

Dayton Mercentile and Waitsburg Grocery work hard to maintain products and services during the COVID-19 pandemic

Owners of both local businesses express gratitude to their customers and employees

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

Grocery stores and their employees have become front-line services in these stay-at-home times. The Waitsburg Grocery Store on Main Street has been busy during the quarantine. Supply-chain challenges, stocking products customers are used to, and increased delivery and curbside service has required long work weeks from owner Jamie McMillen-Smit.

One of her first supply issues involved the price of eggs, which at one point reached three dollars a dozen while McMillen-Smit's cost was \$3.21 a dozen. McMillen-Smit noted she "couldn't bring myself to charge over \$3 a dozen." After working with dairy supplier Meadow Gold she was able to bring her costs down, allowing her to drop the price to \$2.50 a dozen.

Her biggest issue so far, was losing her main grocery supplier, URM Stores, Inc, moments after she had placed a large order. URM helped her set up an account with a different supplier whose clientele are primarily convenience stores.

"Now our candy supply is fantastic, because when you are dealing with a convenience store wholesaler, that's what they stock - I don't have any problem getting candy, or Hostess," she said. The problem is she needs groceries which now takes extra effort to procure.

"It's definitely been a challenge," said McMillen-Smit.

McMillen-Smit travels to Pendleton on Tuesday mornings to buy directly from Hill Meat products, supplying her customers with the products they like,



Lane Gwinn

Kaz Ravenwolf Pennington, from Waitsburg Grocery, helping customers on a Tuesday afternoon. Waitsburg Grocery and its employees are committed to keeping Waitsburg safe and healthy by practicing social distancing and disinfecting shared surfaces.

including the company's Old-Fashioned Frankfurters, pork and bacon. Meadow Gold Dairy and Frans Bread Company continue twice-a-week delivery schedules. Beer, spirits, and pop are keeping up with supply needs with once a week delivery.

"Our customers have been great; I've definitely seen the influx of more local buying. Grocery carts-full rather than baskets-full. People are definitely not

wanting to leave town. Our deliveries and curbside (services) have gone up, we are probably doing 15-20 a week, where we used to do only one a month."

Curbside pickup and delivery service are offered Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Day use at state parks and public lands to re-open on May 5

Public is urged to "recreate responsibly"

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Gov. Jay Inslee announced on Monday, April 27, a partial re-opening of some outdoor recreation activities. Scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, with appropriate safety precautions in place, the public can enjoy: fishing; hunting; playing golf; and day use at state parks, state public lands managed by the Department of Natural Resources and at state Fish and Wildlife areas. Boat launches will also re-open.

The public is cautioned that it may take several days for gates to be unlocked and sites to be serviced at remote areas due to limited staff capacity.

Visitor centers, camping and other overnight accommodations on state-managed lands will remain closed until further notice.

"Outdoor recreation is one of the best things we can do to promote physical, mental and emotional well-being for Washingtonians during a time of great stress and isolation," Inslee said. "And springtime in our state is Washington at its best and people want to be out enjoying outdoor activities in a safe and responsible way.

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The Port of Columbia and the Dayton Chamber are teaming up to help business owners and workers during the COVID-19 challenge

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Port of Columbia and Dayton Chamber officials have been working to gather, distill, and impart information that will help the business community as well as sidelined workers weather the COVID-19 storm.

Part of this information gathering includes trying to decipher the programs they are looking into so they can help answer questions, reaching out to local foundations that have emergency funds, and then getting that money into the community.

"That is how we got the \$25,000 from Blue Mountain Community Foundation and \$20,000 from Innovia for Project Timothy, \$99,000 for the Food Bank from Blue Mountain Community Foundation, and \$12,500 from Innovia for The Club, to pay their staff for providing childcare for the first responders," said Jennie Dickinson, the Port's Executive Director.

Dickinson said while social services isn't usually part of the Port's domain, providing dedicated funds to help displaced workers with rent, utilities, food, and anything else that will help bridge the gap, is an important part of her recent efforts.

For instance, she participates in an advisory group which helped to direct funds from the Blue Mountain Community Foundation's COVID-19 Emergency Fund, to the regional food bank.

Dickinson has also been sitting in on state Department of Commerce calls to stay updated on programs.

She is facilitating the Washington Works Small Business Emergency Grant program for Columbia County, which will allow the Port to contract with businesses and disperse funds, once the state selects the recipients.

The Port has also been hosting additional Economic Development Steering Committee (EDSC) meetings so that challenges can be discussed by local government, businesses, and nonprofit agencies, and needs of the community can be identified.

Twenty-three stakeholders, including Victor Valerio from U.S. Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers' Walla Walla office attended an EDSC meeting, last week.

Valerio said McMorris Rodgers is favoring additional funding for the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program, more funding for hospitals, and more funding for local governments, before all else.

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COVID-19 Watch

As of Tuesday, April 28 at 10 a.m. Walla Walla County had 61 positive cases for COVID-19, with five individuals currently hospitalized. Columbia County has one positive case, Benton and Franklin Counties have 853 confirmed cases with 43 deaths.

Walla Walla County is linking nine positive cases to Tyson Fresh Meats, five to FirstFruits, Inc. and seven cases to long term care facilities (employee or resident).

Benton-Franklin Counties link 130 cases to long term care/senior living residents, 101 cases to long term care/senior living staff, 114 positive cases to Tyson Fresh Meats, and 129* cases to healthcare facility employees.

(*Healthcare facility employees may also be counted in long term care facility staff.)

Nationwide, there are 990,135 confirmed positive cases and 56,876 Americans have lost their lives.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

ECOLOGY SEES INCREASE IN ILLEGAL DUMPING AMID COVID-19

Department urges safe disposal of household waste

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—The Department of Ecology's spill responders are seeing an increase in the number of illegal dumpings of chemicals and other waste. While many collection sites are closed due to COVID-19, Ecology is reminding everyone not to dump household waste. Abandoning chemical waste can have lasting effects on human health and the environment.

Waste oil, paint, household chemicals or other hazardous materials should be safely stored until waste collection facilities reopen. For a list of facilities that will accept waste from households and businesses, visit Ecology's website at ecology.wa.gov

Abandoned waste can impact plants, fish, surface water, groundwater, recreational areas and drinking water sources. One quart of oil can pollute more than 100,000 gallons of water.

"We typically don't see blatant abandonment of these products in our parks and public areas, but it's been happening recently," said Dave Byers, response section manager with Ecology's Spills Program. "Damage to our environment can be avoided with people taking the proper steps to dispose of these chemicals. Doing otherwise puts people and our environment in jeopardy and can result in penalties to those responsible. Please do not dump these hazardous materials illegally."

If you find abandoned hazardous material, or want to report a spill, visit Ecology's reporting page, or call 1-800-OILS-911.

Reader photo



Third grader Carter Barron has a message he would like to share with Waitsburg School District teachers and employees.

NEW SYMPTOMS FOR COVID-19 ACCORDING TO THE CDC

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently updated the governmental organization's website with additional symptoms for the coronavirus. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Or at least two of these symptoms:
- Fever
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

The site states that "This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you." For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

BLUE MOUNTAIN ACTION COUNCIL COVID-19 RESPONSE

During the last month (March 21 to April 18) BMAC has directly provided 9,653 people with 93,678 meals worth of food. On average that is 3.5 day's worth of food per person served once per week.

In Walla Walla County, BMAC is now directly providing 3.5 days of food assistance to 5% of the population every week. Three other pantries are also operating in Walla Walla County and receiving food from BMAC.

In Columbia County, BMAC is now directly providing 3.5 days of food assistance to over 10% of the population every week.

On April 18th 2020, BMAC and the National Guard served 647 households almost 30,000 pounds of food. Items included in the April 18th box were bananas, grapefruit, asparagus, tomatoes, tuna, peanut butter, sweet potato fries, onions, potatoes, oranges, frozen peas, split peas, spaghetti pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned mixed vegetables, grapes, toilet paper, raisins, bread, canned pork, pretzels, and orange juice.

DAYTON DAYS PARADE, MULE MANIA CANCELLED. BRIX AND BREW MOVED TO NOVEMBER

DAYTON—The Dayton Chamber's annual fundraising event, Brix and Brew has been moved from May 8, to Nov. 6, according to the Dayton Chamber Manager Molly Weatherill-Tate.

This is the second time the fundraiser has been moved because of concerns around the COVID-19 situation.

Weatherill-Tate said the Dayton Days parade, scheduled for Memorial Weekend, has been cancelled.

"Social distancing will likely be around for several more weeks and with the parade scheduled for May, the board didn't want to bring a large group to town," she said about the parade.

The Dayton Days Rodeo is still on for Saturday, May 23, according to the committee's Facebook page.

Mule Mania, which had been slated for the weekend after Memorial Day has also been cancelled. The Mule Mania committee made the decision because of social distancing requirements. Mule Mania will be back in June of 2021.

Weatherill-Tate said the Chamber board will make a decision about whether to go forward with All Wheels Weekend, slated to take place on June 19-21, sometime in May.

Additionally, the Dayton Alumni weekend event scheduled for July 17-19, is also cancelled.

BLUE MOUNTAIN HUMANE SOCIETY ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS, POSTPONES ANNUAL MEETING

WALLA WALLA—Joel Christiansen and Julian Saturno have been elected to the Board of Directors for Blue Mountain Humane Society, despite the indefinite postponement of the annual membership meeting which had been scheduled for Monday, April 27 at 7 E. George Street in Walla Walla. The postponement is in adherence with Governor Inslee's Stay Home, Stay Healthy order.

Joel Christiansen moved to Walla Walla from Portland, OR in July 2018. Joel lives with his partner, Dr. Sarah Carter, and their two rescue dogs, Milo and Gus. Joel has been an employment attorney for 12 years and is currently a partner at Voge & Christiansen in Northwest Portland working remotely from an office on Main Street in Walla Walla.

Julian Saturno is a sixth generation Walla Walla native. Julian studied Graphic Design at Southern Adventist University while working at his family's business. Gaining knowledge and experience in corporate America, Julian chose to return to Walla Walla. He is currently a freelance graphic designer and works with his family's business managing real estate and agriculture.

Current Directors Tammie Buchanan-Herron, Tami Stapleton and Jayne McCarthy were elected to serve additional terms on the agency's Board of Directors. The agency's by-laws allow for Board member elections provided the membership is given an opportunity to vote to ratify elections at a later date.

Plans to reschedule the annual meeting will be shared with its members and on Blue Mountain Humane Society's Facebook page. Members of the Society are encouraged to attend the annual meeting to engage with the Board to help shape the future efforts of the agency, and to support the election of Board members who govern the Society and provide direction as new programs and services are developed to meet its mission.

Touchet Valley Weather

April 29, 2020

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Few Showers	Few Showers	Few Showers	Cloudy
High: 76 Low: 53	High: 67 Low: 44	High: 70 Low: 49	High: 68 Low: 46	High: 63 Low: 41	High: 64 Low: 42	High: 63 Low: 41

Weather Trivia

What were Benjamin Franklin's contributions to meteorology?

ANSWER: He showed that lightning is electricity.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	68	47	64/43	0.00"	0.22"
Wednesday	62	44	64/43	0.05"	0.46"
Thursday	65	49	64/43	0.08"	-0.24"
Friday	64	44	64/43	0.00"	57.0°
Saturday	67	46	65/43	0.09"	53.8°
Sunday	69	45	65/43	0.00"	+3.2°
Monday	72	56	65/44	Trace	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	5:42 a.m.	7:59 p.m.	10:28 a.m.	1:41 a.m.
Thursday	5:40 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	11:36 a.m.	2:26 a.m.
Friday	5:38 a.m.	8:02 p.m.	12:49 p.m.	3:05 a.m.
Saturday	5:37 a.m.	8:03 p.m.	2:06 p.m.	3:38 a.m.
Sunday	5:35 a.m.	8:04 p.m.	3:24 p.m.	4:07 a.m.
Monday	5:34 a.m.	8:06 p.m.	4:44 p.m.	4:34 a.m.
Tuesday	5:33 a.m.	8:07 p.m.	6:05 p.m.	5:00 a.m.

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Adams Warnock retiring after 13 years of volunteer service

Patsy Welch Adams Warnock has served on Prescott Joint Park and Recreation District Board since 2007

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

PRESCOTT—The Prescott Joint Park and Recreation District has maintained a park and pool that is well known around our valley for being clean, family friendly, and just plain fun. After more than a decade of volunteering as a commissioner for the district, Patsy Welch Adams Warnock is hanging up her sunhat and retiring from the job.

A former school teacher, Patsy has a deep love for helping others. Her family has been in the area for more than a decade where she says volunteering has become a way of life for her, and she couldn't ask for a better community to serve.

After graduating from Prescott High School and moving all over Washington state, Patsy was more than happy to come home in 2005. Since her return, Patsy has served 13 years on the rural library district board and 13 years as a commissioner on the Prescott Joint Park and Recreation District (PJPRD).

"One of the pool board members said 'you know, I've got a job for you. I know something you could do to keep busy,'" Patsy said.

Patsy agreed to fill out the term for another board member in 2007. Since then she was elected to serve two full terms on the board. Her current term will be ending December 31, 2020. She said she is sad to see her time as a commissioner end, but she has plenty of other volunteer work to keep her busy.

Patsy said that the commissioners oversee all operations of both the pool and the park. They are also tasked with securing funding for both facilities, as well. Day to day operations and maintenance



Patsy Welch Adams

are funded by levy money, additional projects are often funded with grant money. The commissioners are required to prepare the levy and complete any needed grant applications.

Over her 13 years as a commissioner, Patsy said that one of the most enjoyable parts of the job has been always having great employees.

"We have lots of return lifeguards and employees," Patsy said. "We give a lot of kids their first real jobs and many of them come back year after year." All lifeguards are required to go through training before they are able to work. Patsy also said that the lifeguards have been very successful with swimming lessons for kids all over the Valley.

"I am so proud that a tiny little place like Prescott is able to vote in the support year after year," Patsy said, in reference to the annual levy. She said that the community has really rallied to vote over the past ten years, and the support has made her job very rewarding. "The swimming pool and the library are the heart of our little community. And the Tux!"

Elections for the PJPRD will be held in the fall and interested parties must have their application in to the Walla Walla County Elections Office by the first week of May to be on the ballot. For further information, the PJPRD office can be reached at (509) 849-2314.



Courtesy photo

Patsy Welch Warnock Adams has spent the past 13 years as a Prescott Joint Park and Recreation District commissioner. Her term will end at the end of the year, and Patsy said she is looking forward to seeing new leadership in the district.

The park and recreation commissioners were able to purchase new play equipment after receiving various grants for Prescott Park. Sherwood Trust awarded the district a large portion of the grant money needed.

Inslee announces plan to allow construction projects previously underway to be completed

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Gov. Jay Inslee, in consultation with the state's construction industry, announced a plan on April 24 that would allow current construction projects to be completed.

The recommendations were informed by workers, contractors, health and safety experts, and local government officials, for safe construction standards.

"I thank all those involved in the construction work group in helping us get to this decision in a responsible way that supports workers, businesses, and communities in a way that protects the health of all of their families and ours," Inslee said. "Our strategy is working, and we need to keep with it. We would much rather protect people from sickness and death now, so that we don't have to go through this crisis all over again later."

The requirements developed by the work group are as follows:

1) Restart existing construction projects with COVID-19 safety plans that allow work which only can be performed while meeting social distancing requirements.

2) Prior to recommencing work, all contractors are required to develop and post at each job site a comprehensive COVID-19

exposure control, mitigation and recovery plan.

3) All contractors are required to post at each job site a written notice to employees, subcontractors and government officials the work that will be performed at that job site and a signed commitment to adhere to the requirements.

4) All contractors have a general obligation to keep a safe and healthy job site in accordance with state and federal law.

Specific safety requirements include:

COVID-19 site supervisor

A site-specific COVID-19 supervisor will be designated by the contractor at every job site to monitor the health of employees and enforce the COVID-19 job site safety plan.

COVID-19 safety training — A training must be conducted on all job sites on the first day of returning to work, and weekly thereafter, to explain the protective measures in place for all workers.

Social distancing

Social distancing of at least 6 feet of separation must be maintained by every person on the job site at all times.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) — employer provided — Employers must provide personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, goggles, face shields and face masks as appropriate, or required, for

the work being done. The plan also includes proper sanitation and cleanliness for workers, as well as policies to encourage workers to stay home or leave the job site when they are sick.

The order includes public construction projects underway from the state Department of Transportation as well. WSDOT staff and contractors will implement similar protocols and crews will need to demonstrate how they will adhere to safety protocols and compliance.

"My office and the Department of Commerce will convene stakeholder groups to develop plans similar to what we have seen with the Construction Roundtable, to have procedures in place when the time is right to modify restrictions," Inslee said. "Their work has served as a model for reaching consensus on strict safety guidelines. And this is how we intend to work with other industries and groups on eventually lifting restrictions on other sectors of the economy. We cannot yet say when more businesses will reopen because that will be driven by health data."

Concerns that a company isn't following the requirements can be reported to Washington State Labor and Industries at 1-800-723-7233.

Dayton School District breakfast & lunch delivery times

Meals will be delivered by school bus to the following locations: (Times are approximate)

Bus #1

11:00 a.m. – Valley View Court
11:30 a.m. – Country Village
12:00 p.m. – Cameron Court

Bus #2

11:00 a.m. – 1st Street/Richmond Ave
11:20 a.m. – 4th Street/Dayton Ave
11:25 a.m. – Knoblock Apartments
12:00 p.m. – 4th Street (Adventist Church Parking Lot)

Meals will also be available for pickup at the Dayton Elementary Multipurpose Room at 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, please contact the administration office at (509) 382-2543 or Jana Eaton at (509) 520-7051. Arrangements can be made for rural deliveries.



Waitsburg Schools Meal Drop off

WAITSBURG—Starting April 20, Waitsburg School District will be delivering meals to your home. Please visit www.waitsburgsd.org to sign up.

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

Dayton Senior Center
403 E. Patit St.
12 p.m.
Drive up only

Thurs., Apr. 30

Taco salad

All the fixings

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Fruit

Milk

Tues., May 5

Smoked sausage

Mac & cheese

Caesar salad

Fresh Fruit

Milk

WAITSBURG SENIOR LUNCH MENU

Waitsburg Senior Center
504 Main Street

Tues., May 5

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Italian veggies

Salad bar

Garlic bread

Fruit

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Tyson Fresh Meats in Wallula halts production

Health officials in Walla Walla, Benton and Franklin Counties to work with company to test its 1,400+ employees

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

Tyson Fresh Meats closed its Wallula plant on Friday, April 24 to begin working with the Walla Walla Department of Community Health (DCH) to test all 1,400 employees for the COVID-19 virus. Over 110 workers have tested positive for the virus as of April 24. Nine employees who reside in Walla Walla County are among those who have tested positive.

The Walla Walla Department of Community Health (DCH) obtained test kits from the State of Washington Department of Health (DOH). It will take about three days for test results to come back. Results will be communicated to Tyson employees and will be reviewed by DCH staff, the local health officers of Walla Walla County and the Benton and Franklin Health District, and Tyson to determine a plan to resume production.

The Department of Community Health has been engaged with both local and corporate Tyson teams since April 6th when their Environmental Health Team met with Tyson to discuss their current cases and mitigation measures. Since then, the DCH has been in daily communication with Tyson to ensure the required mitigation measures are put in place.

BIRTHDAYS

April 30: Janice Wills, and Patti Eng.

May 1: Josh Smith, Jennifer Jameson, Adam Erikson, Troy Larsen, Corinne Atkinson and Barbara Saxon Abbey.

May 2: Kevin Davis, Patsy Fredericks, Bill Hopwood, Roger Hillis and TerriLynn Stensgar.

May 3: Alexander Reese, Hanna Becker, Dorothy Wolfe and Andrew Peterson.

May 4: Liya Senter, Tom Land, Anna Ray, Kathryn Fry and Ashley Janovich.

May 5: Jim Tuttle, Dian McQuade, Pamela Parsons, Todd Wood, Rhiannon Chapman, Kin Hofer, Kelly Thomas Ward, Jim Crawford.

May 6: Scott and Ellie Johnson, Betty Mosley, Joan Kennedy, Barbara Danforth, Annette Bergevin, Marcy Thompson, Theron Barbee, Jonathan Cospier and Kylie McConnell, Katelynn Martin.

Inslee announces Colorado & Nevada will join Washington, Oregon & California in Western States Pact

Working group of states' decision-making to be directed by public health data and science

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Gov. Jay Inslee announced on April 27 that Colorado Governor Jared Polis and Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak are joining Washington, Oregon and California in the Western States Pact -- a working group of Western state governors with a shared vision for modifying stay at home orders and fighting COVID-19.

"In Washington state, our decisions are guided by public health data and science and this is a principle we share up and down the West Coast. Governor Polis and Governor Sisolak are taking that approach as well, and the addition of their states will strengthen this regional partnership and save lives," Inslee said.

"Coloradans are working together to slow the spread of COVID-19 and have important information to share with and to gain from other states. I'm thrilled Colorado is joining the Western States Pact," Gov. Jared Polis said. "There's no silver bullet that will solve this pandemic until there is a cure so we must have a multifaceted and bold approach in order to slow the spread of the virus, keep our people safe and help our economy rebound."

"I'm honored to have the state of Nevada join the Western States Pact and believe the sharing of critical information and best practices on how to mitigate the spread, protect the health and safety of our residents, and reopen responsibly will be invaluable as we chart our paths forward," Gov. Steve Sisolak said.

Earlier this month, Inslee, along with California Governor Gavin Newsom and Oregon Governor Kate Brown, announced they would be working together under a shared vision for gradually modifying their state's stay at home orders and fighting COVID-19.

They listed three shared principles as foundational to the agreement:

- Our residents' health comes first. As home to nearly one in five Americans and gateway to the rest of the world, the West Coast has an outsized stake in controlling and ultimately defeating COVID-19.

- Health outcomes and science—not politics—will guide these decisions. Modifications to our states'

stay at home orders must be made based off our understanding of the total health impacts of COVID-19, including: the direct impact of the disease on our communities; the health impact of measures introduced to control the spread in communities—particularly felt by those already experiencing social disadvantage prior to COVID-19; and our health care systems' ability to ensure care for those who may become sick with COVID-19 and other conditions. This effort will be guided by data. We need to see a decline in the rate of spread of the virus before large-scale reopening, and we will be working in coordination to identify the best metrics to guide this.

Our states will only be effective by working together. Each state will work with its local leaders and communities within its borders to understand what's happening on the ground and adhere to our agreed upon approach.

As part of the Western States Pact, the governors commit to working together toward the following four goals:

- Protecting vulnerable populations at risk for severe disease if infected. This includes a concerted effort to prevent and fight outbreaks in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities.

- Ensuring an ability to care for those who may become sick with COVID-19 and other conditions. This will require adequate hospital surge capacity and supplies of personal protective equipment.

- Mitigating the non-direct COVID-19 health impacts, particularly on disadvantaged communities.

- Protecting the general public by ensuring any successful lifting of interventions includes the development of a system for testing, tracking and isolating. The states will work together to share best practices.



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TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

OBITUARIES

Mark James

On Friday, April 17, 2020, Mark James, beloved husband, brother, son, and father of two, passed away at his home in Walla Walla. He was 66.



Mark was born on October 8, 1953 in Honolulu, Hawaii to Clark and B.A. James. After graduating from Dayton High School in 1971, Mark went on to college at Washington State University, where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Education in 1976. On May 7, 1977, he married Linda Geer James in Dayton. Together they raised two children, Krysten and Brian.

Mark spent most of his career in the food industry, living and working in Minnesota, Illinois, North Carolina, Idaho, and California before returning to Walla Walla with his family in 2004 to pursue his renewed passion for farming. He spent the last years of his life developing and running his farm business, restoring and riding motorcycles, and enjoying annual trips with friends and family. Mark will be remembered as a hard working business owner, enthusiastic supporter and member of the local community, and fun loving friend to all who knew him.

Mark was preceded in death by his father Clark and his step-father Ike Keve. He is survived by his mother B.A. Keve, his wife Linda, his two children, Krysten Mabe (Josh) and Brian, his brother Randy (Terri), his sister Laurie Malecha (Ron), and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. A celebration of life to honor Mark will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Blue Mountain Heritage Society or the charitable organization of your choice. Condolences may be addressed to the family at Herring Groseclose Funeral Home, 315 West Alder, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

Erma Lou Galt

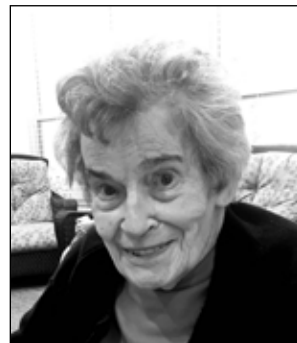
Erma Lou Galt (84), Richmond, Va., went to be with the angels on April 17, 2020. Erma Lou was born in Okanogan, Wash., and grew up in southeast Washington. She attended Yakima High School where she participated in cheerleading, drama, yearbook and student government.

In 1953, Erma Lou entered Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., to pursue a degree in sociology. At Whitman, she was active in Press Club, Editor of the yearbook, YMCA Leadership Training Chairperson and Secretary of the Admissions Committee. Erma Lou was inducted into the Mortor Board National Honor Society and represented the college in "Who's Who in American Colleges." Erma Lou was a proud member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority at Whitman, where she was affectionately nicknamed "Jonesie." She acted as President her junior year, was a member of the Panhellenic Council and a National Convention Representative. Nominated by Kappa Kappa Gamma, she was crowned Homecoming Queen in her senior year, 1957. Erma Lou was grateful for her Whitman education which allowed her to fully appreciate foreign cultures and experiences.

After graduation, Erma Lou moved to San Francisco and accepted a position with McCormick Schilling. In 1961, Erma Lou married Victor Galt and started a family. Erma Lou, Victor and their three sons soon began their international adventures during Victor's CIA career. Foreign travels included tours in Thailand (Udorn and Bangkok), Seoul Korea as well stateside assignments in Williamsburg and Los Angeles. After each tour the family returned to "home base" on Sleaford Road in Annandale, Va.

Erma Lou had several jobs in real estate but focused most of her energy on caring for her home and family and supporting all of her sons' sports endeavors. As

she was approaching life as an empty nester, Victor was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. She spent the next 30 years as a full-time caregiver. Upon Victor's passing in 2006, Erma Lou moved to Richmond, "a dream spot for history," where she enjoyed time with her family and traveled to Europe, Asia and Egypt, Alaska, Panama and the Caribbean.



Erma Lou had passion for American history, new adventures, learning, cooking and travel. She enjoyed swimming, tennis, skiing, walking on the beach and playing bridge. As a member of the DAR, Erma Lou diligently documented family history, including that of the Zuger family farm in Waitsburg, Wash., which is still owned by extended family after six generations. She lived "all the way," with a zest for life and sharp wit that made an impact on everyone she met. She will truly be missed. Erma Lou was preceded in death by her parents, Margaret and Vincent Jones; husband, Victor Galt; brother, LTCR William Jones. Erma Lou is survived by her sons, Marc (partner, Melissa Norton), Stephen (Mary Maher) and Nick (Barbara); grandchildren, Sarah, Shannon, Lauren, Laina, Alex, Andrew and Annalise; as well as Zuger cousins, nephews and a rich circle of lifetime friends. The family is forever grateful for the care given by the staff at Sunrise Assisted Living and Hospice Community Care. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Wounded Warrior Fund.

TEAMING UP- FROM PAGE 1

The Port followed the EDSC meeting with a conversation with Judy Jones from the Walla Walla Small Business Development Center, who talked about the Paycheck Protection Program, and provided tips to business owners on how to survive and thrive during the COVID-19 situation.

Dayton Chamber Manager Mollie Weatherill-Tate said the Chamber has been supporting the Washington Works Small Business Emergency Grant, as well.

As a member of the Washington Main Street program, through the Dayton Development Task Force, the Chamber is supporting a request from the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Federation of Independent Business to raise the amount of the WWSB Emergency Grant from \$5 million to \$50 million.

As part of her involvement with the Main Street group, Weatherill-Tate is also sitting in on regular calls with other Main Street members to share best practices for how to help small businesses through this crisis and develop a recovery action plan that can be used to guide Dayton businesses beyond the next twelve months.

She is also sharing small business posts on social media to get the word out about restaurant hours, specials, and other items.

The Chamber has been running a Shop Local! Share the Love! social media campaign for the last several weeks. The goal is to encourage the public to shop local, post a photo or comment about their purchase, on Facebook or Instagram, and be given a chance to win \$25 in Dayton Dollars each Monday.

Weatherill-Tate and Dickinson are encouraging people to contact state legislators and governors with their concerns. They would like people to reach out to them for help, as well.

Molly Weatherill-Tate can be reached at the Dayton Chamber office at: (509) 382-4825, or online at: HistoricDayton.com

Contact Jennie Dickinson at the Port office at: (509) 382-2577, or directly by phone at: (509) 520-4341.



Michele Smith

DAYTON—National Guardsmen from throughout eastern Washington were on hand at the Columbia County fairgrounds last Tuesday to distribute food to those struggling with food insecurity. Eric Mora, Assistant Warehouse Operator for the Blue Mountain Action Council, which oversees the regional food bank, said business has been brisk. 153 households in Columbia County were served the week following Easter Sunday. Mora said this drive-through food bank will continue to operate at the fairgrounds on Tuesdays, from 2-4 p.m. \$99,000 was designated for the regional food bank through funds from the Blue Mountain Community Foundation's COVID-19 Emergency Fund.

Barbara Danforth

Happy 90th Birthday

To our favorite family historian and people-person extraordinaire!
You are truly one of a kind!
We love you!
All of your Family

2020 CENSUS — WAITSBURG
YOUR DATA IS NEEDED!

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg residents' participation in the 2020 census is one of the lowest in Washington state. So far only 36 percent of town residents have completed the survey. It can't be because we don't have time, we are stuck at home!

If you haven't filled out a census form yet, go online and let's get Waitsburg's participation up to 100 percent!

Deadline for the Self-Response Phase, online, phone and mailed self-responses, has been extended to October 31, 2020.

Here is where we our local participation is as of April 27.

- Waitsburg self-response = 36.5 percent
- Walla Walla self-response = 60.3 percent
- Dayton self-response = 60.3 percent
- Washington State self-response = 58.8 percent

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NEWS & LEGALS

WALLA WALLA COUNTY SHERIFF REACTS TO PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS BY CALLING FOR BUSINESSES TO REOPEN

County health director cautions rash action will 'lead to more deaths'

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla County Sheriff Mark Crider released a letter on April 23 stating that “the Walla Walla County Sheriff’s Office is primarily funded from sales tax, so is imperative that we get Walla Walla County businesses back up and running.”

Crider stated that the five percent budget cuts his department are being asked to make by Walla Walla County Commissioners would slice \$232,595 out of a \$4,651,905 total budget.

Crider asserts that these budget cuts “can only mean one thing, we are going to have to cut manpower by reducing (patrol) hours or cut positions. We have been operating with three deputies per shift, for most of the last twelve months, to cover our county of 1300 square miles. The Walla Walla Sheriff’s Office currently serves our citizens 24 hours a day but, with a 5% cut we will be forced to look at cutting back to 16-20 hours of coverage a day. That would be a clear step back in the service we strive to provide to the citizens of Walla Walla County.”

In a response to The Times, Meghan DeBolt, Director of the Walla Walla County Health Department, noted that Sheriff Crider has been part of the Unified Command, and that this statement “goes against what the UC stands for.” And, that his statement “does not take into account the community’s best interest. It is mostly about reopening so we can generate sales tax to help fund his operations.”

When the Times reached out to Walla Walla County Commissioners their office replied: “The Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners were not consulted on the content or had any prior knowledge of what was being released by the Walla Walla County Sheriff.

At this time, we have no comment.”

Walla Walla County Commissioner District 3 Greg Tompkins offered the following statement on his personal Facebook page, “...please know that we have sent countless letters to the governor’s office and are on the phone with his office at least twice weekly, trying to get less restrictive options for our small business owners.”

Crider mentions joining “Benton and Franklin counties in opening our county” likely in response to Franklin County Sheriff Jim Raymond’s letter of Monday, April 21. YakTriNews.com reported Raymond saying Inslee “has overstepped his constitutional powers and is trying to control us under the guise of protecting us.” Raymond’s letter continues, saying, “the stay home order is unconstitutional and Benton County Sheriff Jerry Hatcher agrees.”

Franklin County Commissioners voted on Monday, April 19 to “end recognition” of Gov. Jay Inslee’s stay-at-home order. However, in a special meeting on Thursday, April 23, the three-member commission rolled back their resolution.

DeBolt further responded “We are at a critical point here in Walla Walla. Although we have been able to keep our numbers down - this is not the case moving forward and reopening without a solid plan and prevention efforts in place, and without ensuring our public health response is at full capacity, will only lead to more cases and deaths that is unacceptable.”

Case counts of COVID-19 as of April 23 in Walla Walla County totaled 51, with nine cases tied to Tyson Fresh Meats in Wallula and an additional five cases linked to FirstFruits, Inc. in Prescott.

On Friday, April 25, The Walla Walla Union-Bulletin reported that Crider said “his statement did not match his intentions.” County emergency management director Liz Jessee continues to urge citizens to follow the governor’s order and practice health guidelines by washing their hands, isolating at home when sick, and practicing physical distancing.



Lane Gwinn

Springtime in Waitsburg is official when there is a sighting of the miniature horse and cart making its way to the grocery for treats

LEGAL NOTICES

Superior Court of Washington, County of Columbia

In re: Petitioner: Terysa Lynn Marietta, aka Terysa Lynn Johnson aka Terysa Lynn Harvey aka Terysa Marietta Harvey No. 20-3-00002-2 Summons Served by Publication
And Respondent/s: Ronald Charles Johnson Summons Served by Publication
To: Ronald Charles Johnson - The other party has asked the court to end your marriage or domestic partnership. You must respond in writing if you want the court to consider your side.

Deadline! Your Response must be filed and served within 60 days of the date this Summons is published. If you do not file and serve your Response or a Notice of Appearance by the deadline:
No one has to notify you about other hearings in this case, and the court may approve the requests in the Petition without hearing your side (called a default judgment). Follow these steps:

1. Read the Petition and any other documents that were filed at court with this Summons. Those documents explain what the other party is asking for.
2. Fill out a Response on this form: FL Divorce 211, Response to Petition about a Marriage. You can get the Response form and other forms you need at: The Washington State Courts’ website: www.courts.wa.gov/forms; The Administrative Office of the Courts - call: (360)705-5328; Washington LawHelp: www.washingtonlawhelp.org; or The Superior Court Clerk’s office or county law library (for a fee).
3. Serve (give) a copy of your Response to the person who filed this Summons at the address below, and to any other parties. You may use certified mail with return receipt requested. For more information on how to serve, read Superior Court Civil Rule 5.
4. File your original Response with the court clerk at this address: Superior Court Clerk, Columbia County, 341 E. Main Street, #4, Dayton, WA 99328.
5. Lawyer not required: It is a good idea to talk to a lawyer, but you may file and serve your Response without one.
Date: 3-13-2020
s/ Marinella & Boggs By: Kimberly R. Boggs, WSBA No. 24387, Attorney for Petitioner I agree to accept legal papers for this case at the above Lawyer’s address: PO Box 7, Dayton, WA 99328 VE This Summons is issued

according to Rule 4. of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the State of Washington. MARINELLA & BOGGS Attorneys at Law PO Box 7-338 E Main Dayton WA 99328 Telephone (509) 382-2541

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. 108 1st Ave South, Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98104 Trustee Sale No.: WA-18-811452-SW Title Order No.: Waiting... Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 2007-10117 Parcel Number(s): 36-07-19-51-0701 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: DANIEL W BOWMAN, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): LoanCare, LLC Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: Quality Loan Service Corporation of Washington Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: LoanCare, LLC I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 5/8/2020, at 9:00 AM At the Main Entrance to the Walla Walla County Courthouse, located at 315 West Main, Walla Walla, WA 99362 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier’s check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of WALLA WALLA, State of Washington, to-wit: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 7 OF BOWMAN’S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON, IN BOOK C OF PLATS AT PAGE 44, WHICH POINT IS 50 FEET WEST MEASURED ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE FROM THE SOUTH-EAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 7; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 7, A DISTANCE OF 62 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY AND PARALLEL TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 7, A DISTANCE OF

193.86 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 7, THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 7, A DISTANCE OF 62 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY AND PARALLEL WITH THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 7, A DISTANCE OF 193.86 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. More commonly known as: 1128 WEST ELM STREET, WALLA WALLA, WA 99362 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 8/10/2007, recorded 8/28/2007, under Instrument No. 2007-10117 records of WALLA WALLA County, Washington, from DANIEL W BOWMAN, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as grantor(s), to CHICAGO TITLE INS. CO., as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR WEALTHBRIDGE MORTGAGE CORP., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to LoanCare, LLC, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 2019-08334 II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust as referenced in RCW 61.21.030(4) is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower’s or Grantor’s default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: \$27,834.39. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$129,306.80, together with interest as provided in the Note from 4/1/2017 on, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 5/8/2020. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 4/27/2020 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 4/27/2020 (11 days before the sale), or

by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee’s fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 4/27/2020 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s) by both first class and certified mail, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of 11/12/2019. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee’s sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS – The purchaser at the Trustee’s Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings

under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date of this notice to pursue mediation. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) or Web site: http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchase_counselors_foreclosure.htm The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD> or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dfc> The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 or Web site: <http://nwjustice.org/what-clear> Additional information provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the noteholders rights against the real property only. The Trustee’s Sale Number is WA-18-811452-SW. Dated: 12/23/2019 Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Trustee By: Maria Montana, Assistant Secretary Trustee’s Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington 108 1st Ave South, Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98104 For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: WA-18-811452-SW Sale Line: 800-280-2832 or Login to: <http://wa.qualityloan.com> IDSPub #0159329 4/9/2020 4/30/2020

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Waitsburg, 147 Main Street, Waitsburg, Washington 99361, is seeking coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology’s Construction Stormwater NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit.

The proposed project, Taggart Road Vicinity Water Line and Taggart Road Extension, is located within Taggart Road and Highway 12 in the City of Waitsburg, in Walla Walla County, Washington.

This project is approximately 3.8 acres of soil disturbance for installing new 6- and 8-inch water mains, as well as paving Taggart Road, north of Highway 12.

Any persons desiring to present their views to the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding this application, or interested in Ecology’s action on this application, may notify Ecology in writing no later than 30 days of the last date of publication of this notice. Ecology reviews public comments and considers whether discharges from this project would cause a measurable change in receiving water quality, and, if so, whether the project is necessary and in the overriding public interest according to Tier II antidegradation requirements under WAC 173-201A-320.

Comments can be submitted to:

Department of Ecology
Attn: Water Quality Program, Construction Stormwater
P.O. Box 47696, Olympia, WA 98504-7696

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The deadline for legal publications is noon on Tuesday prior to publication.

Send notices to: legals@waitsburgtimes.com

A tree grows in Waitsburg (maybe)

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

We planted trees today, three apple and one Chinese persimmon. More flora and fauna to impatiently watch and wait, along with my vegetables and herbs. As I mentioned last week, I am my father's daughter, no patience! From my mother, I inherited her stellar sense of direction, her need to have a fully stocked pantry with backups for everything and unfortunately, her "black thumb." So, not only am I impatient, I am not very optimistic about a large bounty.

About two weeks ago we started planting an array of seeds and starter plants. Every morning I go out and wander through the planters, to see if there are any sprouts, and if the starts are still alive. Since the first batch of basil didn't make it, new basil has been planted, but I have some on my windowsill as potential replacement plants (Mom's backup mentality). I think I see some swiss chard sprouts, but they could be weeds, so I'm keeping a close eye on them. I did see some radish sprouts. The seed packet said to "thin them out," but I can't bring myself to pull any out, I know I'll pull the one with the best potential and I'll wind up with none.

We planted 45-day cabbage! Is there a guarantee? I marked on my calendar when I can expect to be making coleslaw, it's supposedly May 1. Not looking promising right now.

I was recently gifted at least one ton of daylilies (thank you Kate), I have planted some in the front yard and at least ½ of the ton in the backyard. In order to plant



in the back, I had to clear weeds and various other scrap buried in the dirt patch. I found so many rusty tools, nails, wood, tiles and shingles, we can probably build another house. In one hole, I found a Styrofoam cooler (whole), huge metal chain, beer bottles, plastic bags from Costco size paper towels and toilet paper, baby bottles, diaper bags—I started getting worried, for sure I thought I'd be calling the coroner's office.

Being the klutz that I am, I tripped and fell over the long winding roots of the crab grass numerous times. But I did find that there is a benefit to being clumsy, I am always up to date on my tetanus shots. Each emergency room trip, they give me another shot, whether I need it or not. For me, it's preventative, I will never have lockjaw!

I was gifted a treasure trove of seeds from my neighbor Deb, both vegetables and flowers. The plan is to plant the flowers in the front yard, which will require me to again dig out long strands of crab grass and see what other treasure lie beneath the dirt and deep roots.

I am getting to be a professional at wielding a pickax. If Daniel and I break up again, maybe I will go on Match.com. My profile will read: Corporate insurance broker, loves tennis, running, wine, opera, Motown, Bluegrass and can wield a pickax with the best!

While on my dog-walk outing today, I realized my neighbor's apple tree is filled with an enormous amount of the most beautiful blossoms. I picked a small branch and brought it back to our new trees (3' sticks right now). I'm hoping it's an inspiration, and our trees will actually produce an apple before I'm too old to eat it, or it has to be made into applesauce for me.

The irony is, my plants are growing slowly, yet my grey hairs seems to be growing faster than ever. Nature has a sense of humor for sure!

The Cookie Chronicles

Chapter Five – Gimme Shelter! (On The Road Part One)

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

Mrs. G and I would be the first to admit that we are not RV people. But we do like long road trips. Just during the six year long process of moving out of a 2,400 square foot home in Seattle and into our 1,000 square foot Waitsburg cottage, we made literally hundreds of trips back and forth. That is when we perfected the fine art of packing our SUV with vast amounts of stuff.

This all happened in the pre-Cookie days. If Cookie got to cast a vote on road trip transportation, it would definitely be in favor of an RV, and the bigger the better. However, non-bill paying members of the family don't get to vote on such matters. Which is why one cold day in January 2013 Cookie found herself wedged into the back seat of our SUV along with numerous coolers full of food, suitcases packed with two months' worth of clothing suitable for both Northwest winter and Southwest desert weather, two guitars, seven cases of wine, a dog kennel, numerous dog-related necessities and a wide variety of computer gear.

She was about to embark on her first long road trip, and before we got past Walla Walla she was unhappy and letting us hear all about it.

Though more of a shiner than a whiner, Cookie is not shy about expressing an opinion, and we heard an awful lot of complaining as we headed toward the Oregon coast. What we couldn't explain—in part because this was as much a voyage into the unknown for us as it was for her—was all the good things that might happen along the way. As for the rest, well, that's what makes travel an adventure, isn't it?

Our ultimate destination was Palm Springs, where we'd rented a casita to stay in while visiting family. But getting there was going to involve a good week or more of driving, with numerous stops, both planned and unplanned, along the way.

On this first day our first challenge was finding a place for the Cookster to do her business. If you've driven on Highway 84 from Walla Walla to Portland you know that rest stops are few and far between, and when you do find one, it's not always clear where (or if) pets are allowed. [SEE PHOTO]

OK, not an insurmountable challenge. But eating and sleeping proved more difficult. For one thing, we are completely opposed to leaving the dog alone in the car. Not even for a quick bite in a restaurant. Which meant that all of our meals while driving had to be eaten in the car, because in January in Oregon there isn't much in the way of outdoor dining where dogs would be allowed.

We'd already decided to begin a rather demanding diet cleanse—hence the coolers—so eating snack lunches in the car was do-able. But dinners were more complicated. With darkness closing in by late afternoon, we'd need dog-friendly lodging in order to dine comfortably in our room. By the time we reached Newport, it was already dark, we were road weary, Cookie was anxious and the first few motels we stopped at would not accept pets.

It was too late to consider driving to another town, and quite honestly we were desperate enough to consider sleeping in the car. As often happens when traveling, just as things looked their worst, our fortunes took a turn for the better. Stopping at the Last Chance Motel (as we named it), a friendly desk clerk said that regrettably no dogs were allowed. "But," she added, "there is a small, separate cabin on the property that would accept a well-behaved dog. Would we like to see it?"

Expecting the worst, we thought why not? And the minute we saw it, we knew that we had found the perfect getaway: two tiny bedrooms, a bath, a kitchenette, a sweeping bluff view of the beach, and utter privacy. We immediately booked it for two nights. Cookie was so happy to get out of the car that she snuck into our bedroom while we were unloading and peed on the bed—in the spirit of celebration no doubt.

Several trips to a nearby grocery store and laundromat later, we found ourselves comfortably snug-



Paul Gregutt

At the crossroads of pet friendly and not.

gled into the cabin, listening to the ocean's roar and cooking up our dinner. A tired and chastised dog lay napping at our feet. Out came a guitar and a nice bottle of wine. We were underway, the adventures just beginning! And little did Cookie know that the next day would be the greatest day of her entire life.

More unsolicited advice from Emma

Your new hobby—writing!

By Emma Philbrook | THE TIMES

Finals are very nearly upon me, and I find it increasingly hard to talk or think about anything else. But given that you folks have enough stress in your lives at the moment, I figured I'd expand last week's unsolicited-gardening-advice column into a three-part series of unsolicited-advice pieces for those looking to try something new during quarantine. Did anybody ask for it? No. That's the whole point.

This week's topic is writing. I think it's fair to say that most of us have had an idea for a writing project at one point or another, whether it's a family history, a how-to guide, or the next blockbuster novel. In any case, now is quite literally the perfect time to start. Unlike other popular quarantine hobbies, writing doesn't require that you fight off other hobbyists to get your hands onto supplies. In fact, it doesn't require anything that you don't already have at home. And speaking from personal experience, it's a terrific way to take your mind off your present problems. (Why do you think I'm writing this instead of studying?) With that in mind, here's a few tips and tricks to help you get started:

Once you have an idea, let it stew in your head for a couple days. Brainstorm on scrap paper. Work out the basic structure of the finished product. Bounce ideas off your family. This has the dual effect of giving you enough material to start writing with and getting you wound up enough about the idea that you'll start writing with a vengeance. (As a bonus, you may even annoy your family enough that they'll give you some peace and quiet to write in!)

Set yourself a daily word count or page quota. If you don't have much else on



your plate, 1000 words or two single-spaced pages a day is a nice challenge. You can adjust your goal up or down depending on what your life is like, but once you find something workable, stick with it.

Your first draft doesn't have to be perfect. It doesn't have to be anywhere close to perfect. If it vaguely resembles a finished product and contains all the information/events you want to convey to your reader in roughly the order you want to convey them in, it has done its job.

Once you've finished a first draft, put it away for a bit. Write something else for a few weeks. Then, when you come back and make edits, it'll be like criticizing someone else's book. (We've all done that, right? It's pretty easy.)

After your second draft's done, give it to a friend or family member, preferably one whose ear you haven't been talking off about your fabulous new book/story/play. Ask them for their honest feedback. (Those of you who are feeling particularly confident in your end product can opt to seek out a friend or family member who will actually give honest feedback.)

Publication does not have to be your end goal. Some of the most fun projects I've ever done have been fictional adventures starring my friends and family – not great literature or even the sort of thing I'd be willing to let other people read. (So don't ask.) The point is that (a) I enjoyed myself thoroughly and (b) I got to practice the same skills that go into more "serious" writing endeavors.

Above all, keep in mind that writing is a bit like getting water from a faucet – you have to keep it going for a while if you want the good stuff. You may or may not produce a masterpiece on your first try, and that's okay. The point is to have fun, build your skills, and give yourself a little break from this wild, wild world we live in.

NEWS & SPORTS

Dayton photographer donates photos and design for Class of 2020 banners

Scott Kirk's gift is a way to say thank you for years of support the community has provided his business

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Communities around the nation are coming up with creative ideas to honor their high school's Class of 2020 in the midst of a pandemic. In Dayton, Scott Kirk and Bette Lou Crothers teamed up to raise money for banners to display on Main Street. While Bette Lou handled the fundraising efforts, Kirk, owner of Scott Kirk Photography, donated his time to design the banners and ensure each student had a senior portrait for the project.

The banner idea came from a few Facebook posts that Scott saw from other communities, and then he saw a few local people share similar posts in local forums. Little did he know, Crothers was on the same track, and within a couple of days, the two got in contact and the idea took off.

One of the challenges in a project like this is to get high resolution photographs for each of the seniors to use in the banner design.

"There were a few students that, for different reasons, had not had a chance to get senior pictures," Scott said. "A lot of the parents have supported my business long before these kids were in high school, and it felt like the right way to give back and say thank you."

Over the past couple of weeks, Kirk took senior pictures for six Dayton High School seniors. He met with the students, took the photos, and processed the images so they would print clearly on the banners, all free of charge and on his own time.

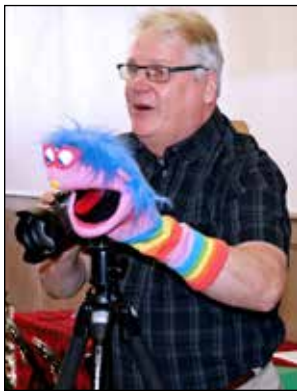
Kirk designed the banners, working with Crothers and Molly Weatherhill-Tate of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, before sending the artwork to Integrity Design in Walla Walla. All of the funds were handled through the Chamber.

"Scott has the technology and the skills to handle the photos and design. I was glad he was able to take care of that part and do what he did for the kids," Crothers said. She confirmed that the donation request had been met and the funds were secured last Friday.

"This is a bad time for the kids. We are just trying to make the best of it." Kirk said they had three students decline the banners. The banners will be taking the place of the traditional All Wheels Weekend banners and will remain up through the summer. Once the banners are taken down, they will be gifted to the students.

"Scott has been taking graduation, sports and formal dance photos for the Dayton School District for the majority of the past 20 years. He has offered to do graduation photos this year when they decide on what type of ceremony they will hold.

The students and parents have always helped me out. Doing this for the students, well, it just felt right," said Kirk.



Scott Kirk

Lane Gwinn



Above: A mock up of the DHS Class of 2020 that Scott Kirk designed. The banners, which are being printed at Integrity Design in Walla Walla, will replace the All Wheels Weekend banners that have traditionally lined Main Street during the summer.

Above left: Kirk knows how to get results as he donates his time to be Santa's Dayton photographer at last year's Christmas Kickoff.

Umatilla National Forest to begin Invasive Plant Treatments

THE TIMES

PENDLETON, Ore. – The Umatilla National Forest will begin invasive plant treatments in late April using an integrated approach of prevention, manual, mechanical, herbicide, biological control and cultural treatments to reduce the risk of invasive species expanding on the forest. Treatments are expected to continue through October.

Invasive species have been shown to reduce biodiversity including wildlife habitat, wildlife and domestic livestock forage and streamside vegetation. Invasive plants targeted for treatment include common crupina, yellow starthistle, leafy spurge, spotted and diffuse knapweeds, rush skeleton weed, meadow hawkweed, Scotch thistle, sulphur cinquefoil, dalmatian toadflax, and hound's-tongue.

Treating invasive plants is one of the Forest's man-

agement priorities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Other commercial and private activities, such as timber harvest, grazing, and dispersed recreation, are also ongoing. All developed recreation sites are closed. Employees working in the field are using extra precautions and following social distancing requirements to align with the States' executive orders.

"The majority of herbicide treatments will be spot application to individual invasive plants using truck sprayers, backpack sprayers and UTVs," said Paula Brooks, Forest Botanist. Some broadcast application is also planned along a small subset of roadsides.

Partners include County weed boards in Oregon and Washington, Oregon Department of Agriculture, and Wallowa Resources. Funding includes appropriated dollars and grant money from Title II projects. Treatment sites are located across the Umatilla National Forest and herbicide treatments will be signed

on the ground at the time of treatment. Maps of the proposed treatment sites are also posted on the forest's website at: www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla/.



A sulphur-cinquefoil in bloom.

Courtesy photo

DAYTON

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Logan Bartlett earns College Place Fire Department's Rookie of the Year award

Waitsburg man fell in love with the field and changed his career path

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

COLLEGE PLACE— Career plans have a way of changing quickly, and for one local firefighter, his career plan took a rewarding turn from engineering to firefighting. In 2019, Logan Bartlett joined the College Place Fire Department as a volunteer with no training. By the end of the year, his dedication and commitment earned him the Rookie Firefighter of the Year award.

Logan, who attended Waitsburg High School before transferring to Walla Walla Community College his junior year, said he had no plans on becoming a firefighter, but it was a field that he always admired.

"I have a friend in the fire service. He is actually one of my shift leads and by far one of the best firefighters I've ever met," Logan said. "He said, 'look, I know you've been interested, we need volunteers. Why don't you come down, have an interview, take a pack test, see what you can do and get your foot in the door.' And from there, I did."

Logan said after completing the interview process and hiring on as a volunteer firefighter, he found an unexpected love for firefighting and all that goes along with it.

Logan had no prior experience and learned everything on the job. The first year of his firefighting training focused on fundamental skills, like forcible entry, all the way to advanced attacks and special planning operations.

He explained that the City of College Place does both fire suppression services and emergency medical response. Logan said that the majority of calls he goes out on are medical-related.

"Being able to be there and helping people, whether they are having a bad day or a genuine medical emergency, anything large or small. Getting to help people, it really clicked with me," Logan said.

There are a few awards given at the end of the year within the College Place Fire Department, the awards are given to firefighters and EMTs who go above and beyond, demonstrating exceptional skill and drive.

"I don't want this award to make me seem like some hot shot. There are very exceptional folks in the department that are more than deserving of any award. They all really work their keister's off and they are just a very fine group of folks," Logan said in reference to his fellow firefighters, both in the department and throughout Walla Walla County.

In addition to his firefighting training, Logan said he just finished all of his Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training. Unfortunately, he is unable to take the EMT test at this time because of the COVID-19 pandemic. EMTs are re-



Courtesy photo

Logan Bartlett, left, and other College Place Firefighters during the Portland Stair Climb. The 40 flight climb is a benefit event for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

quired to be licensed before they are able to practice in the field in Washington State.

"Life goes on. I'll get my test done as soon as I can," Logan said.

He encourages anyone interested to get in contact with a fire department to get involved. From the camaraderie, friendships, and rewarding actions, Logan said joining the College Place Fire Department has changed his life for the better.

The Times' big boss' checks in from isolation

By Gracie Compton | THE TIMES

Gracie here! In case you didn't know, being two is tough. Being two AND being stuck at home with Mom all day? Oh boy! Mom says we are 'isolating,' and even though I don't really know what that means, it's been pretty fun!

Our mornings start early around here. 6:30 a.m. at the very latest, and I'm always the one getting Mom out of bed. She says she is not a morning person: I say too bad.



Beka Compton

You might see a dog bed, but my mallard ducklings Darla and Alfalfa see a king-sized cozy nest.

While I sit down and eat breakfast, Mom cleans up the kitchen and eventually comes over with a cup of

coffee, though I'm pretty sure she's had a cup or two while "cleaning." Once she's settled on the couch, I jump up, grab my straw, and prepare to battle whatever forces come my way to get my own sip of morning joe.

After breakfast, we head out to do chores. Dogs need to run, ponies need treats, and (my favorite)... ducklings need to swim! We have three ducklings this year, Spanky, Alfalfa, and Darla. Darla and Alfalfa are mallards, and Spanky is a Pekin. Mom sets them up with a warm pool and they get to splash around while they get fresh bedding. Personally, I think they would love some bubbles, but Mom says absolutely not.

Once we get chores wrapped up and get home, I need a snack. Hummus, carrots, and berries are all hits around here, but Mom keeps saying I'm going to turn into a garbanzo bean at the rate I eat hummus. Does that actually happen? I'm willing to chance it. As mom says, "it's for science!"

My afternoons are pretty relaxed. Snack, lunch, and assorted projects. Mom has an old book, *The Giant Book of Kid Concoctions*, and it has all sorts of cool recipes, science projects, and sensory play ideas. One of my favorites so far: Shaving cream paint! I get to help mix up the paints with a popsicle stick, and then I get to paint the bathtub! Mom said to be sure to mention that, because the one time she let me paint a box in the kitchen, the Roomba accidentally ran some over and it was everywhere!

Overall, I'm handling isolation pretty well. I miss my visits with everyone at the coffee shop and running the staff meetings at *the Times*, but I'm hopeful



Beka Compton

I have to refuel my pony, Brownie, when we get done walking around the horse pen. Daddy said we couldn't have horses, but he didn't say anything about ponies!

I'll get to see everyone soon. Mom, however, is going a little crazy. She keeps trying to eat everything with sticks and said her isolation goal is to learn how to use "chopsticks." Trust me, it's not going well.

I hope everyone is doing well, staying home, and being safe! Once this is over, I'd love to see everyone at Ten Ton for a Graciecano. (A Graciecano is a specialty drink created by Luke Chavez, consisting of steamed coconut milk and a dash of caramel.)

Masks are appreciated and more postmaster Mike Reed

THE TIMES

Publisher Lane Gwinn wanted to know how things were going for some of our community's front-line workers, the folks at Waitsburg's Post Office. Mike Reed, Waitsburg's postmaster, was kind enough to email *the Times* with his thoughts and suggestions on how to keep yourself and others safe while getting the mail.

"First, almost everyone is doing the social distancing very well and we appreciate it, we hope we can get back to normal soon, please thank everyone for their patience.

"The way the floor at the Waitsburg office is laid out we can really only accommodate two people while maintaining the six-foot social distance rule. To keep traffic moving, we have signs posted stating that, so to make this happen we would ask people to grab their mail and exit as soon as possible to make room for the next customer.

"Avoid using the counter top because we are told that can be a way the virus is transmitted.

"Please consider picking up your mail twice a week or possibly even once a week instead of everyday. If possible, avoid peak times between 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., and Mondays. If your box fills up, we will keep your mail here for you to pick-up.

"Please stand back a few feet from the counter and

talk through the sneeze guards when talking with the staff.

Masks are appreciated."



Lane Gwinn

Waitsburg Post Office employee Sarah Dorsch serves customers safely from behind the protective barrier. Customers are encouraged to wear masks and follow the posted safety guidelines.

DAYTON IMPROVEMENTS



Joe Huether

DAYTON—City of Dayton Public Works Director Jim Costello said the city crew has been working to keep the parks and cemetery in good condition. They have also been blading and repairing city alleys, working from the north side of the town to the south side. Isaiah Lambert (pictured here) was helping rake gravel in the alley behind Steve's Grocery Store on Fourth Street last week.

Mayor Weatherford said social distancing is foremost for city staff, during the COVID-19 challenge. All employees are working full time, even though the city hall and public works department buildings are closed to the public.

DANIEL ROSSI: BAKING WITH THE CHEF

Happy Little Cake

Just a simple cake that will make everybody very happy!

Equipment:

1 muffin pan or 1 small cake pan, greased and floured (or use cooking spray)

1 small sauce pan

1 toothpick

For the cake:

3 egg yolks

3 egg whites

½ cup sugar

1 cup all-purpose flour, sifted

1 ¼ teaspoons baking powder

For the syrup:

½ cup sugar

¾ cup water

¾ cup spirit (whiskey, rum, brandy or anything you like)

For the garnish:

Sweetened and/or flavored whipped cream as desired

Berries as many as you like (if there is any syrup left, glaze the berries with it)

Mint leaves if you want

To make the cake:

Whisk the egg yolks vigorously with ½ cup of sugar until they turn whitish

In another bowl, beat the egg whites until stiff

Gently fold egg whites into the egg yolk mixture

Mix the baking powder and the sifted flour together and gently fold into the egg mixture

Place the mixture into the desired mold ¾ full

Bake at 350°F for about 20 minutes or until golden brown and delicious

When cooled, remove from the pan and poke several times with the toothpick

To make the syrup:

Mix all ingredients together and simmer for 5 minutes

Cool



To finish the cake:

Generously brush the cake with the syrup. Don't skimp! If you are courageous enough, you can even dunk the cake in the syrup

Garnish the cake with the whipped cream and decorate with the berries and, if you choose, mint leaves. Enjoy!

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



GRIN and BEAR IT

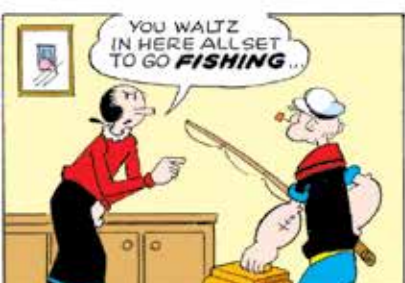
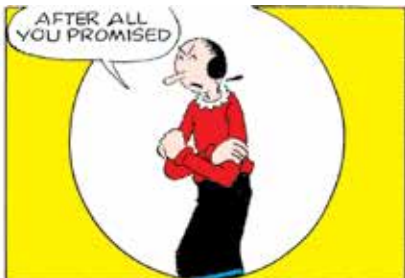
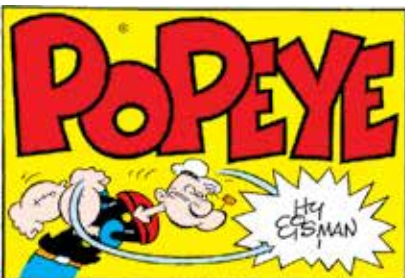


"History was first re-written on this spot."

LAFF - A - DAY



"Ms. Jones, my official title is 'Chief Administrator of Neighborhood Coordination'— not 'The Block Head'."



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

May 5, 2011

It isn't every night that the lights are on at two in the morning in Joan Helm's home on Fourth Street. Or that her table is laden with four different kinds of scones, egg dishes and tea. Or that champagne (well, actually, sparkling cider) is chilling in the fridge for a special toast.

[Photo caption] Vestas technician Tony Mathews has one of about 150 permanent jobs related to the wind energy industry in the five-county area. A new alliance hopes to add momentum to the sector's job growth here.

The Power House Theater construction continues to progress as crews ready for the May 19th debut performance of "Merry Wives of Windsor."

Twenty-Five Years Ago

April 27, 1995

The city of Waitsburg swimming pool improvement fund has grown to \$74,376.30, according to officials at Bank of the West in Waitsburg.

Waitsburg 4-H Saddles N Spurs riding club will again sponsor a duck derby in the Touchet River during the Days of Real Sport, the City Council agreed last week.

The Camp Fire Boys and Girls of Walla Walla are seeking donations of stuffed animals, toys, children's clothing and non-perishable food for victims and their families in the recent Oklahoma City bombing.

A 24-year-old Dayton woman, Kim Crothers, walked away with first place in her division in the Rocky Mountain BodyBuilding Championship Saturday, April 22. It was the first competition she has entered.

Fifty Years Ago

May 7, 1970

[Photo caption] John Leier of DeSales put forth a tremendous effort at the Dayton Invitational track meet Saturday, winning the 440 in a meet record time of 49.2 seconds. Here John breaks the tape running about 30 yards in front of the nearest competitor. He also took first in the 100, 200 and the winning mile relay team. In spite of John's efforts, Pilot Rock took a narrow victory by 3 ½ points in the meet.

Members of the Waitsburg Progressive Club were entertained at the country home of Mrs. Clarence Eaton on Tuesday, April 28th.

Miss Carol Hinchliffe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hinchliffe, has been chosen to reign as queen for the annual May dance to be held this Friday evening, May 8, in the grade school social room.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

May 11, 1945

Graduating seniors this year are Victor Allmon, Velma Mock, Robert Estes, Verla Jeremiah, Ruth Perry, Ellsworth Conover, Barbara Blize, Dale Ford, Carroll Smith, Harriet Nilson, Elizabeth Danielson, Ruth Phillips, Beryl Talbot and Daniel Telecky.

Among the boys going to Spokane this week for the FFA livestock show were Wallace Winnett, Ellsworth Conover, Cecil Webber, Bob Weir, Wayne Hinchliffe, Dale Ford, Jimmie Archer.

Captain and Mrs. Joe McCown are the parents of a nine pound daughter born May 8 in Spokane.

One Hundred Years Ago

May 14, 1920

Charles Sayers has received the appointment as sexton of the City Cemetery at a salary of \$100 per month and has already taken charge of the work at the cemetery.

Laretia Loundagin was crowned Queen of the May at the annual May Fete Friday.

The annual picnic of the Progressive Club will be held at the home of Mrs. Dice, Saturday, May 15. All members are invited to bring their husbands or an invited guest; also well-filled baskets.

A survey of the proposed road along the old Mullan Trail from Lyons Ferry to Washtucna was ordered Tuesday night by the committee of Tri-State Auto Club.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

May 17, 1895

J. H. James now occupies the front room of the building lately fitted up by J.W. Morgan, where, were patrons of the tonsorial art will hereafter find him.

Mrs. Josephine Preston informs us that during the term of school just closed, two of her pupils, Emery Bruce and Mae Smith, have never missed a day.

J. A. Corbett this week caught an eighteen pound salmon below the mill in Huntsville.

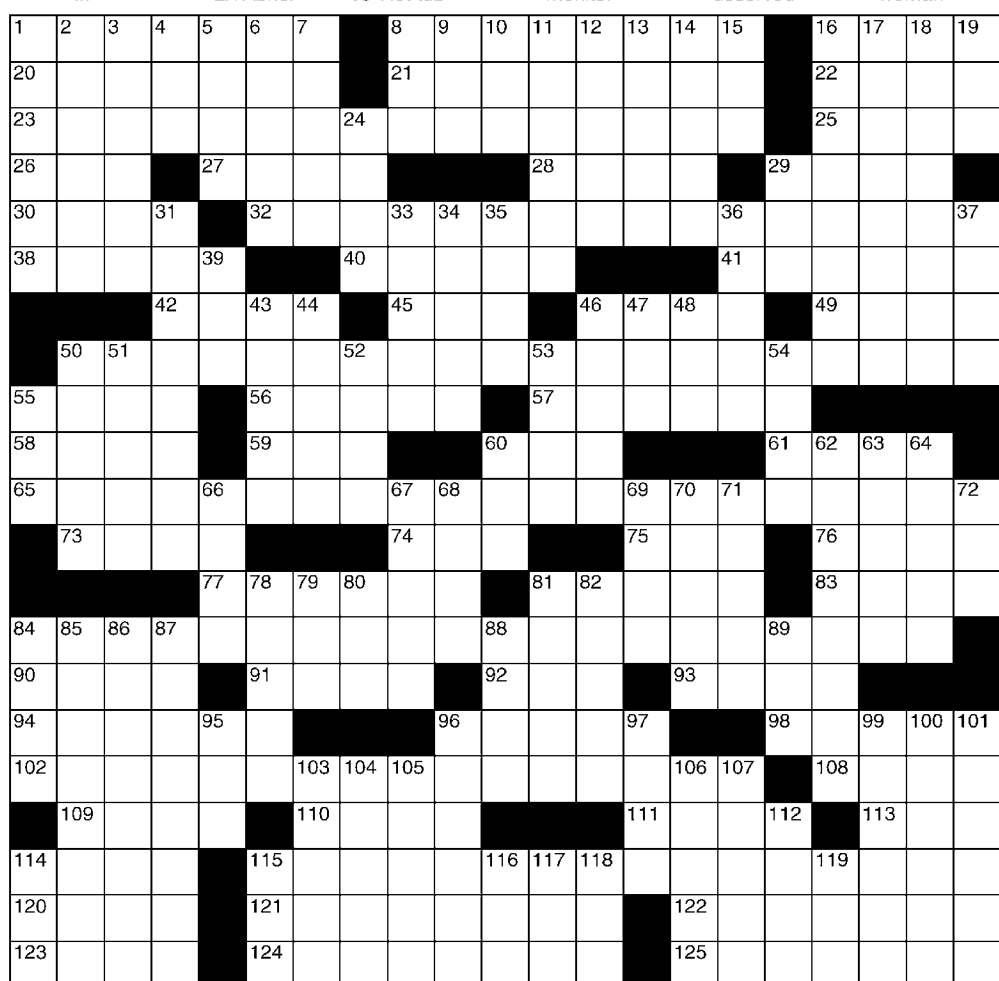
A coterie of young gallants and lovely lasses of the valley went up Coppei fishing Friday. They report grand success, the largest catch measuring something over two feet in length.

FUN & GAMES

Super Crossword

JOB SCREENING

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- 1 Perceive
 - 8 Wavering
 - 16 Dies down
 - 20 One of the Great Lakes
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 - 22 Marshland
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 Teal, e.g.
 - 26 Mineo of films
 - 27 First-century emperor
 - 28 Sufficient, in dialect
 - 29 After-bath sprinkle
 - 30 Zest
 - 32 Riddle, part 2
 - 38 Majestic
 - 40 Inane
 - 41 High-pH compound
 - 42 Sticky, viscous stuff
 - 45 Previously called
 - 46 "— have to wait"
 - 49 ESPN's Hershiser
 - 50 Riddle, part 3
 - 55 They often elicit groans
 - 56 "Suffice it — ..."
 - 57 Chinese zoo mammals
 - 58 "Thou — lady": King Lear
 - 59 Hotel's kin
 - 60 Young dog
 - 61 Sews an edge around
 - 65 Riddle, part 4
 - 73 Tara of "American Pie"
 - 74 Granola bit
 - 75 "— Man Answers" (1962 film)
 - 76 Jazzy Anita
 - 77 Irritated reply to "Are you awake?"
 - 81 Devours, with "down"
 - 83 Accept
 - 84 Riddle, part 5
 - 90 Gulf nation
 - 91 Good diving score
 - 92 Genetic letters
 - 93 Flanders river
 - 94 Ovum, e.g.
 - 96 "There it is!"
 - 98 Souces
 - 102 End of the riddle
 - 108 Al who drew Li'l Abner
 - 109 Old Italian coins
 - 110 Tie down, as a ship
 - 111 Sheikh, e.g.
 - 113 Actress Carrere
 - 114 Mark Twain's Huck
 - 115 Riddle's answer
 - 120 Poker cost
 - 121 Ethereal quality
 - 122 Relate (to)
 - 123 Prayer opener
 - 124 Northern parts of New York and New Jersey
 - 125 Numbers used in sums
 - 1 In a docile way
 - 12 1985 Kate Nelligan film
 - 13 In re
 - 14 "Dallas" actor
 - 15 Singer Sumac
 - 16 Begin, as a journey
 - 17 — ball (pool hall item)
 - 18 "Fists of Fury" star
 - 19 Get sight of
 - 24 "— the weather?"
 - 29 Phone no.
 - 31 Port of Japan
 - 33 Actress Lisa
 - 34 Poem of lamentation
 - 35 "Hick" actor Baldwin
 - 36 Hayek of Hollywood
 - 37 Window ledge
 - 39 Parking —
 - 43 — left field
 - 44 Tine
 - 46 Repeated statement in
 - 47 Plating metal
 - 48 Kind of PC monitor
 - 50 Rage
 - 51 — nous
 - 52 "There — 'I' in team"
 - 53 Musical piece
 - 54 Racket-raising Arthur
 - 55 Rover's foot
 - 60 Fruit discard
 - 62 Arcane
 - 63 Annoyed with
 - 64 Boa, for one
 - 66 "Right, bro"
 - 67 0% of the people
 - 68 Biker's bike, colloquially
 - 69 Largest city on Hawaii
 - 70 "Get — back!"
 - 71 Abrades
 - 72 Coloring substance
 - 78 Dance great de Mille
 - 79 Ovid's 1,051
 - 80 Diarist Anais
 - 81 Took the prize
 - 82 Florida city
 - 84 Breathe loudly
 - 85 Bringing up the rear
 - 86 Collides with
 - 87 Not deserved
 - 88 Tramped (on)
 - 89 "Holiday" actor Ayres
 - 95 Mao — -tung
 - 96 Romeo and Juliet's town
 - 97 "It's — state of affairs"
 - 99 Lane of Broadway
 - 100 Narcotic
 - 101 Generates
 - 103 Beatnik's "Got it!"
 - 104 People on the move
 - 105 Like a well-pitched inning
 - 106 "Sing, Sing, Sing" drummer
 - Gene
 - 107 Totally filled
 - 112 Longtime West Virginia senator
 - Robert
 - 114 —
 - Schwarz
 - 115 Sorority letter
 - 116 Humid
 - 117 Suffix with colour
 - 118 Ar-tee link
 - 119 Honored Fr. woman



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

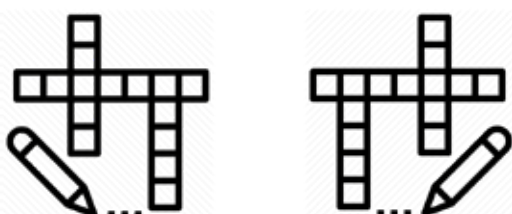
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

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Super Crossword

Answers

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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Classic Cinnamon Rolls (using mashed potatoes)

First before I start on my recipe, I realized that I seem to be on a bread kick. I had been thinking about cinnamon rolls and had not made any for a long time. In fact, I had not used my rolling pin for a long time. It truly is a day project with making the dough, raising it, rolling it out, rerolling it with the filling, then raising it again, and finally baking it. Whew. There went Saturday, and yet another day of not cleaning.



Second, when we were growing up, if Dad was not coming home for supper (as they called it), then Mom often made us creamed eggs on toast. Simple but filling. My kids also liked it. I sometimes added tuna or chopped chicken. I hear in the military it was called SOS. I believe it was chipped beef in white sauce over bread. You may want to Google it to see what it stands for. What made me remember it was the recipe came into my feed from All Recipes.com. Interesting to see it as a "recipe."

This recipe won first prize in the 2008 Iowa fair and got a 5 star. I like to read the reviews and at the end, I will share some notes.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 c. mashed potatoes
- 1 c. reserved potato water
- ¾ c. butter (or margarine)
- ¾ c. sugar
- 2 tsp salt
- 1 c. hot water
- 2 envelopes active dry yeast
- ½ c. warm water (100-110 degrees)
- 8 ½ c. all-purpose flour

FILLING

- ½ c. butter
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 ½ tsp cinnamon
- ICING
- 3 c powdered sugar
- 6 Tbsp butter
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 5 Tbsp water or more if needed

DIRECTIONS:

Combine potatoes, potato water, butter, sugar, salt and hot water in a large mixing bowl. Stir until butter melts, set aside and let cool. Combine yeast and ½ cup warm water in a small bowl. Let rest for 5 minutes. Add eggs, 2 cups flour and yeast mixture to potato mixture. Beat until well mixed. Continue adding flour 1 cup at time until soft dough forms.

Knead on a lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic about 4 to 6 minutes OR knead with an electric mixer using a dough hook. Place in a greased bowl turning to coat. Cover.

Let rise in a warm, draft free area about 1 hour. Until double in size. Punch dough down, divide in half.

Roll one portion of dough on a lightly floured surface to a 12 x 18 rectangle. Spread with half the butter. Combine sugar and cinnamon, sprinkle half of the mixture over surface. Roll up tightly lengthwise, sealing edges. Cut into 12 slices and place on a greased 13 x 6 inch pan. Repeat with remaining dough. Cover.

Let rise 30 to 45 minutes until doubled.

Bake in a preheated oven at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Cool for 15 minutes and frost if desired.

NOTES:

Tip, about 2 potatoes = 1 cup (or more) One of the reviews mentioned she added 2 teaspoons vanilla to the dough mixture. She also used half brown sugar and half white sugar for the filling. I used 1/3 brown sugar and 2/3 white sugar. I also used 2 teaspoons of cinnamon and felt I could have easily used a tablespoon.

The review mentioned she used 2 cups of the potato water since it was already hot. She also added a pinch of cloves.

MY NOTES:

I used half of the dough and added raisins. I thought most people liked raisins but I guess not. The other half was no raisins. If you like a glaze instead of thick frosting, then you should have enough for both pans. I don't follow a recipe for the frosting so if I'm low, I add more sugar and milk. Too much goes on graham crackers!!

Also, I never time the rising of the dough. If I get busy and its 2 hours before I get back to it, then it's all good (in my opinion).



Here is something *The Times* publisher and her dog Wrecks noticed on a sidewalk during one of their countless, self-distancing walks around Waitsburg.



The Challenge:

Find this, photograph it and email it to lane@waitsburgtimes.com

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RECREATE - FROM PAGE 1

"If we see a sharp uptake in the number of people who are getting sick or are not following appropriate steps, then we won't hesitate to scale this back again. This is not a return to normal. This is only a beginning phase of relaxing outdoor recreation restrictions."

State land managers recommend people come prepared and bring their own handwashing supplies, toilet paper and personal protective equipment as some sites will have reduced or limited restroom facilities. People should also be prepared to change plans if their destination appears crowded or is not yet fully operational.

If sites become overcrowded or other COVID-19 related public safety concerns develop, state agencies may close areas with limited notice to further protect public health and safety.



GUIDELINES FOR RESPONSIBLE RECREATION IN THE OUTDOORS

Check what's open. While many state-managed land destinations are open for day use, other local, tribal and federal land may still be closed.

Opt for day trips close to home. Overnight stays are not permitted.

Stay with immediate household members only. Recreation with those outside of your household creates new avenues for virus transmission.

Come prepared. Visitors may find reduced or limited restroom services as staff begin the process to reopen facilities at wildlife areas and water access sites. You are advised to bring your own soap, water, hand sanitizer and toilet paper, as well as a mask or bandana to cover your nose and mouth.

Enjoy the outdoors when healthy. If you have symptoms of fever, coughing or shortness of breath, save your outdoor adventure for another day.

Avoid crowds. Be prepared to go somewhere else or come back another time if your destination looks crowded.

Practice physical distancing. Keep six feet between you and those outside your immediate household. Launch one boat at a time to give others enough space to launch safely. Leave at least one parking space between your vehicle and the vehicle next to you. Trailer your boat in the same way.

Wash your hands often. Keep up on personal hygiene and bring your own water, soap and hand sanitizer with you.

Pack out what you pack in. Take any garbage with you, including disposable gloves and masks.

HAPPENINGS ON MAIN



Lane Gwinn

Above: Spring is here! Jim German watching as Jason Taylor, volunteer firefighter from Columbia-Walla Walla Fire District 2, help the department take down last year's holiday garland from the light posts on Waitsburg's Main Street. Local artist and restaurateur, Jim German, looks on as Jason Taylor unwraps the garland and the lights from seasons past.



Beka Compton

WHS Senior Anna Miller and DHS Senior Alex Jenkins stopped by Blush Salon and Spa on Monday. Brooke Mikesell, owner of Blush, made gift baskets and Katie Ruppenthal, owner of Laht Neppur Brewing, donated a free meal to each of the nearly 50 students.



GROCERY - FROM PAGE 1

Local resident Pam Alexanko made fabric masks for each of McMillen-Smit's eight regular employees and McMillen-Smit leaves it up to the staffer to choose to wear a mask or not.

McMillen-Smit notes that the store maintains a steady routine for cleaning: "We're bleaching everything on the hour, or upon use. We're bleaching baskets, we're bleaching handles, we're bleaching all that stuff hourly and after somebody comes in."

"Customers have been good about the six-foot rule. The only thing I see is sometimes entire families will come in which may not really be a necessity, but I also feel like it is their choice on that," she said.

"I truly love this town and am so thankful for those that choose to shop local!" McMillen-Smit added.

Jerry Waggoner, who owns Dayton Mercantile (aka IGA) with his wife Kristi Waggoner, noted that "we don't have enough product to sell. We buy out of Spokane, they are trying their best, but they're so far behind that they are trying to catch up, too."

Waggoner has had difficulty stocking paper products, soup products, dried beans and rice.

Mask-wearing is optional for staff, but he notes most checkers are wearing masks and everybody is wearing gloves.

"Every ten to fifteen minutes we wipe down the check stands, the grocery carts, we're trying to do our part," said Waggoner.

The partnership between his store and Columbia County Transportation (CCPT) has worked out very well. Shoppers can call in their order (excluding alcohol and tobacco) and Waggoner can take their payment information over the phone.

"We call CCPT and within fifteen minutes they're usually right here and they take it to where it needs to go," he added.



Beka Compton

Dayton Mercantile is committed to keeping Dayton safe and healthy. The cashier stations have been fitted with plastic shields, and employees are wearing masks, and practicing frequent hand washing, following the procedures recommended by Columbia County Public Health.

Waggoner and staff estimated that six to ten deliveries go out each day. Due to the delivery system, there has not been a need for curbside pickup, but he has set aside the early morning hours from 7-9 a.m. for older customers on a daily basis. He won't turn away someone who is not in that category, however. He notes of his customers, "Everybody has just been really gracious, they've been super."