



After a lifetime of war-watching,
I see war as an endemic human disease, and
governments are the carriers.
-Martha Gellhorn

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Beka Compton

Pastor Matthew Wyatt prayed over First Sergeant Mitch Kriebel, who was completing a 150-mile walk from Lewiston to Benton City. Kriebel is the founder of Ruck for the Fallen, a non-profit organization offering support for families of fallen service men and women.

Ruck for the Fallen visits Waitsburg

First Sergeant Mitch Kriebel finished his 150-mile journey on Sunday

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES



Courtesy photo

Mrs. Payne's Second Grade class cheered First Sergeant Mitch Kriebel along during his long ruck across eastern Washington.

Line flag to honor fallen military, and a Thin Red Line to honor firefighters.

On January 18, Kriebel set out from Lewiston, Idaho, ending this ruck six days later in Benton City, WASH. He rested alongside the road in towns including Dodge Junction, Dayton, Prescott, and the Tri-Cities at night.

Ruck for the Fallen passed through Dayton and Waitsburg on day three of the walk, trekking through January snow. In Dayton, Kriebel was met by the Columbia County Undersheriff Robbie Patterson, Mrs. Payne's second-grade class and supportive residents following his progress from Lewiston.

Kriebel walked into Waitsburg around 1 p.m. The community began showing their support as he made his way through Huntsville, where local youth Sarah Daves, William Daves, Gary Meyer, and Bradley Sandau accompanied Kriebel through town. Sandau, who has plans for joining the military, went on to walk with Kriebel to the endpoint in Benton City- more than 70 miles. Sandau graduated from Waitsburg High School in 2020.

Columbia-Walla Walla County Fire District 2 announced Kriebel's arrival with a lights-on escort, and the city's public works employees spent the morning lining the street with American flags. Main street was full of families who were cheering him on.

Pastor Matthew Wyatt pulled Kriebel aside for a moment of prayer, just in time to introduce him to World War II veteran Jack McCaw.

The fire department offered Kriebel a warm spot in the fire station for a quick break, where interim Fire Chief Colter Mohny and Jamie McMillen provided some medical care. Kriebel suffered from injuries during his walk, including muscle fatigue, foot pain, and sores from his boots. Kriebel did have a team of trainers and massage therapists with him throughout the journey.

After a short break, Kriebel was joined by the Daves kids and Gary Meyer, who all rucked roughly four miles towards Prescott, and Bradley Sandau continued on.

If you would like to donate to or get involved with Ruck for the Fallen, visit their website at www.ruck4thefallen.org.

Board of County Commissioners object to governor's new COVID-19 recovery plan

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

COLUMBIA COUNTY—The Board of Columbia County Commissioners has gone on record to let Washington State Governor Jay Inslee know they are displeased with the COVID-19 Healthy Washington – Roadmap to Recovery plan.

The Healthy Washington – Roadmap to Recovery plan is using a regional approach for a phased recovery. The state has designated eight regions, with Columbia County part of the South-Central Region, Kittitas, Yakima, Walla Walla, Benton, and Franklin counties. All eight regions start in Phase 1 of the recovery plan, beginning on Jan. 11.

Regions must meet four metrics to move out of Phase 1 and into Phase 2: There must be a decreasing trend in the 14-day rate of new COVID-19 cases, per 100k population; a decreasing trend in the 14-day rate of new COVID-19 hospital admissions, per 100k populations; an average seven-day percent occupancy of ICU staffed beds less than 90-percent; and seven-days with the percent positivity of COVID-19 tests, less than 10-percent.

Last week, County Commissioner Ryan Rundell said the board is opposed to being included with the counties in the South-Central Region.

"Each region was set so that there is a minimum of 250,000 people in it. At 4,000 people, Columbia County has no hope of moving the needle on the region's overall number. Yakima, Benton, and Franklin counties will determine if we can move out of Phase 1," said Rundell.

Rundell said Columbia County was among the first of all the counties in the state to move to Phase 3 in the initial phased plan.

He said the new phased approach shows a lack of regard for small counties, leaving control of Columbia County's destiny in the hands of Yakima County.

Also, the new plan offers little hope for advancing. According to Rundell, this is despite the fact that local businesses, school districts, and the health systems have done much that is right.

Although the commissioners would prefer a county-by-county approach to recovery, placing Columbia County with Garfield and Asotin counties or placing Columbia County with Walla Walla and Garfield counties makes better sense, he said.

"This plan removes any control the local health systems had in offering the citizens and businesses hope for getting out of Phase 1," said Rundell. "The people of the county have done wonderfully and will continue to persevere, but we had hoped that we would have a chance to control our own fortunes."

The Commissioners sent a letter voicing their concern to Governor Inslee early last week, Rundell said.

According to the Washington State Governor's Office, the regions are mostly based on Emergency Medical Services (EMS) regions used for evaluating health-care services. The eight regions of four or more counties were divided according to available health care services based on metrics such as hospitalizations, case data, and disease mobility.

The Roadmap to Recovery plan is offering only two phases for recovery, at this time. Regions will be evaluated each Friday to determine when they can advance to Phase 2.

Once a region advances to Phase 2, criteria must continue to be met, or the region can be moved back to Phase 1.

A Roadmap to Recovery dashboard with the latest data and region phase designations is posted at <https://tinyurl.com/y2cuyrry>.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

COATS AND BOOTS FOR STUDENTS

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Fourteen students in the Dayton School District received winter coats and snow boots purchased from generous donations from HomeStreet Bank and the Grace Episcopal Church

“We are so fortunate to live in a community where people notice a need and step in to fill it immediately,” said Judi Pilcher, VP/Assistant Branch Manager at HomeStreet Bank.



Judi Pilcher, VP/Assistant Branch Manager at HomeStreet Bank, shown on the right, with Dayton School District Superintendent, Guy Strot, on the left.

PASTOR MATTHEW WYATT ANNOUNCES PLANS TO MOVE, START CHURCH IN TEXAS

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Pastor Matthew Wyatt made a big announcement over the weekend.

In August, Wyatt and his wife, Krystal, will be moving to South Padre Island, Texas, to plant a church. Currently, he knows nothing about the plan, including housing, building, income, funding, etc. And though an extremely difficult decision, he knows in his heart that it is the right decision.

“We chose to say yes to Him despite the lack of details. We know He will reveal those when the time is right. Every question you have, we have in abundance,” Wyatt said, in an online announcement. “Waitsburg has our heart and has had my heart since my family moved here when I was just months old. We will miss everyone here and want you all to know the huge impact you’ve had on us.”

Over the next six months, the Wyatts will continue working in the community, building up leadership within the Waitsburg Christian Church, and praying for the right pastor to step in.

He said his greatest honor has been to pastor Waitsburg Christian Church and he is excited to see what the next six months bring, not just for the church but for Waitsburg and the surrounding communities.

“We will finish strong together. We love you all!” Wyatt said.



Matt & Krystal Wyatt

BLUES CREW EXCEEDED FUNDRAISING GOAL

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Blue Mountain Land Trust Blues Crew exceeded its goal during its donation drive this year. Donations from a large number of supporting individuals was nearly doubled by the match from the All In Washington Fund that resulted in a total in excess of \$46,000. The monies will be used to complete the purchase of equipment to support the grooming efforts at Horseshoe Prairie Nordic Ski Area and many other projects of the Blues Crew in the coming year.



Courtesy photo

Blues Crews member Lish Riley, giving the thumbs up as the crew grooms the trail at Horseshoe Prairie. The crew is out Friday evenings preparing for weekend skiers and on Wednesday evenings if there is snowfall during the week. To avoid interfering with skiers, the work begins after 4 p.m. and can take until 7 or 8 p.m. to finish.

Touchet Valley Weather

Jan. 27, 2021

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Wednesday	Isolated Rain	42	31
Thursday	Mostly Cloudy	46	30
Friday	Mostly Cloudy	41	29
Saturday	Isolated Rain	45	34
Sunday	Scattered Rain	48	38
Monday	Scattered Rain	46	34
Tuesday	Scattered Snow	44	35

Weather Trivia

Where are the sun's rays directly hitting the earth's surface on March 21st?
 Answer: The sun's rays directly strike the Equator twice each year. Once on March 21st and again on September 21st.

Weather History

Jan. 27, 1772 - On this date the "Washington and Jefferson Snowstorm" occurred. George Washington reported three feet of snow at Mount Vernon and Thomas Jefferson recorded about three feet at Monticello.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	42	26	42/31	0.00"	0.25"
Wednesday	39	31	42/31	0.00"	0.54"
Thursday	34	31	42/31	0.16"	-0.29"
Friday	32	29	42/31	Trace	31.6°
Saturday	37	23	42/31	0.00"	36.5°
Sunday	34	26	42/31	Trace	-4.9°
Monday	31	28	42/31	0.09"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:20 a.m.	4:51 p.m.	3:39 p.m.	6:59 a.m.
Thursday	7:19 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	4:49 p.m.	7:42 a.m.
Friday	7:18 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	6:03 p.m.	8:18 a.m.
Saturday	7:17 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	7:18 p.m.	8:48 a.m.
Sunday	7:16 a.m.	4:57 p.m.	8:34 p.m.	9:14 a.m.
Monday	7:15 a.m.	4:58 p.m.	9:50 p.m.	9:37 a.m.
Tuesday	7:13 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	11:06 p.m.	10:00 a.m.

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COLUMBIA COUNTY VSP SEEKS WORK GROUP MEMBERS

Work Group Votes to Submit 5-Year Report

THE TIMES

COLUMBIA COUNTY—At its January 20 quarterly meeting, the Columbia County Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) workgroup unanimously voted to submit its 5-Year Report to the State Conservation Commission, asserting that work plan goals and benchmarks aimed toward the voluntary protection of critical areas have been met.

“By developing and implementing our own program, producers are freed from the historic one-size-fits-all regulatory approach to critical areas protection. Instead, the County and Conservation District work directly with local stakeholders to determine what conservation practices will be most impactful, specifically to Columbia County. That’s a pretty big deal,” said Columbia County Planning Manager Dena Martin.

The report, which was due five years after the receipt of funding, will be reviewed by the State Technical Panel and VSP Statewide Advisory Committee before the Conservation Commission’s Executive Director must decide to concur, or not, with the work group’s determination. If the Director does not concur, the workgroup will be required to develop an adaptive management plan.

With initial reporting requirements out of the way, the workgroup is actively seeking new members to aid in the continued implementation of the local program.

Following the receipt of funding in 2016, the workgroup spent three years developing the work plan approved by the State Conservation Commission in July of 2018. The last two years have been spent on program implementation, with the workgroup voting to focus on cost-share programs.

In 2019 the VSP partnered with the Columbia County Weed Board, providing funding that allowed an additional 4,500 acres to be sprayed in the existing successful starthistle eradication program. In 2020, the workgroup began soliciting individual cost-share project applications. Technical assistance is administered by the Columbia Conservation District staff, with expert consultants brought in as needed.

Moving forward, the workgroup will continue to review and approve cost-share project applications and technical assistance requests, develop and oversee community outreach and education projects, and advise on adaptive management such as revising benchmarks or determining new monitoring methods.

“With meetings held quarterly, the time commitment for workgroup members is minimal at this point. However, if we don’t have a workgroup, we don’t have a program,” Martin said.

To learn more about the Columbia County VSP or to find out how you can get involved, visit <http://columbiaco.com/441/Voluntary-Stewardship-Program> online or call the Planning Department at (509) 520-3183 or the Conservation District at (509) 382-4273.

Prescott School Board monthly update

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

PRESCOTT—The Prescott School Board met on January 21 for a regularly scheduled meeting. Superintendent Justin Bradford shared COVID-19 vaccination updates, including information on a clinic held at the Walla Walla Fairgrounds over the weekend. He is encouraging school staff to get vaccinated, and he hopes to host a clinic at the school if the Health Department would be willing to allow it. The school's nurse has agreed to participate, according to Bradford.

He said that they are three weeks into the HOPE 2.0 model of hybrid learning after they moved back to HOPE 1.0 in November, and things are going well.

Bradford that the newly-formed Associated Student Body (ASB) would be hosting a mid-year celebration for students the week of January 25. With approval from the local fire district, they will be lighting a large burn pile on the school property. He said that there are safety protocols to prevent gathering in close groups, and only a limited number of kids will be allowed at any time around the fire.

He joked that if more than 60 kids attend the celebration, he and a handful of staff have agreed to shave the kids' hair into blue mohawks.

"I'm looking forward to them meeting their goal," Bradford said, with a laugh. "So I can get a mohawk!"

The district received a new school bus this month, equipped with built-in seats for preschoolers and small students. They are planning on listing an older bus for sale as a surplus piece of equipment. The District also purchased a newer Chrysler Pacifica van to replace an aging Suburban. Bradford reported that many staff members were not comfortable driving the large Suburban, and the new van was a comfortable, affordable compromise.

Superintendent Bradford said it is imperative board members use their school-specific email for all school communication. If a board member needs a dedicated device for their email, one can be provided.

Bradford read a proclamation from the Governor declaring January as School Board Recognition Month.

Thomas Palumbo gave a brief Fiscal and Enrollment update. The district has transitioned to the Qmlative program, which replaced the Skyward program. He and Natasha Rudnick are still going through training to learn the program. The transition began over winter break.

A brief athletics update was given, following announcements from the Washington Interscholastic Athletics Association. The district is planning to begin soccer and volleyball practice on February 1, 2021. Games cannot be played until the district reaches Phase Two of the WIAA plan. Palumbo said specific information on the plan would be available soon. He noted that it is important to remember that sports are subject to change.

The board received a set of policies for first readings and approved two policies following their second readings.

SECOND FOOD TRUCK EVENT IN PRESCOTT

PRESCOTT—Prescott's second food truck event will feature Granny's Tamales, of Walla Walla. Granny's Tamales serves handmade classic and vegetarian tamales on February 4th from 3 p.m.-7 p.m. at 106 N C Street, in Prescott. Preorders are available by calling (509) 899-8030.

For more information, check out the event's Facebook page, Granny's Tamales in Prescott!

Inside the Columbia County Planning Dept. 2020 in review

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—2020 was a busy year for staff inside the Columbia County Planning and Building Department, primarily due to the Feb. flood. Work has continued apace, despite the COVID-19 slowdown. Planning Manager Dena Martin provided a synopsis for the county commissioners at their meeting last week.

The Planning and Building department oversees county land use, zoning, comprehensive plan updates, and environmental uses. The department also provides building services for Columbia County, the City of Dayton, the City of Waitsburg, and the Town of Starbuck and Garfield County.

Martin said she and Building Inspector, Clint Atteberry, traveled the county extensively during the 2020 flood event, performing and recording visible damage assessments.

While Atteberry performed multiple FEMA substantial damage assessments for the City of Dayton, Waitsburg, Columbia County, and the Town of Starbuck, in her role as the Floodplain Manager, Martin directed her attention to citizens affected by the flood and to the environmental agencies approving emergency shoreline repairs and providing them with stabilization exemptions and permits.

"It was difficult and challenging, but the one thing it brought out was it really did help us establish relationships and open lines of communications between all the different agencies," she said.

Martin said there was a lot of confusion during the flood event about what is allowed as an emergency repair and what is not.

"We want to try to make that clear, so people know that process," she said.

Improved website resources in the Planning and Building department include a Floodplain and Flooding page.

When the COVID-19 outbreak presented itself in March of 2020, the Planning Department had to shut down non-emergency construction, temporarily, only maintaining communication with contracted jurisdictions.

"Nobody really knew what was going on," Martin said.

She was able to continue work on some preexisting and emergency work. The website was updated for COVID-19 requirements, and resources and training links were added. A new option for making payments online was also added.

Atteberry used Facetime and Messenger to continue the job of Building Inspector.

Martin said 213 building permits were issued in 2019, and 242 were issued in 2020. Revenue from permit fees increased by \$19,848 over 2019. Valuation also increased by 1.26 million in 2020, over 2019. The Columbia County Health System Dental Suite Addition project and construction of a triplex in Dayton City limits is a big reason for the increase, Martin said.

The number of land use permits issued in 2020 was similar to 2019, with a notable exception being an increase in shoreline flood plain permits. Land use fees increased by \$2,725 in 2020, over 2019. Thirty-five land use permits were issued in 2020, 24 more than in 2019.

The Columbia County Health System's Assisted Living Facility units and the Dental Suite Addition at the Columbia Family Clinic are the two big projects in 2021.

Martin and Atteberry continued simplifying the permitting application process and customizing it for the staff use.

In 2020 Atteberry gained his Residential Plumbing Inspector and Residential Mechanical Inspector certifications. Martin has been sitting in on many local meetings and committees to stay informed and for the purpose of establishing rapport between her department and members of the community.

Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

Waitsburg City Council:
Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.
Call-in information available at www.cityofwaitsburg.com/government-1

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

Waitsburg Celebration Days:
January 25 at 7 p.m.
<https://tinyurl.com/y4dhmnba>

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

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

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

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

Dayton School Board
Third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m.
Zoom call information can be found at <https://www.daytonsd.org/page/school-board>

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

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

Coalition for Youth & Families
Fourth Wednesday monthly at 3 p.m.
<https://coalitionforyouthandfamilies.org/get-involved>

Columbia County Rural Library District Special Meeting—Budget workshop
November 10 at 6 p.m.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

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

Thursday, January 28
Pork chops & gravy
Roasted red potatoes
Green beans
Broccoli salad
Roll
Pies & Milk

Tuesday, February 2
Stew
Biscuit
Caesar salad
Cookie
Apple juice, milk

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

504 Main Street
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 2
Lasagna
Italian blend veggies
Coleslaw
Garlic bread
Fruit

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Starting October 5, the Waitsburg School District will only be delivering meals on Monday and Wednesday. If your student is already signed up for the meal program, the schedule will automatically adjust. If you have not signed your child up and would like to participate, you will need to submit a signed consent form to your child's school. The consent form can be found on the school's website, www.waitsburgsd.org.

Thursday, January 28
Chicken Strips
Apples
Cookie

Friday, January 29
B: Biscuit & gravy
L: Grilled cheese
Tomato soup
Mixed fruit

Monday, February 1
B: Long John
L: Hamburger
Fries
Tomatoes, Onions
Pineapple

Tuesday, February 2
B: Biscuit & gravy
L: Quesadilla
Roasted veggies
Snap peas
Mandarin oranges



Church Directory

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
504 Main
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
337-6589
Pastor Stan Hughes

Waitsburg Chapel
320 W. 2nd
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Bible Study
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
337-6235
Rev. Jimmie Daves

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337-8898
Rev. Matthew Wyatt

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NEWS & COMMENTARY

LETTERS

A LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Waitsburg Community,
We are writing you on behalf of the Waitsburg Resource Center and the Waitsburg Ministerial Association. We want to thank you all so very much for your generosity. These have been difficult times, but because of your gifts, we have been able to help meet the needs of many.

Yours,
Pastor Matt Wyatt, Waitsburg Christian Church, (916) 622-9932
Pastor Stan Hughes, Waitsburg Presbyterian Church, (509) 607-5409
(Please do feel free to contact either of us.)

THE MORE YOU KNOW!

Last week, it was noted that there was no National Weather Service station in Waitsburg. While that is true, a reader wrote in to *The Times* to share that there is a WSU weather unit in Huntsville. The unit updates every 15 minutes, and data can be found at www.weather.wsu.edu, by following the Huntsville Unit tab. The unit was installed in April, 2009.

A NEW YEAR, A GOOD YEAR

This is the insert I wrote on my New Year's cards for 2021. Since last year was so depressing, I wanted to do something positive, and this has helped me as well as several of my friends, so I thought I would share it with you so more people can benefit from it. Most of my friends have put the card where they can read it each day. I hope it will help others!

Let's make 2021 productive and fun!
Let us not dwell on this past year for what might have been. We cannot change it, but we can learn from it and enter into 2021 with strong desires to fulfill our hopes and dreams. We all get the same number of days, and each one will come to us like a blank page in a book, just waiting to be written. Ultimately,

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Washington State, under the leadership of Governor Jay Inslee, recently received national recognition for adopting the pandemic protocol established by scientists and health care professionals: "Against all odds some states have managed to keep the virus under control. Washington State, which recorded 37 of the nation's first 50 coronavirus deaths, has kept in place a steadily adjusting suite of mitigation measures and now ranks 44th in deaths per capita. If the nation had achieved a rate comparable to Washington's, about 220,000 fewer people would be dead." (*The New York Times*, p.A7, 1/18/2021)

Until vaccines are universally available, please follow the protocol—wear a mask, maintain social distance, limit contact with others and wash hands frequently—it works!

Gretchen de Grasse
Walla Walla

we will write our own story, but how it turns out depends on what we choose to bring to every new day of this coming year.

May all your failures, sorrow, and troubles stay behind in the passing year, and may they leave a lot of room in your life for family, friends, laughter, peace, and joy. May you let God's love help you triumph over any trials that might come your way.

When in a fix—Philippians 4:6 (& 7)
"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Blessings to all
Lois Hemple
Waitsburg

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Neighbors,
I am writing to express my concern for this lovely community that I have just become a part of. May God bless and protect you because I have some serious doubts that the Fire Department knows how.

As you may be aware, my husband, Michael Moynihan, was recently let go from the Columbia-Walla Walla Fire District after only three short months of employment. Since he has yet to learn why he was let go, I can only assume it has something to do with the transition to a more professional fire department, one that would be respected by other districts.

It could also have something to do with the incident in front of the fire station between Michael and Jake Long, where Jake became unglued about a change made to a piece of equipment.

Could it be that my husband, a 30-year veteran of one of the busiest fire departments in the nation was fired over a sticker and hurt feelings. Please tell me this isn't so.

To conclude, this is your Fire Department leadership, these are the people you have to protect you.

A Fire Commission comprised of a bully and his Yes Men, and a fearful leader who has once again received the Fire Chief position by default. Waitsburg It's time for a change.

My deepest condolences,

Tanya Moynihan
Waitsburg

WWCSO

January 16

A vehicle left the roadway, striking a utility pole. The driver failed to stop and identify, as required. Waitsburg

January 18

Jail resident found in possession of narcotics. Walla Walla

January 20

A package theft was reported in the county. Waitsburg

January 21

Male arrested for DWLS 1st. Burbank

A fraudulent Small Business Administration in the amount of \$93,800.00 was opened under the victim's name and social security number. Burbank

DUI driver arrested for suspicion of DUI Hit and Run, DWLS 3rd, and an outstanding warrant. Case handed over in entirety to Washington State Patrol since the collision occurred in their jurisdiction. Burbank

January 22

Deputies took a report of malicious mischief. Walla Walla

Deputies provided a transport for Comprehensive Mental Health. Walla Walla

Unsolicited mail arrived at the complainant's residence. Walla Walla County

January 23

Male arrested for DUI. Walla Walla County

Verbal altercation over hunting spots. Burbank

Theft of go-cart. Walla Walla County

Vehicle prowl with theft.

January 24

Deputies investigated a report of domestic violence. Walla Walla County

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January 4, 2021

Columbia County Senior Center
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Dear Columbia County Senior Center Patrons:

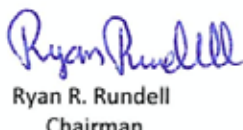
It has come to the attention of the Board of Columbia County Commissioners that several in your gathering were made to feel uncomfortable by the absence of a mask on one of the members of our board when he was present at your meal distribution on December 15, 2020.

As Commissioners serving Columbia County it is our intent to show caring leadership to our County's citizens. We acknowledge that the mandate to wear masks is uncomfortable to many; however, the fact the members of our most cherished and vulnerable portion of our population were made to feel uncomfortable. Or worse, unsafe in their modified gathering is unfortunate and for that we offer our sincere apology.

Sincerely,



Marty J. Hall
Commissioners



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Chairman



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We reserve the right to decline to publish any letter that we deem inappropriate for our readership. Letters may be edited for libel and objectionable material.

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Dayton School board report for January

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton School District kicked off the second semester of the school year on Jan. 21. Report cards will be mailed home for middle and high school students on Jan. 27 and for elementary school students on Jan. 26.

Dayton School District Superintendent Guy Strot provided an update about the elementary school at the school board meeting last week.

He reported challenges were keeping some elementary classrooms open during the two weeks after Christmas break because some of the staff were in quarantine for COVID-19, he said.

“At one point, we had four teachers out, either due to positive tests or quarantine,” he said. “Everyone is back at school right now. Let’s hope that keeps up.”

Strot said teachers and support staff are encouraged to call the Columbia County Department of Public Health to request the COVID-19 vaccine.

Strot also talked about his recommendation to change middle and high school students’ dismissal time to 2 p.m. Students are currently released from school at 12:30 p.m. with the option of going home or staying in school until 2 p.m. to work with a teacher on campus.

He based his recommendation on discussions with staff from the public health department and parents’ comments. He is also factoring in data collected showing students’ grades are slipping.

He will defer to MS/HS Principal Kristina Brown to what bell schedule will be used when the dismissal time moves to 2 p.m. The change will take place no sooner than Feb. 15. The board approved the change.

Strot discussed how Governor Jay Inslee’s recently released plan for recovery from COVID-19 would impact the athletic program. As part of the Southeast region, Columbia County is in Phase 1 of the plan and Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, and Yakima counties.

“Until we are in Phase 2, we can’t participate in any games,” Strot told the board. “I have no doubt Columbia County will be ready to move to Phase 2,” he said. “I am unsure about the other counties, and we all have to move as a group.”

He said the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) has indicated that a sports season should not be started unless it can be played in its entirety. The fall sports program had been on track to begin on Feb. 1.

There have been many planned and unplanned expenditures incurred by the District during the COVID-19 situation. Strot said the District would receive additional CARES Act funding that will support student safety and academics.

Business Manager Paula Moio said the District expects to get four times the amount received in 2020. The District is also waiting for a claim to be processed through FEMA.

MS/HS Principal Kristina Brown said the ASB officers have met with ASB officers at the Waitsburg School District, along with Bo Stevenson and Ross Hamann, to begin the process of creating and choosing mock-up logos for the DW Combine Athletic Program mascot. They will meet again on Feb. 25 to review the logos before presenting the designs to both schools’ student bodies for a vote.

Brown told the board last week that high school seniors are still required to perform community service projects to fulfill graduation requirements. Many ideas for senior projects are on the Internet, Pinterest, and elsewhere. They can be outdoor projects, as well, Brown said.

Emmy Kirk is a Special Education Director, contracted through ESD 112, to work in the Dayton School District. This is Kirk’s first year in Dayton schools and said she had been impressed with the teaching and support staff’s engagement level and flexibility in learning new teaching strategies. Fifty students are receiving Special Education services this term.

Dave Phillips and Scott Underwood provided an update about technology improvements.

Phillips said the COVID-19 situation held up the process for getting laptops into all teachers’ hands, but that process is now underway.

He said the District had purchased document cameras, and teachers are using them either as a document camera or in a web camera configuration.

All students have Google Chromebooks available to them, he said.

Future projects include plans to clean up and stabilize District buildings’ data access by making E-Rate network improvements. Improvements also include extending the district network and internet access out to the football facilities and incorporating the telephone into the phone system.

Phillips said new internet servers would be deployed during Spring break to maintain high technology system standards.

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Henze-Shafer engagement

The parents of Samantha Henze and Ben Shafer, both formerly of Waitsburg, announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Neil and Linda Henze. She graduated from Waitsburg High School in 2013 and Walla Walla Community College in 2015. She is a supervisor at Idaho Pizza Company in Twin Falls, Idaho.

The groom-elect is the son of Ed and Stasia Shafer, of Scappoose, Oregon. He graduated from Waitsburg High School in 2013 and Northwest Lineman College in 2018. He is employed by Western Line Builders in Wells, Nevada.

The wedding is planned for October 9, 2021.



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Columbia Conservation District is hiring a Full-Time Financial Manager. Position responsibility includes governmental and grant management, higher level HR functions and required reporting. Compensation depends on qualifications and experience. Benefits include paid holidays; annual and sick leave; employer retirement contributions into state PERS; and a medical allowance. Interested persons should submit an application packet containing the following:
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OBITUARY

Delores Marie Nettles

Delores Marie Nettles, born April 26th, 1940, passed away on January 24th, 2021 at Providence St. Mary’s Medical Center. She is survived by her son, Scott Nettles, Grand-Daughter, Brandie Nettles, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and many loved ones she had adopted as family over the years.



Delores Marie Nettles

Delores moved here from Arkansas with her parents and siblings in 1948. The middle child of eight, she took on the role of caring for her entire family as early as she could, however she could. She recalled that her earliest job on the ranch was collecting eggs. At one point, she recalled fondly, she had a pet raccoon that quickly brought an end to the chickens, so she was temporarily laid off from that position. Delores went on to become a teacher, cosmetologist, and single mother in her adult years.

Delores purchased her home on 116 Bruce St where she raised both her son and contributed to raising her granddaughter. An accomplished DIY-er, she renovated that home and, with the exception of the larger scale jobs, performed her own electrical, plumbing, yard, and structural improvements. She later purchased the building at 102 Main St. in Dayton which began life as the “Chat-n-Curl” before evolving into the “Hair-n-Sun Center.” Delores ran that business from 1971 until it’s closure due to her declining health in 2019.

In her free time, Delores was a musically inclined person who enjoyed singing, playing guitar, and entertaining. She was also an active member of the community who served as a city council member, deacon at the First Christian Church, and Commercial Club President. She once said, “If you’re going to feel that things need to change, a person needs to throw their hat in the ring and try to help.” That motto was something she intertwined into every aspect of her day to day life. She was never one to stand idly by if she thought she could help someone. Delores Nettles was as fierce and dedicated as she was kind and warm. Much like the town she loved so much, she was “One of a Kind.”

Graveside services will be held at Waitsburg Cemetery on Friday, February 5th 2021. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the service will be limited to thirty (30) people. Please contact Brandie Nettles at (509) 240-7975 if you would like to attend.

BMAC OFFERS HELP FILING FOR LARGER TAX REFUNDS

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Blue Mountain Action Council (BMAC) is offering help to people who may be eligible to get a larger tax refund this year through the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). BMAC reminds you that you must file a tax return, even if you don’t owe tax, to claim the EITC benefit.

January 29, 2021, marks the 15th anniversary of Awareness Day, a nationwide effort to increase awareness about EITC and free tax preparation sites.

In 2020, 22 million workers received more than \$57 billion in EITC refunds. In Washington state there were 350,000 claims for a total benefit amount of \$792 million dollars. The average benefit was \$2,266.

If you worked last year and had income of less than \$56,844 check out your eligibility for EITC which can mean up to a \$6,660 refund when you file a return if you have qualifying children. Workers without a qualifying child could be eligible for a smaller credit up to \$538.

“Our community volunteers help you get EITC and the maximum refund you’re due. Our goal is to help you get it and get it right. This is money you can save or use to pay off bills. Let us help make your life a little easier,” said Barbara Maxwell, Asset Building Director at the Blue Mountain Action Council.

- Find more information and free tax aide through:
- Walla Walla Senior Center, Call (443) 449-3622 for an appointment with a tax advisor
 - File simple tax returns free online at <https://www.myfreetaxes.com>.
 - Call BMAC at (509) 529-4980 for additional details

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BIRTHDAYS

January 28: Tana Lynch, Jack Cyr and Jennifer Thames.

January 29: Dan McKinley, Wm. Hoops and Marci Jo Lanning.

January 30: Aaren Lindsey, Hudson Reser, Maxine Attebury, Bob Collins, Donald Want, Jill Ziegler, Michael Flanigan, Rachel Mercer, Kari Green and Travis Williams.

January 31: David Hevel, Vicki White, Michael Watson and Ward Schacht.

February 1: Bob Stewart, Tamara Doepker, Debbie Peck Russell and Adam Hermanns.

February 2: Lacy Wood, Grant Garrett, Lauren Broom-Vjoertomt and Brandon White.

February 3: Ryan Neal, Ben Turner, Norman Hansen, Robert Weller, Eric Rohde, Mike Gauch, Joe Watson and Chris Walker.



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Agriculture Lease	All/Part	Sec	Twp	Rge
12-C60317	All	36	11	33.0E

Written request to lease must be received by March 1, 2021, at the Department of Natural Resources, 713 Bowers Road, Ellensburg, Washington 98926.

Each request to lease must contain a certified check or money order payable to the Department of Natural Resources for the amount of any bonus bid, plus a \$100 deposit. The envelope must be marked "Sealed Bid" and give the lease number, expiration date of lease applied for, and give the applicant's name. The applicant must be prepared to purchase any improvements that belong to the current lessee. For details and qualifications to submit a request, contact the Ellensburg office or call 509-925-8510.

HILARY FRANZ, Commissioner of Public Lands
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

Case No. 21-4-00001-36
NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)
In Re the Estate of JAN-MARIE ELLIOTT, Deceased.

The Personal Representatives named below have been appointed and have qualified as Personal Representatives of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representatives' 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 Representatives 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: 01/05/2021

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/s/ WILLIAM K. FLETCHER
/s/ KOREY D. FLETCHER
Personal Representatives
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

No. 21 4 00005 36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re the Estate of MARY K. STOCKDALE, 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 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of: PATRICIA ANN BINGHAM, Deceased.

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

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: January 14, 2021.

Linda Lee Alva
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

NO. 20-2-00564-36
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

RCW 4.28.110
TOMKINS-FLOWERS LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
RONALD MEI, Defendant.

The State of Washington to Ronald Mei:

You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty (60) days after January 21, 2021, and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled Court, and answer the complaint of the Plaintiff, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff, at his office below stated; and in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demands of the complaint in this action, which has been filed with the Clerk of said Court.

The object of this action is to obtain contribution damages or restitution damages to compensate the Plaintiff for funds that the Plaintiff advanced to repair a broken sewer line shared by the Plaintiff and the Defendant.

DATED this 6th day of January, 2021.
BASALT LEGAL PLLC
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

No. 21-4-00010-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re the Estate of ELIZABETH E. FLANAGAN, 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.

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Personal Representative: CARY M. FLANAGAN

Date of First Publication: January 21, 2021

/s/ CARY M. FLANAGAN
Personal Representative of the Estate of ELIZABETH E. FLANAGAN

Attorney for the Personal Representative and address for mailing and service:

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE WALLA WALLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION (VIRTUAL)

The Walla Walla County Planning Commission will be holding a virtual public hearing to discuss the following out-of-cycle Development Regulations Amendment Application.

ZCA18-003 – Zoning Code Text Amendment – BERRI/ Dressler Application
Revised request to allow Organic Waste Processing Facilities to be located in the Light Industrial Zoning District (LI).

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION
Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at 6:00 PM (or as close thereto as possible)
Location: Due to the Governor's COVID-19 rulings this hearing will be held virtually.

Cisco Webex Meeting Link: <https://wwco.webex.com/meet/CDD>

Call in 1-408-418-9388 | Meeting Number/Access Code: 969 633 053

An agenda, instructions on participating by phone or online, and a staff report, will be available approximately one week prior to the hearing. Contact staff directly for more information about how to participate virtually; if you provide your email address, we can add you to the email distribution list. If you want to run a test of the Cisco Webex system, we can do that too.

The County can provide access to equipment to members of the public without access to technology to participate.

Please contact the department at least 24-hours in advance to coordinate.

The Planning Commission, following the public hearing, will make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners on whether the above application should be moved to the Final Docket. The process for establishing the Final Docket is included in Walla Walla County Code (WWCC) Chapter 14.15 which outlines the criteria for consideration. The Board may then adopt the Planning Commission's recommendation at a regular public meeting without a public hearing pursuant to WWCC Section 14.15.060(E). Alternatively, if a majority of the Board decides to add or subtract amendments from the recommended Final Docket, another public hearing will be held. If placed on the Final Docket by the BOCC, the proposed amendment will be considered at additional public meetings and hearings and reviewed under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The decision of the Board of County Commissioners to place an amendment on the Final Docket does not constitute a decision that the substance

of any proposed amendment should or will be adopted.

Written comments regarding the above-listed application may be submitted prior to and at the hearing on Wednesday, February 3. Send written comments to the following address:

Walla Walla County
Community Development
Department
c/o Lauren Prentice,
Director
310 W. Poplar Street, Suite 200
Walla Walla, WA 99362
commdev@co.walla-walla.wa.us

Any interested person may comment on this application, receive notice, and participate in any hearings. Persons submitting testimony may participate in the public hearing, request a copy of the final decision, and have rights to appeal the final decision. You can obtain a copy of the staff report from the Community Development Department by contacting the person listed below. The staff report will be available about one week prior to the hearing date.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: For more information regarding this meeting, please contact the planning staff at 509-524-2610 or commdev@co.walla-walla.wa.us.

Walla Walla County complies with ADA; reasonable accommodation provided with 3 days notice.

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

No. 20-4-00248-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re the Estate of MARGARET A. WALTERS, 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.

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Personal Representative: JONATHAN S. WALTERS

Date of First Publication: January 28, 2021
/s/ JONATHAN S. WALTERS

Personal Representative of the Estate of MARGARET A. WALTERS

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

Case No. 21-4-00012-36
NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In Re the Estate of JULIA HERRERA ALANIZ, 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.

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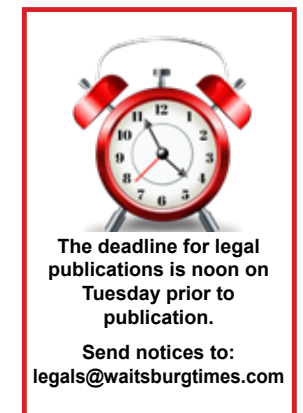
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of: PATRICIA ANN PORTER LEE, Deceased.

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

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A chat with Maude

Notes and memories from Waitsburg of 1912-1923

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

My column this week is different since my chat is with a young lady from 1912. Heather Kaas, a friend in Dayton, shared the story of how a 109-year-old autograph book from Waitsburg came into her life. "It was summer of 2019," she said. "I was working at the Weinhard Hotel before it shut down and changed hands. A couple came in, introduced themselves, and said they had old family connections in Waitsburg. Then they showed me this little paper book."

She doesn't remember their names and thought it odd that at some point in the conversation, they asked her if she would like to have it.

"It seemed a little weird, but I accepted it. I put it on the desk in the office. When we were cleaning things out later and preparing to close the hotel, I found that little book still sitting there. No one else wanted it, so I took it home."

Well, it's not every day you get offered a little piece of history, one as rare and in as good a condition as this humble little book. Leather or paperbound, ornate or simple, sentimental and humorous versions of autograph books have been around for generations. This simple home version measures 4.5 x 7.5 inches, it is missing its cover, and the heavier than newsprint paper is bound with staples. There's nothing fancy about it. I imagine booklets like these may have been put together at the original Waitsburg Times office on Main Street.

It turns out that collecting notes and messages in this way was a common thing to do in that era. Not only did our ancestors not have email, texting apps, or social media most did not have telephones. These autograph books were valued keepsakes after students graduated from school and moved on. After high schools began publishing yearbooks, students collected autographs and messages at the end of the school year on the annual's pages. However, early autograph books were often started in school and continued to be passed around to friends and family for years after graduation.

In this little autograph book, there are a total of 21 handwritten notes addressed to a young lady named "Maude." Each dated message, written with fountain pen or pencil, span the years 1912-1923. Having done some of my own research on historic Waitsburg over the years, it is fun to conjure up a chat with Maude on an interesting topic or two. I have questions for her about what is written on these little pages.

The first three messages in the book were written by Maude's mother, uncle, and brother. These were the first three memories she asked for in her little book and the first clues to her identity. Her brother signed his name "Ralph Baim," so now I knew her last name. Her uncle signed his name "Burren Herrold."

A bit of preliminary sleuthing turned up the burial record of a Maude H. Brown (nee Baim) at Mountain View Cemetery in Walla Walla, alongside her husband, Homer J. Brown. Maude is recorded as having been born in 1898 and Homer in 1893. Records also show that Homer and Maude were married in 1919.

Another clue that this is the same Maude is a penciled note from a certain young man in her book:

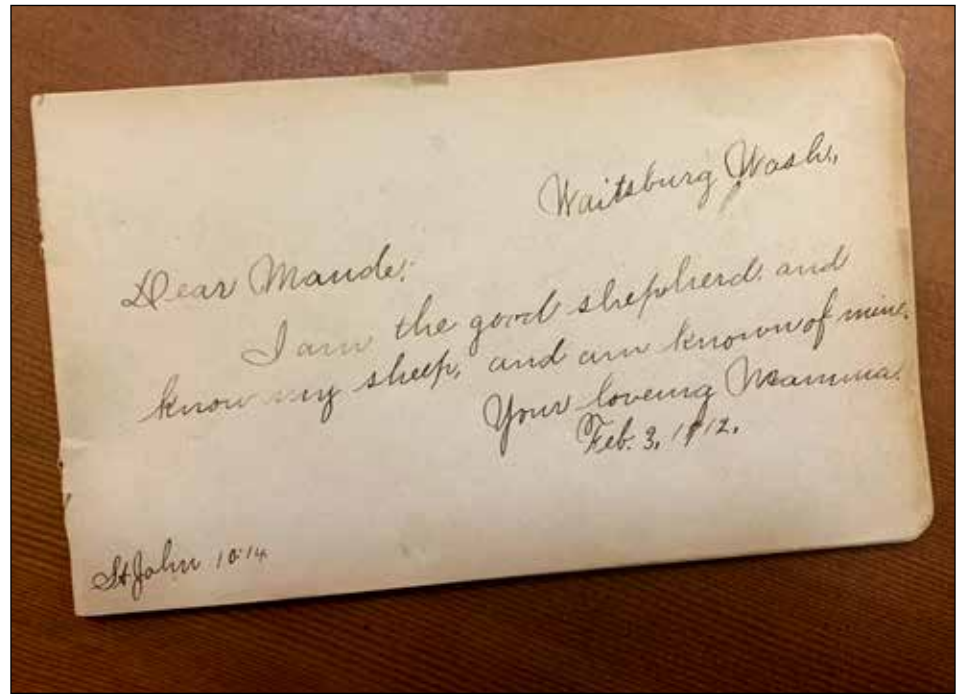
Dear Friend,
Sailing down the stream of life in your little birch bark canoe.
May you have a pleasant journey, with just room enough for two.
Your friend, Homer
Waitsburg Wash, Aug. 11, 1912

The question I would like to ask Maude first, "Was this indeed your future husband?"

Here is a note by one of Maude's friends:
Dear Maud [sic]:
I wish you health, I wish you wealth,
I wish you friends in store.
I you [sic] a crown when you are dead, what can I wish you more!
Your friend and schoolmate,
Virginia McElwain, Feb. 19, 1912.

Like the message from Virginia, an awareness of mortality is expressed in other messages as well.

May 20, 1913:
Dear Maude:
When in a silent grave I sleep, and over me the willows weep
'Tis then Dear Friend and not before, That I shall think of you no more



Lane Gwinn

Maude's autograph book with a message from "Mamma" on the front, dated Feb. 3, 1912.

Your Friend, Culla Summers

These sorts of messages might seem morbid; but again, it's helpful to keep in mind that death was a common companion to people of that era, who did not enjoy the advances in medicine we do today. In 1912 the Titanic sank. In 1916 America entered World War I. In 1918 the "Spanish Flu" began to rage around the world, killing some 50 million people worldwide and over 670,000 in the U.S., according to the CDC.

Some of the book's signatures would be recognizable to anyone familiar with Waitsburg's long history - names such as Mock, Hooker, Keiser, and Franklin.

A notable signer in the notebook Friedrich H. Oebelschlegel, quoted from the poem "The Present Crisis" by James Russell Lowell, a fervent 19th-century American abolitionist. The lines seem an apt quote for our time:

"New occasions teach new duties
Time wakes ancient good uncouth
Strive you upward e'er and onward
Would you keep abreast of truth."

Some of Maude's friends left whimsical and creative notes:

"When you are sitting on the sofa, with your sweetheart by your side,
Just beware of invitation for his mustache may be tried," - Kittie Miller
Remember me when you are far off, Where the woodchucks die of Whopping [sic] cough. - Hubbie Wilde

When you get married and your husband is cross, just pick up the broomstick and say "whose [sic] boss." - Elsie Hooker (who wrote two notes in the book)

All of the 21 messages written to Maude in her book were written in 1912 or 1913, except for the last three. Maude, what happened between 1913-1917? Born in 1898, you would have graduated high school around 1916. Had you put it away as a childhood activity, bringing it back as you saw your life and town change.

Did you watch as the Methodist Church and Christian Church in Waitsburg were built on Main Street? Did your future husband join the war effort? Were you not finished collecting memories and added the last three before you married and started a family?

Perhaps the answer is hidden in the last messages she collected, including this most enigmatic note:

May 26, 1920
Mud: [sic]
Memories of May 20th and a few days later
Nuf Sed, Jesse M.

Sadly, Maude cannot answer my questions directly. If you know more of her story, are related, or knew her family, please contact me at The Times by emailing me at editor@waitsburgtimes.com.

Streaming Review: All Creatures Great and Small

2020 Streaming on PBS, BBC, Britbox and Prime Video

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

This series may feel familiar; there was a long-running British series of the same name from 1978 to 1990. The new series has just been picked up for a second season and is currently streaming season one on PBS and the BBC.

The story follows the adventures of James Herriot, a veterinarian in 1930s Yorkshire. It is based on the books by British veterinary surgeon Alf Wright, who wrote under the pen name James Herriot.

In the first episode, we meet the main cast of characters led by Nicholas Ralph as James Herriot. The 1930s was a difficult time for young people starting out in the world, and it is no different for Herriot, who has just graduated veterinary school.

With little hope of finding work in his field, he accepts an offer in the very rural Yorkshire. Arriving for his official interview, he finds he was brought out under false pretenses. The eccentric veterinary surgeon, Siedfried Farnon (Samuel West) did not invite him; rather, it was the housekeeper Mrs. Hall (Anna Madley) who wrote to Herriot. Clearly she is the voice of reason in this house, and her employer, Farnon, is not thrilled by the younger vet's appearance.

Determined, Herriot struggles to impress Farnon and keep a place as his new assistant. He is given the worst chores, a rickety car, and the most stubborn clients to work with.

This story has all the expected trials and tribulations when a newcomer comes to town. From old farmers and noble Pekinese owners, not many are quick to accept what the young doctor offers.

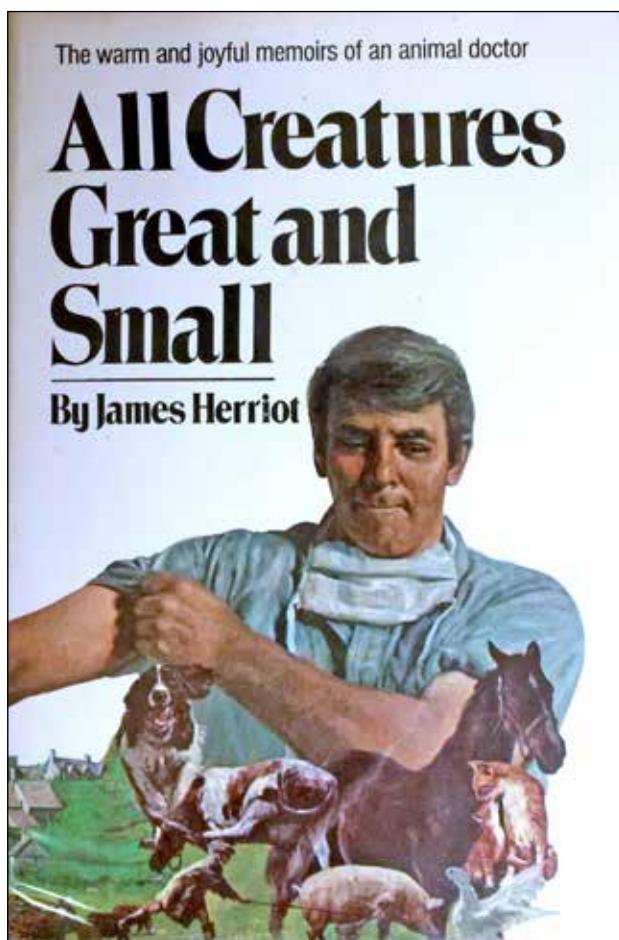


Photo courtesy of Amazon

As the series progresses, the characters develop past the initial cliches' and new characters are introduced. What I appreciated was how life in a rural agricultural world is beautifully and humorously revealed. Deja vu?

I am a sucker for British period shows, and this one does not let me down. The clothes, cars, and pubs are



Photos courtesy of PBS

Left: The series is based on the humorous and compassionate books by James Herriot (Alf Wright), which were first published in 1972. The books are a Top right: The character James Herriot settles into a drive with the veterinary practice's dog securely snuggled into place.

Bottom right: The actress Diana Rigg plays an over the top dog lover who enlists "Harriet" as her beloved Pekinese, Tricky Woo's, personal physician.

all charming. Add to that animals, and I am hooked. After a chaotic year, it is nice to settle in and watch this gentle and life-affirming show. One that doesn't take itself too seriously.

SPORTS & LIFESTYLES

Hank Aaron “Hammerin’ Hank”

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

Hank Aaron passed away on January 22nd at the age of eighty-six. He was named to the All-Star team all but two of his playing seasons, the first, which he won the rookie of the year award, and his last. He holds the major league records for runs batted (2,297) and total bases (6,856).

Aaron's WAR total is a staggering 143.1 placing him fifth on the career leaders list. Aaron's career WAR total is greater than the WAR totals of Hall of Famers Ken Griffey Jr. and Willie Stargell combined to put it in perspective. Aaron was awarded the President's Citizens Medal by Bill Clinton and the Presidential Medal of Freedom by George W. Bush.

The moment Hank Aaron is best remembered for is passing Babe Ruth to become baseball's home run leader in 1974. A couple of things stand out when watching the video that we've all probably seen dozens of times. The first is the two young men running behind Aaron and patting him on the back. Britt Gaston and Cliff Courtenay were teenagers at the time and ended up spending several hours in jail, charged with disorderly conduct and trespassing, before Gaston's father bailed them out of jail on \$100 bonds. The charges were later dropped, and in 2010, at Aaron's request, the two were invited to meet with him for about an hour at Turner Field.

Britt Gaston had this to say about Aaron after meeting him, “He's just an unbelievable guy. He's a true gentleman in every sense of the word, and it was great to finally sit down and have a conversation with him. Unfortunately, there are not a lot of current players who would have taken the time to do what he did with me and Cliff. The Atlanta Braves and Hank were just fantastic.”

The other moment occurs during the celebration at home plate with Aaron's teammates surrounding him. You can see a guy in a light tan trench coat mixed in



Photo courtesy of mlb.org

among the players. That was a young Craig Sager, early in his career as a sportscaster. If you are a fan of basketball, you've probably seen Sager in an array of outlandish sport jackets he would wear during player interviews. Sager managed to get past security and be the first to interview Aaron with a tape recorder after the record-breaking home run. The recording now plays on a loop at an exhibit in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

With the Cleveland Indians committed to change their team name, there is speculation that the Atlanta Braves will likely be the next team to change theirs. A few opinion articles written in recent days have suggested that the Braves change their name to the Atlanta Hammers in honor of Hank Aaron. I hope it happens and think it would be a fitting tribute to one of baseball's greatest players.

PAC-12 CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL

	Conf.		Overall					National Rank
	W - L	GB	W - L	Home	Away	Streak		
UCLA Bruins	8 - 1	—	12 - 3	8 - 0	3 - 2	L1	#23	
USC Trojans	6 - 2	1.5	12 - 3	8 - 1	3 - 1	W1		
Arizona Wildcats	6 - 3	2.0	12 - 3	8 - 2	4 - 1	W3		
Colorado Buffaloes	6 - 3	2.0	12 - 4	5 - 0	4 - 4	W1		
Oregon Ducks	4 - 2	2.5	9 - 3	6 - 1	2 - 1	L1		
Stanford Cardinal	5 - 3	2.5	9 - 5	3 - 0	3 - 3	W1		
Oregon State Beavers	4 - 3	3.0	8 - 5	7 - 4	1 - 1	W3		
Utah Utes	3 - 6	5.0	6 - 7	5 - 3	1 - 4	L1		
Washington State Cougars	2 - 6	5.5	9 - 6	8 - 3	1 - 2	L5		
Washington Huskies	2 - 7	6.0	3 - 11	3 - 3	0 - 4	W2		
California Golden Bears	2 - 8	6.5	7 - 10	5 - 4	1 - 6	L2		
Arizona State Sun Devils	1 - 5	5.5	4 - 8	1 - 5	2 - 2	L6		

*Neutral site games cause Home and Away games not to add up to overall record.

PAC-12 CONFERENCE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

	Conf.		Overall					National Rank
	W - L	GB	W - L	Home	Away	Streak		
Stanford Cardinal	9 - 2	—	12 - 2	2 - 1	8 - 1	W1	#6	
Arizona Wildcats	9 - 2	—	11 - 2	9 - 1	2 - 1	W3	#10	
UCLA Bruins	7 - 2	1.0	9 - 2	5 - 1	4 - 1	W4	#5	
Oregon Ducks	9 - 3	0.5	11 - 3	6 - 1	5 - 1	W2	#11	
Washington State Cougars	6 - 4	2.5	8 - 4	4 - 1	4 - 3	W1		
Arizona State Sun Devils	4 - 4	3.5	8 - 4	7 - 3	1 - 1	L1		
USC Trojans	4 - 5	4.5	6 - 7	6 - 3	0 - 4	L2		
Colorado Buffaloes	4 - 6	4.5	6 - 7	6 - 2	0 - 5	L1		
Utah Utes	3 - 9	6.5	4 - 9	2 - 4	2 - 5	W1		
Oregon State Beavers	1 - 5	5.5	3 - 5	3 - 3	0 - 2	L5		
Washington Huskies	1 - 6	6.0	4 - 6	1 - 2	1 - 3	L4		
California Golden Bears	0 - 8	7.5	0 - 11	0 - 6	0 - 5	L11		

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Waitsburg City Council met January 21

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg City Council met January 20, 2020, for its regular meeting via conference call. All council members were in attendance.

Before public comment, Mayor Marty Dunn offered some clarification on projects under consideration under the 2021 City Budget, which was passed in December. One project listed in the budget is the widening of West Fifth Street from Main Street to Arnold Lane. On Fifth Street, homeowners circulated a petition against the project, voicing a strong stance against the road work.

Mayor Dunn said that while the project was on a long-running list of considered projects, no action is planned in the foreseeable future. He said that on a scale of priorities, widening the street was near the bottom, and projects on infrastructure repair, like sewer and drainage updating and repair, would take precedence.

Councilmember Karl Newell presented the petition from homeowners and residents against widening the street. Randy Charles said that this is the third time the potential project has come up since he moved into his home on Fifth Street. Neighbors, including the previous owners of his home, had advocated against the widening. Charles requested taking the action completely off the long-running list. Should the city wish to go forward with this project, it should go through the approval process at that time, including public comment.

Mayor Dunn also discussed the termination of Columbia-Walla Walla County Fire District 2 fire chief Michael Moynihan. Both the public attendees and council members expressed various concerns. Councilmember Karen Gregutt asked if there are documents that outlined CWWCFD2's service requirements to the city. The City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe said he was unsure if any documents ex-

isted, but he would go over the pre-annexation document.

“I'm sure all of us, school, businesses, and real estate would like to know exactly who is responsible for what,” Councilmember Gregutt said. “What is our exposure to things that may not be covered, and what do we do about that?”

The council agreed with Councilmember Gregutt's concerns. City attorney Jared Hawkins said he had a document explaining the responsibilities of a fire district in serving a city.

Waitsburg resident Phil Monfort commented on the fire chief situation as well, sharing that he was displeased with the sudden termination of Moynihan and that this was not the first time he had witnessed resistance to change within the community. Monfort shared that he was the Commercial Club President years ago and was met with nothing but resistance when trying to make changes.

“I saw it as pride,” said Monfort. “Pride binds and blinds communities.”

The council moved into new business, starting with Resolutions 2021-712, 713, and 714. These resolutions address recommendations provided by the state auditor's office in relation to the city's most recent audit, according to Hinchliffe.

The Resolution 2021-712 added an extra accounting step, making so that the current year's payroll and the upcoming year's estimated payroll to check for any necessary adjustments. The council voted to approve the resolution.

Resolution 2021-713 provided a personnel manual update, which made it clear to city employees that the City of Waitsburg is a reimbursable employer: The city will pay unemployment claims, as they are presented. Hinchliffe said this recommendation was made after the city had a “rather sizable” reimbursement request in 2019, after paying unemployment to an employee for a period of time in 2018. This resolution does not

change the city's financial responsibility in any way, it just creates a new clerical step to thoroughly document how the city handles unemployment claims. The council voted to approve the resolution.

Resolution 2021-714 was a financial policy update. Under this resolution, the city will supply monthly time review cards to employees for a more thorough understanding and documentation of how much time is spent in each public works department.

The City Council discussed Right of Way procedures in preparation for the Millrace Grade project; Hinchliffe said that the city needs to acquire a ‘very small’ piece of land just west of the grease crossing to help with the alignment of the road. Hinchliffe said that this is the first time he has had to acquire land for a project and anticipates not having any large expenses. The Port of Columbia currently owns the land in question, and he is expecting an interagency transfer.

The council discussed the final application for payment from Nelson Construction, of Walla Walla, for the sidewalk projects. The final payment totaled \$19,592.25. Councilmember Jim Romine noted that one section of the project still has not had ramps installed. The council approved the final payment.

Councilmember Romine shared a brief update from the Health and Safety Committee, focusing mainly on concerns about a weekend pop-up vaccination clinic that happened in Walla Walla. He shared that future vaccination clinics will be organized and no longer pop-up style.

Councilmember Gregutt shared that the Planning Commission is working on the process used by residents to file complaints with the City. She said they are trying to make it so that it is a ‘generally positive’ process and will hopefully have a presentation at the next council meeting.

VACCINE CLINIC OPERATING AT THE COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—A new vaccine clinic to administer vaccinations for COVID-19 has been set up at the county fairgrounds. Clinics will run three days this week, according to Stephanie Carpenter, the COO of the Columbia County Health System.

Forty people are scheduled to receive their second dose on Tuesday, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. This will be a dry run and to work out any flow issues, she said.

Forty people will receive their second dose, and 160 people in Phase 1b will

receive their first dose, on Wednesday, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

An additional 200 people in Phase 1b are expected to receive their first dose on Thursday, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

On Monday, the County Public Health Administrator, Martha Lanman, told the board of county commissioners there are currently only three positive cases of COVID-19 in the county, and nobody has been hospitalized over the last week.

Individuals 65 and older and people 50 years living in multigenerational households who want to be vaccinated can call the Columbia County Public Health Department at (509) 382-2181 to schedule an appointment.

Baseball remembered

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

The death of Hank Aaron this week, although sad, stirred up some fun family memories for me. Baseball was a big deal in our family. My father was born and raised in the Bronx, so there was no doubt he was a rabid Yankees fan. With their Murderer's row, Pee Wee Reese, Mickey Mantle, and Roger Maris, who wouldn't be. My mother for one! Her family lived in Brooklyn, so naturally, they loved "dem bums," the Brooklyn Dodgers' well-earned nickname. My Uncle and Aunt were such devoted Dodger fans that in 1945 they planned their wedding around the Dodger's home schedule. They wouldn't tie the knot until the team was on the road, so they didn't miss a home game.



"It was worth sitting in the blazing sun for that glance into the bluest eyes I had ever seen."



Courtesy photo

Above: Paul Newman
Right: Vicki's baseball cap collection



My father and brother could spend hours watching games on TV. Besides rooting for their teams, my father used the time to teach my brother reading (sports pages) and math (baseball is all percentages, ratios, and statistics). I became a fan when I developed a crush on Roger Maris, and I discovered the prizes that came in the Cracker Jacks I ate when we went to the stadium.

When my brother was old enough, he became a Little Leaguer, with my Dad as a coach. One coaching benefit we loved were the boxes of Wrigley's gum (usually Juicy Fruit), we received weekly. We all devoured that gum; I have the cavities to prove it. Along with the uniforms and equipment, the league also sent my brother a metal athletic cup. My sister, young and sports naïve, opened the box, looked at the equipment quizzically, and asked why he needed a gas mask. My brother turned purple and quickly left the room, while my sister got a quick education from my mother. For once, I just watched without saying a word.

My father dragged my sister and me to many of my brother's games and practices. We learned to keep the official score (which impressed future boyfriends), we called up the "on deck" batters and handed out the few sticks of gum we hadn't already pinched. My father, usually extremely competitive, was the most compassionate coach. If a kid wanted to pitch, he let him, even if he was terrible. He really didn't care if the team won; it was more important to teach sportsmanship and share his love of the game. The parents appreciated him and presented him with a well-deserved "Best Coach" trophy at the end of the season.

When we moved to Tucson, we assumed we were not only in a physical desert but a baseball one as well. We were pleasantly surprised when we learned we

had arrived at the spring training home of the San Francisco Giants (previously of New York). We went to a number of their games; one where my brother caught a foul ball hit by Willy Mays in a charity game played against the cast of a western filming in old Tucson. At that game, I got to see Paul Newman's blue eyes, up close and personal. It was worth sitting in the blazing sun for that glance into the bluest eyes I had ever seen.

Living in Los Angeles, I was lucky to attend numerous Dodger (previously of Brooklyn) games. I still love the game, even without the Cracker Jack prize. Los Angeles and the Dodgers are both models of diversity, so Cracker Jacks were replaced with nachos when Fernando Valenzuela was pitcher, and sushi, when Hideo Nomo pitched. Even with my love of sushi, Dodger Dogs, beer, and peanuts still rule at the stadium for me. Thanks, Dad, for teaching me to love the game.



Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi

Take a (virtual) hike

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

WASHINGTON—Generally, when one is told to 'take a hike,' the tone is less than friendly. Still, Washington State Parks uses the phrase literally and has effectively changed its connotation from insult to invitation. If getting to a state park isn't possible due to restrictions to mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus and its newest mutations, fear not. Rangers from all over Washington State are furthering their digital reach by taking viewers on hikes via their YouTube channel.

As a research tool, these videos document plant and animal species in a particular area during a specific season. Rangers returning in later seasons can use the videos to compare the current season against previous years visually. The data helps rangers to note what factors may be affecting struggling populations.

Video also provides a preview of the terrain to future park visitors. With this knowledge, they can be



better prepared. Knowing whether to bring water shoes or hiking boots, etc., can be the difference between a fun time and a real drag.

The most recent addition to the video collection is a deep forest experience at Rockport State Park. Senior Park Aide Don Smith and his eagle-topped walking stick tours the old-growth forest.

Rockport State Park is a 632-acre day-use park and provides an extraordinary example of a temperate old-growth rainforest. The park's ancient trees, having never been logged, form a landscape and ecosystem seldom seen nowadays, a canopy of towering evergreens so dense that minimal sunlight shines through. Many of the trees were around before Euro-American contact in this country.



Courtesy Washington State Parks

Above: An old-growth douglas fir stump continues to nourish and enrich the ecosystem by providing food and shelter long after the tree dies.

Left: Visit the Washington State Parks YouTube channel where Senior Park Aide Don Smith shares insights into the old-growth forest.

The park stands at the foot of the climbable Sauk Mountain, elevation 5,400 feet, and allows visitors to catch a glimpse of a now rare ecosystem.

Situated in northern Washington, Rockport State Park was once a popular destination for tent and RV campers. In May 2007, it was closed to camping because the old-growth forest, which is estimated to be 400 to 600 years old, showed signs of structural instability that could have put campers at risk.

"I tell people everywhere you walk in this forest, the Skagit River is flowing right underneath your feet," Smith explains, "It comes off of Sauk mountain 5400 ft snow-capped peak up behind the park to the north. When that snow melts, it hits the layers of clay



Courtesy Washington State Parks

Above: Rockport State Park has 5 miles of hiking trails as well as picnic shelters.

or rock under the soil layers and flows downhill with gravity right under the park until it eventually surfaces in a stream." There are many trails to explore, so take a hike!

FUN & GAMES

TOYOTA FREE SKI DAY AT BLUEWOOD

THE TIMES

DAYTON—If you own a Toyota and love to ski, head to Bluewood on Friday, January 29, for the Toyota Free Ski Day.

Simply drive up to the ski resort in your Toyota, Lexus, or Scion car or pickup and receive one complimentary lift ticket to use that day. You can enter to win great outdoor gear such as coolers, skis, and a snowboard in addition to the free lift ticket. The grand prize? A Yakima StreamLine Roof Rack system and a SkyBox 18 Carbonite Cargo Box to haul your skis or board around in style. To enter, visit <https://www.buyatoyota.com/inlandnorthwest/landing/free-ski-friday/>.

DAYTON HISTORICAL DEPOT MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton Historical Depot Society has begun the 2021 Membership Drive.

Community support and volunteerism are vital to continue the Historical Depot Society's mission of preserving Dayton's history and sharing it with others.

Membership dues may be sent to Dayton Historical Depot Society, 222 E Commercial Ave., Dayton, WA 99328.

Memberships cost \$20/ for single memberships or \$35 for a couple's membership.

For more information or to pay dues online, visit www.daytonhistoricaldepot.org/support.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

January 27, 2011

Starbuck Mayor Darcy Linklater has been charged with driving under the influence and will appear in Columbia County District Court to enter his plea on Wednesday, Feb. 2.

[Headline] Sheriff takes "Honker" into custody for his own safety, then releases him on his own recognizance

[Photo caption] Pastor Bret Moser (left) and Pastor Mike Ferrians (right) with America West Bank's Andie Holmberg in front of the food bank's future home on Preston Avenue in the bank's Waitsburg branch building.



Twenty-Five Years Ago

February 1, 1996

A 9-year-old Dayton boy learned the hard way not to stick his tongue out in the sub-freezing cold. And especially not near a piece of frozen metal. Oh, how many moms have warned their young'uns not to put their tongue on a frozen pipe out-of-doors? No, not even on a double-dog-dare. But that's just what happened Tuesday morning, Jan. 23, about 10 o'clock in Dayton. One minute the lad was standing with other children near the Blue Mountain Bowling Alley waiting for the school bus, which was running late because of icy weather, and the next minute the town's emergency dispatcher was calling the Dayton ambulance crew. "A young man has his tongue stuck on the door at the bowling alley," the dispatcher relayed. It was five degrees below zero.

Comedian-activist Dick Gregory is scheduled to speak at Whitman College's Maxey Auditorium on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Fifty Years Ago

February 11, 1971

Walt Vennum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vennum, was a member of a five-man team of mountain climbers who recently made a winter ascent of Mt. Shasta, a 14,168-foot volcano in northern California.

Articles of Incorporation for the Waitsburg Historical Society, Incorporated, a non-profit entity, have been approved by the Secretary of State and were returned to Waitsburg Wednesday morning. Signers of the corporate papers, who will also act as first trustees of the organization, are Robert Patton, Mrs. Ken Zuger, Mrs. Larry Broom, Mrs. Berger Chase, Mrs. Howard Smith, Mrs. Ernest Kison, and Joe Abbey.

It is to be hoped that the dust storm which invaded the Touchet Valley Wednesday afternoon isn't a forecast of spring and summer yet to come. The only good thing about it is that it preceded spring house cleaning instead of coming the day after you finish.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

February 15, 1946

George W. Clibon is opening a plumbing business in the P. building on Preston Avenue and will be open for business Feb. 18.

Bruce Wilson, 17, died en route to the Walla Walla Army Airfield hospital of a fractured skull Sunday morning as a result of an accident which occurred about five miles east of Walla Walla.

Joe K Van Amburgh of Cheney has purchased Harold's Pharmacy effective Monday, February 11.

The Junior class of Wait-Hi is sponsoring a basket social on March 13, the proceeds to go to the Junior Prom. A delicious chocolate cake will be the door prize.

One Hundred Years Ago

February 25, 1921

The minimum wage scale was adopted at a meeting of the executive board of the Farm Bureau meeting in the office of the county agent. The scale is as follows: single men, \$40 per month, board and room, married men, \$60 to \$70, house to be furnished, tractor operators, \$4 per day with room and board, cooks, \$30 per month.

A 6:30 o'clock dinner was served by the Aloha Club at W.G. Shuham the home Thursday evening. About 24 were present, including the husbands of the club members and a few invited guests.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

February 21, 1896

There is now a stronger indication than ever before that the beautiful City of Waitsburg is to have its beauty, usefulness, and general importance enhanced by the establishment of an electric light plant.

Married February 19, W.M. Dickenson and Miss Ada Saylor, both of this section. The Times extends congratulations.

Rev. J.V. Crawford will go to Heppner soon to take charge of the singing during a series of meetings for the Christin Church. He expects to be there for about a month.

J.M. Currie passed through the city on Monday morning on his way to the Willis Kinder ranch, 11 miles east of this city, which he purchased some time ago.

WENAHA GALLERY TO FEATURE STONE CARVER

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Wenaha Gallery will feature Walla Walla stone carver Sandra Matthews-Sarve February Art Event.

Sandra Matthews-Sarve works with both what is considered "normal carving stones,"

Including marble, alabaster, and soapstone, as well as ordinary rocks she and her husband find on their drives through the Southeast Washington area.

She started carving in stone as an extension of her desire to work with ordinary, discarded, or overlooked items in life, and rocks fit that qualification.

"Most people ignore rocks," said Matthews-Sarve. "My art does reflect my need to find beauty and usefulness in the ordinary or discarded things in life."

Her studio is her driveway and garage, where she works with angle grinders, chisel, hammer, Dremel tool, files, rifflers, and rasps. The resulting sculpture is sometimes functional, including tiny plant pots, a miniature Zen garden, jewelry and trinket dishes, and pen holders. Sometimes it is purely ornamental like her sinuous, elegant sculptures of swans, dancers, and birds. Straddling the two are her exquisitely carved garden ornament blocks.

The gallery is open Monday through Thursday from 9-5, and Fridays, during the winter, from 9-4.

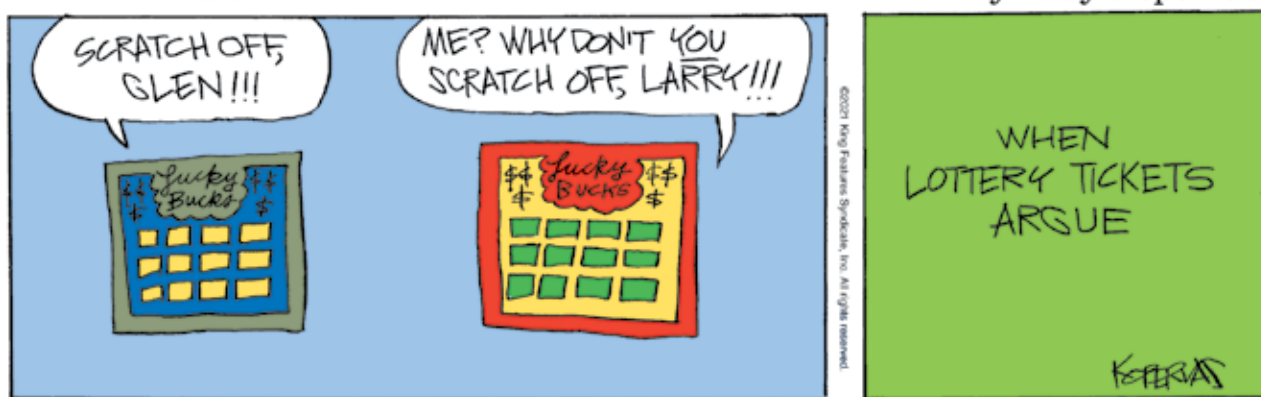
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by Dave T. Phipps



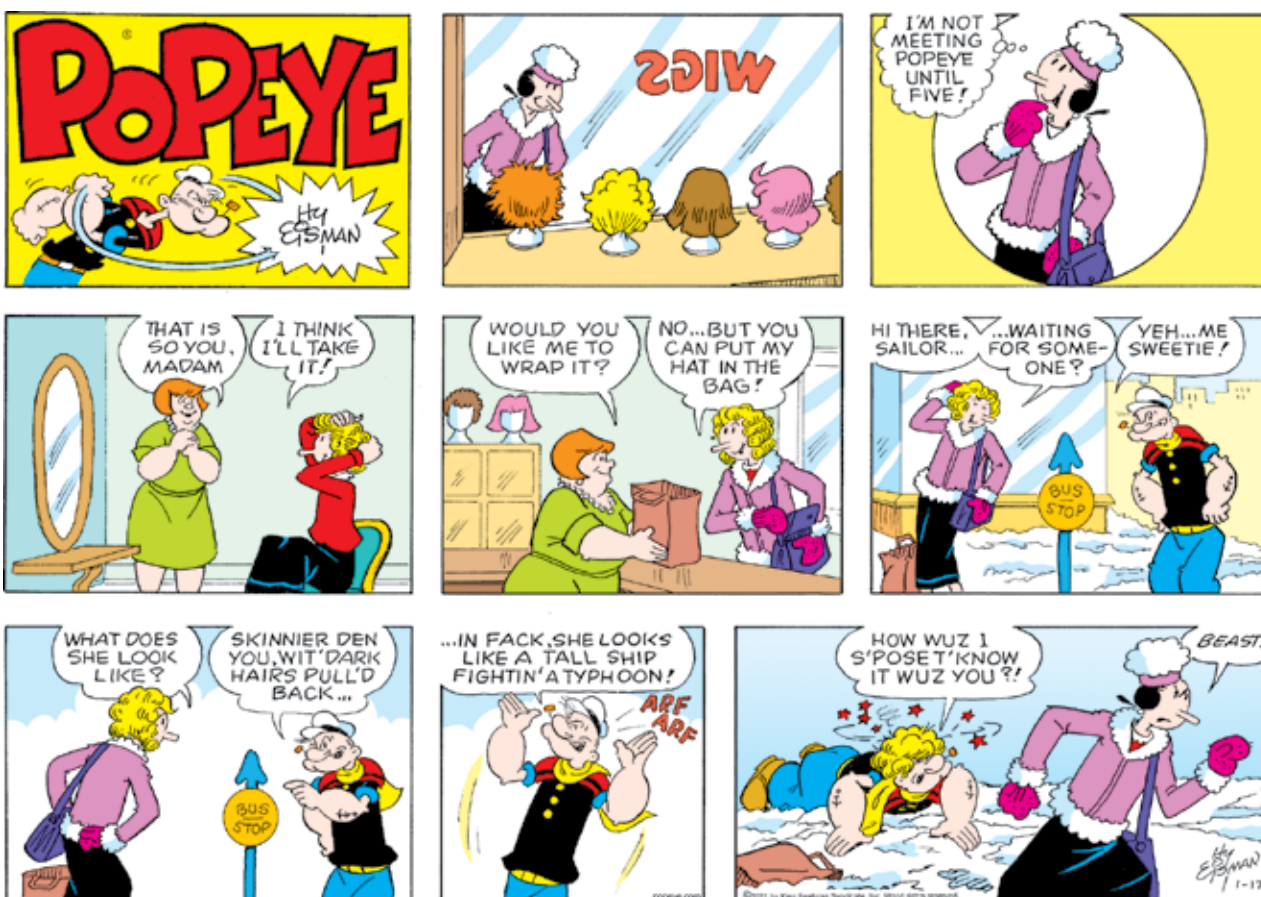
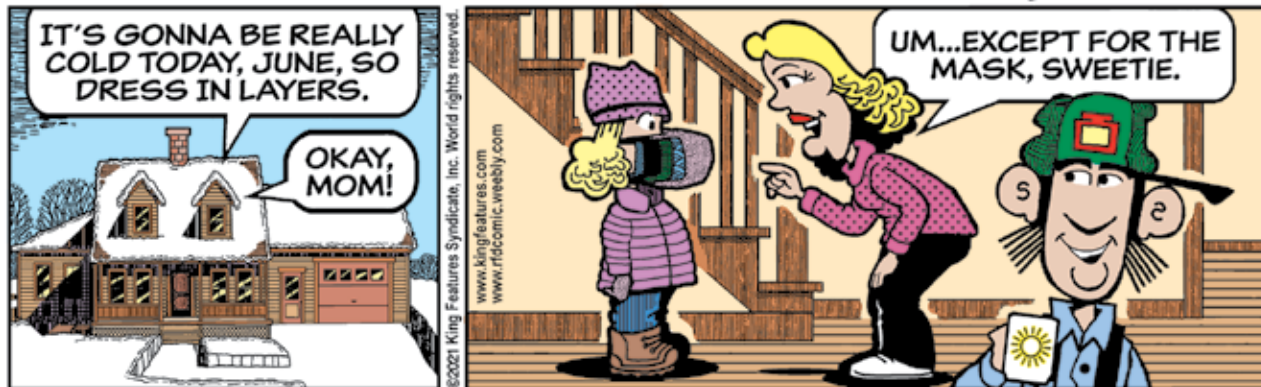
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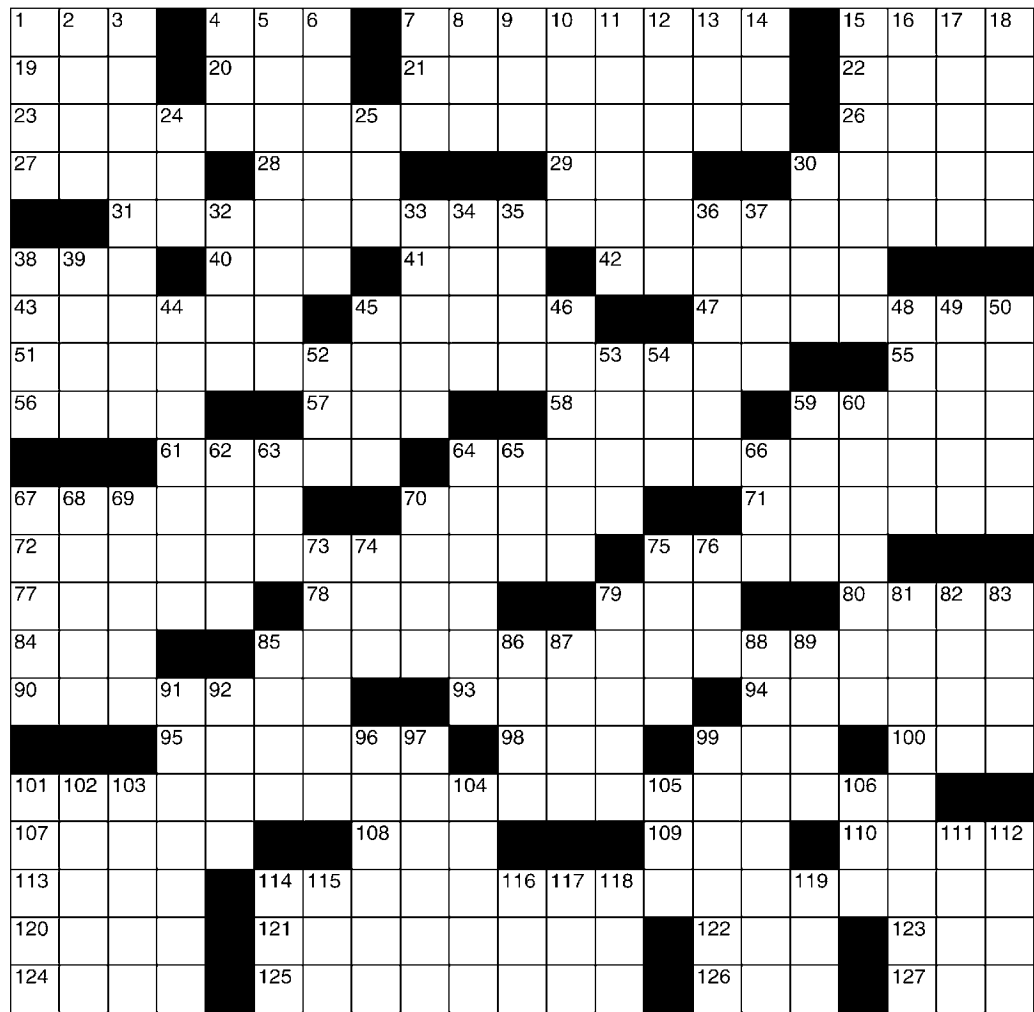


PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

TECH BUZZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 TV ET from Melmac
 - 4 Puncturing tool
 - 7 Restrained like Rover
 - 15 "To a ..." poems
 - 19 Road gunk
 - 20 Zodiac beast
 - 21 Course taker, e.g.
 - 22 Actress Carter
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 26 Singer Fitzgerald
 - 27 Grove sight
 - 28 Certain boxing stat
 - 29 Mil. bigwig
 - 30 Pale-looking
 - 31 Riddle, part 2
 - 38 Kilmer of film
 - 40 Alley —
 - 41 Lion's foot
 - 42 Fellow's wig
 - 43 Actor Estevez
 - 45 Sega's hedgehog
 - 47 Look up to
 - 51 Riddle, part 3
 - 55 Lyric-writing Gershwin
 - 56 Globes
 - 57 "Ixnay"
 - 58 "Take this"
 - 59 Brainstorms
 - 61 Parsley bit
 - 64 Riddle, part 4
 - 67 Kay Thompson title girl
 - 70 Native Kiwi
 - 71 Fluctuated greatly
 - 72 Riddle, part 5
 - 75 Odor
 - 77 French port in Brittany
 - 78 Outing ruiner
 - 79 Afflicted
 - 80 Poses
 - 84 Inflated self
 - 85 Riddle, part 6
 - 90 TV talker Phil
 - 93 Slipknot loop
 - 94 Address of "Dr. No"
 - 95 Highest volcano in Eur.
 - 98 Mil. bigwig
 - 99 Mumbai "Mr."
 - 100 Cotillion girl
 - 101 End of the riddle
 - 107 Throat affliction, for short
 - 108 To the — degree
 - 109 Western Hemisphere gp.
 - 110 McEntire of song
 - 111 Hair removal brand
 - 114 Riddle's answer
 - 120 Deli sandwiches, for short
 - 121 Grow pale
 - 122 Oct. follower
 - 123 O'Hare approx.
 - 124 Anatomical sac
 - 125 Slammer
 - 126 Porker's place
 - 127 Water barrier
 - 10 Vowel sound in "game"
 - 11 Born first
 - 12 Alicia of ballet
 - 13 Use stitches
 - 14 "— a Rebel"
 - 15 Like a single-part process
 - 16 City of India
 - 17 Barkin of "The Fan"
 - 18 Street talk
 - 24 Prefix with colonialism
 - 25 Auction unit
 - 30 Mars, to the Greeks
 - 32 Move around in confusion
 - 33 Pleistocene, for one
 - 34 Spout off
 - 35 Axis-vs.-Allies event
 - 36 Singer Tina
 - 37 Copycatted
 - 38 Bill blocker
 - 39 Eros, to the Romans
 - 44 Young girls skyward
 - 45 Hang-up
 - 46 Be logically connected
 - 48 Letters after "had a farm"
 - 49 Ache for
 - 50 Subdued with a shock
 - 52 Lead-in to lateral
 - 53 Classic soda brand
 - 54 Coach Parseghian
 - 59 Very hot star
 - 60 Anti-alcohol measures
 - 62 Oct. exam for many juniors
 - 63 Home: Abbr.
 - 64 Compound in wine
 - 65 Greedy type
 - 66 Indigo, e.g.
 - 67 Fix firmly
 - 68 One of the Florida Keys
 - 69 Cineplex — (former theater chain)
 - 70 Hurt severely
 - 73 Following loyally
 - 74 Zodiac beast
 - 75 Plum used to flavor gin
 - 76 Roman, 1,051
 - 79 Commercial lead-in to -gram or -matic
 - 81 Shivered in fear or revulsion
 - 82 Frilly veggie
 - 83 Wild guess
 - 85 Lewis of rock
 - 86 Apt to pry
 - 87 Artist Vincent van —
 - 88 Master marksman
 - 89 Actress Moran
 - 91 Calvin Coolidge's college
 - 92 Beginning of a web address
 - 96 Papal envoy
 - 97 2017 World Series winners
 - 99 Gives rise to
 - 101 Rachel Maddow's channel
 - 102 Rome's land
 - 103 Ground corn dish
 - 104 Burn — in one's pocket
 - 105 Chili holder
 - 106 Foul up
 - 111 Version being tested
 - 112 Eaten evictee
 - 114 "I'm less than impressed"
 - 115 "Who am — argue?"
 - 116 Cave in
 - 117 Siouan people
 - 118 A small number of
 - 119 Trellis plant



MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

Beer Braised Beef and Onion Stew

Flemish weekend delight

After a busy week of making quick afterwork meals, there is nothing I love more than spending some quality time in the kitchen over the weekend. Taking my time creating a meal is both meditative and an outlet for my creative energy. For me, nothing in the world of slow food is as satisfying as the art of braising. A gentle simmering pot filling the house with enticing aromas is my idea of a wild weekend.



For many years, one of my holiday traditions has been preparing Boeuf Bourguignon, which I make by carefully following a recipe by my original culinary hero, Julia Child. The recipe, as found in my well-worn copy of her seminal book *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, is an elaborate two-day event that results in the most sublime example of beef braised in red wine. This past weekend I was craving something similar, but maybe with a less time-consuming production. After some research I came across several recipes for the Belgian dish Carbonnade a la Flamande, which consists of braising beef and onions in beer instead of wine. With just a few ingredients and plenty of time to simmer, the resulting tender beef was a perfect Sunday comfort food experience.

Ingredients:

- 3-4 lbs lean beef chuck, cut into 1 1/2" cubes
- 2-3 large sweet onions sliced 1/4" thick (about 6 cups)
- Salt & fresh ground black pepper
- 4 tbsp unsalted butter
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 3 cloves of garlic minced

- 3 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 4 cups brown or dark Belgian beer (see notes)
- 2 bay leaves
- 3 sprigs fresh thyme destemmed
- 1 tbsp light brown sugar
- Chopped flat leaf parsley for garnish

Directions:

Allow cubed beef to sit at room temperature for one hour. In a Dutch oven melt half the butter with the olive oil over medium high heat. Generously season the beef on all sides with salt and pepper. Working in batches, brown the meat in the oil and butter, 3 minutes per side getting a nice brown crust on edges. Place browned meat in a large bowl and set aside. Don't be alarmed by the dark crusty bits that start forming in pan, it's what the French call *fond*, and is the foundation layer flavoring the braise.

Add the remaining butter and the onions to pan. Lower heat to medium and as the onions begin to release liquid scrape up browned bits at bottom of pan. Cook for 20-25 minutes till onions are a light caramel brown. Add the garlic and stir in for 30 seconds. Then add the flour and stir for a minute, till golden and bubbly. Next, slowly add the first cup of beer, again scraping up all the *fond*. When fully incorporated, add reserved beef with any accumulated juices, the bay leaves and thyme. Pour in 2-3 more cups of the beer, until the beef is just covered, and bring to a simmer. Cover pan with lid and lower heat to low. Check and adjust the heat to maintain a gentle slow simmer. The beef is done when fork tender, after about 2-3 hours.

When done, remove beef from pan and set aside covered. Raise the heat to medium-high and add the brown sugar. Keep stirring as the braising liquid reduces. Check the seasoning, adding more salt and pepper to taste. Stir beef back into thickened liquid and turn off the heat. Allow to rest for 30 minutes. Discard bay leaves. Garnish with chopped parsley and serve with buttered egg noodles or boiled Yukon gold potatoes.

Notes:

Look for a rich and malty Belgian brown ale, often labeled as Trappist style dubbel. You could also use a domestic Belgian style beer. I used Neddy's Brown Nut Ale made by our friends across town at Laht Neppur Brewing Co. Grab a growler to-go and you will have plenty of beer leftover to serve with dinner.

For added zing a tablespoon or two of stone ground mustard could be added at the same time as the brown sugar.

As with any braised meat this dish is even better the next day. If you have the time, consider making this a day in advance, and gently reheat on stovetop before serving.

Bon appétit, or as Dutch-speaking Belgians say, *eet smakelijk!*

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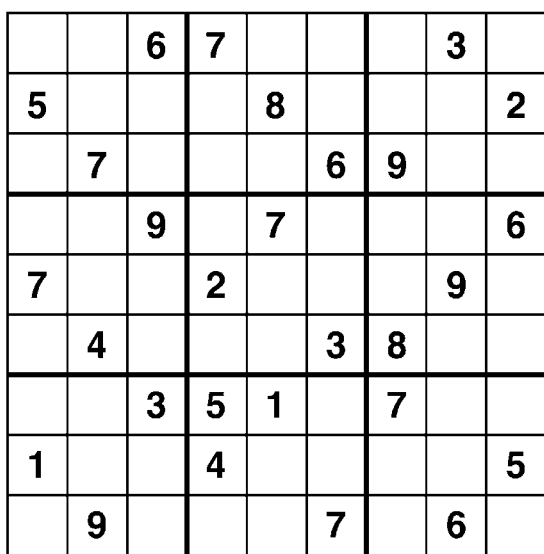
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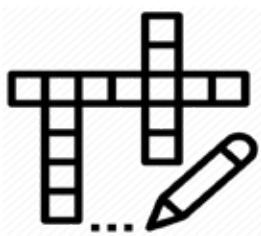


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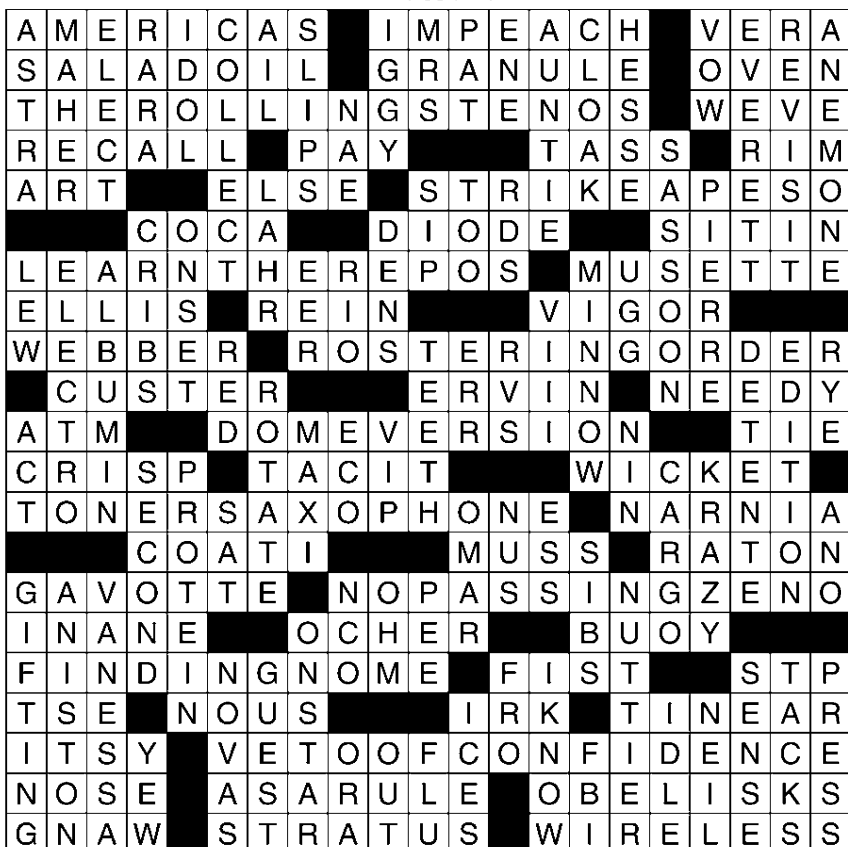
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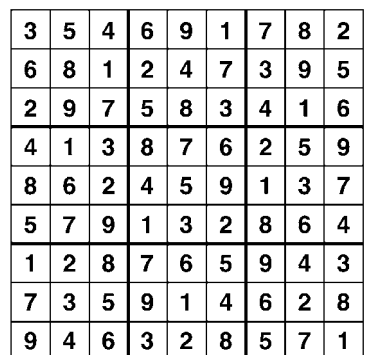
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THE LAST PAGE

WA State Parks to meet virtually

The Commission's agenda includes action on the U.S. Navy's proposal to conduct special operations training in 28 state parks.

THE TIMES

WASHINGTON—The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will hold its next regular meeting virtually on Jan. 28 from 9 a.m. to about 4:15 p.m.

At the meeting, the Commission will hear public comment, discuss and take action on the U.S. Navy's proposal to use 28 state parks for wargames and special operations training.

The Commission will also recognize and document their conclusion that the agency director performed satisfactorily in 2020 and that a meaningful evaluation process was used to reach it.

The Commission will hear updates on the status of 2019-21 biennium revenues and spending and projected budgets for the 2021-23 season. The status of the remote 2021 Legislative Session will also be a topic of discussion. Following that, the Commission will approve priorities for 2021.

In other business, the Commission will elect officers for 2021, transfer the gavel to the 2021 Commission chair, recognize 2020 Commission Chair Steve Milner and determine committee assignments for commissioners.

The meeting will be held via WebEx and streamed live on TVW with a call-in option for those who cannot access the online streams.

A virtual work session is scheduled the day before the regular meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 27. Work sessions are open to the public; however, there will be no opportunity for public comment, and the Commission will not take any formal action.

The Commission will not take oral public comment during the regular meeting. A special meeting to hear from the public specifically about the Navy proposal is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 26. The deadline for written public comment was 5 p.m. on Jan. 22.

For work session WebEx attendees: <https://watech.webex.com/watech/onstage/g.php?MTID=ef7bf88fc0b02a07ff8157883d5ba3ed>

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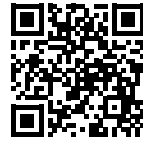


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