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**ONE DOLLAR** 

# Local restaurants open for business

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

#### Services transitioned to take-out and to-go only

Local restaurants are rolling with the punches this week as they adjust their schedules to comply with Governor Inslee's temporary closures. The closures are part of the effort to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. These temporary hours are as of Monday, March 16 and are subject to change as new information is received.

#### **WAITSBURG:**

**Ten Ton Coffee** will be open seven days a week, 8 a.m - 1p.m. Drinks and pastries to-go will be available.

Laht Neppur Brewing Co. will be open Thursday-Sunday, 12 p.m - 8 p.m. with pizzas and growlers to go. The outdoor grill will be open and Glen will be grilling from 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Whiskey Canyon Sports Bar & Grill will be open from 11 a.m - 7 p.m. daily. They have a limited to-go menu, which can be found on their Facebook page.

#### DAYTON:

Fiesta en Jalisco will be open from 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. seven days a week for to-go orders. Call (509)382-0606 or (509)386-2166 to order ahead.

My Dad's Place will be offering to-go orders at normal hours of operation. They

The Weinhard Cafe will be open from 12 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, serving a limited item to-go lunch menu and take-and-bake style din-

Chief Spring's Fire and Irons Brew Pub & Pizzeria will be open from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. for lunch, and will open up again at 4:30 p.m. for dinner orders. Limited menu food orders can be picked up at the pizzeria, and beer is available for purchase by the growler at the pub.

Rey's Roast will be open 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday with drinks to go.

**Carolyn's Cafe** will be closed until after the bans are lifted.

Ray's Drive In will continue to operate on normal hours, serving drive-thru, togo, and call-in orders. Ray's is open from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m., seven days a week.

Moose Creek Cafe & Bakery will be open from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. with to-go drinks and treats, Wednesday through Sunday.



Ten Ton Coffee customer, Larry Johnson, enjoying a take-out latte on a Tuesday, yes, **Ten Ton is now open 7 days** with limited hours for take-out service of coffee and pastries.

# **Inslee announces** statewide social gathering limits

Earlier announcement calls for Statewide school closures

THE TIMES

SEATTLE—Gov. Jay Inslee announced on Monday, March 16, an emergency proclamation that mandates the immediate two-week closure of all restaurants, bars, and entertainment and recreational facilities, as well as additional limits on large gatherings. The new orders go into effect at midnight tonight and will be in place through March 31.

The announcement comes after the recent spike in numbers of COVID-19 cases in the state and across the country.

"If we are living a normal life, we are not doing our jobs as Washingtonians," Inslee said. "We cannot do that anymore. We need to make changes, regardless of size. All of us need to do more. We must limit the number of people we come in contact with. This is the new normal."

Inslee made the announcement in Seattle with King County Executive Dow Constantine and other local and health leaders via streaming and telephone to practice social distancing measures.

#### Statewide closure of all on-site food or beverage services

Inslee announced the two-week ban on any food or beverage service, regardless of location, that provides or allows on-site consumption.

The ban will not apply to grocery stores and pharmacies. The ban includes, but is not limited to:

- Restaurants
- Food courts,
- Bars and taverns
- Wine, beer and spirits tasting venues, Doughnut shops and ice cream parlors,
- Coffee shops
- Sit down airport restaurants and bars.

Take-out, delivery and drive-thru food and beverage services are not banned under the proclamation.

College and higher education campus dining halls are banned from providing on-site dining but may provide take-out and delivery options. On-site food service and other related activities are permitted for childcare services and school-based food programs for K-12 schools.

Statewide guidance for social distancing in retail stores

Businesses are expected to ensure adequate environmental cleaning of stores and must designate an employee or officer to implement a social distancing plan for their business.

## closures, coronavirus concerns The Club is also closed By Michele Smith | THE TIMES DAYTON—On Monday, March 16, Dayton Schools Superintendent Doug John-

**Columbia County school** 

son announced Dayton schools, athletics, activities, and clubs are closed to student participation beginning on Tuesday, Mar. 17 through Friday, April 24.

In his statement to the community Johnson said, "We know this mandated closure may create hardships for many families, and we plan to do our best to serve you during these challenging times." Johnson said parent teacher conferences will most likely take place remotely,

via phone, email, or through video conferencing.

The state assessment program has been cancelled for this year and the school year is likely to be extended until June 19. Other attendance requirements will likely be waived and there will be no other "make-up" days, he said.

The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction has announced graduation dates for seniors will be honored. Dayton Seniors will graduate on June 6,

'It is important for seniors to hit the ground running when we return to school, and make sure they keep up with their studies from April 27, until graduation. Credits will be earned based on the work done thus far, and pick up again on April

The food service team is continuing to make breakfast and lunch meals available to students.

"At this time, we are looking to do some deliveries using bus stop locations, as well as possible pick up from school. We encourage students to eat at home to encourage social distancing," Johnson said.

Sending assignments home to students is challenging because not all families have access to a computer and Johnson said school staff are looking into paper and pencil activities.

"At this time, the best guidance we can provide is to have children of all ages engaged in reading and writing activities appropriate to their age. Writing letters to relatives, reading the newspaper, or books are excellent opportunities to extend their learning. Whenever possible, have the child to share with a parent or sibling what they have read about and discuss any questions they might have.

Johnson said the District is working with the Columbia County Health System, the Sheriff's Department, and the Fire District to organize child-care for employees.

"These are very, very strange times," said Jim Pearson, Director of the afterschool program at The Club, Pearson said the decision has been made to close The Club for six weeks, or until the County Health Department determines it is safe to re-open.

Pearson said when the Dayton School District announced school closures on Friday, March 13, because of concerns about COVID-19, it quickly became clear The Club would be closing, too.

Pearson cited a lack of funds to run an all-day program, transportation issues,

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**Port of Columbia's** new economic development coordinator



# **TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE**

#### NEWS BRIEFS

### LEAVE SOME FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS: DON'T BUY MORE THAN **YOU NEED**

OLYMPIA—The COVID-19 pandemic may have you rushing to the store to stock up on hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes and other supplies.

But before you sweep the store aisles clean of these items, you might want to remind yourself of the harm you're causing to yourself and your community by overstocking. The more you overstock those supplies, the less is available for your sick neighbors, and for doctors, dentists, and emergency response personnel. Doing our part to keep vulnerable people healthy includes making sure they have access to necessary supplies.

Grocers say consumer overstocking - not a disrupted supply chain -- is the main reason their store shelves are empty of many supplies and food items, especially hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, toilet paper, and plastic gloves.

"We want the public to be assured that if they will return to their normal pace of grocery shopping that there will be an adequate supply of products for their consumption," said Jan Gee, president and CEO of the Washington Food Industry Association and its educational foundation.

The Department of Health has established a call center to address questions from the public. If you have questions about what is happening in Washington State please call 1-800-525-0127 and press #.

**DATES** 

### **NEW BOOKER REST HOME GUIDELINES**

DAYTON-On March 13, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced critical new measures designed to keep America's nursing home residents safe from the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The new measures CMS announced, which supersede prior CMS guidance, constitute the agency's most aggressive and decisive recommendations with respect to nursing home safety in the face of the spread of COVID-19. They include:

- Restricting all visitors, effective immediately, with exceptions for compassionate care, such as end-of-life situations;
- Restricting all volunteers and nonessential health care personnel and other personnel (i.e. barbers);
- Cancelling all group activities and communal dining; and
- Implementing active screening of residents and health care personnel for fever and respiratory symptoms.

These rules remain in effect until further notice. We will announce when limited visitation is reinstated.

# **WAITSBURG ANNOUNCES KINDERGARTEN AND** PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

WAITSBURG-Waitsburg Elementary will hold Kindergarten and Preschool registration for the Fall of 2020 on Monday, May 18th through Friday, May 22nd. Registration will be in the Elementary School office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All children who turn 5, on or before, August 31 and live within the Waitsburg School District boundaries are eligible to register for Kindergarten for the Fall of 2020. All children who turn 3, on or before, August 31 and live within the Waitsburg School District boundaries are eligible to register for Preschool for the Fall of 2020.

A current immunization record and an official state birth certificate will be needed to register. Official Washington State birth certificates can be obtained at your local public health office.

If you are not able to register your child on one of the registration days, or if you have any questions, please contact Hannah Cole at (509) 337-6461.

# **Times Travelers**



Walla Walla County Commissioner, Jim Johnson, kept up with the Times while in Seattle dealing with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Happily, he is in remission!

### **GET INVOLVED! BECOME A WAITSBURG PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

WAITSBURG-Waitsburg Parks and Recreation District is looking to add a new member to its board. This is a great opportunity for an interested person in our community to help direct the various fun activities that support our town. They meet on the first and third Thursday each month. The general activities as board members are organizing, planning, and developing opportunities for community connections and supporting everyone in a unique way. If you are interested, please contact waitsburgparks@gmail.com or mail PO Box 52 Waitsburg, WA, 99362.

### Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

### Touchet Valley Weather















March 18, 2020

**Tuesday** 

Cloudy

Mostly Cloudy Partly Cloudy High: 50 Low: 33 High: 53 Low: 34

Can you be allergic to cold weather?

**Weather Trivia** 

Wednesday

after experiencing a sudden drop in **VUSMET:** Some people get a rash

#### **Weather History**

March 18, 1925 - The great "Tri-State Tornado" occurred. It was the most deadly tornado in the history of the United States. The tornado claimed 695 lives (including 234 at Murphysboro, Ill. and 148 at West Frankfort, Ill.) and caused 17 million dollars in property damage.

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#### **Local Almanac Last Week** Normals Low Precip 0.00" 0.00" 0.18" 0.08" Departure from normal ..... -7.7° 0.02'0.00'Data as reported from Walla Walla Moon Chart This Week Sunrise Sunset Moonrise Wednesday 6:58 a.m. 7:03 p.m. 4:32 a.m. 1:22 p.m. Full 6:56 a.m. 7:05 p.m. 2:23 p.m. Thursday 5:14 a.m. 6:54 a.m. 7:06 p.m. 5:48 a.m. 3:27 p.m. 7:07 p.m. 6:17 a.m. Saturday 6:53 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:09 p.m. 5:33 p.m. 6:51 a.m. 6:41 a.m. 7:10 p.m. 6:35 p.m. 6:49 a.m. 7:03 a.m. 4/14 6:47 a.m. 7:23 a.m. 7:12 p.m. 7:36 p.m.



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### WWCSO

#### March 8

A man robbed his mother of her cell phone as she tried calling 911 at an address on Main Street. He then stole her vehicle. Waitsburg, WA.

Officers responded to an assault at the Jail. Walla Wal-

Reporting party who lives in the 35000 block of W. Hwy 12 reported a disabled semi-truck on Dodd Road leaking water from an empty trailer. Reporting party believed that this was an unsecured load violation. Deputy checked and determined there was no violation. Burbank, WA

Arrest from warrant service at an address on W. 3rd Street, Waitsburg, WA.

Narcotics paraphernalia located during warrant arrest at an address on W. Hwy 12 and Dodd Road in

#### March 10

Summary: Narcotics were turned in for destruction. Walla Walla, WA.

Traffic complaint/investigation at Fifth Ave. and Jantz Road. Burbank, WA.

#### March 11

A suicide investigation took place at an address on Fishhook Park Road and Shelton Dr. in Walla Walla

Driver arrested by Washington State Patrol for suspicion of DUI on Cornwall Street. Dixie, WA.

A niche mausoleum in the 300 block of SE Myra Road was entered and an item stolen. Walla Walla, WA.

A motorcycle was stolen from an address on Second Street during a test drive. Motorcycle was later recovered. Dixie, WA

An unknown suspect trespassed on private property at an address in the 100 block of Island View Road, ran over irrigation pipe and broke it. Burbank, WA.

A man was arrested for recklessly discharging a firearm across a roadway at an address in the 2000 block of Waggoner Road, and another man was arrested for unlawfully possessing a firearm, making false statements, and obstructing law enforcement. Walla Walla County.

### March 14

A man was arrested on a felony warrant at an address on Lake Road and E. Maple Street in Burbank, WA.

Officer was dispatched to the 300 block of Gala Dr. for an attempted suicide. Officer arrived and secured the scene for medical personnel who tended to the subject and transported them the hospital for treatment. Prescott Drive.

# **TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE**

# Waitsburg Superintendent Mark Pickel shares school closure information

Public encouraged to stay informed through electronic media

WAITSBURG—Beginning Tuesday, March 17 through Friday, April 24, Waitsburg School District will be closed as by executive order by Governor Inslee in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. This closure will include athletics, activities and clubs. We understand the disruption that this may cause for our families and employees. We will do our very best to provide what we can including updates in this ever-changing environment. Most of the information we will provide will be at the direction of the Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and/or from the Governor's office. We know this mandated closure may create hardships for many of our families and we plan to do our best to serve you during these challenging times.

Waitsburg School District will continue its collaboration with county and state health officials and provide our community with updates as they become available.

We ask that you continue to check the school district webpage at www.waitsburgsd.org/and other social media for the latest information. We will continue to push out notifications on our mobile app as well. If you do not have our mobile app on your phone, it is available for both Apple and Android operating systems.

Details for Waitsburg School District Closure (as of 10:30 a.m. on March 17, 2020):

- All school offices will be open at least through Thursday, March 18 from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. so that families can pick up personal items and clean out lockers/classroom desks. During this time family can also stop by the school offices to pick up medications.
- The District office will be open during regular office hours (7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) Tuesday, March 17 through Thursday, March 19. Office hours during the closure to be determined at a later date.
- In person parent/teacher conferences for all grades at this time are cancelled. Conferences will be done remotely this spring via email, phone, or other electronic medium. Teachers are working to make plans to contact students and their families to identify a method to communicate for conferences. It is likely that conferences will take place in the coming weeks.
- As of March 13, all state assessments are cancelled for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. These include Smarter Balanced Assessments (English Language Arts and Math) for grades 3 - 8 and 10; Washington Access to Instruction and Measurement (WA-AIM) English Language Arts and Math for grades 3 - 8 and 10; English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA-21); Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science for grades 5, , and 11; Washington Access to Instruction and Measurement (WA-AIM) for Science grades 5, 8, and 11; WIDA Alternate ACCESS for English learners; and WaKIDS for Transitional Kindergarten.
- The school year will likely be extended to June 19. However, this extension may be subject to change.
- Students attending Running Start should have been notified by Walla Walla Community College (WWCC) of the changes that the college is making for the remainder of Winter quarter and in preparation for Spring quarter. Beginning Spring quarter, the majority, if not all WWCC courses will be conducted online. Please refer to the WWCC web page at https://www.wwcc.edu/ for further information.

- Students enrolled in classes for a) dual credit or b) College in the High School through Waitsburg High School will be given instructions by their teacher regarding those particular classes.
- Waitsburg School District will continue to clean and sanitize all of our facilities, school buses, and other school district vehicles on a regular basis to ensure that they are clean. In addition, we will take this time to thoroughly clean all classrooms and other high traffic areas in each building.
- Use of any school facility by anyone or any organization outside of the district is prohibited until further notice, effective immediately. This includes but is not limited to Preston Hall Middle School gym, Waitsburg High School gym and Waitsburg Elementary School Multipurpose Room.
- As required by law, our school board will continue to meet, but we will ask those in attendance to practice social distancing.
- For employees-more information regarding work schedules and responsibilities will be addressed through a meeting (or more if warranted) that will be conducted on Monday, March 30. We will conduct a Zoom meeting at 1:00 pm. I will send an invite to all staff.

**Instructional Supports** 

This week, teachers and administrators will learn more about the expectations around student learning by the state and how Waitsburg can support the state and the needs of our students. Staff has been busy putting together learning kits to send home with students beginning Monday, March 16.

We are acutely aware that many of our students and their families do not have access to the internet (or WiFi) and if they do, they may not have a device other than their smartphones. Because of this, we are looking at how we can assist those students that may need a computer and/or internet connection. In order to meet the state guidelines to make education equitable for all, each student will receive physical copies of work to take home.

At this time our best guidance we can offer is to encourage reading and writing activities that would be appropriate for their age. The same holds true for mathematics. Work with your students on math facts for the younger students, access iReady online and/or Khan academy for older students in Algebra and Geometry.

We have been instructed by the state that students are not to be on campus for any instructional activity. This includes computer labs, the ag shop, or meeting with teachers. This is in effect until which time we return to school.

#### Graduation

We have been told by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction that all graduation dates across the state will be honored. Waitsburg High School graduation is currently set for May 29, 2020. It is important for our seniors to make sure they are prepared for graduation and will be ready to work with their teachers upon returning to school in late April. That gives seniors approximately 20 school days to wrap everything up before graduation. All of the information regarding graduation is subject to change. Please refer to the district web page for continued updates.

These decisions and plans are designed to protect the health and safety of our students, staff, and community. Waitsburg School District will continue to communicate with our local, county and state agencies to determine any future steps to be taken.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. I am very proud to be part of this community that cares so much for our students.

### **DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU**

**Dayton Senior Center** 403 E. Patit St. 12 p.m.

Thurs., Mar. 19 Fried Chicken Mashed & Gravy Caesar salad **Grapes | Milk** 

Tues., Mar. 24 Beef strogranoff Zuccini Spinach salad Roll **Pudding** 

### WAITSBURG **SENIOR LUNCH MENU**

**Waitsburg Senior Center 504 Main Street** 

Tues., Mar. 24 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce

> Salad bar Garlic bread MOW: Caesar salad

Remember to breathe, be kind, and wash your hands

# AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS OFFER BREAKFAST | DAYTON SENIOR CENTER HAS AND LUNCH SERVICES DURING SCHOOL

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg School District is making sure that no child goes hungry during the statewide school closure. Director of Nutritional Services, Susan Wildey, announced that starting Tuesday March 17, Waitsburg School District will be delivering meals to Waitsburg neighborhoods. A combined breakfast and lunch will be made available to ALL children 18 or younger, at no charge. No forms are necessary for pick-up, but the child must be present when the meal is distributed.



Miss Susan and Miss Erin to the rescue! In response to the recent mandatory school closures, Waitsburg School District will be providing grab-and-go lunches to all kids under the age of 18 in Waitsburg.

Below are times and locations where parents can meet the Waitsburg School District vehicle and staff to grab a meal. Please observe proper social distancing at the pick-up locations.

202 Harmon St.

705 Maple St Whiskey Canyon lot

High School lot

900 Caroline St (side field)

Preston hall lot

Catholic Church lot Waitsburg Grocery lot 9 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. 9:20 a.m. - 9:35 a.m. 9:40 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.

10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. 10:20 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.

10:40 a.m. - 10:55 a.m. 11 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

11:20 - 11:35 a.m.

DAYTON—In Dayton, Assistant to the Superintendent/Food Services Director, Jana Eaton, is currently working on their application for the emergency meal program, but expects "that it will be next week at the earliest before we can start. At this time, we are planning for four bus stops and pick-up at the school as well. No forms are necessary for pick-up, but the child must be present when the meal is distributed. Breakfast and lunch may be distributed at the same time. Some food items may need to be heated using a microwave or oven. We encourage students to eat at home to encourage social distancing."
PRESCOTT—Prescott School Principal Jodi Thew noted that Prescott School

students can pick up breakfast and lunch at 8:30 a.m. at the Prescott School, or at 9:30 a.m. at Vista Hermosa parking lot. If students live outside the one-mile drop spot, they should call the school for a weekly delivery at (509) 849-2217.

# **MEALS TO GO ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**

DAYTON—The Dayton General Hospital Dietary staff will make sure seniors don't go hungry while the Dayton Senior Center is closed for the next six weeks, due to coronavirus concerns.

Aging and Long-Term Care Advisor Barbara Gibson said seniors can drive up to the front of the building at 403 E Patit St, Dayton, WA at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays and volunteers will provide them with a meal to take home.





Fruits & vegetables, nonfat chocolate and 1% white milk are offered with

Thurs. Mar. 19: B: Breakfast pizza. L: Straw hat, bell pepper strips, cucumbers, apples and cookies.

Fri. Mar. 20: B: Oatmeal. L: Chef's choice.

Mon. Mar. 23: B: Scrambled eggs & sausage. L: Hamburger, potato salad, chips, and oranges.

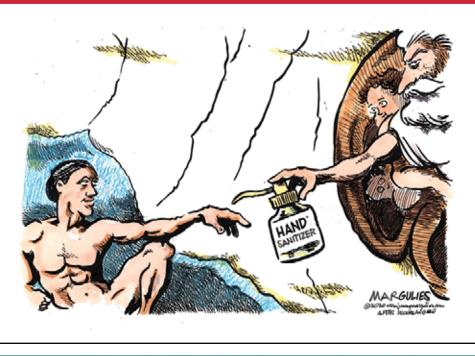
Tue. Mar. 24: B: Biscuit & gravy. L: Steak quesadilla, bell pepper strips, garden salad, and

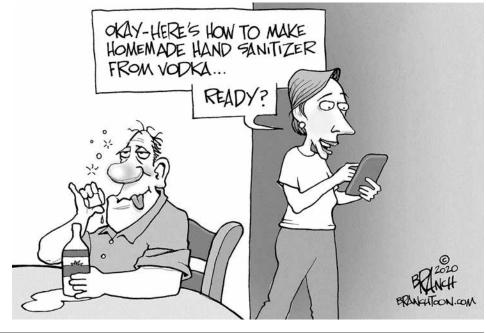
Wed. Mar. 25: B: Yogurt parfait. L: Baked potato bar, garden salad, and pineapple.

Brought to you courtesy of Lloyd's Insurance, Inc.

Walla Walla

# **COMMENTARY & NEWS**





#### **Social Distancing Summary** NOT ALLOWED ALLOWED Gatherings of 50+ Attendees Gatherings of Less Than 50 Attendees Youth Sports (games and practices) Youth Clubs (As long as the entity designates an employee or officer who sets and implements so distancing and sanitation measures established by the United States Centers for Dis Control and Prevention or the Washington State Department of Health guidelines.) Leisure / Hobby / Social Clubs Senior Centers Concerts Conventions Trade Shows Grocery Stores Pharmacles Exhibitions Fundralsers Sporting Events Convenience Stores Weddings / Funerals Golf Courses Movle The Bowling Alleys Gyms / Fitness Centers Theaters Museums Art Galleries RV Sites / Campgrounds / Rental Cabins / State Parks Nall Salons Massage / Physical Therapy / Acupuncture Barbers Hair Salons Other similar civic, community, leisure, recreational activitie On-site food service is still permitted for: Child Care and Day Care K-12 School-based Food Programs FOOD & BEVERAGE with ON-SITE CONSUMPTION [ Take-out / Delivery / Drive-through still allowed ] Food Courts Doughnut Shops Ice Cream Parlor Brewerles / Distillerles • Wine / Beer Tasting Venues College / Higher Education Dining Halls Airport Restaurants & Bars (grab-&-go allowed

#### **SOCIAL DISTANCING - FROM PAGE 1**

Once again, grocery stores and pharmacies will remain open under the emergency proclamation.

"The supply chain is strong," Inslee said. "Grocery stores will continue operating and providing services to Washingtonians. There is no need to hoard food or supplies. Everyone needs to only buy what they need, and they need to remember when they overbuy, those things are taken away from their neighbors and others who need them now.'

#### Statewide closure of entertainment, leisure and non-essential services

Inslee also included entertainment, leisure and non-essential services in today's emergency proclamation.

The ban includes, but is not limited to:

- Theaters
- Bowling alleys
- Gyms and fitness centers
- Non-tribal card rooms Museums
- Art galleries Tattoo parlors
- Barbers, hair salons and nail salons
- Statewide ban on gatherings of 50 or larger

Inslee also announced a further executive order expanding on orders from last week. Last Friday, Inslee expanded the ban on events larger than 250 beyond the Puget Sound region to the entire state. Today, he announced the ban will decrease in size to prohibit all events of 50 or larger statewide.

Additionally, all gatherings with under 50 participants are prohibited unless criteria from the CDC for public health and social distancing are met.

"I am proud of how Washingtonians have stepped up and worked together," Inslee said. "I know we still have long days ahead, but I know that together we will prevail and be a stronger state as a result. We will get through this together and life will return to normal, but the steps we are taking now will help us get back to normal sooner.

"I ask everyone to take these steps to protect themselves, their families and their communities. Everyone needs to play their part. "

On Friday, March 13, Governor Inslee issued a Statewide closure of all K-12 public and private schools. Every district throughout the state of Washington is now closed for the next six weeks.

Schools will be closed from 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, March 17 through 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24. The timing will coincide with spring break for most Washington school districts.

Under this order, schools must close and end classes by end of day this Monday, March 16. The first possible weekday back will be April 27.

On Thursday, March 12, Inslee announced closures in King, Snohomish and Pierce Counties.

"Just as with King, Snohomish and Pierce Counties, there are critical services our schools provide that will need to continue during closures," Inslee said. "That includes nutrition and child care. This will need to be addressed throughout the state of Washington. I urge labor and management to work together in the best interest of kids. This is not a vacation, work may look different, but the expectation is that school employees will still be working.



Courtesy photo

Governor Jay Inslee

### BE SAFE ON COUNTY ROADS, **SPRING WEATHER AND FARMING ADD HAZARDS**

To the Editor:

In this so far surprisingly post-flooded early spring weather many of us are restless to head up into the hills to look at the views, take photographs of our beautiful landscapes and where possible without trespassing hike around. Residents familiar with spring road conditions know that trouble awaits if a person isn't careful on wet gravel and dirt roads. Newbies like myself have already experienced floating diagonally down a few steep muddy roads. If this is your first spring and you want to go out with friends or relatives you should always be cautious and attentive and go slow. Don't pass road closed signs, they are posted for your safety and road protection, you will be fined if caught and you are taking a risk of getting stuck far from help. Depending on the specific area and moisture—the roads in the Skyrocket Hills have dried out considerably--our hills have a mix of clay and silty soils that, if sufficiently deeply wet, can cause unexpected slippery conditions. Crews dump a specific size gravel for ideal packing and traction but it can still get sloppy. Watch for tire track evidence, often deep ruts where water ran, of previous drivers slipping both going uphill and downhill. And don't think of playing it safe by moving over onto a shoulder and risking ruining carefully graded road edges and ditches. You may come to regret it.

Farmers are now moving large equipment into their fields on certain hills and you should be patient and yield the right of way at all times. Public Works staff are still assessing conditions of higher roads heavily impacted by last month's flooding and they must prioritize as they wait for news on eligible funding declarations. Always respect the presence of road crews and slow down to ensure their safety. Give a wave. Watch for graders around the next bend. Also watch for ATVs suddenly coming at you around the following bend.

Some areas were hit far worse than others where water crossed roads and layers of new washed out rock can pose hazards. Historically many roads have remained closed to vehicle traffic until May 1 for public safety and protecting easily eroded surfaces. Note messages in signage. Weather isn't over, drive for conditions. Thank you to Wayne Tate of Columbia County Public Works and Robert McAndrews of Walla Walla Road Operations.

Terry Lawhead Waitsburg

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# **TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE**

#### **NEWS BRIEFS**

### **DAYTON RESIDENTS MICHAEL** HAIGHT AND CATHY LEE-HAIGHT GIVE TO THE CLUB

DAYTON—For the third year in a row Michael and Cathy Lee-Haight presented the Club's Executive Director, Jim Pearson, with a check for \$10,000.

This Dayton couple have consistently supported the efforts to provide after school care for Columbia County youth. These funds will go toward operations for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Club depends on many funding sources including individual donations, local foundations and organizations, and the annual fundraiser Stand-Up for The Club to be held April 25. Michael and Cathy have been extremely generous to the Dayton community with large gifts to the Dayton Historical Depot, the Dayton General Hospital and the Liberty Theatre. The Club is very grateful for their generosity.

### **GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF COVID-19**

A website with analysis prepared and copyrighted by Johns Hopkins University includes information about confirmed cases worldwide, total deaths, total recovered, with an interactive map. Its contents, including all data, and mapping, is provided to the public strictly for educational and academic research purposes. Access the website at https://tinyurl.com/ uhx25dr. The website relies upon publicly available data from multiple sources, that do not always agree.

### | SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES | FOR LOCAL YOUTH

PENDLETON, Ore.—The Pomeroy Ranger District is recruiting four to six students between the ages of 15 and 18 for summer employment in the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC). Work can include noxious weed removal, fence removal and construction, trail maintenance, fuel monitoring and vegetation surveys on the Pomerov Ranger District.

The program will last eight weeks beginning on June 22, 2020. Youth are paid the Washington minimum wage rate of \$13.50 per hour. Applicants must live in the local area. No previous experience is re-

To apply, all interested candidates must complete and submit a signed application. Hardcopy applications can be picked up at the Pomeroy Ranger District office and Pomeroy High School. The application is available online at www.fs.fed.us/sites/default/files/ ycc-application-english-v2-exp-1-31-2020.pdf. Applications will be accepted from March 16, 2020, until 4:30 p.m. on April 17, 2020. Completed applications must be delivered in person to the Pomeroy Ranger District at 71 West Main, Pomeroy, WA.

Applicants must:

- Be at least 15 years old on selection date of April 20, 2020, and not reach the age of 19 during the term of employment in the program.
- Have a social security number, or have made application to obtain one, and
- Obtain parental or legal guardian consent to enroll in the program.

For more information about the YCC program, please contact the Pomeroy Ranger District at (509)843-1891.

### **RIB FEED CANCELED**

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg Lions Club has canceled their annual rib feed for this year per J. E. McCaw. Presently, no future rib feed event is planned for 2020.

Last year's feed sold nearly 800 tickets. Proceeds from the event go toward supporting community organizations and youth scholarships.

### **ONLINE AA MEETINGS**

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg AA in-person meetings on Mondays and Saturdays have been discontinued. For online meeting information visit www.waitsburgaa.com.

The Friday group plans to continue meeting in the Waitsburg Presbyterian Church at 8 p.m.

#### BIRTHDAYS

March 19: Verna Allen, Elaine Reese, Norma Johnson, Terry Jacoy, Josh Mayberry and E. Neil Stephens, Beka Compton

March 20: Arlene Winnett, Andrew Wright, Kristopher Patton, Stacey Grende, Sophie Henry and Paul

March 21: Brad Huffman, Doris Williams, Linda Stonecipher, Margie Huwe, Lane Huffman, Rebecca Stokes, Ken Lenhart.

March 22: Garrett Buffington, Kenneth Lewis, Mary Hamblen, Gia Fluharty, Amy Morrow and Cole Janovich.

March 23: Jayce Bayer, Sally Baker, Mary Hunziker, Beryl Witt, Ron Bishop, Seth Straayer, Jennifer Pierson, Sandy Baker.

March 24: Michael Smith, Fred Hamann, Chloe Pearson, Kim Iverson, Randy Sorick, Jeff Harper, John Dodson and Lacey Maki.

March 25: Marilyn Johnson, Lee Brannock and Richard Basel.

### **CLASSIFIEDS** HELP WANTED

### COLUMBIA COUNTY JOBS

The Columbia County Rural Library District has an opening for a part time Library Assistant I to work no more than 24 hours per week. Strong customer service, verbal and written communication, and basic computer skills are essential in our ideal candidate. More information is available at the library, 111 S. 3rd, Dayton, WA, or on our website, http://ccrld.lib.wa.us/employment. Position will remain open until filled.

#### **COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS Temporary Laborer (Flagger)**

Columbia County Public Works is accepting applications for temporary summer employment. Job activities include work with the road crew, flagging, fairgrounds and golf course activities.

Two positions are available, with employment commencing April and ending in mid-August for one, and employment commencing in May and ending in mid-September for the other. Preference will be given to applicants with a valid flagging certification, but the County will provide training.

The wage for these positions is \$15.63/hour. Applications may be obtained from the Columbia County website at www.columbiaco. com or from the office at:

> Columbia County Public Works 415 N. Guernsey Ave.

Dayton, WA 99328

Jobs will be open until filled. Columbia County is an equal opportunity employer.

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**Temporary Laborer** 

Columbia County Public Works is accepting applications for temporary employment. Job activities include work with the road crew, fairgrounds and golf course activities.

Two positions are available, with employment commencing in April for one and in June for the other, both with an indeterminate end date, depending on hours worked

The wage for these positions is \$14.18/hour. Applications may be obtained from the Columbia County website at www.columbiaco. com or from the office at:

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The Cardinals' Nest after-school program is seeking applications for an Executive Director. The Executive Director is the key management leader of the Cardinals' Nest. Responsibilities include: ensure compliance with federal and state requirements for 501-c-3 non-profit status; oversee the administration, programs and strategic plan of the organization; personnel, payroll, grant management, marketing, and community outreach. The position reports directly to the Board of Directors. This is a part-time position up to 25 hours per week. Wage DOQ. If interested please contact Kathy Carpenter for application and more information at kcarpenter@waitsburgsd.org or (509) 629-1876.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE**

The City of Waitsburg, and equal opportunity employer, is currently taking applications for a full-time public works employee. Nature of Work

Under the guidance from the Public Works Director, this is a non-skilled, primarily out-of-doors position in the maintenance of City-owned utilities, streets, facilities and vehicles, and mowing grass or doing grounds maintenance if needed. Applicant should be knowledgeable of material and equipment commonly used in construction, maintenance and repair activities as related to assigned areas. Work requires some physical exertion such as long periods of standing; walking over rough, uneven surfaces; recurring bending, crouching, stooping and reaching; and occasional lifting of moderately heavy items. Work requires average physical agility and dexterity.

Qualifications Required

Minimum of 18 years of age with a valid state issued driver's

High school diploma or equivalent

Position closes at 4 pm on Friday, March 27, 2020. Depending on availability, anticipated starting date is Wednesday April 1, 2020. Applications are available M-F 8 am - 4 pm at Waitsburg City Hall, 147 Main Street, Waitsburg Washington or on the City's website www.cityofwaitburg.com.





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Application materials are available online @ www.waitsburgsd. org or by calling the District Office at (509) 337-6301. Please direct questions and inquiries to Mark Pickel, Superintendent. E-mail mpickel@waitsburgsd.org.

Position is open until filled.

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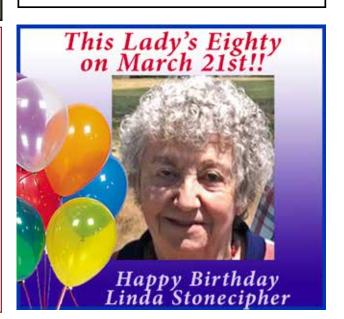
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# **NEWS & LEGALS**

# Dayton City Council report for March

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Special Guest Juan Sanchez, Columbia County Census Coordinator, discussed Census 2020 at the Dayton City Council meeting on March 11.

Sanchez said census letters will be mailed out in mid-April and will provide a website for people to answer the ten questions asked. He said a paper form can be requested. If necessary, an enumerator will come to the door in person.

Sanchez said he doesn't like to use fear as a tactic to get people to fill out the census, "If we can help people fill it out quickly, and get it done with, the better,"

Help with the census will be provided at the Dayton City Hall, and Dayton Memorial Library.

The Citizen's Academy has been postponed until later in the summer, or fall, to give more people the opportunity to sign up, said Sheriff Joe Helm.

Helm said there are now fifty volunteers for Search and Rescue, and another fifteen to twenty people intend to participate.

Council member Misty Yost said Brix and Brew has been postponed until May 8, over concerns about the coronavirus. Tickets will be honored or refunded.

County Commissioner Ryan Rundell said there is one confirmed case of COVID-19 in Columbia County.

"There is nothing to be panicked about. Just make sure and wash your hands and stay away from sick people," he said.

Councilman Mike Paris said the hospital has two isolations rooms ready. City Administrator Trina Cole said the Cameron Street chip sealing project scheduled by the county for this summer has been pushed back one year.

"We will be moving forward with crack sealing and repair work," she said. She said that has to be done to be ready for chip sealing next year.

The City has been in discussion with Anderson/Perry & Associates about repairing a water line, and the discharge pipe adjacent to the wastewater treatment plant, which were damaged because of the flood. They will be preparing a scope of service for design and construction engineering, along with costs.

Cole said she is hoping for financial assistance from FEMA for the repairs, but there are funds in the City's reserve budget if necessary. Some capital improvement projects may have to be pushed back.

The City has received a letter from the Army Corps of Engineers asking for a letter regarding assistance to the City for repairing damage to the levee from the recent flood. A draft letter was sent to them, she said.

"The way I understand it, the Corps is going to be very responsive on getting those repairs done," Cole said.

The design for the South Third Street Sidewalk project is complete, and Cole said she is hopeful the project can go out to bid in mid-April and be awarded to a contractor sometime in May. Construction won't take place until school is out.

Planning Director Meagan Bailey said a short course on Affordable Housing through the Dept. of Commerce and hosted by the Affordable Housing Commission will take place at 5 p.m. on April 14, at the Delany Building. The public is welcome to attend. Registration for the free course is online at: shortcourse@commerce.wa.gov or by phone at: (360) 725-3064.

Public Works Assistant Director Rob John said the UV lights at the wastewater treatment plant and all the components will be installed this week.

The sections of sidewalks around two of the trees on Main St. have been filled in with rock or chips and the pathway next to them has been "packed", he said.

John said the mold in the basement of the city hall will be mitigated on Friday. The following week the HVAC system will be cleaned.

"We're plugging along the best we can," he said.

Mayor Zac Weatherford wanted to recognize the efforts on the part of the city staff and city council in producing a healthy budget that allows for reserve funds, which can be used to pay for some of the repairs that need to be done after the

"I think, overall, we are very fortunate that we have the reserves that we do have," he said.

Mayor Weatherford's acceptance of the resignation of Vicki Zoller from the Affordable Housing Commission was confirmed as was the Mayor's reappointment of Alicia Walker to the Dayton Planning Commission. Walker's term ends on

The Dayton City Council also approved the following:

A resolution authorizing the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Energy Northwest, Inc. and the City of Dayton for a lease agreement for the Electric Vehicle charging station at Caboose Park, and for its maintenance.

An authorization to amend extending the master contract agreement between the State of Washington Department of Corrections and the City to June 30, 2020. Rob John said the DOC crew that helps with landscaping and maintaining the levee does a "fantastic job", for the City.

A resolution for surplus of personal property, a lawnmower, of the City of Day-

# **Small Business Administration offers disaster assistance**

THE TIMES

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to Washington small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza announced today. SBA acted under its own authority, as provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act that was recently signed by the President, to declare a disaster following a request received from Gov. Jay Inslee on March 13, 2020.

The disaster declaration makes SBA assistance available in Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Clallam, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Lincoln, Mason, Okanogan, Pacific, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Spokane, Thurston, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, Whatcom, Whitman and Yakima counties in Washington; Benewah, Latah and Nez Perce counties in Idaho; and Gilliam, Hood River, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla and Wasco counties in

"SBA is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible

to assist Washington small businesses with federal disaster loans. We will be swift in our efforts to help these small businesses recover from the financial impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19)," said Administrator Carranza.

SBA Customer Service Representatives will be available to answer questions about SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program and explain the application process.

"Small businesses, private non-profit organizations of any size, small agricultural cooperatives and small aquaculture enterprises that have been financially impacted as a direct result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) since Jan. 31, 2020, may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred," said Carranza.

'These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. Disaster loans can provide vital economic assistance to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing," Carranza added.

Eligibility for Economic Injury Disaster Loans is based on the financial impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The interest rate is 3.75 percent for small businesses. The interest rate for private non-profit organizations is 2.75 percent. SBA offers loans with long-term repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to a maximum of 30 years and are available to entities without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@ sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The deadline to apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan is Dec. 16, 2020. For more information about Coronavirus, please visit: Coronavirus.gov. For more information about available SBA resources and services, please visit: SBA.gov/coronavirus.

# **CORONAVIRUS CONCERNS - FROM PAGE 1**

staff health concerns, and the need to send the right message, one of civic responsibility, as factors in the decision to close the facility.

Pearson said, was an extremely difficult decision to make. The Club is a safe gathering place for kids in our community, especially those that need us most."

"To close our doors to them is nothing short of heartbreaking. But given the current re-



Joe Huether

Columbia County commissioners meeting held March 16 in accordance with good social distancing practices.

quirements on group sizes and social distancing, there is little other choice at this time," he said.

Pearson said he expected students attending The Club to be upset at the school and afterschool program closures.

"On the contrary, it felt like to them like the last day of school," he said. Pearson said he thought the students will be more than happy when the rosy glow of freedom wears off and they get to return to their regular schedule.

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In re the Estate of: ROBERT E. STROZINSKY,

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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

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Personal Representative

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Attorney for Personal Representative: Jeremy Hyndman, WSBA #44320

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

No. 20-4-00052-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** In re the Estate of

WILLIAM P. ANNETTE 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 by RCW 11.40.070 by serving or mailing to 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

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RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051, and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of first publication: March 19, 2020 (anticipated) Personal Representative: Sarah J. Wik

c/o Michael E. de Grasse Counsel for Personal Representative

59 S. Palouse St. P. O. Box 494 Walla Walla, WA 99362 /s/ Sarah J. Wik Personal Representative Walla Walla County Superior Court

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# Shakespeare & shamrocks

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

I said, "phooey!" defied Shakespeare, and didn't heed his warning to "beware the Ides of March," so, if that's why we're now watching spring change into winter again, please accept my apology. Intellectually I know I'm not powerful enough to dictate the weather patterns, but I don't want to feel as though I jinxed it. Sadly, my daffodils are snow bound and my car will keep its snow tires on a little longer.

However, there is some good news. It's St. Patrick's Day so there will be green. If not from mother nature, then in our wardrobe, decorations and, if I was still in Los Angeles, my neighborhood bagel store, who would be selling green bagels (not to me), and the local pub would be serving green beer

I was born in New York, as were my parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, and cousins. My grandparents emigrated to America as youngsters (all under the age of 8), from Eastern Europe and Russia. So, although there is no Irish blood in either me or Daniel, (he was born and raised in Milan, Italy), I claim a connection to the Emerald Isle. I conveniently choose to believe in "six degrees of separation" when it serves my purpose, and since Robert Briscoe, one of the First Lord Mayors of Dublin, was Jewish and a number of years after his election, his son Ben Briscoe was also elected to the same post in 1988, (also Jewish), I will proudly claim a bond to Iraland.

Truly, in my world, it's all about the food. Although the traditional corned beef and cabbage isn't my all time favorite, the leftover corned beef, sliced thin, slathered with deli mustard in between 2 slices of rye bread, is a winner! The only thing better is adding sauerkraut and cheese, to make a Reuben sandwich. If I was still in New York or Los Angeles, I would wash either of those delicacies down with Dr. Brown's cream soda. Never a beer aficionado, (too much cheap stuff in college), I have discovered we have some amazing craft beers here! So, I am looking forward



to enjoying my corned beef on rye with a Guinness-like Washington craft beer.

However, tonight it's bangers & mash, (Irish sausage cooked in beer, potatoes steamed, then puréed with butter and cream, and Brussels sprouts steamed, then sautéed with a little more butter), and with more craft beer to drink. Maybe I can whip up an Irish soda bread to add to the menu. Actually, Irish soda bread, like corned beef, is also good the next day, toasted and

drenched in butter, or jam. Not exactly breakfast of champions, but very tasty. That will not be washed down with beer, but maybe an Irish tea.

If we're going to celebrate the food and drink of Ireland, let's not forget Irish whiskey! Good for the cold nights, and my idea of adding fun to being "socially distanced." Aha! There may be a silver lining to the change in weather and staying uninfected. Daniel suggested a cozy night on the couch sipping whiskey and watching movies. On his list: *Contagion* or *Outbreak*. I did say he had a wicked sense of humor. I was thinking more along the lines of the old movie, *The Quiet Man*.

I plan to enjoy the food and music celebrated on St. Patrick's Day, but I will not wear green. I have a fair, olive complexion, with just enough red in my hair, that I will look like a giant olive with a pimento sticking out! So, cheers and Erin go Bragh!

# Waitsburg law student's account of school's sudden closure

Philbrook is a 22 years old graduate of Waitsburg High School (2015), a Whitman College graduate (2019) and is currently in her first year at Notre Dame Law School.

By Emma Philbrook | THE TIMES



Emma Philbrook

t didn't take me very long to pack. I hadn't brought that many clothes - a few tops, four pairs of pants, and my prized slate-gray skirtsuit - and I'd more or less been living out of my suitcase anyway. I'd been in Waitsburg for five days catching up with my family and going over my class notes, not really enough time to justify moving anything into my closet.

Normally, I wouldn't have gone home at all. Plane tickets from South Bend, Indiana, to Pasco aren't cheap. Perhaps more crucially, I lost a few precious study days to travel, and I didn't have access to my textbooks over spring break. (They would've filled half of my suitcase on their own.) But I had an interview with a judge at the King County Superior Court. If it led to a summer internship, the plane ticket would pay for itself, and the learning opportunity alone would be more than worth it.

I would be driving to Seattle on Wednesday, March 11, interviewing with the judge on Thursday, and flying back to school out of SeaTac on Friday, March 13. I'd cracked a few jokes about it before leaving Indiana: "Yeah, I thought about skydiving over spring break, but I wanted to do something truly death-defying..." My toiletries were back in their quart-sized bag and my laptop was stowed in my backpack. I was packed to fly. With a few minutes left before my mom and I were slated to leave, I decided to check my e-mail to make sure that the judge hadn't cancelled on me.

While there was no message from the judge, there was one from Notre Dame Law School titled "An Important Message – COVID-19 Update."

We students had gotten a couple of these already, and I more or less knew what they would say before I opened them: "No cases on campus, such-and-such overseas program has been cancelled, keep washing your hands, we'll send more updates later." This one, though, was a little different:

"Beginning Monday, March 23 and continuing through at least April 13, all in-person classes will be suspended, to be replaced with virtual instruction and other alternative learning options. Furthermore, there will be no classes in any format the week of March 15 to allow faculty time to make the adjustment to on-line instruction. [S]tudents are strongly encouraged to stay or return home rather than return to campus."

We collected our jaws off the floor and headed for Seattle. I spent the morning of the interview cancelling my return ticket and the afternoon on a video call with the judge, who was feeling poorly and couldn't make it to the interview after all. In a few years, I will doubtless appreciate the scrumptious irony of the whole situation. In the meantime, most of my mental energies are devoted to not touching my face. I'm back in Waitsburg now. I've got five days' worth of clothes plus the old ones that I left behind when I went off to law school. My extra week of spring break will be spent trying to get digital copies of my textbooks, which are safely quarantined in my Indiana apartment. I'm looking forward to classes starting back up but am not particularly looking forward to the fact that they'll be starting three hours earlier in Pacific Time. Seeing as I've got some unexpected free time, I'll check back in next week. Until then, stay safe and keep your noses clean—just be sure to wash your hands afterwards.

# Gardener's Grove: Compost

Use kitchen scraps and lawn waste to keep your garden growing

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

EARTH—The seeds are practically burning holes in their packets. They're all sorted and ready to be put to work.

All the signs of spring popping up are exciting. The first flowers to bloom in my garden this year are Ice King daffodils, as daffodils are often the harbingers of



Brianna Wray
Ice king daffodils

spring. Of course, my neighbor's garden has been in full bloom for over a week now. [The daffodils are always yellower on the other side, such is life.]

In keeping with our garden preparation schedule, now is a good time to start fresh compost. Using compost as a soil amendment is a great way to kill two birds with one stone, as the adage goes. Household food waste is kept to a minimum, and gardens are replenished without (or with less) expensive bottled nutrients.

Admittedly, I always feel a pang of guilt when fresh fruit goes bad in the crisper. Sometimes it seems those raspberries are halfway out the door before they make it to the kitchen. But, knowing that their fate does not end with fuzzy refrigerator mold does make me feel better. Today's rotten raspberries are tomorrow's homegrown goodness.

The idea is to incorporate carbon-rich materials with nitrogen-rich materials from kitchen scraps, fruit and vegetable peelings, coffee grounds, grass clippings, and other fresh materials. Some ideal, carbon rich compost materials are: dried leaves, shredded straw or hay, sawdust, woody chips, twigs, nut

shells, shredded newspaper, corn stalks and cobs, brown paper bags, paper towel rolls, crushed eggshells, and wool.

Composting can be achieved in a number of ways and at a number of price points. You may have access to cheap or free shipping pallets that might make a great stage for compost bins. Or you could succumb to the gardener's gadget lust that has taken hold of

At the end of last month, the biggest, most costly item on my garden wish list was an upright, dual chamber compost tumbler.

chamber compost tumbler. Have you seen these?



With two chambers, gardeners are able to fill one chamber at a time with "greens" which are fruit and vegetable scraps, egg shells, coffee grinds and yard waste, then follow up with "browns" such as fallen leaves, shredded paper, hay, etc. After filling the first chamber for two weeks, it can be sealed off to "cook," as the composting continues on the other side.

The ideal ratio of nitrogen "greens" to carbon

"browns" is two to one [N:C = 2:1]. With too much nitrogen, compost will be smelly, with too much carbon, the contents won't break down.

The upright feature of this compost bin is what makes it a sure winner. Rather than straining to use a pitchfork or shovel to turn the compost for adequate aeration, the whole bin is a tumbler that can be spun easily.

It is recommended that the bin be spun at least twice a week, but it's so fun to do Vanna White impressions that I find myself spinning it daily.

Pro tip: Wait for water to drain out of the bin before you spin. Otherwise, you run the risk of having rank compost juice spin up and back at the user's face and clothing. It really only takes once to learn that lesson. Good thing I wasn't dressed like Vanna White when I learned it.

Another handy trick is to station the compost bin over a future garden site, rotating it seasonally. As runoff drains from the system, it enriches the ground below it.

If a compost heap is started on bare earth, worms and other beneficial organisms have fast access. In a tumbler, worms can be added manually, especially in early spring and late fall when the bin doesn't get hot enough to "cook" as often as in the blazing summer.

What should never be added to the compost is meat or bones, dairy, pet manure, weed seeds or anything with harsh chemicals.

Thanks to my mom who procured a deeply discounted tumbler from Overstock.com as a birthday gift, our composting adventure has begun. As this is my first attempt, I'll probably still need to purchase some consumer ready soil conditioner, but by this time next year I'm expecting to be dirt rich!

Grow challenge update: Our challenger, Carl Teller, is sure he's going to win and he may be right. At this point I'm afraid of what might happen if we end up with a thousand-pound pumpkin! I don't even like pumpkin pie. What are we going to do with all those seeds?! We'll cross that bridge when we get to it. Prizes will be awarded for biggest pumpkin and biggest watermelon. It will be a heap of garden goodies!

# **NEWS & SPORTS**

# Washington Little Guys Wrestling cancels remainder of season



By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Washington Little Guy Wrestling League announced Friday, March 13, that they will be cancelling the remainder of the season in an effort to help prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. All league tournaments, including the Jason Crawford Memorial Tournament at the Spokane Arena, have

Wayne Terry, the league's president, said that 'some decisions are simple, and some require a lot of work' and the difficult decision was made after league representatives met with members of the medical community, Spokane Arena staff, and others to make an informed decision. The league is planning to resume in January 2021 with a new season.

The league has asked that parents/caregivers contact their coaches or their director for questions about refunds and to return any club-purchased items and/or any borrowed gear. The Waitsburg Mat Birds director is Kristy Taylor. If your child has Mat Bird gear, Kristy can be reached at (509)240-6690.

# **Columbia County Port commissioners discuss Touchet Valley** Trail, broadband

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON-On Wednesday of last week, the Port of Columbia Commissioners addressed a request from a small group of community members who came before them in February, seeking an advisory vote of the people to determine whether, or not, the proposed Touchet Valley Trail will be allowed.

Commission Chairman Earle Marvin read a prepared statement to a handful of people who returned on Wednesday, to hear their decision.

Marvin said he would prefer to have Anderson/ Perry & Associates complete the planning study for

"At that point the Port should have enough answers to the many questions that have been raised concerning the trail that would allow it to hold a public hearing on whether or not to continue further development of the trail," he said.

The commissioners had asked the Port's Executive Director, Jennie Dickinson, to find out whether the Port commissioners could place an advisory vote on

Dickinson said she was told by the state of Washington's Secretary of State to contact the county auditor with that question.

County Auditor Anne Higgins told her neither she, nor the County's Prosecuting Attorney, have been able to find whether the Port has the authority to run an advisory vote, said Dickinson.

Dickinson said she has also reached out the Port's attorney who has also been unable to find whether the Port has the authority to run an advisory vote, and she has contacted the Municipal Research Services Center, as well.

Dickinson said it is important the Port only act within its own authority.

"Unless they can come up with a statement somewhere in the law, or in the state of Washington that says we can, we can't. We can't even try," she said. "We're still waiting to see if anybody has any answers."

The consensus among the commissioners is to wait for the completion of the study to determine

'very willing" to meet with landowners about their concerns.

She said the Touchet Valley Trail Committee is reviewing the design concept plan and the commissioners will get to see it in April, after which it will be made public on the Port's website.

#### **Broadband study**

In March of 2018, legislation was adopted by the state allowing ports in Washington State the authority to build broadband infrastructure in their jurisdic-

A broadband survey conducted by the Port of Columbia in October of 2018, indicated the majority of the community were either unhappy with their current service, or wanted improvements to their existing internet options.

The Port applied for a grant from the Community Economic Revitalization Board, to help the Port determine if a Port-built dark fiber optic network is right for the community. (Dark fiber refers to unused fiber-optic cable. Often times companies lay more lines than what's needed in order to curb costs of having to do it again and again. The dark strands can be leased to individuals or other companies who want to establish optical connections among their own lo-

The Port also reached out to several internet service providers including Columbia iConnect, Inland Cellular, Inc, and PocketiNet Communications, Inc. to gauge their interest in providing Port officials with a planning study.

PocketiNet Communications, Inc. was selected from among the three, and on Wednesday of last week Pocket iNet CEO Todd Brandenburg, Outside Plant Director Wrandoll Brenes-Morua, and CFO Giselle Hepker presented the Port officials with their findings.

Brandenburg defined the term 'dark' fiber saying it is a glass like fiber, about the size of a human hair that can transmit data, with beams of laser light. Internet capacity for the whole city of Dayton, Walla Walla, and Waitsburg can fit on one "human hair" of fiber".

The advantage is the laser, the pulsing, and the data can be infinitely upgraded into the future, he

"It is limitless as far as the capacity to the customer," he said. "Fiberoptic technology has been tried and true since the 1970s."

All proposed construction is on existing utility poles and service will be available to 100 percent of all residences and businesses in the community, whether they choose to connect, or not.

'That would be just stringing from pole to pole on existing cable already there and dropping into the homes and businesses," he explained.

Brandenburg said the need for high speed inter-Dickinson said Anderson/Perry & Associates are net is great, especially in rural communities, where attracting businesses and providing opportunities to work or learn from home is important. It could also serve to keep youth from leaving rural communities for jobs elsewhere.

There is a marketing advantage that allows you to put your name on the map," he said.

Brandenburg said the state of Washington has a broadband director, and there is legislation regarding goals for broadband. The goal for 2028 is that all residents and businesses should have access to 150 Mbps (Megabits symmetrical, up and down).

"If the Port took this on, they would not be the service provider, but they would be the wholesale provider to other retail service providers, in an open access environment, that could lease the dark fiber from the Port," he said.

Brandenburg said Garfield County is in the process of building a fiberoptic network to serve about 700 residences and businesses at a cost of around \$1 million. It will cost customers about \$69 per month for 100 MB of service, and more for a higher level of service, he said.

Brandenburg said whoever is providing the communities with broadband service gets to set the price, and can actually utilize the fiberoptic ability to enhance their own business while providing better service to the communities.

CFO Giselle Hepker said the Port of Columbia would make the initial investment, which would be a public/private partnership with multiple service pro-

She said, "Once the network is built, the Internet Service Providers will use the Port's network to connect to their customers. The Internet Service Providers will charge their customers, monthly, and the Port will charge the ISPs for each premise connected to the

'Suddenly every premise in Dayton is available to them to sell their service to," Hepker said.

She said ISPs are able to provide unlimited fast speed without having to upgrade their current infrastructure, but there will be an investment upfront for placing their equipment on the colocators to light the

The estimate for building the broadband network is 2 million dollars. To build underground would cost five times that amount.

Hepker said financing is best through the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB), which offers low interest loans, with interest rates ranging from 1 to 3 percent, or through grant funding opportunities requiring from zero up to 50 percent matches. CERB also offers longer loan terms than private lenders do, she said.

The fiber lease back fees are the Port's revenue. This is the amount the Port charges ISPs for connections. The colocation space rental, where the ISPs put their equipment to light the fiber, is also revenue.

Expenses would be the utility pole attachments which would be rented from Pacific Power and Light Co. and loan repayments, as well as administrative costs for billing, and for maintaining the network, Hepker said

Hepker left Port officials with food for thought regarding finances, which has highlighted a need for further investigation.

Dickenson called the presentation a "fabulous first



# **SPORTS**

# D-W's winter athletes celebrated at awards banquet

By Dave Schreindl | THE TIMES

Thursday's Dayton-Waitsburg Winter Awards Banquet had a bittersweet atmosphere, while laughter rang out throughout the Waitsburg Elementary's multipurpose room there was also the realization that this might be the last athletic celebration for D-W for

It was shortly after this meeting that word got out that Walla Walla and College Place had shut down athletic events and then on Friday, March 13, Governor Inslee announced that Washington State schools will close for six weeks, preventing senior athletes from competing in spring sports one last time.



**Beka Compton** 

D-W Cheerleaders from left to right: Sarah Shutters, Alicia Apodaca, Emma Williams, Anna Miller, Grace Coulston

The awards night began by recognizing the efforts of the cheer squad. Coach Vickie Hamann was unable to attend, so Athletic Director Nicki Luper presented the certificates to Dia Adkins, Sarah Shutters, Natalie Teal, Alicia Apodaca, Jessie Atteberry, Michelle Gomez, Alexis Reeves, Emma Williams, Kaylee White and seniors Grace Coulston, Anna Miller, and Han-

Luper presented four additional awards to the cheer squad. The Most Valuable Cheerer went to Coulston, Most Inspirational went to Tiner, the Most Improved was given to Gomez, and the coach's award was given to Shutters.

Dayton-Waitsburg's girls basketball team were honored next. Coach Desirae Jones presented awards to each of the junior varsity members and shared several short stories about the players and what they meant to the team and herself. She expressed pride in the team's perseverance through multiple injuries late in the season, and how each member of the team stepped up and didn't give up.

Head coach Tamira Culley then praised the girl's varsity team. She thanked her husband, her mom (the super fan), the booster clubs, the boys' basketball team for being the team's biggest fans, and Roy Ramirez, the boys head coach. She shared the key experience that made her know her team was going to be ok, the summer NBC basketball camp. It was Culley's first year as head coach.

She said prior to the end-of-camp tournament her



Members of the D-Ws girls varsity basketball team with their awards received at the Winter Awards Banquet. From left: Claudia Benavides, second team EWAC; Kira Boggs, Team Captain and Defensive Player of the year; Kirsten Miller, the Coaches Award; Sadie Seney, Team Captain, Free-Throw Award, Most Valuable Player, and first team EWAC; McKenzie Dobbs, Most Improved; and Mackenna Culley, Team Captain, Most Inspirational, and second team EWAC.

team was ranked last. She was afraid that news would destroy her team's confidence and self-esteem that they had built up over the previous days, but instead the girls rallied and used it as a chip on their shoulders and made it all the way to the championship game.

Varsity letter awards were given to seniors Kirsten Miller, Destiny Brincken, Kira Boggs, and McKenzie Dobbs. Also awarded were Mackenna Culley, Sadie Seney, Teagen Larsen, Cassidy Laughery, Megan Forney, Cecilia Acevedo, and Claudia Benavides. Coach Culley said Miller stepped in and did everything asked of her including playing the point guard position. She said Brincken was a very passionate player and was determined to get a charge every game. And Boggs was her give-it-her-all great leader. Seney was the leader of the team in points and rebounds and Culley was the defensive specialist.

Head Coach Culley shared a funny story of her daughter's defensive tenacity and obedience in their second game against Walla Walla Valley Academy and the assignment of guarding WWVA's Rylee King, who is 6'3" but hates to be touched. In their first meeting King scored 10 points and the Knights picked up their first win of the season. However, in the second match up, Mackenna Culley held King to just two points. Coach Culley shared that during the contest King had actually asked Culley if she could please 'touch her less' and Culley responded by apologizing that 'this was a basketball game and she couldn't.' It drew a big laugh from the audience, for how Culley politely said

Also praised were the four team managers: Kamryn Tupling, Brooklyn Laughery, Alexa Jones, and Peyton Benavides, as well as the three statisticians Robbie Patterson, Elijah Talbot, and Elise Steinhoff.

Team awards were also handed out: The Most Valuable player went to Seney, the Defensive player was Boggs, the Most Improved was Dobbs, the Most Inspirational went to Culley. The Coach's award went to Miller, the Free Throw Award went to Seney. The Captain's pins went to Seney, Culley, and Boggs. Coach Culley also announced that Seney was named to the EWAC 2B first team while Benavides and Mackenna Culley were named to the second team.

D-W's boys head basketball coach Roy Ramirez was ill, so Assistant Coaches Josh Wilson and Terry Bartlett took presented the boys awards.

Varsity certificates were given to seniors Joe White, Seamus House, and Tayven Seney. Also honored were



Members of D-Ws boys varsity basketball team hold the awards awarded at the annual Winter Sports Banquet. From Left: Monte Pettichord, Most Improved; Tayven Seney, Team Captain; Josiah White, Team Captain and the Mr. D-W Defense Award; Mason Finney, Most Valuable Teammate and second team EWAC: and Seamus House, Coaches Award.

Colton VanBlaricom, Benny Bryan, Sean Evans, Mason Finney, Monte Pettichord, Wyatt Costello, Dylan Bledsoe, and Keon Lindley.

The team awards were also handed out; Most Improved went to Pettichord, the Mr. Defense award went to White, the Most Valuable Team Mate was Finney, who also earned Southeast 2B second team allleague. The Captain awards went to Seney and White, while House garnered the Coach's Award.

As a part of the ceremonies, student-athletes were also awarded certificates if they earned a grade point average of 3.25 or higher. For Waitsburg, the following were awarded scholar athlete certificates: Grace Coulston, Hanneh Tiner, Teagan Larsen, Shawn Evans, Colton VanBlaricom, Megan Forney, and Monte Pettichord.

For Dayton: Cecelia Acevedo, Alicia Apodaca, Claudia Benavides, Mohala Bramer, Benny Bryan, Mackenna Culley, McKenzie Dobbs, Milena Gemmell, Sage Kilts, Cassidy Laughery, Jesse Mings, Joseph Patterson, Sadie Seney, Trista Villaro, Josiah White, Kira Boggs, and Tayven Seney.

The parents put together an amazing and delicious meal of pulled pork and sides of slaw, beans, and potato salad. Each coach and presenter thanked the parents for their involvement and support for the athletic programs and for raising quality kids.

# Baseball card companies: a brief history

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

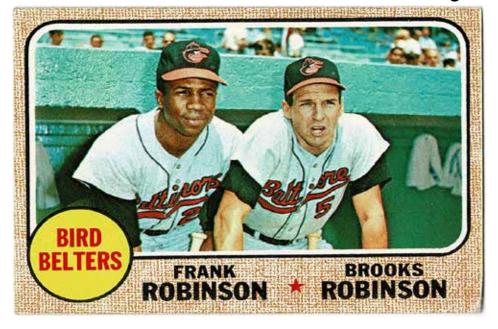
sporting goods company called Peck and Snyder printed up the first baseball cards in the 1860's and used them for advertising their products. A pic-Lture of a player was on one side and on the back was the advertisement for the company. The cards were given out like flyers for free. These were the first cards produced in bulk and the first to be used for advertising. Before this time the cards that were produced were called cabinet cards since they were often displayed in cabinets and used as keepsakes.

Moving into the 1880's, tobacco companies started mass producing cards to boost sales. By the late 1890's several tobacco companies combined to form the American Tobacco Company. This company was so large that it controlled ninety percent of all tobacco sales of the time. It was also one of the original twelve companies in the Dow Jones Index. Because American Tobacco had grown so powerful it no longer needed to produce baseball cards to advertise. Mass produced cards disappeared during this time. It wasn't until the American Tobacco Company was broken up by the U.S. government in 1911 in an antitrust lawsuit that cards came back. Tobacco companies would continue to be the primary printer of baseball cards until America's involvement in World War I.

Once tobacco companies stopped printing cards, candy and gum companies took over. First, caramel companies produced baseball cards, then in the 1930's a company in Boston called Goudey Gum produced artist renditions of the stars of that era including Babe Ruth, Napoleon Lajoie and Carl Hubbell. These cards are still favorites among collectors today. Other gum companies—National Chicle Company, Delong Gum Company and Gum Inc. were active producing baseball cards during this time. In 1941 card printing stopped again. This time it was due to paper scarcity as a result of World War II. For the next seven years few baseball cards were made.

In 1948, baseball card printing started up again with Bowman gum issuing its first set. This was the first company to sell baseball cards with a "stick" of bubble gum. In 1952, Topps Chewing Gum Company of New York City issued its first set. The Topps Mickey Mantle rookie card is still one of the most sought-after cards today. The first cards produced by Topps actually had taffy instead of bubble gum. The next year the company switched to gum as the taffy tasted like the varnish in the cards. Topps baseball cards would include a stick of gum every year until 1991 when card collectors complained that the gum stained cards and ruined their value.

Topps controlled the baseball card market until 1981 when Fleer and Donruss



started making baseball cards. As part of a 1980 court ruling, neither of these companies could package gum in their card packs. In 1988, Score began printing cards and in 1989, Upper Deck entered the baseball card market. The years following Upper Deck's entrance into the market lead to an explosion of different trading sets. During this time collectors regularly consulted baseball card price guides to determine the value of individual cards and sets. It was also the start of the bubble in baseball cards as some new rookie cards freshly opened from packs were listed in guides as worth more than cards that were much older and harder to find. There were so many different sets offered by companies that it became a challenge just to collect all of the cards of an individual favorite player much less the complete

Even though card values had already peaked, the 1994-1995 baseball strike really hurt the baseball card market. Many collectors lost interest at this point and a new company called eBay started up in late 1995 and would be responsible for the end of several local card shops. At the peak, sales of new cards in the early nineties were about \$1.5 billion dollars a year, but by 2008 that had dropped to \$200 million. On August 6, 2009, Major League Baseball announced a deal with Topps giving it exclusive rights to produce MLB baseball cards. As a result of this deal, Topps is left as the last major baseball card producer today.

# **LIFESTYLES**

### WAITSBURG RESOURCE CENTER SEEKS EASTER BLESSING BASKET ITEMS

WAITSBURG—The members of the Waitsburg Resource Center committee are seeking donations of items designated for Easter blessing baskets. Generous citizens can drop items off at the Waitsburg Catholic Church at 405 W. 5th Street, the Waitsburg Christian Church at 604 Main Street, the Waitsburg Presbyterian Church at 504 Main St., or to the Waitsburg Resource Center itself, located at 106 Preston Ave. Please donate your items by April 16.

# WARREN COMMUNITY ACTION FUND APPLICATIONS

WALLA WALLA—Applications are being accepted for grants from the Warren Community Action Fund of the Blue Mountain Community Foundation at www.bluemountainfoundation.org. The deadline for submission is Friday, May 1, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. The application is online only.

Nonprofit and charitable entities are encouraged to apply, particularly those serving Columbia and Walla Walla County, particularly the Waitsburg area. The Warren Community Action Fund honors the deep roots of the Warren Family in this area and is focused on continuing the tradition of community service and impact in honor of Robert and Nadine Warren.

Visit www.bluemountainfoundation.org for more information or call Greer Buchanan, grants manager at BMCF, at (509)529-4371.

# TOMATO AND ONION STARTS AT BLUE MOUNTAIN STATION

DAYTON—The Port of Columbia notes that Blue Mountain Station's Verdurous Gardens is deep into garden preparation. Lorrie & Tom Bensel have hundreds of tomato plants started, some for use in their garden and some that will be available for sale later this spring. Use of Blue Mountain Station's commercial kitchen is ramping up, and the BMS Co-op Market & Nursery has Walla Walla Sweet Onion starts for sale!

### SARAH HLEBICHUK BECOMES REGISTERED PLAY THERAPIST-SUPERVISOR

DAYTON—2001
High School Graduate, and former Dayton resident Sarah (Anderson) Hlebichuk LCSW has earned the prestigious Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor (RPT-S) credential conferred by the Association for Play Therapy (APT) according to its CEO Kathryn Lebby. To receive this credential, applicants must



Sarah (Anderson) Hlebichuk

have earned a master's or higher mental health degree from a higher education institution. Then they must have 150 hours of play therapy training, plus five years and 5,000 hours of post-master's clinical experience. In addition they do 500 supervised and 500 additional hours of play therapy experience. They are licensed or certified by their state boards of practice. Play therapy has become an effective modality which mental health professionals, school counselors, and school psychologist use in developmentally appropriate ways to better communicate with and help clients, especially children.

Hlebichuk is a licensed clinical social worker at Lakehaven Counseling, PLLC in Hayden, ID. She is the daughter of Dayton native Kent Anderson, MD and Judy Anderson and Granddaughter of the late Andy Anderson & Carol Anderson of Dayton.



Onion starts at the Blue Mountain Station

#### Out on a Limb



THE TOOTH FAIRY
VISITS WITH HER COUSIN,
THE TOENAIL FAIRY

by Gary Kopervas

# GROW & BRAND OF FAM

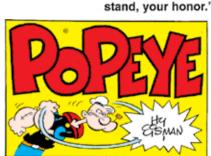


"Just for kicks, I'd like to put my client on the

### LAFF - A - DAY



"I was following this recipe on TV when suddenly

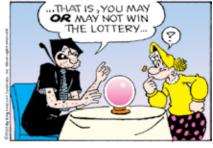


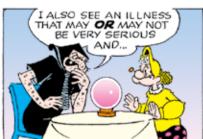
















#### PIONEER PORTRAITS

#### Ten Years Ago March 24, 2011

During the past several years, all has been relatively quiet on the meth front. But in recent months, it appears that local production and consumption of the drug are back on the rise, according to law enforcement officials in Walla Walla and Columbia counties.

It was like a scene from the Sherwood Forest. Men, women, and children tromped through the woods carrying bows and quivers filled with arrows, but this wasn't Robin Hood and his band, nor was it Merry Auld England in the 12th century.

[Photo caption] Tell-tale signs of spring include this year's bumper crop of kids at the Monteillet Fromagerie just west of Dayton. Joan and Pierre-Louis Monteillet reported the birth of 60 goats and 45 sheep this year with another 10 and 25 of each on the way respectively. The farm is among several in the Touchet Valley where the newborns liven up the landscape these early spring days.

#### Twenty-Five Years Ago March 16, 1995

School board members in Waitsburg have given the go-ahead to look into whether a pedestrian overpass on Highway 12 can be built near the local schools.

Somebody is thoughtlessly putting the lives of others in jeopardy. That is the message from officials of Waitsburg Ambulance Service, who have noticed a distressing pattern of ambulance tampering over the past three months.

Daffodils are being sold by the Walla Walla chapter of the American Cancer Society, for \$5 a bunch, and the money will go to support research and patient services. Orders can be made by calling (509) 527-0796. The flowers are to be delivered March 27.

#### Fifty Years Ago March 19, 1970

A change of command took place last Tuesday night as Dr. A. S. Pearson took over the reins of the Commercial Club from Francis Wood. Watching the gavel exchange was the new Vice-President Vernon Smith, and Secretary, Ivan Keve.

Bouquets of red and white gladioli, heather and fern were placed on the white fireplace mantle at Clarkston's Blossom Hill Villa for the wedding of Miss Diana Lynn Minden and Mark Erwin Jacobson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Jacobson of Prescott. The double ring ceremony was performed the afternoon of Feb. 21 by Judge Arna Shoemaker.

#### Seventy-Five Years Ago March 23, 1945

Jim Archer is the local contestant in the F. F. A. oratorical contest, using as his topic, "The Post War Farmer."

Mrs. Margaret Ward and Mrs. Gladys Keve were honored at a birthday party last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Art Combs. Guests were Edna Reimers, Gladys Williamson, Mildred Minnick, Miss Klingman, Daisy Wale, Ruth Gray and her twin sister.

#### One Hundred Years Ago March 26, 1920

J. B. Duncan of Walla Walla, has purchased the stock and fixtures of B. O. Porter Confectionery and ice cream parlor and has taken possession.

Clyde Brotherton, son of Mrs. C. M. Brotherton, who has been working on the Frank Zuger farm, has a severly cut face and a mighty sore foot as the result of a mix-up with a disk harrow on Thursday of last week.

The City Council has consented to lease the City Park grounds just outside the city limits to a number of farmers and horsemen for a term of ten years at the nominal rental rate of \$100 per year.

#### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago March 29, 1895

A. W. Strickland will paint your buggies or hacks at prices to suit the times. See him at Will's drug store.

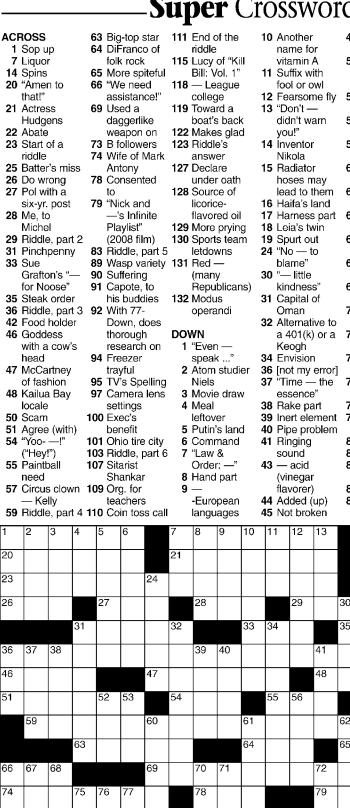
With the decrease in the price of grain there is an increase in the care of crops. Verily hope springeth forever in the breast of the farmer, or how could he diligently sow and reap year after year and see the golden grain pass from his hands without sharing the profits thereof.

A company composed of Prescott people have incorporated for \$7,000 for the purpose of taking out a water ditch to irrigate the barren land below that city. The ditch will be about seven miles long. The incorporators are J. S. Haviland, J. A. Johnson, A. J. Purdy and Henry Ibberson.

# **FUN & GAMES**

# **Super** Crossword

# **RESCUER**



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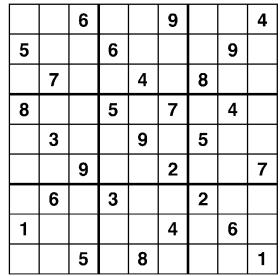
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by Linda Thistle



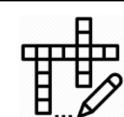
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#### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆ ◆ ◆

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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

# **Mountain Apple-Oat Pancakes**

**f** f this sounds familiar, I shared it a few years **L**ago. It was what came to mind Saturday morning while looking at the bright snow outside. Weekend mornings have more time to fuss with breakfast, or maybe your breakfast comes later in the day.



These are hardy, flavorful pancakes. The cardamom gives it an extra touch. If you don't have any and would like to try the recipe, let me know. I have plenty.

Peanut butter or no peanut butter? I didn't realize that pancakes could be controversial! Of course, peanut butter. Growing up, I remember sometimes we had a soft egg between pancakes. Dad would use leftover bacon grease to fry them and float the eggs in it!! Even today, I want to put oil on my pancake griddle, not that spray on stuff.

There are many varieties of making pancakes, as well as the toppings. I like them for dinner as well. My problem is they are filling and I can't eat as many as I would like.

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

½ c. rolled oats (not instant)\*\*

2 c. pancake mix (we use the Snoqualmie brand)\*\*\*

2 Tbsp sugar or honey

½ tsp cinnamon

½ tsp cardamom, ground

2 c. water

½ c. apple, shredded

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

Combine apple and water in blender to chop/shred quickly. In medium bowl, combine rolled oats, pancake mix, sugar, and spices. (I would think if you are going to use honey, it should go in the blender with apples and water). Add ingredients together and stir until all above are mixed well.

Notes: \*\*\*We have used a pancake mix called Kodiak, it's a little heavier. Either is great.

\*\*We have used regular oatmeal with no problem.

The recipe suggests heat to be 325 degrees and to cook approximately 2 minutes or until bubbles break the surface, turn and cook other side until browned. Cook slowly as the sugar in the mix may cause it to burn easily.

#### **MY NOTES:**

We have enough for one more breakfast. Joe will put them in the toaster oven to heat them up, me, in the microwave because it keep them soft!!

ENJOY—and stay healthy! By Timberline Lodge

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the

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#### DIFFICULTY: ★★

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### **LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:**

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# THE LAST PAGE

# Port of Columbia has hired a new economic development coordinator

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—"I'm very excited to become part of the Port family. I have a lot of great ideas and creativity and look forward to working with other community partners in Dayton," said the Port's new economic coordinator Jennifer DeLannoy.

DeLannoy has many years of retail and restaurant management experience under her belt. She also has experience in accounting and finance and is working toward a BA in Accounting.

For the last six years DeLannoy has been a small business owner, marketing Kid Hub.

She sold mostly online, performing every aspect from creating the line, advertising, listing goods, sales, customer service, packing and shipping.

"I successfully ran that business, until Dec. 2018, when I decided to step back

and enjoy more time with my children," she said. "I love small towns and I will do whatever I can to see Dayton thrive. I want to

help local businesses find ways to grow and flourish." DeLannoy said she plans to get acquainted with the Blue Mountain Station and

downtown Dayton, soon. "If you see me popping in and out of shops, stop me and say 'hi'," she said. DeLannoy is originally from Yakima. She has three children, Savannah, age 12,

Hunter, age 10, and Capri, age 8. Her significant other, Paco Negret, operates Paco's Mechanical and Powder



Jennifer DeLannoy is the Port's new economic development coordinator

Chief and a guinea pig named Rex. She enjoys spending time with family and friends

Coating in one of the Port's industrial buildings.

cats, Turbo and Little Kitty, a bearded dragon named

Their family includes a dog named Pablo, two

and outdoor activities.

"We are all looking forward to exploring Dayton and being involved in all the fun local events," said DeLannoy.

Jennie Dickinson, the Port's Executive Director, had originally interviewed DeLannoy for another job, which has since been split into two part time jobs.

When Kathryn Witherington left her job as the Port's Economic Development Coordinator, in February, Dickinson said she immediately thought of DeLannoy and called her back.

"I think she is the right person for the job because of her business and financial background, her resourcefulness, and her potential. She is smart, hardworking, and creative. I look forward to working with her and helping her learn more about economic development in our rural community," said Dickenson.

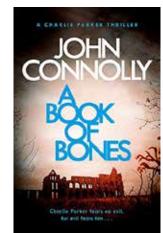
DeLannoy joins another new employee, Kelly Hinds, who is the Port's administrative assistant. Hinds began work at the Port in January.

# **New Reads for March**

Weller Public Library 212 Main Street, Waitsburg Hours: Monday and Thursday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (closed noon - 1 p.m.) Saturday: 10 a.m. - noon

A Book of Bones by John Connelly Adult fiction, Thriller

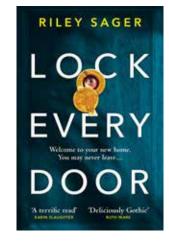
Connolly's complex, pulse-pounding supernatural thriller featuring Maine-based investigator Charlie Parker finds Parker still on the trail of Quayle, a possibly immortal English lawyer, and Pallida Mors, Quayle's appropriately named killing machine. Their duel now continues, as clues about the



two villains, who rival Hannibal Lecter in their creepiness, send Parker and his allies to Amsterdam in search of them, even as police in the U.K. probe a series of murders connected with a bizarre religion, the Congregation of Adam Before Eve & Eve Before Adam, whose god demands the spilling of blood. (Publisher's

Lock Every Door by Riley Sager

Adult fiction, Thriller No visitors. No nights spent away from the apartment. No disturbing the other residents. all of whom are rich or famous or both. These are the only rules for Jules Larsen's new job as an apartment sitter at the Bartholomew, one Manhattan's most high-profile and mysterious buildings. Recent-



ly heartbroken and just plain broke, Jules is taken in by the splendor of her surroundings and accepts the terms, ready to leave her past life behind. (Goodreads)

#### Chain of Gold

by Cassandra Clare Historical fiction

Chain of Gold is the first novel in a new trilogy that stars the Shadowhunters of Edwardian London. Welcome to Edwardian London, a time of electric lights and long shadows, the celebration of artistic beauty and the wild pursuit of pleasure,

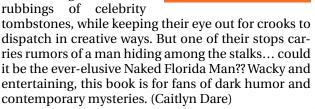
with demons waiting in the dark. For years there has been peace in the Shadowhunter world. James and Lucie Herondale, children of the famous Will and Tessa, have grown up in an idyll with their loving friends and family, listening to stories of good defeating evil and love conquering all. But everything changes when the Blackthorn and Carstairs families come to London...and so does a remorseless and inescapable plague. (Goodreads)

Dayton Memorial Library 111 S. 3rd Street, Dayton, WA Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 - 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday: Noon - 8 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

#### Naked Came the Florida Man

by Tim Dorsey **Adult Fiction** 

Dorsey's latest in his series about amateur sleuth Serge Storms, a serial killer with a warped moral streak, and his stoner buddy Colman finds the duo on a road trip through Florida. They visit cemeteries around the state so that Serge can make

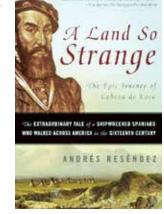




#### A Land So Strange: The Epic Journey of Cabeza de Vaca

by Andrés Reséndez Biography

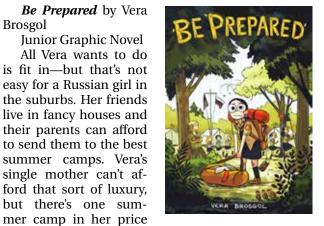
In 1528, a mission set out from Spain to colonize Florida. But the expedition went horribly wrong: Delayed by a hurricane, knocked off course by a colossal error of navigation, and ultimately doomed by a disastrous decision to separate the men from



their ships, the mission quickly became a desperate journey of survival. Of the four hundred men who had embarked on the voyage, only four survived. This tiny band endured a horrific march through Florida, a harrowing raft passage across the Louisiana coast, and years of enslavement in the American Southwest. They journeyed for almost ten years in search of the Pacific Ocean that would guide them home. n this enthralling tale Andres Resendez brings to life the vast, dynamic world of North America just a few years before European settlers would transform it forever. (Goodreads)

#### Be Prepared by Vera Brosgol

Junior Graphic Novel All Vera wants to do is fit in-but that's not easy for a Russian girl in the suburbs. Her friends live in fancy houses and their parents can afford to send them to the best summer camps. Vera's single mother can't afford that sort of luxury, but there's one sum-



range—Russian summer camp. Vera is sure she's found the one place she can fit in, but camp is far from what she imagined. And nothing could prepare her for all the "cool girl" drama, endless Russian history lessons, and outhouses straight out of nightmares! (Goodreads)

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