likely to fix as long as it contains meat and cheese. Chips fall into the always a hit crunchy/salty food group. That said, she turns down flavored chips, spicy or peppery chips, and (god forbid!) vinegar chips. Just give me crunchy and salty, nothing else, please.

All of this is just the preamble to the more important question, which is, what does she actually eat for her own supper? We're going through some big changes at the moment on that score.

Being devoted to routine and possessing an amazing ability to demand that prescribed activities occur on time, at the same time, all the time, any change in Cookie's dining habits must be carefully planned. For years her habit has been to wait until we have finished our supper, then wait some more until Mr. B has been tucked away in his drawer, and then (pretty much when all hope for further treats is abandoned) does she attack her kibble.

This is not your ordinary kibble. It's vet-approved kibble designed to help clean her teeth, which have been an ongoing concern as they have a disheartening habit of falling out. But that's another story. The kibble she's been eating is not a favorite. She takes one piece (is that a kiblet?) at a time out of her bowl, walks it over to the dining room floor mat, and drops it there. Might eat it, might not. Ground kibble is now part of our dining room decor.

Recently Mrs. G found a home delivery option for custom-made dog food featuring real meats and vegetables. We've started adding it to the kibble and serving it well ahead of our dinner. This accomplishes a number of goals. It sets meal-time early enough that there's less chance of a two o'clock in the morning wake up call to do her business because dinner was eaten right before going to bed. It also makes her much happier about the kibble part of supper because the kibble seems to absorb some of the meat's flavors while she's devouring it.

Fortunately, Cookie doesn't drag the meat to the dining room, although she has pushed her bowl in that direction in a frantic effort to lick up every scrap of this new food. So far, we've had excellent success with beef. Next up: turkey!

LIFESTYLES

Free Park Day at Washington State Parks in recognition of **World Mental Health Day**

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Washington State Parks invites visitors to enjoy a state park for free on Saturday, Oct. 10, in recognition of World Mental Health Day.

This free day is the 10th of 12 State Parks free days in 2020, when visitors are not required to display the Discover Pass for day-use visits to a park. This free day replaces the second of two free days postponed due to COVID-19 related park closures last spring.

Washington State Parks chose World Mental Health Day to acknowledge the deepening mental health crisis across the northwest, nation and world, which has been exacerbated by a global pandemic, civil unrest and, most recently, wildfires.

Washington state remains a leader in the national ParkRx program, with State Parks as a critical partner. ParkRx allows healthcare providers to write prescriptions for time spent in nature. In addition to the proven physical health benefits of nature, time spent in parks and natural areas is known to boost serotonin, lower cortisol and blood pressure and help young people cope with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). While rigorous exercise is also a proven antidepressant, many healthcare providers believe quiet time spent reading under a tree also can improve mental health.

The remaining 2020 State Parks free days are:

- Wednesday, Nov. 11 Veterans Day
- Friday, Nov. 27 Autumn free day

Washington State Parks' free days are in keeping with legislation that created the Discover Pass, which costs \$30 for an annual pass or \$10 for a one-day pass and is required for vehicle access to state recreation lands managed by Washington State Parks, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The Discover Pass legislation provided that State Parks could designate up to 12 free days when the pass would not be required to visit state parks. The free days apply only at state parks; the Discover Pass is still required on WDFW and DNR lands.

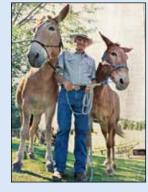
The Discover Pass provides daytime access to parks. Overnight visitors in state parks are charged fees for camping and other overnight accommodations; day access is included in the overnight fee.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

September 30, 2010

[Photo caption] Daytonite Doug Krueger at his ranch with his mules Kate and Belle. The mule enthusiast has participated in team roping contests at the Hell's Canyon Mule Days in Enterprise, Ore., and was instrumental in introducing the owners of Coyote Mule



Company Dayton's attribute as an event venue.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

October 5 1995

The Columbia County Regional Health Foundations, a non-profit charitable corporation based in Dayton, recently announced a \$4,000 donation to the Waitsburg Ambulance Service for the purchase of a new defibrillator.

[Photo caption] Barbara Mulvey, the past madam president of the Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Walla Walla, announced this week that the Eagles were donating \$500 to the Weller Public Library in Waitsburg.

Members of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will lead a public tour of the Palouse Canyon Archaeological District.

Andy Winnett, 38, of Waitsburg, the school district's maintenance chief, is leaving for a teaching position at Walla Walla Community College. The district is now seeking a replacement. Winnett starts Oct. 23 as an instructor in the John Deere Ag Tech program, where he will teach tractor repair.

Fifty Years Ago

October 15, 1970

A happy new Wheat Queen and two happy parents were present at the Wheat Growers meeting Monday evening in Walla Walla. Peggy Fulgham, a Wa-Hi student was selected to represent Walla Walla County in the district Wheat Queen contest. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fulgham who farm near Dixie.

The Waitsburg price on wheat as of Wednesday, October 14 was \$1.46 per bushel. Touchet Valley Grain Growers Manager John Egli reported that a sale of some 75,000 tons to India plus some 40,000 tons to Japan has had the effect of strengthening the market.

Sunday, October 18, will be an extra special day for the membership of Waitsburg's First Baptist Church. Terry Hiatt, who recently became the church's pastor, will be fully ordained to the Gospel Ministry in a special service at 3 p.m. in the church auditorium. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

September 19, 1945

The following boys took the oath as members of the school patrol Tuesday; Jack Roberts, Earl Smith, David Dilts, Bob Patton, Tom Hainline, Fritz Zuger, Leo Davis, Neil Maxwell, Bob Collins, Howard Smith, Fred Rankin, Fred Gauch, Dick Archer, Neal Alexander and Wayne Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Broom and daughter are moving to Waitsburg this week to make their home.

The Touchet Valley Grain Growers reports a large quantity of wheat being sold during the past ten days, with farmers receiving an average price of \$1.40 per bushel or better, according to grade.

Richard Donnelly has received his discharge and plans to make his home in Waitsburg. He has 35 months overseas duty.

One Hundred Years Ago

October 22, 1920

In a listless game, the local Hi team defeated Washtucna at the latter place last Friday, 39-0. The only thing to mar the game was the dust, and the inability of the crowd to realize a true sports-

Pupils in the eighth grade making an average of 90 or above for the first six week period were Fred McConnell, Roland Allen, Adda Beckley, Frances Samuel, Ivan Starr, Asa Brown, Cleo Bruce, Ward Barnes, Ruth Eichelberger, and Lenore Flanders.

J.W. Sweazy and family returned this week from a visit to Portland. J.W. recently purchased a Dodge sedan and the trip was made in the new

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

October 25, 1895

Claude Paine aged 17 years and whose home is in the classic hills at the foot of the Blue Mountains above Dayton and Miss Tura Williams of Dayton, aged 17, eloped last Saturday evening and hid themselves away to Lewiston, the "Gretna Greene" of the Northwest, and now there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth among the girl's parents.

While James Yeend was cooking dinner over a campfire on Thursday of last week, his patented coffee pot exploded and scalded his face terribly and almost put one eye out. Some of these labor saving machines are not what they are cracked up to be.

Amber Waves







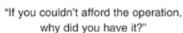


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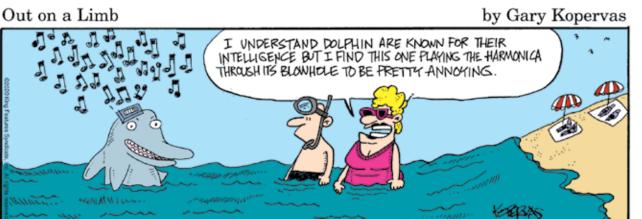


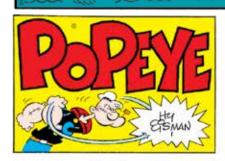


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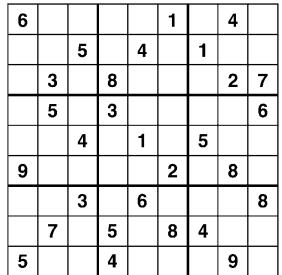
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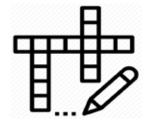


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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Harvest Chex Mix



didn't make this and I'm not sure I will because I'd probably eat the whole thing. Or I might make it and put it in baggies to give away, if there is enough left over to do so. © I think one could use apple pie spice mix as well.

I'm thinking most anything could be added or subtracted. The Harvest Mix Candy is the candy corn, pumpkin candies that are so sweet, but taste good about this time of year.

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 c. Rice Chex cereal 3 c. mini pretzel twists
- 3 c. Bugles
- 1 c. dry roasted peanuts
- ½ Reese's candies ½ c. M & M candies 1 c. Harvest Mix Candy
- **Pumpkin Spice Coating**
- ½ c. butter
- ½ c. brown sugar 2 tsp vanilla
- 3 Tbsp pumpkin spice

INSTRUCTIONS:

Preheat oven to 275 degrees. Prepare a baking sheet by lining with parchment papr or spraying with cooking spray

In a large mixing bowl, combine the cereal, pretzels, Bugles and peanuts.

In a microwave safe bowl, combine the butter and brown sugar. Place in the microwave and cool for one minute, stirring half way. Remove from the microwave and stir in the vanilla and pumpkin spice.

Pour the pumpkin spice mixture over the cereal and stir to evenly coat

Pour out into the prepared baking sheet and bake for 30 minutes, stirring after 15 minutes.

Remove from the oven and allow to cool. Place in a serving bowl and toss in the Reese's M & M's and Harvest Mix.

MY NOTES:

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If I make it and I still might, I'll double the recipe. Might as well if you have to buy peanuts and pretzels. Personally, I'm not crazy for dry roasted peanuts. I'll use regular peanuts, which are salty, but salt and sweet go together.

ENJOY! ☺



Native to Korea, China and Japan, where its stalks are eaten as vegetables, this plant is easily

Butterbur grown in shady areas where the soil is moist, such as along the banks of bogs, ponds, streams or water

gardens. If it is grown in full sun, its leaves will wilt on hot days. Also known as sweet coltsfoot, its fragrant, yellowish-white flowers appear in spring before the leaves appear. Its leaves were once used to wrap butter in hot weather, hence its name.

- Brenda Weaver

Source: www.missouribotanicalgarden.org

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Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) returns to Prescott

The free preschool program offers educational support for qualified children

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

PRESCOTT—There are more than 20 years of combined early childhood education experience making up the Prescott ECEAP program. Lead teacher Sofia Mercado, Assistant teacher Karlie Mathews, and Family Support Specialist Marina Cortez offer quality early childhood education for their second year in a row.

"The Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program, or ECEAP, is a whole child, comprehensive, family-focused preschool program, providing free services and support to eligible students," Mercado shared in an email, quoting the Educational Service District 123. "The goal of ECEAP is to help ensure all Washington children enter kindergarten ready to suc-

The ECEAP program offers whole school day instruction, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., September through June. Currently, the ECEAP is using an online, distance learning model.

To qualify for the ECEAP program, children must be at least three years old, not yet five, and cannot be simultaneously enrolled in an Early Start Program. Children must also meet one of the following criteria to qualify for the program:

• A child must be approved by the school district for special education services under RCW 28A.155.020.

• Students with an Individual Education Program, or IEP, are automatically qualified.

· Students whose families meet low-income requirements specified for this program. Detailed qualifications can be found on Educational Service District 123's website, www.esd123.org.

Mercado, Mathews, and Cortez strive to create a fun learning environment. Hands-on activities like tie-dying t-shirts and making playdough, and science experiments like building lava lamps and making elephant toothpaste, are regular parts of the program. When times allow, the students even get out of the classroom, participating in enriching trips to children's museums and enjoying seasonal activities like trips to local pumpkin patches.

Lead teacher Mercado, a 2015 WHS graduate, finished the Early Childhood Education at Walla Walla Community College with an Associates Degree. Mercado went to work in the academic world as an assistant teacher and stepped up to lead in January of 2020. Assistant teacher Karlie Mathews graduated from Waitsburg High School in 2018. Mathews started as classroom support before promoting to an assistant teacher in January 2020. Cortez has been working in education off and on for more than 16 years, spending many of those years with Head Start and ECEAP programs in Walla Walla.

"(Cortez) left the field a couple of times, but she al-



Prescott ECEAP Assistant Teacher Karlie Mathews, Lead Teacher Sofia Mercado, and Family Support Specialist Marina Cortez.

ways comes back because she absolutely loves working with children and families," Mercado wrote.

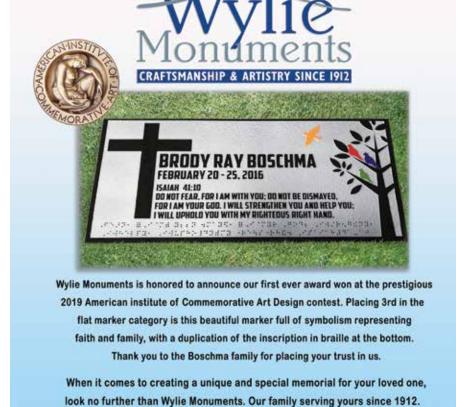
Applications are available and can be picked up and dropped off at the Prescott School District's of-

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Chelsey Eaton from the county Public Health Department is holding one of the mental health promotional bags handed out at the Dayton Senior Center last week. The bags contain personal hygiene items and laundry soap.

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"At times, it is not practical for someone to stay in their homes as a result of shared bathroom or bedroom spaces," Strohbehn said.

She said the Public Health Department provides supplies and meals to those people when the facilities are in use.

Lanman said Public Health Department nurses would be at Dayton Elementary School in the next few weeks to demonstrate proper handwashing techniques.

Lanman also wants people to be aware that the cost of vital records is going up to \$25 on Jan. 1., and there are new restrictions on access to them. Only family members can apply for them.

There are two new employees in the Health Department, Jackie Tetrick RN, Public Health Nurse, and Michelle Benavides, who will begin work on Oct. 1, as the Public Health Nutrition/Prevention Educator.

Staff in the Columbia County Public Health Department can be reached by phone at: (509) 382-2181.



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