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## Lamberts stepping away from corn crop

*Ed and Cathy Lambert are looking forward to focusing on family, hobbies*

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Summer BBQ menus are going to be a little less sweet in Waitsburg this summer. After 30 years of growing a secret variety of sweet corn, Ed and Cathy Lambert are retiring to focus on family, Ed's lumber milling, and their own family garden.

"We started growing corn when we moved here in 1988," Cathy said. "Our kids would load up a wagon with fresh vegetables and walk around the neighborhood, selling the veggies to neighbors. Everyone loved it!"

Cathy said it didn't take long for local demand to outgrow the supply so they began planting bigger and bigger corn crops on their two-acre garden plot.

What started out as a door-to-door sales model turned into thousands of ears of corn, innumerable amounts of zucchini, tomatoes, cucumbers and other fresh vegetables being sold daily on their front lawn.

All of the vegetables were hand-picked each morning, according to Ed.

"We would get up at daybreak and pick anywhere from 1,000 to 1,500 ears of corn every morning," he said. "We usually had to go back and pick more before the day was over."

Ed said that the demand got so high they eventually had to sell corn from a flatbed trailer.

Each year, Ed and Cathy would order corn seeds from a secret source in New York.

"We just aren't ready to give up our secret yet," Cathy said while laughing. "Maybe someday."

Waitsburg residents weren't the only ones who looked forward to Lambert corn in the summer. It wasn't unheard of to meet people who had driven hours 'just for the corn.' Boxes of their sweet corn



Courtesy Photo

The start of the Lambert Corn stand, circa 1990. What started out with Kelly, Scott, Chad and Casey Lambert going door to door as kids, turned into one of Waitsburg's favorite summertime traditions.

were shipped as far as Alaska some summers. Ed and Cathy said they have already had phone calls this summer about their corn.

Cathy said she is excited to focus on her personal garden this summer.

"I'm almost positive I'll end up with extras," she said. "If I do, I'll set them out front in a box and people are welcome to take what they need."

She also said they had a handful of volunteer gourd and squash plants, and she will place those out front of their Arnold Lane home when they are ready, like she has in years past.

Ed and Cathy aren't completely done growing

corn. They have taken a small section of their corn plot and have planted corn to share with their family. Cathy said that they freeze a lot of the kernels so they can enjoy it throughout the year.

Stepping away from the large-scale corn garden frees up time for Cathy to spend with her grandchildren and for Ed to spend time woodworking and milling lumber. The Lambert's home is decorated with many of Ed's creations, including custom benches, tables and deck railings.

"It's just that time," Cathy said. "We've really enjoyed growing the corn and sharing it with our neighbors for all of those years."

## Dayton realtors say local housing market is strong

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON— Garry Snyder, owner of Christy's Realty in Dayton said local home sales remain strong, in spite of the state mandated restrictions on in-person meetings, put in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

"I've had a very good year," Snyder said. "It has been very busy. We've had a lot of sales under contract."

Snyder said there are fewer current listings, but that was true for this time of year even before the COVID-19 restrictions.

Snyder has thirteen active listings with home prices ranging from \$138,900 to \$449,900.

Reasons some people are listing their houses include buying a bigger house, or building a house, or downsizing.

Several of his listings are also due to sellers relocating for health reasons or because of job transfers.

Snyder said it isn't unusual to list a house one day and get an offer the next, or within a week.

He thinks the homes that have not sold or have been on the market for a long time, may be listed at too high a price, need a lot of work, or are in the flood plain and require expensive flood insurance.

His best guess for the current scarcity of listings is that people are happy living here.

Snyder and his wife Anne Higgins own fifteen rentals, he manages around 60 properties in all, and have had no problem collecting rent due to the COVID-19 economic slowdown.

"Everybody has paid up," he said.

Snyder said people have had financial help with rent and utilities through the Blue Mountain Action Council, the Walla Walla Housing Authority, and through Project Timothy.

Snyder said he is unaware of any commercial properties currently for sale. Christy's Realty recently closed a sale for the old Shell gas station on West Main Street.

Blue Mountain Realtors is owned by Blaine and Julie Bickelhaupt.

Julie Bickelhaupt agrees with Snyder about the strong local market for home sales.

Interest rates are at an all-time low and buyer interest is at an all-time high, for both land and home sales.

"It's a perfect time to buy a house, to move up, or to downsize," she said.

She thinks new people are discovering Dayton as many are looking to move out of areas with busier lifestyles.

The Bickelhaupts manage between 20 and 25 properties in Waitsburg, Dayton and Prescott.

She said their tenants have been very responsible and have been able to remain current with rental payments.

## COVID-19 rapid-testing available locally

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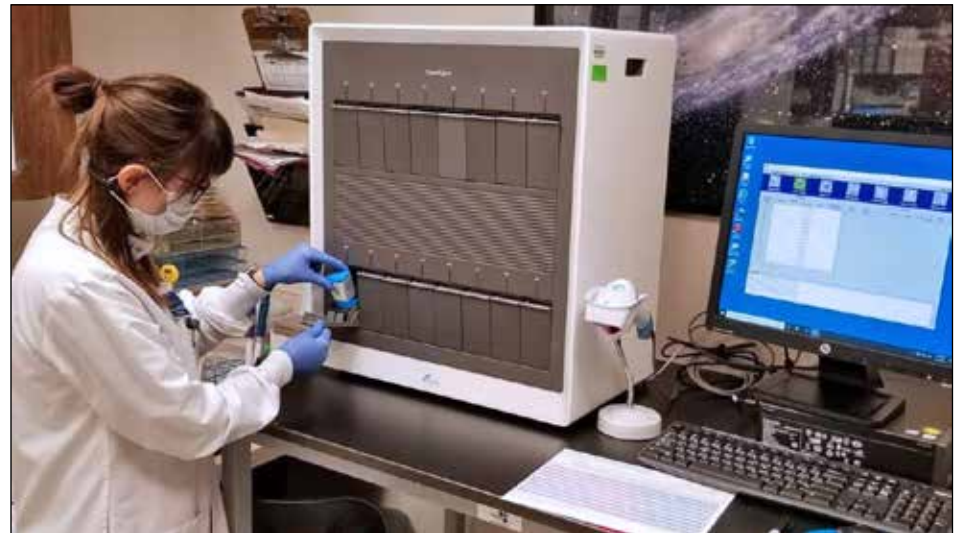
THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Providence St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla is happy to announce that the Cepheid platform for rapid testing has arrived at the hospital.

The Cepheid can produce a COVID-19 test result in 45 minutes. The equipment now is undergoing approximately a week of validation testing, then will be put into use. Initially, it will be limited to patients at the hospital due to continuing national shortages of testing supplies. As more test kits become available, they will be able to expand the availability of rapid testing.

Fundraising for the equipment was anchored by a \$50,000 donation from Dr. Richard Simon, Sleep Center/former General Internist and HIV expert, and Deberah Simon, senior lecturer in chemistry at Whitman College. That followed with a match from Susan Monahan and Mark Brucks. Additional private and public donations funded the remainder of the equipment.

The hospital extends their deepest thanks to the donors and community partners who funded the purchase of this equipment through the Providence St. Mary Foundation.



Courtesy Photo

Walla Walla philanthropists Dr. Richard Simon, Deberah Simon, Susan Monahan and Mark Brucks anchored the donations for the new COVID-19 rapid-testing Cepheid device which will be in operation at St. Mary's Medical Center next week.

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# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

## NEWS BRIEFS

### TWO CANDIDATE FORUMS TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Walla Walla branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) are hosting two candidate forums next week.

The County Commissioners and Superior Court Judges will be at the first candidate forum on Tuesday, July 14th at 6:30 p.m. The State Representatives will be at the second candidate forum on Thursday, July 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Since in-person gatherings are not possible at this time, the forums will be conducted via a Zoom meeting hosted on the Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce website [wwwchamber.com](http://wwwchamber.com).

Please pre-register at [wwwchamber.com](http://wwwchamber.com) at least one day before each forum on the meeting link, as pre-registering ensures that there is adequate meeting capacity. Participants will have the ability to submit questions to the candidates at the time of the forum and they will be answered as time allows.

The forums will also be available to be viewed live on the Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce Facebook page, although viewers will not have the ability to submit questions viewing this way.

A link to view the forums afterwards will be provided on the Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce website and Facebook page and on the AAUW Walla Walla website located at: [wallawalla-wa.aauw.net](http://wallawalla-wa.aauw.net).

**Judges Candidate Forum**  
Thursday July 14, 6:30 pm

**State Representatives Candidate Forum**  
Thursday July 16., 6:30 pm

Meet the Candidates

Pre-register at [wwwchamber.com](http://wwwchamber.com)  
Both Forums will be viewable after the events at [wallawalla-wa.aauw.net](http://wallawalla-wa.aauw.net)

### BENTON, FRANKLIN AND YAKIMA COUNTIES APPROVED TO MOVE TO MODIFIED PHASE 1 OF GOV. JAY INSLEE'S SAFE START PLAN

OLYMPIA—On July 3, Washington State Secretary of Health John Wiesman approved Benton, Franklin and Yakima counties to move to a modified Phase 1 of Gov. Jay Inslee's Safe Start plan.

Effective July 3, the following activities are permitted in Benton, Franklin and Yakima counties:

- Construction as permitted in Phase 2 guidance.
- Manufacturing as permitted in Phase 2 guidance.
- Restaurants for outdoor seating only at 50% of existing outdoor capacity.
- In-store retail at 15% indoor capacity with indoor activities limited to 30 minutes.
- Personal services at 25% indoor capacity.
- Dog groomers at 25% indoor capacity.
- No gatherings with people outside of the household except for small behavioral health support groups of 5 people or less.

A total of five counties are in a modified version of Phase 1, 17 counties are in Phase 2 and 17 counties are in Phase 3. To view which counties are in each phase of the Safe Start plan, visit their website.

On July 2, Governor Inslee and Secretary Wiesman announced a pause on all county applications to move to their next phase of the Safe Start plan due to increased COVID-19 activity in the state. Counties will remain in their current phase for at least the next two weeks. Any applications that the department has under review will be paused until at least July 16.

Individuals can also find COVID-19 information on the Department of Health's website or call 1-800-525-0127. Individuals can text the word "coronavirus" to 211-211 to receive information and updates on their phone wherever they are.

### PENDLETON ROUND-UP CANCELLED

*Happy Canyon Indian Pageant & Wild West show also cancelled*

THE TIMES

PENDLETON, Ore.—For only the third time in its history, The Pendleton Round-Up has been cancelled. Organizers could not ensure the safety of the community due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Happy Canyon Indian Pageant and Wild West Show have also been canceled for 2020. The events had been scheduled for Sept. 16-19.

The Round-Up was previously cancelled in 1942 and 1943 due to World War II.

"It is with a heavy heart that the 2020 Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon will not be taking place this year," Happy Canyon president Tanner Hawkins said in a statement. "Both the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon boards' number-one priority has been and will always be the health and safety of our community, volunteers, tribal partners and our entire region."

Event organizers had been working with local and state officials to come up with a way to allow the Round-Up to continue, as it is one of Pendleton's biggest economic drivers. Ultimately the decision to cancel the event was made, as it has been for so many other well-loved community events.

Ticket holders can receive a full refund or put the payment toward the 2021 event. They also have the option of donating the costs of their tickets to the Let 'Er Buck Cares fund, which supports the local organizations that rely on Round-Up week and which was established by the Oregon Community Foundation. The causes the fund will support includes scholarships, youth sports, recovery programs, animal rescue, breast cancer support and more.

Ticket holders are asked to complete the application for a refund, or a donation to the fund, by August



Randal Collis

31, 2020. Any patrons that do not complete the form by this date will have their tickets automatically rolled over to the 2021 event. For any further questions contact the box office at (541) 276-2553 or email [tickets@pendletonroundup.com](mailto:tickets@pendletonroundup.com).

**Touchet Valley Weather** July 8, 2020

**Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast**

**Wednesday**  
Sunny  
High: 78 Low: 55

**Thursday**  
Sunny  
High: 86 Low: 60

**Friday**  
Sunny  
High: 85 Low: 59

**Saturday**  
Sunny  
High: 87 Low: 61

**Sunday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 85 Low: 59

**Monday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 84 Low: 58

**Tuesday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 77 Low: 51

**Weather Trivia**

What is the least humid city in the United States?

**Answer:** Las Vegas, NV with an average afternoon humidity of 21 percent.

**Weather History**

**July 8, 1975** - Three people were killed and six others were injured when lightning struck a walnut tree near Mayo, Fla. The nine people were stringing tobacco under a tin shed when the bolt hit the nearby tree.

**Local Almanac Last Week**

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	77	57	84/57	0.00"	0.00"
Wednesday	72	54	85/58	0.00"	0.14"
Thursday	79	53	85/58	0.00"	-0.14"
Friday	84	50	85/58	0.00"	67.9°
Saturday	82	57	86/58	0.00"	71.8°
Sunday	83	56	86/59	0.00"	-3.9°
Monday	82	64	87/59	0.00"	

*Data as reported from Walla Walla*

**Sun/Moon Chart This Week**

Last	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	First
7/12	Wednesday	5:11 a.m.	8:45 p.m.	11:21 p.m.	8:44 a.m.	7/27
	Thursday	5:12 a.m.	8:44 p.m.	11:44 p.m.	9:50 a.m.	
	Friday	5:12 a.m.	8:43 p.m.	Prev Day	10:54 a.m.	
	Saturday	5:13 a.m.	8:43 p.m.	12:05 a.m.	11:57 a.m.	
	Sunday	5:14 a.m.	8:42 p.m.	12:25 a.m.	12:59 p.m.	
	Monday	5:15 a.m.	8:41 p.m.	12:44 a.m.	2:01 p.m.	Full 8/3
	Tuesday	5:16 a.m.	8:41 p.m.	1:05 a.m.	3:04 p.m.	

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOANS (EIDLs)

OLYMPIA—The Washington State Small Business Administration expanded the eligibility criteria for the EIDL program earlier in June. Small businesses may check eligibility and apply for an EIDL on the U.S. Small Business Administration website, located here: <https://covid19relief.sba.gov/>. Interest rates are 3.75% for small businesses, 2.75% for nonprofits.

EIDLs may be used on common operational expenses that cannot be paid due to effects of the pandemic, this includes debt payments, payroll, accounts payable and other bills.

EIDLs can be used with expenses not already covered by Paycheck Protection Program loans. Businesses and nonprofits can use a combination of PPP and EIDL loans as long as the funds are used for different expenses.

Small business owners are able to apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Advance of up to \$10,000, those interested can apply here: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/economic-injury-disaster-loan-emergency-advance> This advance is designed to provide economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue. This loan advance will not have to be repaid.

### PORT OF COLUMBIA ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL GRANTS FOR EMERGENCY SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

DAYTON—The State of Washington has announced additional grants for emergency small business support funded through the federal CARES Act. Details will be posted in the Port of Columbia newsletter, as they become available. The grants will be administered by Port officials.

This new round of grants is in addition to the those awarded to local businesses last month, through the Working Washington Small Business Emergency Grant Program, according to Port of Columbia Executive Director Jennie Dickinson and Dayton Chamber Manager Molly Weatherill-Tate.

For more information contact Jennie Dickinson at (509) 382-2577.

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# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

## Reader photo



Jasper Morrow

Jasper Morrow snapped this photo from the safety of his car at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds on Sunday as a young moose took a lap around the race track. The moose was later seen wandering around the football field before heading out of town.

## Schedule set for three City of Walla Walla town hall meetings to address topics relating to local policing

### THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—City of Walla Walla officials have finalized plans for a three-part virtual town hall series to address topics relating to local policing including a local officer's tattoo, police practices, policies, and funding. The meetings will be conducted online via Zoom, and the schedule will be as follows:

Thursday July 9 at 6:30-8:30 p.m. — Presentations by City Manager Nabel Shawa on City budget and police funding; City Attorney Tim Donaldson on legal issues surrounding Officer Nat Small's tattoo; and Police Chief Scott Bieber on Walla Walla Police Department policies and practices. We intend to provide the information in English and Spanish. There will not be public comment during this meeting.

Thursday July 23 at 6:30-9:30 p.m. — This will be

the opportunity for public input and comments. Individuals who wish to comment must sign up on the City Council website. The form can be found at: <http://www.wallawalla.gov/government/city-council> starting July 10 and must be completed and submitted by 5 p.m. on July 17. By requiring speakers to sign up, the City seeks to have balanced input on the issues. If more than 60 people wish to speak, the speakers will be chosen randomly while maintaining a balance between the differing sides.

Thursday Aug. 13 at 6:30-8:30 p.m.—Discussion and possible action by Council.

The City will provide a link to the three Zoom virtual meetings on the City Council web page. Recordings of the meetings will be available on the City's Public Meetings showcase on Vimeo.

## REVENUE LOSS AT THE STATE LEVEL WILL IMPACT COUNTY FINANCES

### County officials scramble to balance finances

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—County officials are dealing with projected shortfalls, state required cuts, and are trying to maintain adequate funds to cover expenses.

In her second quarter financial report to the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, County Treasurer Carla Rowe offered a dire forecast for state revenue collections over the next few years due to the COVID-19 situation.

She said the Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council announced an estimated decrease in revenue collection for the 2019-21 budget of around \$4.5 billion.

"It is reported that would leave the state with a \$1.4 billion shortfall, including reserves, at the end of the biennium. The council also reduced the forecast for the 2021-23 budget cycle by \$4.3 billion," Rowe said. "This will be a revenue loss at the state level of approximately \$9 billion over three years."

Rowe said county property taxes for the first half of the year remain at the same rate as that of 2019, but stressed that while the collection percentage is the same the first half delinquencies are at 11 percent.

She said because 11 percent of the second half was paid during the first half collection cycle, it balanced out the collection rate.

She estimates about \$247,000 of the property taxes in the current expense budget for 2019 will not be collected this year, because of the current delinquency rate. "It will be collected eventually, just not in this year," Rowe said.

Rowe said her office offered two payment plans, both with 1 percent interest. Interest earned on that amount will be \$11,423.00.

\$827,516.76 in sales tax has been refunded to the Department of Revenue out of the current expense budget, to meet the 75 percent renewable energy sales tax exemption for the Marengo I and Marengo II wind projects.

Also, sales tax refunds have been made on the 1 percent sales tax collections specified for E911 and mental health in the amount of \$82,751.66 ea.

The fourth quarter of 2019 is in audit, and Rowe said she expects a refund request for the first quarter of 2020, as well. Funds have been set aside in anticipation of these requests.

The county collected \$9751 in interest from taxes on past due collections during the Second quarter compared to \$5,672 during the same in 2019.

Interest earned was \$2,349 for the Second Quarter for the Current Expense Reserve Account compared to \$5,797 for the Second Quarter of 2019.

County revenue without property and sales taxes in the Second Quarter of 2020 was \$3,185,347 compared to \$2,416,774 in the Second Quarter of 2019.

At the end of June, the Current Expense Account had \$2,044,584 in cash and reserve compared to \$2,090,546 at the end of June, 2019.

The Interest rate for the reserve at Washington Federal Bank dropped in March, and has remained the same through the rest of the quarter. Because of the dip, Rowe opened a reserve account at HomeStreet Bank, in May, at a rate of .70 percent. For June the rate was .45 percent. For July it will be .36 percent, Rowe said.

The Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) rate has varied over the quarter from .3929 to .3270 daily yield; ending the quarter at .3359.

Residual investments include \$125,153 in a US Bank Bond. The yield rate is 1.62 percent with a maturity date of Jan. 15, 2021.

County Auditor Anne Higgins said the budget overall has increased due to multiple federal emergency grants received by the County. Those grants, however, are very specific to use, so there was a major restructuring in expenditures for several funds.

The main funds that were restructured were Current Expense and the County Road budgets.

"Revenue shortfalls are minimal at this point in time, but are anticipated to be between 11-15 percent by the end of the year," she said.

Several departments have reduced expenses helping compensate for the revenue shortfall. Due to change from in-person meetings to web meetings the costs for travel and meeting registration fees have also been reduced.

Following a public hearing regarding budget amendments, and the presentation from Higgins, the BOCC adopted the following:

Resolution 2020-29: Amendments for the 2020 Budgets for current expense and various funds due to emergencies which could not have been foreseen at the time of budgeting.

Resolution 2020-30: Revising the Fee Schedule in 2020, to account for actual costs and liabilities incurred by the county regarding the Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule.

Resolution 2020-31: Authorizing agreements between the Army Corps of Engineers, Columbia County and the County Flood Control Zone District to receive assistance for repair of various levees associated resulting from the 2020 flood event.

Resolution 2020-32: Authorizing various repairs to the county roads damaged as a result of the 2020 flood event.



## WAITSBURG VISITOR



Photo by Carl Newell

Anna Newell is 14 years old and is visiting from Ponca City, Oklahoma. She is the granddaughter of Karl and Marianne Newell and learned to weld last year while visiting Waitsburg. Anna has been learning to weld from Jack Miller and has made several projects including this beautiful bird which she and her grandfather made this visit.

## DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

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**Thursday, July 9**  
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Baby carrots  
Salad & roll  
Banana & Milk

**Tuesday, July 14**  
Roast beef  
Mashed potatoes & gravy  
Corn  
Broccoli salad  
Fruit Jello & Milk

## BIRTHDAYS

**July 9:** Michael Henze.

**July 10:** Bob Butler, Billie Leroue, Patricia Dunn, Roberta Osborne, Bob Swenson, Michael Kiefel, Rami Feryn, Al Thompson.

**July 11:** Susa Roberts.

**July 12:** Judy Townsend, Dick Surry, Lynette Newbill, Bill Duckworth, Deandra Smith, John Wood, Jr., Gayle Durkee, Bruce Anderson, George Downing.

**July 13:** Tom and Gracie Lyman, Terri Schuler, Ron Kessler, Tom John, Janis Austin, Steve Low, Gary Vaughn, Kimberly Williams, Tucker Gleason.

**July 14:** Karen Gregutt, Brett Tuttle, Pat Davis, Megan Price, Lauren Rohde.

**July 15:** Howard Hays, Velma Sickles, Steve Witt, Mary Duncan, Ray Clayton, W.L. Clayton.



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# COMMENTARY & NEWS

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## LETTERS

Editor,

The Waitsburg Times Publisher has this to say after attending the Peace Rally in Walla Walla:

"The topic of our country's systemic racism and its effects on people of color is difficult to hear."

She continues, "It was a big reminder that we must listen, truly listen, to voices other than our own. Listening without feeling the need to respond or debate."

This is awful advice. What if those "voices other than our own" are spewing bad ideas? Bad ideas that meet with no response or debate tend to turn into implemented bad ideas, bad policy. And what is wrong with debate? Civil debate between free thinkers is part of the bedrock of a thriving society. When all the contrary voices are hectored, shushed, and muzzled into complete silence, there will only be one viewpoint spoken. Don't like it? Better learn to.

I don't think the publisher was envisioning anything Orwellian when she told us how important it is not to debate, instead she was just succumbing to this ridiculous new trend of performative self-flagellation, in which the performer insinuates all manner of evil and privilege on themselves and then falls in a weeping heap at the feet of some presumed offende, begging

absolution for uncommitted crimes and thoroughly embarrassing themselves. The Waitsburg Times version is a little more subtle, but just as insulting. And not insulting to me, rather to the person who is presumed too delicate, ignorant, or dimwitted to back up an argument in a debate.

The publisher concludes with an excerpt of Dakotah Fryatt's speech from the Peace Rally in Walla Walla. It is an interesting speech, but at the end she says something unintentionally ominous, beckoning all those gathered to, "Please don't leave the same way you came." My guess is, considering the type of person that attends a Peace Rally, that Ms. Fryatt—along with the rest of us—really does not want what that would really mean. It's a good lesson, though. Before we eagerly march with the crowds and the noise to the drumbeat of indiscriminate change, best to make a profound examination of what we're actually changing. And if it happens to be something valuable, stop apologizing for it and defend it.

Feel free to respond to the ideas in this letter. Debate them, even.

Seth Murdock  
Dayton

## EXPERIENCE COUNTS!

Dear Editor:

We are fortunate indeed to have a remarkably experienced and qualified candidate running for the State Senate this year. Danielle Garbe-Reser, was born, raised, and educated in Eastern Washington. On September 10, 2001, she began what would be a dozen years of advancing our country's interests, at duty stations and embassies in the post 9/11 world.

Stateside, she also served American interests in the White House during both Republican and Democratic administrations, serving on the Staff of Condoleezza Rice at State and, later, on the National Security Council Staff.

In 2015, the Sherwood Trust selected her to be their CEO, charged with managing over \$30 Million in assets. During her tenure, she oversaw a range of initiatives that created jobs, initiated cross-cultural initiatives and investments in Latino-serving non-profits. For her efforts in attracting over half a million dollars in new grants to the region she was recognized nationally with an award for "Outsized Impact" and a Philanthropy NW "Ambassador of the Year".

In sum, I happily invite you to join us and mark your ballot to send this exceptional woman to represent the interests of Eastern Washington in the State Senate.

Diana Broze  
Walla Walla

## COLUMBIA HOSPITAL CHIEF ADVOCATES FOR ASSISTED-LIVING COTTAGES

To the editor:

Too many times in life an event leads to an abrupt change in a reactive manner versus proactive, planned approaches to change. Sometimes this is hard to avoid but in the case of choosing to age in place, most people will tell you that they want to remain in their homes and community with many feeling that this is completely feasible, and the good news is that studies support this idea. AARP's most recent survey of adults age 50 and over reveals that 76% want to remain in their homes as long as possible, and that only 5% of the 65+ population will ever live in a nursing home or skilled nursing facility. There is also support in that statistic that 24% of the population would like to move into an assisted living facility with amenities that will ease the burden of aging without losing privacy or independence.

The national trend shows that 80% of elderly people receiving assistance, including many with functional limitations, live in private homes in the community and not in institutions. The State of Washington is very progressive in support of people aging in their homes by supporting home care and non-institutional care-based program hours. An individual living with 1 or 2 disabilities can receive up to 8 hours of in-home support and those living with 3 or

more may receive up to 11 hours of support.

Your health system has been developing and deploying programs for the last few years to assist our community members meet their goal of remaining in their community and in their homes. We support several programs including: Participation in the Star-C program dedicated to helping people caring for family members with Alzheimer's or related Dementia. The Senior, SAIL program, Stay Active and Independent for Life, through our local Senior Center. We provide meals through our dietary department for Meals on Wheels, and we have recently taken on the foot health program for Columbia County. In addition, we support Washington State's Aging and Long-Term Care Home Health program, and we have built a robust Palliative Care team in support of those living with chronic illness.

As an organization dedicated to providing aging and long-term care services, we recognized a deficiency in our community that does not exist in more urban settings. We do not have any assisted living facilities in support of those who either choose to not age in their own private residence, or for those that can no longer age at home safely, but that do not meet a nursing home criteria for admission. This is an important service line that helps people remain in the

communities they love while remaining as independent as possible.

Our board of directors recently participated in a business case presentation for the Health System detailing potential partnerships to create several assisted living cottages. The board requested that administration move forward with finding potential partners and secure agreements to operate an assisted living community of up to 7, individual homes, each with 10 private bed and bathrooms. Homes could be tailored to specific needs; as an example, one Cottage could be built to accommodate residents with memory related impairments.

We are excited to do this work and provide additional information to the community as we move along in this journey. The assisted living facilities will greatly complement our existing skilled nursing services for those aging with the highest care needs. The addition of this service will allow us to care for even more residents choosing to remain in the communities they love.

Shane A. McGuire  
Chief Executive Officer  
Columbia County Health System

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## Recovery group forms to assist flood victims

*Joy Smith is Waitsburg and Dayton's Disaster Case Manager*

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

In the wake of February's flooding event, the Blue Mountain Long-Term Recovery Group (BMLTRG), a multi-state, multi-county organization, has been formed to reflect the structure of similar long-term disaster recovery groups across the nation.

The new group will continue the work taken on by multiple community groups in our region including the Waitsburg Flood Mitigation Group.

BMLTRG's Executive Committee is co-chaired by Christy Lieuallen from the United Way of the Blue Mountains and David Reinholz from The Community Action Program of East Central Oregon (CAPECO). The co-chairs will manage administrative functions and other oversight.

The United Way of the Blue Mountains and CAPECO will also serve as the Washington and Oregon fiscal partners for the new group.

Joy Smith has been named as the Waitsburg/Dayton disaster case manager (DCM), and she has contacted many of the flood survivors previously, but recent work by the group has revealed that there are people affected by the flood who have unmet needs.

Smith has identified 30 people with unmet needs due to lack of insurance, gaps in insurance, the barrier of high insurance deductibles. The BMLTRG is primarily concerned with addressing lack of housing and/or unstable housing at this time.

Those in need should contact Smith directly at waitsburgcc@icloud.com or by phone at (509) 539-8773. People who wish to report someone who was impacted are also encouraged to reach out. Flood assistance can only be offered to those who reach out for help, so give Joy Smith a call.

Fundraising for this ongoing effort is underway through the United Way of the Blue Mountains. They have created a donation page to accept help for our local families with ongoing needs. Visit the site at: <https://www.uwbluemt.org/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=99>.

## SECRETARY OF STATE RESPONDS TO TODAY'S U.S. SUPREME COURT RULING ON FAITHLESS ELECTORS

OLYMPIA—On Monday, June 6 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of Washington state's "faithless elector" laws. The Office of the Secretary of State won the lower-court rulings in both the state Superior and Supreme courts, and these decisions were supported today by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Secretary of State Kim Wyman was confident that Washington state's laws would be reaffirmed. "I am pleased to see that the U.S. Supreme Court upheld our role to ensure the popular vote of the people is represented in the electoral votes cast," she said.

The case, Chiafalo et. al. v. Washington, involved four Washington state electors who voted for candidates for president and vice president other than U.S. Senators Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine following the 2016 presidential election.

State law at the time mandated a \$1,000 fine for each of the faithless electors. Three of the electors sued the state, alleging it had no authority to enforce their pledge to vote in line with the popular vote of the people. Today's decision confirms the state has a responsibility to ensure the electors chosen must honor their pledge to represent the outcome of the state's popular vote.

The faithless elector law was adopted by the state legislature following the 1976 presidential election.

The Washington State Superior Court, the Washington State Supreme Court, and now the U.S. Supreme Court have all agreed that a person pledged to vote an electoral ballot on behalf of the voters of the state of Washington must follow the will of the voters.

In 2019, the state legislature passed Senate Bill 5074 updating the process for enforcing the pledge taken by each elector to vote as the state's voters did. Under the new law, if an elector does not follow the will of Washington state voters, their position is declared vacant, and an alternate elector is selected in their place.

## Dayton School Board update

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton School Board met July 1 for a regular monthly work session via Zoom. The board reviewed the middle and high school principal contract, and the 2020-2021 budget. This work session was Superintendent Guy Strot's first regular meeting for the district.

The board reviewed the middle and high school principal's contract. Board member Fred White noted that there was one area with non-inclusive language within the contract, and the board agreed to fix the language to read 'his/her' in order to be inclusive.

Business manager Paula Moisio presented the 2020-2021 school year budget. Moisio explained that there were items that had been budgeted based on contingencies. She said that the budget was particularly difficult due to so many unknowns caused by the

current pandemic. Dayton School District is currently budgeted for 382 students for the upcoming school year.

Items that are tough to budget due to uncertainties caused by the coronavirus pandemic include the Dayton-Waitsburg athletic combine as the district is unsure how sports will look in the fall.

Moisio said that Dayton School District should have roughly \$122,000 coming in from the CARES Act funds. She said she has also applied for FEMA funds, but does not know for sure if the district will receive the amount requested.

Superintendent Guy Strot said that there are a lot of unknowns in the education world right now and he plans on taking things day by day, updating the board as he receives more information from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). He is optimistic that students will be safely back into classrooms this fall.

## Waitsburg school holds informative hearing on COVID concerns

*The school district is seeking parent input regarding the reopening this fall*

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg School District held a virtual public hearing on June 30 to discuss the upcoming school year. No more than four families attended the informative hearing to discuss concerns regarding classroom structure, face shields and masks, and other education concerns arising with the longevity of the coronavirus pandemic.

Superintendent Mark Pickel started the meeting off by expressing that the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has been revising in-classroom teaching guidelines almost daily. The district values the parent's input and would like to work with OSPI and the families to create a safe, healthy learning environment for the students.

Families in attendance expressed great concern about requiring students, especially grade school age, to wear a face mask or shield for the entirety of the school day. Disciplinary actions were among the top concerns from the parents and caregivers.

"How do you regulate face coverings with five-year-olds?" one parent asked.

Parents of children with sensory disorders expressed concern that the masks will be a distraction or will inhibit the ability to focus on schoolwork and learn. Superintendent Pickel agreed that it was a delicate subject and finding the right way to enforce the coverings was going to take creativity, and that the district is looking into bucket-hat style face shields for the younger students in hopes that they would be less distracting.

Another concern was accessibility of bus services. Superintendent Pickel said that an OSPI work group determined that social distancing is not necessary on school buses because the rides are so short. They will require face coverings for

all students and staff riding. School buses are not able to be modified with sneeze guards or plexiglass separators for safety reasons, according to the OSPI and Washington State Patrol.

In order to comply with social distancing orders, Superintendent Pickel said the district is exploring a split classroom schedule, as well as incorporating distance learning. The district is considering a schedule with two days of in-class and three days of distance. The district is planning on providing secondary students with Chromebook laptops for online learning.

"We are hoping to utilize tools like Google Classrooms this year," Pickel said. "This spring provided us a chance to get familiar with the program and how it works, and teachers have been working on ways to make distance learning work smoothly."

Superintendent Pickel said they are also exploring schedule options to accommodate at least one day of deep cleaning and disinfecting.

Another concern was about the protocol for sending kids home from school if they are ill.

"If my kid is sent home with a fever, are they going to immediately be placed on COVID watch?" one parent asked.

Superintendent Pickel said that the short answer is yes, but the district is exploring options to implement screening that will help shorten entry time each morning, as well as help determine how to handle kids who get ill during the day.

"There are going to be details that we don't know until the first day," Superintendent Pickel said, explaining that there are so many unknowns with the pandemic as a whole.

All of the OSPI recommendations that Superintendent Pickel based the conversation on during the hearing were current, but he did acknowledge that the recommendations are likely to change.

The district held a second virtual informational hearing for July 8.

### WWCSO

**June 19**  
The reporting party in 1300 block of Barleen Drive was scammed out of 1,000 dollars, Walla Walla.

**June 22**  
A hit and run occurred in the county at an address on Interchange Road over the weekend. Walla Walla County.

**June 24**  
Reporting Party stated that items that fell out of the back of his SUV were picked up and taken in the 13900 block of Dodd Road. Burbank, WA.

**June 25**  
Reporting party in the 57 block of Farmland Road reported being scammed out of money, Walla Walla.

**June 29**  
Deputies responded to the 100 block of W. Birch St regarding a violation of protection order. Suspect arrested without incident. Burbank, WA.

**June 30**  
Deputies responded to assist with a death investigation at an address on Elliot Road in Milton-Freewater, OR.  
Reporting party called to report that his vehicle had been shot at an unknown location in the Wallula area.  
Report of animal neglect at an address in the 500 block of NW Evans, Walla Walla County.

**July 1**  
Two males were arrested in Burbank for narcotics possession.

A malicious mischief 3 report was given at an address on W. Main Street in Walla Walla.

A domestic disturbance was reported at an address on Reinken Boulevard in Burbank.

**July 2**  
A report of malicious mischief that occurred overnight was reported from an address in the 100 block of Jantz Road in Burbank.

**July 3**  
A vehicle was prowled while parked on West HWY 12. Walla Walla County.

**July 4**  
An attempted vehicle prowling was reported in the 1300 block of Havstad Drive. Walla Walla County.

# NEWS & LEGALS

## Walla Walla School District considers AM/PM split schedule

Survey results identify concerns

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Recent survey results, representing feedback from nearly 2,000 Walla Walla Public Schools parents, provided district staff critical guidance as they begin finalizing Fall 2020 reopening plans. Results from this recent survey, in addition to three prior surveys representing thousands of respondents, a focus group interview with students, and 10 different workgroups consisting of dozens of staff and community partners, have provided a path forward as the district modifies in-person instruction this fall.

The strict, 6-foot social distancing mandate for all schools in Washington State will require significant modifications for most districts in order to comply. If the state social distancing restriction is not relaxed, Walla Walla Public Schools, like many public and private school districts, will be required to split-shift students to ensure mandated classroom capacity requirements are met.

The most recent survey revealed parents favored a morning/afternoon (e.g. AM/PM) split schedule, versus an every-other-day option. Additionally, questions addressing continued distance learning options for families and safety considerations for staff and students were asked. After two months of engagement efforts, the following fall reopening themes have been realized:

- If state social distancing restrictions are not re-

laxed, parents, staff and students prefer the AM/PM option over every-other-day

- Maximizing face-to-face instruction and daily contact with teachers and peers is a high priority
- The initially-proposed non-school day on Friday is problematic for many families
- If AM/PM scheduling is necessary, keeping family sibling on the same schedule is critical
- Concerns around childcare/daycare coverage when students are not in school remains a significant concern
- An option for continued distance learning will be necessary for some students and families
- Continued concerns over students who receive special education, qualify as an English Language Learner, or who were already behind their peers academically, may slide further behind in their learning
- Additional academic options and rigor for students at or above grade level should be made available
- Ensuring technology access for all should continue to be prioritized
- Social/emotional and mental health supports for students are important
- Enhanced cleaning and safety measures should be incorporated
- The following considerations are being analyzed as district officials and staff finalize fall 2020 reopening plans:
  - A Monday through Friday schedule for all families is being reviewed to address parent concerns over

non-school Fridays.

- Parent requests for AM/PM selection will be sought before assignments are made.

Every attempt to keep family siblings on the same schedule will be a top priority.

In order to support sibling supervision, the district is exploring the possibility of aligning school start and stop times so that all students in either the AM or PM session have similar bus routes and pick up/drop off times.

The district is exploring the feasibility for specific special education, English Language Learner and historically underperforming students to attend full-day sessions in order to address learning gaps.

A 100 percent distance learning option for students and families will be available.

To address technology, the district has finalized a comprehensive 1:1 computer program for students in grades 6-12, where each student will be issued a personal Chromebook. Additionally, an "equity at home" technology option for Preschool through 5th grade students will also be implemented. Under this program, the district will offer technology to families who lack at-home access. Both models will ensure a more robust engagement between student and staff and allow for additional learning opportunities.

Following coordination with union leadership, the district anticipates presenting Fall 2020 reopening plans to the School Board during its regularly scheduled meeting on July 21. Communication and outreach efforts with families will immediately follow.

## LEGAL NOTICES

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

Christian Flores,  
Case No. 19-3-00257-36  
Sergio Flores Sandoval,  
Respondent.

The State of Washington to  
Sergio Flores Sandoval

You are hereby summoned to appear within 60 days of the date this petition for a dissolution of marriage summons is published, after June 18, 2020, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, Christian Flores, and serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address stated below; and in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the petition for a dissolution of marriage, which has been filed with the clerk of stated court. If you do not serve your written response within 60 days after the date this summons was served on you, exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a final order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final order until at least 90 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response on Christian Flores at 601 S. Kent St, Apt E204, Kennewick, WA 99336

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

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### PUBLIC NOTICE City of Dayton 2020 Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations Amendment Cycle

The City of Dayton hereby announces the annual consideration of amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations will be accepting dockets until August 1, 2020. The amendment process is designed to solicit suggested amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations. A Docket List of amendments combining private applications and City initiated changes will be developed.

Complete applications and applicable fees must be submitted to City Hall by 4:00 pm on August 1, 2020. Applicants are strongly encouraged to meet with planning staff prior to submitting an application.

A schedule will then be followed to comply with state

mandates and the Dayton Municipal Code, while allowing opportunities for public participation. A series of public meetings and hearings, first for docketing and then for consideration of amendments on the Final Docket List, will be held by the Planning Commission and City Council (dates and locations will be finalized and announced at a later date). Information will be available and public comments on the final proposed amendments will be accepted via mail or e-mail.

Questions should be directed to the City of Dayton, Department of Planning & Community Development at

111 S. 1st St., Dayton WA 99328, or at 509-382-2361, or mbailey@daytonwa.com  
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### Public Hearing Notice NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Waitsburg City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. or soon thereafter in the Lions Club Memorial Building at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds (349 E. 10th Street) in order to hear public comments on a proposed adoption of a general obligation property tax question to be placed on the November General Election Ballot for the purpose of completing flood control improvements in and around

the City Limits of Waitsburg. City Council action may or may not include approval of the proposed ballot item.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the hearing and present evidence in favor or opposition of the proposed ballot item. Complete copies of the Resolution will be available at City Hall 147 Main Street, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361 or (509) 337-6371 on its website [www.cityofwaitsburg.com](http://www.cityofwaitsburg.com) on July 10, 2020. Written testimony may be forwarded to the Waitsburg City Council, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361. In the event that the City has to hold the hearing virtually through a conference call due to COVID 19 meeting restrictions, information on how to testify will be posted to the City website [www.cityofwaitsburg.com](http://www.cityofwaitsburg.com) on or around July 10, 2020.

Dated this 6th day of July 2020

City Administrator  
Randy Hinchliffe  
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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Waitsburg School District No. 401-100 Board of Directors of Walla Walla County will meet for the purpose of fixing and adopting the proposed 2020-2021 Budget, the four-year budget plan summary and the four-year enrollment projection at a special meeting on July

30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Preston Hall Board Room in the Waitsburg School District.

All District residents are invited to attend the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the budget, the four-year budget plan, or any proposed changes to uses of enrichment funding under RCW 28A.505.240. Copies of the Budget will be available at the hearing or can be obtained after that date at the district office.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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6 pm	Gene Crothers Sign Dedication
Saturday, 8 am	Cafe open for breakfast
July 11: 8 am - 9 am	Registration
9 am	Shotgun start, Lunch at the turn



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# Psychologist sees signs of fear and anger during lockdown

*Telehealth options have benefits and drawbacks*

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

As stay at home orders persist, and nearly every aspect of daily life is impacted in some way, it is no surprise that mental health problems are increasing across the country due to the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Kaiser Family Foundation notes that significantly higher shares of people who were sheltering in place (47 percent) reported negative mental health effects resulting from worry or stress related to coronavirus than among those not sheltering in place (37 percent).

Research also shows that job loss is associated with increased depression, anxiety, distress and low self-esteem and may lead to higher rates of substance use disorder and suicide. Walla Walla County achieved a peak of 12.2 percent unemployment this April.

Dr. Antoinette McPherson-Charles is a therapist who specializes in treating post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), she works at the Jonathan M. Wainwright Veterans Administration hospital in Walla Walla and also has a private practice.

Charles last wrote for *the Times* in April where she recommended maintaining routines, connecting with others and reaching out for help if you are struggling. I spoke with Charles recently to check in and to see if she is noting any trends in how people are coping with our pandemic reality.

“The people who are not doing well with lockdown seem to be driven either by fear and it becomes super isolative and it just kind of spills over into every aspect of their life. They don’t even want to go outside because they are fearful that someone will walk by and cough,” she said.

“And then there are the ones who are driven by anger and whether that’s anger because they feel they are being restricted, or their rights are being taken away—they just get so angry that they just get stuck and kind of implode on themselves,” she continued.

Charles also notes that instances of domestic violence have gone up. “You take people that have problems anyway, put them in the same home, with no outlet, and throw in substance abuse and all of a sudden there is a lot more battery.”

Adapting to telehealth has been both a challenge and a blessing to Charles and her clients. “The older ones get very frustrated by the technology or intimidated by the technology. Some of them don’t even have computers and they are very isolated and resistant towards any Zoom meetings.”

“The younger ones are more open to it and some of them are actually enjoying it. There is some research that teletherapy in mental health is one of the few branches in medicine where it actually gives better results, because some people feel more relaxed at home, there’s less barriers, they feel safer in self-disclosing. And, as a therapist, you can see their element (their home) which gives you a lot of information that you wouldn’t have typically.”

For clients who can only connect via telephone due to a lack of internet or the necessary bandwidth for video, Charles says she struggles at times during emotional moments during a treatment session. “When they are quiet, are they crying? Are they zoning out? Are they pensive? It’s really flying blind doing therapy like that sometimes,” she says.



Photo courtesy of VA.gov

Video mental health visits may be good options for rural veterans, teens or the medically compromised. Ask your doctor if video visits at home are right for you.

Her clients with PTSD have provided the most challenge and reward during this time. “The ones (clients) that are not making the appointments are so isolated and their symptoms are getting worse, a lot of them. But in some ways, it’s been a blessing, we’ve been able to get some of my intensive patients into long term care solutions.”

“COVID has made them get to the point where they are so overwhelmed where they are asking for help.” Charles has successfully had four of her clients admitted to a substance abuse and trauma residential treatment center in Arizona recently.

Charles find the people that are doing well during COVID-19, are “the ones that are finding ways to connect even though there is social distancing. They are finding ways to accept things they can’t change.” She encourages people to continue to be creative in the ways that you reach out to others, with a FaceTime call, a letter or just an email. She also recommends being mindful and to focus on the positive.

She also encourages those who are struggling to pursue their options. Telehealth opportunities are increasing, and the cost is being accepted more by insurance companies.

There are also smart phone apps that can help, too. Charles is partial to the one used at the VA, called COVID Coach which includes tools for self-care, trackers to check your mood, tips on relationships, stress management and even parenting issues. The app is free.

As for Charles? She is getting out and appreciating the beauty of the roses in her garden and feeling grateful for her strong family and faith connections.

*Antoinette McPherson-Charles, PhD, is a licensed psychologist with over 25 years of experience. She received her doctorate from Notre Dame University and specializes in trauma, depression, anxiety and family issues. She may be contacted at (305) 923-9650 or via email at; amcphersoncharles@gmail.com.*

## The Cookie Chronicles Chapter 12—Dog Sports

*Take me out to the ballgame*

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

In Chronicles #2 and #3 I introduced you to Mr. B, Cookie’s lifelong companion, ward and wing man. And I may have mentioned that Mr. B generally hits the sack earlier than the rest of us, the ‘sack’ being an empty slot in the kitchen spice drawer.

Cookie is quite fond of this routine, and though we sometimes forget to put Mr. B to bed right after dinner, she will leave him on the kitchen floor, just below the drawer, as a gentle reminder.



And that is where she will park herself first thing in the morning, because nothing gets the day started properly unless Mr. B is out and about. Since Cookie can’t reach the spice drawer, one of us must be the first to crawl out of bed while the other one desperately tries to grab a few extra minutes of sleep.

This is when the ballgames begin.

As the day unfolds, a great many games take place indoors, and Cookie has either invented or co-invented almost all of them. To begin she’ll jump up on the bed and drop Mr. B somewhere near the lump of human burrowed beneath the blankets. Then she will jump back down and wait — patiently at first, then whimpering and ultimately, if there is still no response, barking.

This is designed to provoke some random kicking

by the somnolent human, who will make an attempt to launch the ball into the air and off the bed, hoping to get a bit more rest. That is out of the question because, once this game has begun, the pattern will be repeated, over and over until everyone is up and awake. We have named this game ‘Dog in the Box’ (much like Jack-in-the-Box only with a ball instead of a clown on a spring). A good alternative might be Reveille Ball.



Next up is Gravity Ball. We adjourn to the living room with our coffee and Cookie and Mr. B sit in the big chair. Soon enough, Cookie grabs him and leans over the edge of the cushion, then lets go. The object is to catch him before he hits the ground. She’s quite good at this, and it may fill a bit of time until Hall Ball begins.

Hall Ball came about because Mr. B’s irregular bounces (remember he’s got holes in both ends) make it somewhat risky to toss him around inside the house, where he might do some damage. But from the living room sofa there’s a clear shot at the entry way, a fairly narrow opening behind the front door. Tossed in here Mr. B can take many a crazy bounce off walls and the small tonsu cabinet that occupies one wall.

Not to boast, but I’ve gotten quite good at Hall Ball.

A perfect shot involves a bounce over Cookie’s head, off the back wall, then ping off the tonsu or the front door and back into the main room. She will have several opportunities to snag it along the way, but if she misses, it will return to me. Score one for me!

Then there is Bathroom Ball. This began as a hockey competition, with Cookie as goalie. She guards the door as I stand at the sink and attempt to shoot the ‘puck’ (Mr. B) past her. If she stops it, it’s a point for her; if it gets past her and out the door, that’s a point for me. Three points wins because that’s as far as Cookie can count.

The hockey version of Bathroom Ball had to be retired after Cookie took a few hard shots right in the snout, and I came to conclude that, plucky though she is, it wasn’t doing any favors for her front teeth.

So the game evolved into Soccer Ball, which could in fact be played almost anywhere in the house where there was a clear path behind an exit door for her to guard. As you know, soccer is a hands-off sport. So my job is to kick Mr. B around or over Cookie and send her scrambling after him. A particularly good pitch runs from my office into the dining room, where Mr. B can slalom his way under the table and between the chairs. It’s a difficult game, but I must point out that Cookie has a definite advantage, since I can only use my two legs and she can block with all four.

The best game of all (at least if you ask me) is the Disappearing Ball Trick. I hit upon this idea while watching a sleight of hand magician doing magic on YouTube. Here’s how it works. While pretending to be warming up for Hall Ball, I switch Mr. B from right hand to left hand a few times, then behind my back a few times, with Cookie paying very close attention. Then — surprise! — both of my hands are out in front, palms wide open, and Mr. B has magically disappeared.

This sets up a frantic search, and I confess I may encourage things a bit by shouting “Where’s Mr. B? He’s gone! You’d better find him!” (Spoiler alert — he’s been tucked away in the back of my pants.) No worries, all’s well that ends well, and Mr. B is eventually found and we take a seventh inning stretch, with snacks provided.

## Gracie reviews: *Shark Tank*

By Gracie Compton

Mom made yet another quarantine mistake. Actually, Mom and Dad were both in on this one. It didn't involve shaving cream and the Roomba, but a TV show called "Shark Tank." Mom thought she was going to deter little me from the TV by watching a 'big kid' show, but boy was she wrong!

I'm hooked, everyone. "Shark Tank" is a show where entrepreneurs pitch an idea, an invention or a business to billionaires like Mark Cuban (Mark is one of my favorites). Sometimes, the presenters have a great plan and land a deal with a shark or several sharks. If the pitch isn't up to par, the sharks all pull out of the deal and Kevin O'Leary (he nicknamed himself Mr. Wonderful... that's all you need to know about him) gets rather rude. It happens often. I have a love/hate relationship with Mr. Wonderful.

The show highlights all aspects of investing. From watching the terrified teenager presenting an acupressure back massager to the guy pitching his hummus brand, it's clear that getting up in front of billionaires can be intimidating. Though they haven't met me yet.

The sharks argue over valuations, shares, credit, and other money-related happenings. All of the pleading and negotiating is fun to watch. Most preschoolers will recognize some of the techniques used on the show.

One of my favorite episodes featured my favorite pancake mix, Kodiak Cakes. The company makes pancake, muffin, and brownie mixes, as well as syrup. When they pitched the pancake mixes, the sharks thought they were crazy and shot them down. Kodiak Cakes are the only pancakes I let Mom buy so clearly it



Shark Tank is always better when you watch with a pal. Even Goose knows when the sharks pass up a great idea! *Inset:* The sharks, Lori Geiner, Mark Cuban, Barbara Corcoran, Kevin O'Leary and Daymon John.

Photo by Beka Compton

was the sharks who were crazy in my opinion.

"Shark Tank" has taught me a few things, which is good, because Mom says my attitude is bound to make me a great leader, hopefully of a business and not something more malicious. The first thing I've learned is that presentation is everything. With the exception of a man-made cadaver for medical school, every presentation that has started out slow has ended with no deal. In order to be successful, one has to catch the shark's attention from the start.

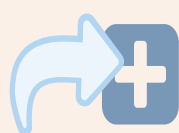
The second thing I learned is that sometimes, simple is the best way to go. One of my mom's favorite products was a breathalyzer phone app that was able to tell you if you could drive, and it would call a cab or a friend if you were unsafe. The presentation was clear, the idea was to the point, and it ended up getting all five sharks to invest more than

\$1,000,000 combined. Getting all sharks on the panel to invest in a single product is incredibly rare.

The final thing I've learned from "Shark Tank" is that it really takes a lot of gumption to be successful in the world of business. It's not a pretty path, but the right amount of creativity and luck could make you the next millionaire. And even though the sharks have made billions, they aren't always right.

I'd give "Shark Tank" a 9/10 rating, for whatever my two-year-old ratings are worth. I'd give it a higher ranking if Mr. Wonderful was nicer, but, in all honesty, it's right up there with "Moana" and "Frozen" for me. If you'd like to check it out, it's available on Hulu and ABC.

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## We're in a pickle\*

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

Last summer, my first in Waitsburg, I planted three tomato plants and harvested enough tomatoes to keep Heinz making ketchup for years. I was so proud, I sent pictures back to everyone in Los Angeles, bragging about my abundant tomato crop. Then came the frost, and all I had were limp dead plants, and planters loaded with green tomatoes. Experienced gardeners advised me “ don't be discouraged, pick them, put them in a box in the pantry or laundry room and you will have tomatoes through November.”

I picked every green tomato, large and small, threw them in shallow cardboard boxes and lo' and behold, every day one or two tomatoes ripened. Then came the mouse! One box of tomatoes was attacked, so they were trashed, but the rest I decided to pickle, to avoid another mouse attack. In Los Angeles, my favorite Deli (Brent's), always brought a tray of dill pickles, half-sours and pickled tomatoes to the table to munch on, while reading their 40 page menu. So, why not give it a try!

As I've mentioned, I am not a patient person, so I researched recipes for fast pickling. I had 6 bottles of pickled green tomatoes, that even the chef (Daniel), approved of. Success! I'm a pickler!

Recently, we were gifted a jar of pickled asparagus from Bill Rodgers, along with a jar of pickled garlic from Becky. We devoured the asparagus, then Daniel added more liquid and herbs to the remaining pickling liquid and then sent me to the store to find something to pickle. We now have a jar of pickled radishes in the fridge, along with a container of pickled carrots left over from another pickling experiment.

Karen and Paul invited us to pick sour cherries from their cherry tree, we picked and pickled. We now added a jar of pickled cherries in the fridge. Con-



sidering the cherries and radishes are both red, we may need to work on a labeling system next. Happily, not all the cherries were pickled; Daniel made cherry ice cream and cherry chocolate mousse cake, yum!

Now, it seems we're on the hunt for things to pickle (besides our livers-you did see a picture

of our bar). We are growing cucumbers but they are not the pickling genus, note to self: plant pickling cukes in garden next year. We've planted more radishes (black radishes), if they actually grow, they will be picked and pickled, I'm sure.

We have planted lots of beans, but, I see chili in their future, not pickles. We have also planted peppers, however, too cliché, (Peter Piper...), so I'd rather just eat them off the vine or use them in an eggplant salad.

Right now we have a enough lettuce and arugula to carpet all of Waitsburg, unfortunately, pickling lettuces is probably not feasible, nor does it have any appeal to me. And, I love salads this time of year, so I'll leave the vinegar to the salad dressing, not the pickling jar.

Right now, I am confident my zucchini crop will be prolific, but pickling them would probably just be a mushy mess! I'd rather go for simple: grate the zucchini, sauté with olive oil, S & P, generously sprinkle on grated Parmesan cheese and I'm done! Or, if I've played enough tennis, fried zucchini is also a treat.

We are lucky to live in farm and wine country; I need to make a sign that says, "Pickle vegetables, not our livers!" A needed reminder when there is so much good wine here!

\*(And thank you Paul for the title)

## Tech Talk: So you've been hacked

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—It happens often enough, scrolling through one's timeline to find a friend or acquaintance posting about their accounts having been hacked, but has it ever happened to you?

Once in 2005 my eBay account was hacked into and subsequent attempts were made to use my sixteen-digit debit card combination at a few gas stations in Florida. Ah, but the joke was on the aspiring thieves. There was no money in that account. No nefarious gasoline expenditures for you!

The fraudulent charges were declined each time and thank goodness, too, because back then online commerce was only beginning to become the staple it is in our lives now. Personal fraud investigation was in its infancy, so there would have been no clear path to, nor guarantee of recovering any funds lost.

It's funny how even now I don't partake in eBay bids, not even a little bit. They've probably updated their security and privacy practices more than a dozen times since then, but once scorned, certain practices are forever distrusted.

It seemed like for a while there (in the 90s and early 00s), every science fiction movie had a reference to 'hacking the mainframe.' It's easy to understand why the bad guys go after the mainframe. In movies it is where all top-level secrets, nuclear codes and access to the world's money reside.

Nowadays you are the mainframe. That is to say the 'assets' at risk are your friends, your audience. What's at stake is the relationships you uphold.

I have a friend whose family had a major falling out after they thought she commented negatively in

response to a post and, because of this, was shunned. Family members made excuses not to meet her son. Now, considering the restrictions on travel due to safety concerns, they might not have a chance to meet for years and years.

And it's happening right here. Recently, as in just this past week a Waitsburger, who kindly wishes to remain anonymous, had their identity taken and used to create a false Instagram account. That account "slid into my DMs" as they say, by sending messages through Instagram's Direct Mail. Using a profile picture people who knew the victim would recognize, and a username that was similar enough to the real thing. They asked if I'd heard about a humanitarian relief program, one that I had, in fact, heard of and as far as I can tell is not affiliated with a scam in any way.

Our Waitsburger friend is someone I know well enough to have already had their phone number programmed in my phone and we were previously connected via Facebook, so the interaction was already suspicious, but not altogether unbelievable that they would choose to communicate through DM.

Feeling around in the dark to poke the bear, so to speak, I replied to the message referring to Waitsburger's grandkids in general terms, expecting a very specific anecdotal response. What I got back was vague, but intelligible chatter.

At no point in our correspondence did this hacker attempt to get me to click any links, nor share any personal information. Perhaps there's a certain number of exchanges before the scam becomes clear.

Overall, what *hackees* seem to appreciate most is the truth prevailing. If you suspect a social media account of someone you know has been hacked, reach out through an alternative means of communication for verification. They may not even know.

I was able to quickly and easily take a screenshot of the conversation and send that through a text message to the Waitsburger straightaway. I was not the first to notify them of the hack, and precautions were

already underway to correct the error. As far as we can tell, no harm was done.

Once you have confirmed a fraudulent account, it is important to mark that user as spam so that the platform, such as Instagram or Facebook, is made aware.

To lower your risk of becoming a victim of social media identity theft, limit the number of devices you're logged in on. Change passwords frequently and keep them as unique as possible.

Try to create passwords in groups so that they're similar enough to remember, but unique enough that if one account became compromised, the others would still maintain security.

Another great way to avoid scams is to never click a link you don't recognize. Use the information toggle feature to read the full email address messages originate from.

Always employ your best judgement on the internet and surf safely.

### How to find who sent an email in Gmail:

Hover (without clicking) your cursor over the name of the sender. Details about the person appear on a card with options to save the address to your contacts and more.

Below the nickname of the original sender and beside the nicknames of other recipients, find the triangular menu which will reveal further details. If you hover over this triangle the words Show Details appear. Click to reveal the full details and ensure that the address is one you trust before clicking any links in the message.

Most email services have similar functions to allow you to "hover" the cursor over an email nickname or address to reveal the actual address without first opening a suspect email. If you have questions about a specific email service please feel free to email me at [brianna@waitsburgtimes.com](mailto:brianna@waitsburgtimes.com).



### Pandemic EBT (P-EBT): Emergency School Meals Program

Get help buying groceries while schools are closed

Does your child receive free or reduced-price school meals or does your child's school provide all meals free?

YES

NO

Do you receive Basic Food benefits?

YES

NO

Call your local school to apply for free/reduced-price school meals and then apply for P-EBT

You will automatically receive P-EBT on your EBT Card. Benefits will be added to your EBT card by July 7.

You need to apply for P-EBT by visiting [WashingtonConnection.org](http://WashingtonConnection.org) or by calling 877-501-2233. Your EBT card will arrive in the mail within 35 business days of applying (application will open by June 30).

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students going to a K-12 school that offers a school lunch program during the school year AND

- Is eligible for free or reduced-price school meals; OR
- Is attending a school where meals are free for all students

### CAN IMMIGRANT HOUSEHOLDS APPLY?

Yes. Using P-EBT benefits does not count as a public charge. P-EBT does not change a parent or child's immigration status. P-EBT replaces school meals and are for all families that receive free and reduced-price school meals.

### WHAT IS THE BENEFIT?

For children who received free or reduced-price meals when schools closed in March, each family will get \$399 per child. For families that enrolled in Basic Food or applied for school meal benefits after schools closed, each child will get less than that. The value depends on when you applied for food assistance.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Applications for P-EBT must be completed by August 31, 2020 or before the start of the 2020-2021 school year—whichever is later.
- If you need help understanding your eligibility or how to apply for benefits, see the Frequently Asked Questions at [k12.wa.us/PEBT](http://k12.wa.us/PEBT) or call Department of Social and Health Services at 877-501-2233.

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# LIFESTYLES

## WALLA WALLA YMCA TO OFFER VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP

### THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Walla Walla YMCA is currently open with significant Phase 2 restrictions in place. Only members may visit, locker rooms will have limited access, there is a health screening at entry, and reservations are required for most areas.

In order to provide fitness opportunities for a greater number of people, the YMCA is now offering a Virtual Membership for a \$25 monthly fee.

The Y's online offerings provide a way for people to maintain their physical health from the shelter of their homes. With a Virtual Membership, one has the same access that is available onsite at the Y including favorite instructors and classes, such as Power Pump, PiYo, Family Fit, Tai Chi, Boot Camp, Yoga, Vinyasa Yoga and Prenatal/Postpartum Yoga. Additionally, the Y now offers online Personal Training for those who would like a personalized wellness program.

"The Virtual Fitness Membership rounds out the Y's commitment to providing a range of programs and services that are responsive to the community's physical and mental health needs and interests," said Theresa Peasley, Wellness Director. "The Y's Virtual Fitness Membership includes interactive online classes where members can join in a workout and have the social connection with fellow exercisers from the comfort of home. They hear the music, they greet the instructor, they chat with other people in the



Clairece Rosati

Walla Walla YMCA instructor Clairece Rosati leads an online Yoga Pilates Fusion class from her backyard.

class. It's healthy and fun."

"Kids can also join in along with parents making classes beneficial for the whole family. And friends from different towns can each sign up for the Virtual Fitness Membership and meet up online in class," said Gabrielle Parks, Assistant Wellness Director.

For Virtual Fitness Membership or online Personal Training program information, contact Gabrielle Parks at gmarks@wwymca.org or call (509) 525-8863.

## Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

## LAFF-A-DAY



"Your Honor, do you think the jury will take your advice or just use common sense?"

## Just Like Cats & Dogs

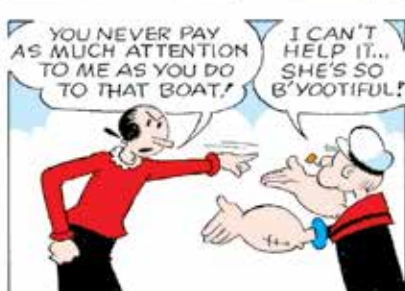
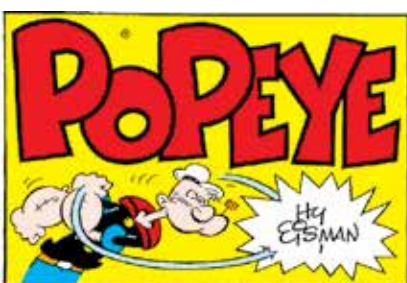
by Dave T. Phipps



## Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas



## PIONEER PORTRAITS

### Ten Years Ago

July 28, 2011

The Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office is considering bringing a program to Waitsburg that would dispose of residents' prescription and illegal drugs to keep them out of sewer systems and landfills, but an inability to fund and staff the program could prevent its fruition.

Zooming by on Highway 12, it's easy to miss the unassuming signs that mark the county line. "Entering Columbia County" reads the one going east. "Entering Walla Walla County" greets drivers heading west.

For T. J. Hersey, running her father's grocery store in Dayton is a way for him to live on. Hersey is now a third-generation grocer in town. Her grandfather, H. W. Stephenson, came to Dayton in 1938 from Portland, Ore.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

July 13, 1995

[Photo caption] Waitsburg deputy marshal Mike Guay holds 'intoximeter,' a device that measures the alcohol content in a person's breath. The device is used to help deputies decide whether a person should be cited for drunkenness.

For the first time in Walla Walla County, prosecutors have cited a beekeeper for violating zoning laws restricting honeybees near a seed-alfalfa field. Similar citations are expected, officials said. Prosecuting attorney James L. Nagle said his office is reviewing as many as ten other cases involving the improper keeping of bees in the county.

Help wanted! The Lions Club in Waitsburg is calling for assistance in the preliminary landscaping at Waitsburg Elementary School this weekend July 15 and 16. Anyone with a rake, shovel or both should meet at the school on Coppei Avenue and Academy at 8 a.m.

### Fifty Years Ago

July 23, 1970

One indignant wife, namely Mrs. Don Abbey, took *the Times* to task this week for giving her husband credit for her cucumber crop. Amelia explained the pickle picking is her project including weeding, watering, picking and whatever other work is involved in growing the two acres of potential picnic fare.

William H. Dellos, former Vo-Ag teacher at Melba High school in Idaho, was hired this week to fill the position vacated this year by Gary Ogden.

Walla Walla County Engineer B. Loyal Smith notified the Times that the County will pick up any wrecked car bodies and haul them away during the week of August 2-7. The County is not looking for extra business, but is doing this as a public service to clean up the right-of-ways in Dixie, Prescott, and Waitsburg.

Major and Mrs. Jerry Jackson have adopted a baby girl recently named Susannah Patrice born June 12, who joins a sister Kelsy Korrine. Grandparents in Prescott are the Clifford Jacksons.

### Seventy-Five Years Ago

July 27, 1945

Twelve Camp Fire girls from Waitsburg are at Camp Kiwanis above Walla Walla this week. They are Donna Price, Joanne Collingwood, Betty Clark, Elaine Land, Gloria Kubis, Grace Nees, Lassie Smith, Janet Collins, Kay Hermanns, Margaret Reed, Nadine Callahan, and Pearl Stedman.

The first grain of the season was brought into the Columbia County elevator in Huntsville from the Ed Wilson place in the middle of last week.

Ileen Nutting, Arlene Stedman, and Hazel Allman are attending the Christian Church intermediate camp at Hidden Valley on the upper Tucannon this week.

### One Hundred Years Ago

July 30, 1920

W. H. Hawks and Bert Witt have purchased Holt Junior combines this season to handle their crops.

The Pricilla Club held a picnic at Coral Gardens above Dayton at the beautiful grove of Miss Cora Loundagin, on Wednesday. Cars left the Cash Bazaar at 9:30 in the morning.

Bruce Abbey started his combine Monday in the Whetstone, and Emory and Hobert Bruce also expect to get their stationary outfit to grinding out the grain in the latter part of this week.

### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

August 2, 1895

A.W. Philips made us a pleasant call this week. His grain crop consists largely of barley which he will feed to his hogs. Mr. Philips makes money raising hogs; his hogs are the very best; they grow rapidly and are ready for market when only a few months old.

John Mullinix has opened a barber shop in the Wade building on the west side of Main Street.

The harvest of 1200 acres of pea crop in the vicinity of Waterville has kept a large force busy the past two weeks.

M. H. Keiser's wheat is making a yield of 45 bushels per acre, and first class wheat too.

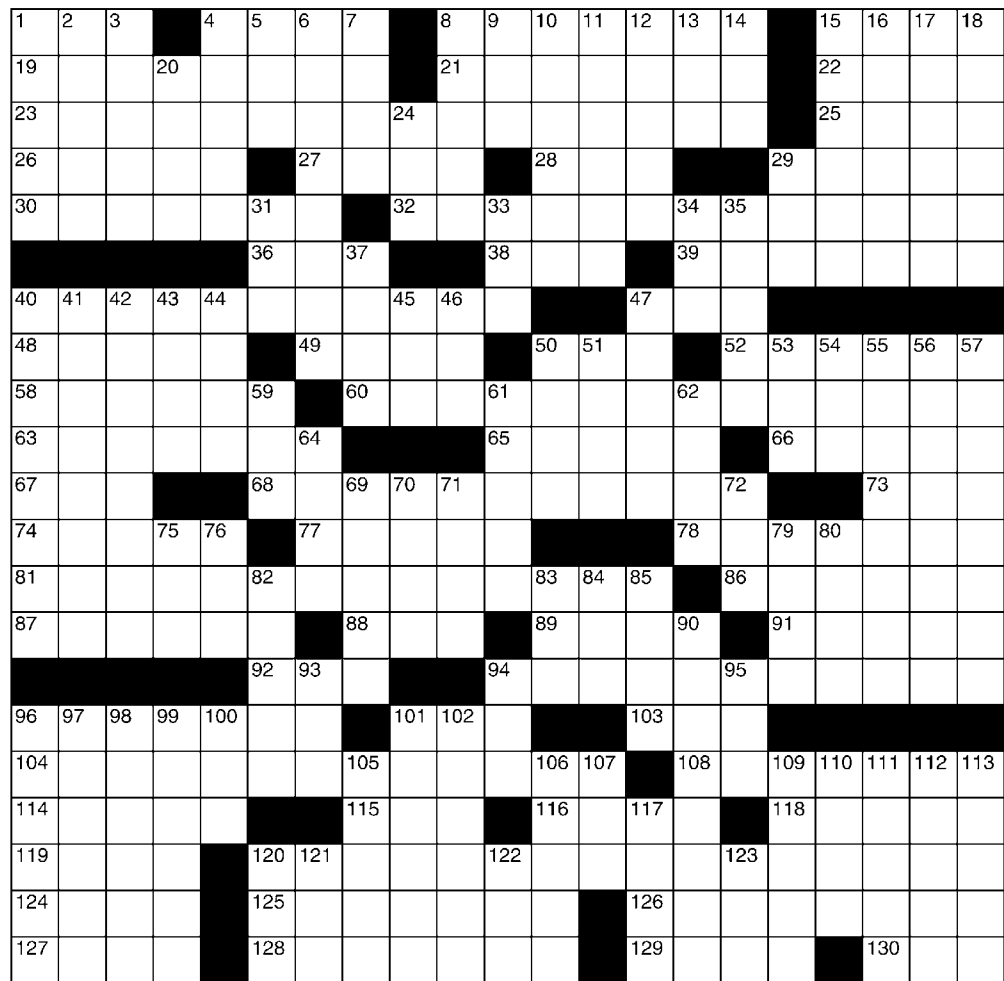
The Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church has opened a reading room in the Bruce Hall for harvestmen.

# FUN & GAMES

## Super Crossword

TRIPLE  
OVERLAP

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  - 4 Poker chip, for one
  - 8 Uncorks again
  - 15 Liven (up)
  - 19 Mexican resort port
  - 21 To-do trays
  - 22 Actor Bates
  - 23 GOP race runner
  - 25 At midnight, say
  - 26 Justice Kagan
  - 27 Planet near Earth
  - 28 "Attack, dog!"
  - 29 First-class
  - 30 "Dirty" drink
  - 32 Data entry device
  - 36 Ewoks and Na'vi, in brief
  - 38 Actor DeLuise
  - 39 Strengthens in volume
  - 40 Large insectivores with long snouts
  - 47 Recycling container
  - 48 Support financially
  - 49 Unmannerly
  - 50 Suffix with pay
  - 52 Nissan, formerly
  - 58 Mop brand
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  - 78 Mattel guy
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  - 115 Party card game cry
  - 116 "Tomb Raider" Croft
  - 118 Raptor's nest
  - 119 Foot bottom
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  - 124 Be fitting for
  - 125 Ideal spots
  - 126 Appeases
  - 127 Warlike god
  - 128 Floral wrist accessory
  - 129 Rolling car part, to Brits
  - 130 "Ethyl" suffix
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  - 10 California's San Luis —
  - 11 Speaking platform
  - 12 Spot-on
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  - 15 Ashen-faced
  - 16 Actress Stritch
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  - 97 Fabric with a soft nap
  - 98 2002 César winner for Best Film
  - 99 Popular thesaurus, familiarly
  - 100 Really cold
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  - 102 Smelting slag
  - 105 One-on-one teacher
  - 106 Beethoven's "Für —"
  - 107 Tic —
  - 109 With 121-Down, judge in the O.J. Simpson trial
  - 110 Helen of Troy's mother
  - 111 Seeing red
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  - 117 Engrossed
  - 120 Jazz's Jean- — Ponty
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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

## Rustic Apricot Galette

I wasn't sure what a "Galette" was. It's basically a fruit tart, using whichever fruit you would like. This one used apricots. When I looked it up, there are a wide variety of variations.



This one is quick, especially if you use a store bought pie crust. The filling is cream cheese and sugar.

I had a piece. I like that the fresh fruit flavor comes through, but so does the cream cheese flavor!! I shared that I'm not a cream cheese fan, but many are. ☺

I can see peaches and blueberries for this recipe or strawberries.

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 refrigerated pie crust
- 6 oz cream cheese, softened
- 1/3 c. sugar
- 1 egg separated
- 1 Tsp almond or vanilla extract
- 6 to 8 apricots, sliced
- 2 Tbsp turbinado sugar

### DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line cookie sheet with parchment paper. Allow pie crust to sit at room temperature 10 minutes, then unroll it and place on parchment paper.

In a bowl, combine cream cheese, sugar, egg yolk, and extract. Mix until well combined. Spread cream cheese mixture on top or pie crust, leaving 1 1/2 inches around the edge without filling. Place apricots on top of cream cheese mixture.

Fold the crust edge up, crimping slightly on top of the filling until all of the edges have been folded on top. Lightly brush the edges with beaten egg white. Sprinkle with turbinado sugar. Bake 30 to 35 minutes until the edges are golden brown. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

### MY NOTES:

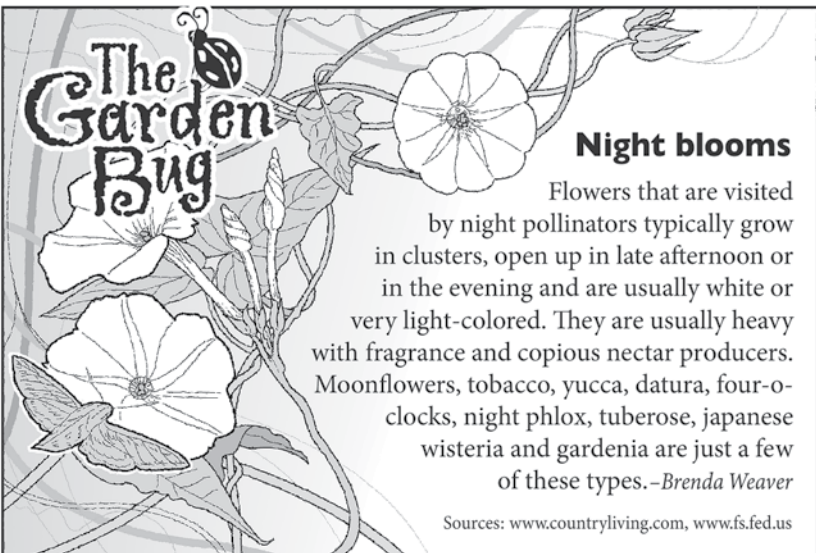
Here is what I found about turbinado sugar. Turbinado sugar differs from more common sugars because it comes from the first pressing of sugar cane and therefore retains more of the plant's flavor and natural molasses.

Obviously I didn't have any, so I did a mixture of brown sugar and white sugar, maybe about a quarter of a cup. In hind sight, I would have used just brown sugar. I may order some just to have on hand.

It goes together quickly. Especially since the apricots don't need peeling. And it looks impressive.

Thanks to Jay and Kris for giving me feedback on the ham pasta salad. They said it was very tasty.

ENJOY! ☺



### Night blooms

Flowers that are visited by night pollinators typically grow in clusters, open up in late afternoon or in the evening and are usually white or very light-colored. They are usually heavy with fragrance and copious nectar producers. Moonflowers, tobacco, yucca, datura, four-o'clocks, night phlox, tuberose, japanese wisteria and gardenia are just a few of these types. — Brenda Weaver

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

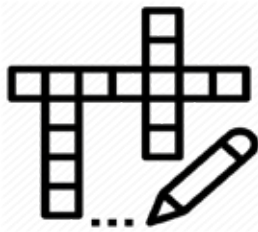
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

### Super Crossword

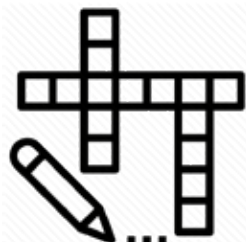
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### Weekly SUDOKU

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# THE LAST PAGE



Tracy Thompson

Ellen Saager has been taking care of her local clients for 33 years.

## Business owner sets her own standards

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Individual business owners in Walla Walla are all managing Governor Inslee's mask wearing proclamation in their own unique ways. Cugini's Italian Import Foods on Wallula in Walla Walla posted a sign noting masks were required, but clothing was optional!

At Ellen's Cutting Edge Barbershop, notices on the door required masks, as well as a prior appointment to get a cut.

I had been a frequent customer of Saager's since I moved to town nine years ago—as it was where I had my two young sons' hair cut when they were in grade school. Unable to get an appointment with my usual stylist until late July, I thought I would give Saager a try to tame my COVID-19 mop.

One phone call to Ellen and I was all booked for the next day.

Owned and operated by the delightful Ellen Saager for 33 years now, the charming shop is in the Flatiron building mere blocks away from the Whitman campus.

When I arrived, an elderly gentleman was just departing, leaving a rather impressive collection of bright grey hair on the floor of the shop. Yep, it turned out, that this was his first COVID-19 haircut, too.

My homemade cloth mask had elastic straps that

encircled my head, so Saager gave me a disposable mask with ear elastics which I then wore during the cut.

While I was in the chair, Saager received a call for a cut and calmly asked the caller if they were from Walla Walla. Nope, as it turned out they were from the Tri-Cities. Saager replied that she was only serving her regular clients currently and would not be able to provide a haircut. Saager mentioned that she had had folks call from as far away as Yakima to try to schedule a haircut.

Just the day prior, one older gentleman calmly read the signs on her door, apparently decided they did not apply to him, and walked right into the shop with no mask on, demanding a cut.

Saager mentioned her appointment-only policy, confirmed that the gentleman had none, and when he started to complain, she asked him politely to leave.

Saager noted that she had been effectively out of work for three months and that she was trying to do everything possible to keep herself, and her clients safe. She noted that many of her long-time clients are elderly and feels a special responsibility to them. In these uncertain times, it was refreshing to see a business owner with clear, confident boundaries, and I am grateful for her efforts to keep herself, and her clients safe.

## CCHS board report for June

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Finances for the Columbia County Health System continue to be impacted due to the COVID-19 situation, which caused a significant reduction of patient services during the first months of the year, according to CCHS CEO Shane McGuire.

An average of 771 patient visits were recorded at the Columbia Family Clinic, during the first three months of the year, but only 542 visits were recorded in May.

However, the month of May saw an increase in patient volumes in several areas; including Respiratory Therapy and Hyperbaric Wound care, and there were increased Emergency Room visits, along with an increased number of Swing Bed patient days.

The month of May also showed a return to "near normal" in-patient volumes for Diagnostic Imaging, the Laboratory, and the Booker Rest Home.

McGuire said the accounting and finance team are participating in many learning opportunities including guidance on how to handle the CARES Act grant funds. Those funds were received by the Health System to offset revenue loss, caused by the COVID-19 challenge.

"Without the CARES Act funding, we would be carrying a \$498,000 net loss, from May, in addition to the \$224,000 net loss in April," McGuire said.

McGuire said the finance team is working on initiatives to enhance the Health System's COVID-19 response, which include upgrades to the HVAC computerized control system, and, possibly, the Medical Gas/Medical Air, Suction and Emergency Power systems.

The board of commissioners met on Wednesday, June 24 and approved spending \$35,969 from the CARES Act funds for an upgrade to the HVAC control system.

At their meeting in July, the board of commissioners will consider using additional funds from the CARES Act towards replacement of the Medical Gas/Medical Air, Suction and Emergency Power Systems, at Dayton General Hospital in preparation for a future COVID-19 response. A power surge and failure of those systems could be detrimental to in-patient care, McGuire said.

### Outreach and business enhancement initiatives

McGuire said the developer and architect for the planned Assisted Living Facility is working to assemble the necessary project information necessary to produce a contract for the council's consideration in July.

"We are looking for construction timelines, as well as firm financial and agreement requirements to move forward," McGuire said in his report to the board.

### Marketing and outreach efforts continue.

Establishing patients with new healthcare providers in the health clinics, is currently taking place.

Marketing of health system programs is ongoing, McGuire said.



Photos by Tracy Longmire

## SOCIAL DISTANCING: EVEN HORSES DO IT

Local horsemen spent their weekend at the Columbia County fairgrounds working with renowned horse trainer Buck Brannaman. The four-day horsemanship clinic was attended by 21 riders but did not allow spectators this year.

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