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Beka Compton

A spike buck enjoyed the quiet of Nordheim Road last week, unaware of the combines and bankout wagons that would soon be headed that way.

Prescott School District plans for in-person instruction

New Superintendent Justin Bradford listening to community input

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

Justin Bradford is excited to get underway as the new Superintendent of Prescott School District. Most recently, he was the Director of College Place School District's Special Education Department, and before that, he was Superintendent/Principal in Harrington, WA.

As of Friday, July 24, Bradford has plans to open on-site when school begins August 31. Bradford has received survey responses from approximately 20 parents to date, who are supportive of in-person learning. He is working to encourage more survey responses by providing hard copies to those without computer access, posting a print-out form online, and as a Google survey located here: <https://tinyurl.com/yxz2d8zl>. The survey is also available in Spanish.

Due to the District's small class sizes, Bradford feels that he can safely 'physically distance' (the term he prefers to 'socially distance,') his students.

"Based on the square footage we have. We have different sized rooms, obviously, and we are going to have to do a lot of reconfiguration. We may have to use some spaces that we haven't used before, but overall, I believe we can meet all those safety protocols."

Bradford is also preparing to provide instruction to residents of Master's Ranch, a residential school in the District that closed abruptly last spring. He has an upcoming meeting with Master's Ranch Education Director Jonathan Alsop, to find out what that residential school's plans are for reopening.

"Whatever the case is, whoever you have, if they are at Master's Ranch, we will serve them," Bradford said.

This spring's experience with distance learning provided a steep learning curve for students and teachers.

"The feeling here was that online learning this past spring was not as successful as it could have been."

Bradford would like to introduce a new online format and is considering one called Apex. He is leaning towards working with a professional development provider Jeff Utecht, whose program provides teachers structure and guidance. In addition, he is working with the 'rockstars' on his staff who are most proficient with the various computer applications and programs.

Online learning will be an option for all students, and Bradford feels fortunate that Prescott is already a 1:1 district, providing a computer to each student.

He will be providing laptops to teachers who need them and wants his paraeducators to have tablets as they will be doing health screenings of students as they board busses to school.

"A big chunk of our kids come on the bus, and we don't want them on campus if they don't pass the screening, as then parents will have to come to get them," he said.

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Stay current on Washington's "Safe Start" plan

Governor and Health Secretary announce changes

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—To combat the rising number of COVID-19 cases around the state, Governor Jay Inslee and Secretary of Health John Wiesman announced changes Friday to guidance and regulations under the state's "Safe Start" plan.

The changes center around restaurants, bars, and fitness centers, as well as weddings and funerals. Inslee and Wiesman said the state must suppress the current rise in COVID-19 transmission to allow more activities later in the year.

"These prohibitions are part of our approach, but they only supplement what we really need, which is for individuals to continue to make safe decisions and adhere to healthy practices," Inslee said.

"Looking ahead to the fall and hopes of school reopening, we must dig back in order to regain control. Fewer shorter and safer interactions are crucial. Staying home is still safest, but if you go out, keep it quick, keep your distance from each other, and wear your face coverings," said Weisman.

Face covering guidelines will expand to require face coverings in any indoor setting outside of your home (not just public buildings). The outdoor requirement extends to non-public settings when one can't maintain six feet of distance from non-household members.

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COVID-19 Information

Find detailed, accurate COVID-19 activity levels in our counties and our state here:

Walla Walla County Health Department lists new, confirmed, recovered, and active cases in isolation daily at 5 p.m. at this link: https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/health_department/index.php

The site also lists confirmed cases by community, gender and age.

Columbia County lists positive cases in-county and out of county (for those who contracted the virus in county but live in another county), recovered cases in county and out, as well as negative and pending cases at this link: <https://www.columbiaco.com/index.aspx?nid=18>


Washington State Coronavirus Response - risk assessment dashboard provides statewide information. Find detailed information by county for rate of cases, testing capacity, healthcare system readiness, case investigations and contact tracing and high risk population data - all the metrics tracked for the Governor's Safe Start plan. Find the link here: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/covid-19-risk-assessment-dashboard>

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NEWS BRIEFS

WALLA WALLA COUNTY ADDS 'SUBSCRIBE BY CELLPHONE' FEATURE TO EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

WALLA WALLA—Would you like to receive County emergency notifications directly to your cell phone? Walla Walla County Emergency Management has added a new feature to its Citizen Alert emergency notification system from Everbridge to make it even easier to sign up for Alerts, Advisories, and Community Messages.

Residents can text their Walla Walla County zip code to 888777 and receive real-time alerts and advisories directly from emergency management and other local agencies. There is no charge for registering, but standard text messaging rates will apply.

After texting their zip code, subscribers will get a message confirming enrollment by asking them to reply with their email address. Alerts & Advisories will then be sent via SMS text and email (if provided).

Community Messages will be received by email only (if provided). Subscribers can opt-out at any time by texting "STOP" to 888777.

Residents are still encouraged to register for Walla Walla Citizen Alert. "This is just one more tool in the toolbox," said Liz Jessee, emergency management director. "The more information we have, the greater the likelihood we'll be able to reach residents during an emergency."

Complete instructions for the new feature, by type of cellphone, can be found on the emergency management website located here: https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/residents/emergency_management/index.php

Registration for Walla Walla Citizen Alert is also located on this webpage.

BOTANY IN THE BLUES; ONLINE PRESENTATION AND FIELD TRIP PLANNED

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Blue Mountain Land Trust is introducing their new *Botany in the Blues* series, co-sponsored by the Washington Native Plant Society. The conservation organization will facilitate a "close-up" look at the plant diversity of our local Blue Mountains.



Washington Native Plant Society

Two options available: Join in on Wednesday, August 5th, at 7 p.m. for an online introduction to the local plant life found in our Blue Mountains accompanied by Emil's Botany Booklet. Take this online session by itself and hit the trails on your own.

Or, combine it with a field trip with Emily Doyle on Saturday, August 8th, with a hike in the Sawtooth Ridge. This hike, south of Dayton, is one of the most easily accessible spines of the Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness Area within the Umatilla National Forest.

The focus of the hike will be on the trailside native botanical diversity, including trees, shrubs, and any remaining wildflowers, as well as ferns, mosses, and as many other varieties of land plants to be found.

The hike is about four miles round trip and includes a lunch spot with great views of the North Fork of the Wenaha River, as well as the Table Rock Lookout ridges to the west.

The trail altitude is about 5,500-5,600 Feet and undulates +/- 80 feet, several times along the path.

Sign up for the online presentation or the presentation and field trip here: <https://bmlt.org/events/2020/8/8/botany-in-the-blues-ii>.

WAITSBURG PASSES UTILITY TAX TO FUND FLOOD CONTROL

WAITSBURG—The City of Waitsburg passed a \$5.00 per user per month increase in utilities for the remainder of the year, then an additional \$5.00 per month per user starting in January of 2021 to be used to help fund flood control improvements and repairs in and around the City of Waitsburg.

Without an active flood control district, the City has limited funding options for flood control expenses. The City Council considered a variety of options, including a general property tax increase or a property tax bond before settling on the utility tax increase. It is the City's opinion that the increase in the City's utilities represents the lowest impact to the users while generating a needed funding infusion for flood control for the city.

WELLER PUBLIC LIBRARY OFFERS SUMMER PROJECTS

WAITSBURG—The Weller Public Library will be offering activities for area youth in lieu of the summer reading program. Supplies will be available for pickup in the library foyer. This week, the library will be holding a coloring contest with prizes for the participants. There will be a dropbox at the library for completed pages, and children must put their name on their coloring page to get a prize.

- The projects will be:
- July 30- Coloring Contest
 - August 6: Dinosaur Dig
 - August 13: DIY Kite Kits
 - August 20: Message in a Bottle
 - August 27: Jellyfish Paper Cup Craft
 - September 3: Zip-lines

For more information see the new website: www.wellerpubliclibrary.com.



DAYTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY DIRECTOR RESIGNS

DAYTON—The Columbia County Rural Library District board has announced the resignation of Library Director Dusty Waltner, who has accepted another job, effective July 31.

Board Chair Karin Spann said because of uncertainties concerning COVID-19, and possible budget shortfalls, the decision has been made to appoint Kristie Korslund as Interim Director, for six months. As an employee at the library, Korslund has been involved in the library's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This will get us through budgeting at year-end when we hopefully have a better idea of future service needs," Spann said.

Dusty Waltner began her employment at the Dayton Memorial Library in March 2015.

Waltner said she has grown, both personally and professionally, during her time here.

"I experienced many of my firsts here in Dayton, including; riding a combine, participating in a county fair, and learning to can my own vegetables. "It will definitely be bittersweet to leave," she said. "I will truly miss this community, and the wonderful people that made going to work every day feel more like old friends catching up over coffee."

Waltner said creating the Youth Library downstairs from the Main Library is one of her best accomplishments.

"The smiles and laughter of the kids and their families when they walk down the stairs to their own dedicated library will forever mean the world to me," she said.

She is also proud of the robust collaborative relationship established with the Dayton School District.

"We were able to work with teachers to ensure we have resources to enhance lesson plans and assignments, provide regular field trips for various classes, throughout the year, and collaborate on programs, to improve literacy and technology skills, throughout our community," she said.

Waltner said she is thrilled to have had the opportunity to help build positive experiences for families that had never used the Library before.

"I am proud of the work we were able to accomplish during my tenure, and know I am leaving the library well-positioned for years to come," Waltner said.

Touchet Valley Weather July 29, 2020

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Sunny
High: 102 Low: 68	High: 105 Low: 67	High: 95 Low: 61	High: 89 Low: 63	High: 90 Low: 62	High: 88 Low: 60	High: 82 Low: 54

Weather Trivia

How many cloud droplets does it take to make a raindrop?

ANSWER: It takes about one million droplets to provide enough water for one raindrop.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	100	65	91/62	0.00"	0.00"
Wednesday	96	70	91/62	0.00"	0.11"
Thursday	89	66	91/63	0.00"	-0.11"
Friday	84	59	91/63	0.00"	76.9°
Saturday	84	56	91/63	0.00"	76.9°
Sunday	95	55	91/63	0.00"	0.0°
Monday	97	60	92/63	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	5:32 a.m.	8:25 p.m.	4:22 p.m.	12:59 a.m.
Thursday	5:33 a.m.	8:24 p.m.	5:33 p.m.	1:36 a.m.
Friday	5:34 a.m.	8:23 p.m.	6:37 p.m.	2:20 a.m.
Saturday	5:36 a.m.	8:21 p.m.	7:32 p.m.	3:14 a.m.
Sunday	5:37 a.m.	8:20 p.m.	8:16 p.m.	4:15 a.m.
Monday	5:38 a.m.	8:19 p.m.	8:52 p.m.	5:20 a.m.
Tuesday	5:39 a.m.	8:17 p.m.	9:22 p.m.	6:28 a.m.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

Regional positions on the primary ballot, due by August 4

Washington 16th Legislative District – Senator

Perry Dozier (Republican Party)

Elected Experience: Walla Walla County Commissioner 2009-2016 Chairman 3 years, Budget Committee 5 years; Washington; Association of Wheat Growers, Past President; Washington State Barley Commissioner; Northwest Grain Growers Board of Directors, Past President
Education - Whitman College B.A. Economics



Perry Dozier

Danielle Garbe Reser (Democratic Party)

Elected Experience: As a first-time candidate, I'll bring a needed bipartisan voice to the State Senate.

Education: Whitman College, B.A. in Politics, Master of Public Administration from Columbia University.



Danielle Garbe Reser

William "Bill" Jenkin (Republican Party)

Elected Experience: Two terms as 16th District Representative. Elected to Caucus leadership as Deputy Whip. Three years on Prosser School Board, two years as School Board President.

Education: B.A. in Business Management, University of Redlands



Bill Jenkin

Legislative District 16 – State Representative Pos. 1

Frances Chvatal (Democratic Party)

Elected Experience: None
Education: B.S. Nursing, WSU, 1983.



Frances Chvatal

Mark Klicker (Republican Party)

Elected Experience: No information submitted
Education: Graduate Walla Walla Community College



Mark Klicker

Legislative District 16—State Representative Pos. 2

Skyler Rude (Republican Party)

Elected Experience: State Representative (2019 – present); Chairman, State Committee, and Precinct Committee Officer for Walla Walla County Republican Party
Education: Walla Walla Community College, Western Governor's University



Skyler Rude

Carly Coburn (Democratic Party)

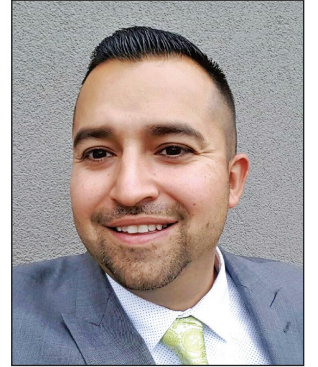
Elected Experience: Elected PCO, First Vice-Chair of FCDCC, and their State Committee Members pos. 1, First Vice-Chair of the 16th L.D. Democrats, WSDCC First Vice-Chair of the Disability Issues Caucus, WSDCC Eastern WA Vice-Chair of the Stonewall Caucus.
Education: GED, some college.
County Commissioner District 1



Carly Coburn

Tom Cooper (Republican Party)

Elected Experience: No Information Submitted
Education: No Information Submitted
Photo: Unavailable



Roger Esparza (Republican Party)

Elected Experience: No Information Submitted
Education: No Information Submitted

Roger Esparza

Jenny Mayberry (Republican Party)

Elected Experience: Treasurer for WWCFD#4 Station 41 Volunteers
Education: Firefighter 1, Wildland Firefighter, and Emergency Medical Technician. Studied Fire Science.



Jenny Mayberry

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The restrictions announced Thursday by Governor Inslee also include:

Indoor dining at restaurants is limited to members of the same household per table. Small parties from different households can still dine at the same table outdoors.

- No indoor service at any bar, brewery, tavern, winery, or distillery, regardless of whether food is served.
- Restaurants must close down game areas, such as those for cards, video games, pool tables, and darts until their county has reached the fourth phase.
- Restaurants must stop serving alcohol at 10 p.m.
- Effective August 10, wedding ceremonies and funerals are permitted, with an indoor occupancy level of 20 percent, or up to 30 people whichever is less. Receptions are not allowed.
- Second-phase counties — like Walla Walla — must limit guests of indoor fitness spaces to five at a time. Those indoor places include, but are not limited to, gyms, pools, fitness studios, and tennis facilities.
- For counties in the third phase like Columbia County – parties dining indoors are limited to not more than five household members per table and indoor occupancy up to 50%.
- Third-phase counties must cap indoor fitness occupancy to 25 percent and not more than ten people to a group class, not including their instructor.
- Indoor entertainment spaces, like bowling alleys, arcades, mini-golf, and card rooms, are not allowed to open until the fourth phase.
- Indoor movie-theater occupancy for counties in the third phase is now limited to 25% capacity.

"We do not take these steps lightly. We know every prohibition is a challenge for individuals and business owners," Inslee added. "But we know that if we fail to act, we expose people and businesses to even greater risk down the line," Inslee said.

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The paraeducators will take a child's temperature, ask a couple of questions, and add the information to a database.

Bradford is planning a reasonably expedited screening process at school for students who arrive on foot, bike, or car. His summer school staff are already familiar with the process and are working out the details.

An active support network has developed between administrators of small Eastern Washington school districts, including those in Touchet, Waitsburg, and Dayton, and he has been relying on that input as he makes plans.

He has taken note of the many changes that have taken place in the Prescott area and is hoping that he can develop that "Tiger Pride" for all his students.

"I don't know if everyone in the Prescott School District feels as if they are part of the Prescott community," he said. "I really want people to connect with me and see this as a truly open-door place. I can be reached virtually by phone, by email, my cell phone number is public, people can text me, and call me. I live in the community, so I'm available as much as people need me to be. I can't solve problems if I don't know about them."

At the District's most recent board meeting, Jacob Stueckle was selected from four applicants to be sworn in as a new Board Member, replacing Sara Fletcher, who stepped down as board chair in May and resigned her position.



Justin Bradford



DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

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

Thursday, July 30
Broccoli lasagna
Mixed veggie
Garlic bread
Banana/ Milk

Tuesday, August 4
Grilled ham steak
Mac & cheese
Baby carrots/salad
Wheat bread
Tropical fruit/ Milk

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

Tuesday, August 4
Lasagna
Italian blend veggies
Caesar salad
Garlic bread
Fruit (chef's choice)

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Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
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Worship 11 a.m.
337-6589
Pastor Stan Hughes

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

Waitsburg Christian Church
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337-8898
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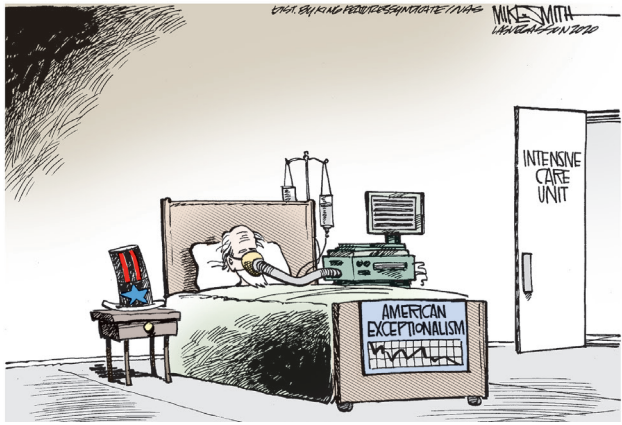
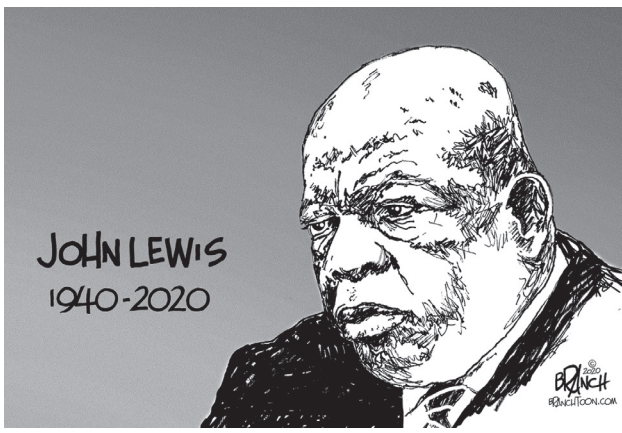


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COMMENTARY

LETTERS



MITCHELL HAS THE EXPERIENCE

I have known Mike Mitchell for 26 years. He's been my legal opponent or the mediator or temporary judge in several court cases, and I've watched his law practice grow and thrive. Whether or not his clients had money, Mike was always an enthusiastic and wise and ethical advocate. That kind of balance and perspective will make him a wonderful full-time judge. When I was still doing litigation, it was always reassuring to walk into a courtroom and know that the judge used to do the very same work I was trying to do. Judges like that know the law in a special way: they've lived it with their clients, successfully, day after day, year after year, in spite of sometimes terrible problems. Mike has that kind of experience, and I am looking forward to voting for him in November.

Robert Van Dorn

MICHAEL HUBBARD SUPPORTS SCOTT MARINELLA FOR CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

To the editor and to the voters of the Hells Canyon Circuit Court,

In regards to the election now underway: first, vote and for you in Asotin, Garfield and Columbia Counties, which comprise the Hells Canyon Circuit Court, make your vote for Superior Court Judge be one for G. Scott Marinella. He has the length of experience in presiding over cases in all three counties, the necessary judicial temperament and an abiding regard for the due processes of law. He works to ensure just adjudication in all matters while affording considerate treatment to all who appear before him, whether parties, witnesses, jurors, lawyers or court staff.

For those of you who do not know me, I recommend Mr. Marinella for this judgeship based on my more than forty years as a lawyer, being admitted to and appearing in the Western and Eastern Districts of Federal Court for the State of Washington, our Supreme Court and Court of Appeals as well as trial courts across this state, including those in Asotin, Garfield and Asotin Counties.

I have tried cases with, against and before Judge Marinella. He is the right choice for your new Hells Canyon Circuit Court Judge.

Thank you,
Michael V. Hubbard, WSBA 8823

To the Editor,

I am writing this letter of endorsement for Representative Bill Jenkin's run for State Senator in the 16th District.

As a Representative in the WA legislature, Bill has been one of the most successful legislatures at getting legislation passed. I learned this fact as I was being educated on the legislative process, which showed me what a difficult and convoluted process it can be. That Bill was able to move legislation through the process was in itself impressive, but that he did it while in the minority party made it even more so. This is the kind of legislator our district needs representing us in the State Senate.

On my trips to Olympia to represent Columbia County's interest, I would take the opportunity to visit Representative Jenkin's office, where he would always find time to meet with me. On one occasion he actively sought me out, to ask how he could help the County

VINTI FOR DOZIER

I am writing in support of Perry Dozier to be our next State Senator for the 16th Legislative District.

This is my first ever letter to the editor. I served as the Clerk of the Board to the Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners for over 25 years. County Commissioners must be responsible, caring, knowledgeable, willing to listen and learn and make informed, sometimes hard, decisions on behalf of the citizens of the county. Perry was an excellent County Commissioner. He came into the position with considerable experience in dealing successfully with officials at the local, state and federal level. With his economics degree and background in farming and marketing, he brought another perspective to the Board. He took time always to listen to constituents and employees to learn and understand their concerns and to do what he could to help. During budget discussions, he made sure he understood the operations of each county office and department so that he could make educated decisions. When finances got tight, he and the other two commissioners froze their salaries for years, and understanding the plight of fellow citizens, refused to raise the county portion of property taxes. In fact, Walla Walla County was one of

and specifically the town of Starbuck, after the flooding this past Spring. Bill was successful in this regard and additional funding was found, helping out an often overlooked municipality in our community.

Bill Jenkin is a small businessman who believes in protecting individual rights and private property, and would not let the power of government be abused for private gain or personal profit. Bill would work to prevent large outside interests from using the legislative process to force through laws limiting local control over local resources or create unfair advantage for themselves in the marketplace.

In these uncertain times, Bill Jenkin is a proud American and a true Patriot we can count on and who deserves our support. Please join me in voting for him for State Senator in the 16th District.

Sincerely,
Charles Amerein
Commissioner, Columbia County District 3

the very few counties in the state with a solid financial standing during recession years, as the commissioners have always budgeted and spent conservatively, and maintained a reserve fund. Serving as a County Commissioner, in addition to tending to his business and farming interests throughout the district, has provided Perry with solid facts about the issues at stake.

In addition to all the legislative knowledge and experience he will bring to the office of State Senator, Perry is a very empathetic person who works to find a solution for those in need, and he has a soft heart. When the Blue Mountain Humane Society needed a home for Gus the goose, Perry took him, and he now rules the roost at the Dozier farm, along with "the girls" (a flock of laying hens), the dogs, cats, horses, and cattle.

Perry is a wonderful, knowledgeable, dedicated, caring person of integrity who will represent all of us in the 16th Legislative District well, bringing his experience, fiscal responsibility, compassion, and "know how" to the office of State Senator. Please join me in voting for Perry.

Connie R. Vinti

DUSTY BRITCHES FARMER LOVES BRIANNA'S GARDENING ARTICLE

Dear Editor:

I just wanted to say I absolutely loved Bri's gardening article. So absolutely true. Gardening is a labor of love full of relaxation, peace and reward if attended and educated upon.

I have learned so much the last two years and have so much more to learn, having fun and excited gardening friends with helpful suggestions and advice surely makes the difference.

Love the idea of this rump tractor. It's brilliant! Some of us aren't so comfortable crawling around on the ground to be certain. I shall keep my eye out for one.

Thanks again for the suggestion Brianna and swapping veggies on occasion.

I so enjoy our local rag if you will. Very entertaining.

Noelle @ Dusty Britches Farm

WRITER FEELS DOZIER IS THE BEST CANDIDATE

Dear Editor:

It has been my pleasure of knowing Perry Dozier, his wife, and their families for 55 plus years. While Perry was in high school, he excelled in academics, athletics, and Associated Student Body offices. After graduating from Prescott High School, he attended Whitman College and graduated with a degree in economics.

Perry eventually returned to operate the family wheat farm. He was a very active member in the Northwest Grain Growers, and he was President of the Washington Association of Wheat Growers. He also served as a Walla Walla County Commissioner for seven years (2009 to 2016.) He and the other two County Commissioners were a compatible team. One of the main challenges they had was balancing the annual budget. The budget was passed with a sufficient cash reserve and a reasonable disaster fund without raising taxes. Mr. Dozier is not afraid to take a strong position, especially when it is in the best interest of the budget and the constituents with whom he is serving.

He is the best and most qualified candidate for the position of Senator of Washington State for the 16th District. Please join me in voting for Perry Dozier!

Glynn Davis
Walla Walla, WA

The Times

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The Times was founded in 1878 by C.W. Wheeler and has been produced every week since then. It is one of the oldest newspapers in the state of Washington.

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Dayton FFA recognizes member's successes

Many members achieved success with projects, competitions this year

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Several members of the Dayton's National FFA Organization (Future Farmers of America) excelled at both local and state level Career Development Events (CDE's) in the 2019-20 school year.

There are five degrees that an FFA member may earn. The degrees, which can be awarded as early as 7th grade, recognize member growth within the organization.

This year, Dayton had two members, Nolan Korslund and Mason Garcia, earn their Discovery Degree. The Discovery Degree, which is awarded to students in 7th or 8th grade who are enrolled in agriculture classes and have paid their FFA dues.



Josiah White

There were 14 members who earned their Greenhand Degree this year. To earn the Greenhand Degree, FFA members must be enrolled in an agriculture class, have plans for a Supervised Agriculture Event (SAE), and demonstrate an understanding of the FFA and its history, as well as understanding the FFA Creed.

The Chapter Degree is awarded to students who have earned their Greenhand degree, as well as demonstrated an understanding of parliamentary procedure and have led a 15-minute discussion on agricultural topic. Members must also participate in events above the chapter level. Dayton FFA awarded seven Chapter Degrees this year.

Five members of the Dayton FFA Chapter earned

their State Degree this year. To be eligible for a state degree, members must have been a dues-paying member for at least two years prior to application, have a satisfactory SAE that meets time and financial requirements, participate in a variety of activities above the chapter level, and demonstrate leadership skills. Less than two percent of Washington FFA members earn their State Degree.

The final degree that an FFA member can earn is the American Degree, which is awarded to less than one percent of National FFA Organization members. The American Degree is awarded to active FFA members who have earned their State Degree who



Sadie Seney



Kaylene Slack

are maintaining a satisfactory SAE complete with detailed records that continues on after graduating high school. Ben White, Kaleigh White, and Tatumn Laughery all received their American Degree this year.

Members participated in more than 10 CDE's this year, ranging from livestock judging to Creed speaking.

Dayton FFA even welcomed a cat showman, Quintin Rapoza, to their team this year.

Kaylene Slack was recognized as the Star Greenhand. Slack excelled in her FFA projects over the year, with advisor Kristina Knebel saying that Slack was so involved with the organization, it was easy to forget that she was a first-year member.

Sadie Seney was selected as the Rising Star. Knebel said that Seney has demonstrated leadership potential within the organization and has worked very hard to better herself and helped encourage other members in the FFA.



Tayven Seney

The Blue and Gold award was given to Josiah White. The Blue and Gold award is given to members who embody the FFA ideals: Premier leadership, personal.

The Outstanding Senior award went to Tayven Seney. Seney dedicated years to the organization as a chapter officer, serving as both vice president and president. Knebel said that Seney has shown time and time again the leadership skills and effort needed to make Dayton FFA successful over the years.

The officer team for the 2020-21 year will be elected in the Fall.

BIRTHDAYS

July 30: Pam Conover, J.E. McCaw, Kohl Perry, Tim Rogers.

July 31: Glen Vogt, Joan Hamberg, Elizabeth Jorgensen, Joanna Lanning, Rob Danforth, Angela McKinley, Don Richardson, Kenneth and Richard LaRue.

August 1: Karen Lyman, Jessie Winnett, Terry Lambert, Christina Bunch and Amber Woodworth.

August 2: Heather Herion, Terry Presler, Malia Kalahele.

WWCSO

July 21

Dispatched to an address in the 100 block of Douglas Way for a domestic disturbance. Wallula, WA.

July 24

A court order violation was reported at an address in the 700 block of Seventh Street, Waitsburg, WA.

An illegal dumping incident was reported at an address in the 3000 block of Isaacs Ave., Walla Walla County.

Officer was dispatched to State Route 12 for a vehicle prowl. Report taken.

Deputies investigated a serious assault at the county jail by an inmate to jail staff.

July 25

Driver arrested for DUI at an address on Coppei Ave. and Academy Street, Waitsburg, WA.

Officer was dispatched to the Walla Walla County Fairgrounds for a burglary. Walla Walla county.

An assault was reported at an address on 300 W. Alder Street, Walla Walla.

COVID-19 CAN CAUSE PROLONGED ILLNESS

OLYMPIA—The Washington State Coronavirus Response Joint Information Center reported on a new Center for Disease Control (CDC) report that emphasizes that COVID-19 can cause prolonged illness, including in younger people.

The CDC released on Friday, July 24, findings from a telephone survey that indicates more than one-third of people diagnosed with COVID-19 who did not need hospitalization, had not returned to their usual state of health within two to three weeks of being tested. Among those between the age of 18-34, with no chronic medical conditions, one in five had not returned to their usual state of health. The CDC's takeaway message? "Recovery from COVID-19 can take a long time, even in young adults." Read the report here. https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6930e1.htm?s_cid=mm6930e1_w.

HELP CLEAN UP PRESTON PARK THIS SATURDAY AT 9 A.M.

WAITSBURG—Matt and Krystal Wyatt Helping Hands of Waitsburg just announced a plan to clean up Preston Park this Saturday, August 1st, at 9 a.m. Lend a helping hand to clean up all sandbags that were left to help with the flood and remove the reminders of the devastation that affected over 60 homes in our community.

We can also help out our City of Waitsburg workers who are doing a fantastic job with a high workload. With enough trucks and workers, the task will go very quickly.

Needed:

- Trucks to load sandbags
- Masked workers with gloves
- Shovels to spread the gravel from the bags that have already split.
- Garbage sacks for ripped sandbags

The effort will be starting earlier in the day to beat the heat. There are a lot of trees that will be allowing shade for the short amount of time this will take.

Matthew Wyatt will be buying donuts and coffee from Millstone Cafe for all that would like to assist us. "I don't want to leave this job to the city workers who have already done so much for our community, especially this year. They have enough on their plate," said Wyatt.

Meet at Preston Park at 9 a.m. with your mask on, and we'll get going!


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1 in 5


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*ages 18-34
Random sample of adult outpatients with COVID-19 from 14 U.S. academic health care systems
CDC.GOV


To stay well and protect others...



Stay 6 feet away from others not living in your household



Wash hands often



Wear face coverings consistently and correctly in public

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Bette Lou Crothers retires from State Farm

Continues supporting the community

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—This week, Bette Lou Crothers is wrapping up a forty three-year career as an insurance agent in Dayton.

Not to worry, our Town Mother is not leaving us. “I’m still going to be downtown bugging everybody, doing All Wheels and Christmas Kickoff,” she said.

There is nothing retiring about this hard-working Dayton booster. In high school and during college breaks, Crothers worked at Dorsey’s restaurant waiting tables. After she and Gene Crothers got married and began raising a family, she caught on at the local cannery during the summer months, to make a little extra money.

When she decided to look for other work, she applied all around town and was contacted by Wally Payne to consider working in his insurance office.

She told him she didn’t know anything about insurance. “I can teach you insurance,” he said. “I can’t teach you work ethic.”

Crothers said she bought some work slacks at Dingle’s and went to work the following day.

In 1981 she began working afternoons with State Farm Insurance Agent Floyd McCauley.

“I kind of recognized it as a door of opportunity for my husband and me,” she said about transitioning into full-time work with State Farm.

Crothers said when she first became an agent, and she was “totally” guided by hopes of financial riches, what she found, instead, was a real joy for the job at hand.

“Insurance is hard because sometimes people aren’t happy,” Crothers said. “But there is nothing like handing a farmer a check when their crops didn’t quite make it or standing there when their house is on fire, and holding their hand, and



telling them it’s okay, we’ve got help for you.”

“It’s not always an easy job, but it’s a good job,” she added.

Crothers said the decision to retire wasn’t an easy one to make.

State Farm promised her they were committed to keeping the State Farm agency in Dayton open, because of the longevity of the business here and the loyalty of the policy-holders.

Mike Stensrude, the State Farm Contract Agent in Walla Walla, will oversee the Dayton office until an intern is assigned and contracted to take over.

“I didn’t want Dayton to lose another business. I wouldn’t have retired yet,” Crothers said.

She has been sending letters to State Farm policy-holders announcing her retirement. She said she and the staff had some “cry fests” over those.

“You work with farmers so much, on many levels, with acreage reports, production reports, and hail and fire reports,” Crothers said, “They are in here a lot. Even if they’re not my family, they are dear to my heart.”

Crothers has been in an office downtown for the past 43 years.

She has been on the Dayton Chamber board, “more on, than off” since 1982, and plans to continue working on many Chamber events.

This year would have been the 26th year for All Wheels Weekend, but it was canceled because of the COVID-19 situation, she said.

Crothers is keeping her fingers crossed about the fate of Christmas Kickoff for this year. As the chief organizer, she has been talking with people about the event and getting a feel for the situation.

Crothers said she is the last original member of the Dayton Development Task Force, and she continues to serve on the board.

Crothers and her husband, Gene, have three children; Daron McCauley, and daughters; Kimberlea Seney, married to Byron, and Jennifer Hughes, married to Casey. They have four grandchildren, Tayven and Sadie Seney, and Keelie and Bryer Hughes.

She wants to spend more time with them, including visiting Tayven at WSU and attending more away games and visiting Keelie at her new home in Madras, Ore.

She also wants to spend more quality time with friends and traveling to some of her favorite haunts, like Maui and Las Vegas.

“If you’re going to do a little living, now is the time,” she said.

LEGAL NOTICES

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

NO: 20-4-00130-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030

In re the Estate of:

DENISE M. LOWELL,

Deceased.

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

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: July 23, 2020.

Charles P. Lowell
Administrator
Attorney for Administrator:
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July 23, 30, Aug 6, 2020
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CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO SURPLUS CITY PERSONAL PROPERTY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on August 12, 2020 at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Dayton pertaining to the surplus of the following personal property:

2003 Kubota BX 2200 Mower Serial Number 5F688
1979 Chevy C-70 Water Truck Vin C17DBV126449
1999 Freightliner FC70

Tymco Sweeper/ Water Truck

Said public hearing shall be held via ZOOM @ 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the hearing may be held (ZOOM @ meeting information will be available online at <http://www.daytonwa.com/inside-city-hall/city-council/agendas-minutes/134-2020/agendas> not later than 3:00 p.m., August 6, 2020).

Information pertaining to the proposed surplus of city-owned property is available and may be obtained by contacting City of Dayton Public Works Department at (509) 382-4571 or by emailing info@daytonwa.com.

Written testimony to be considered at the public hearing may be submitted to the City of Dayton, 111 S. 1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328, or by email to info@daytonwa.com. Written testimony must be received not later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2020.

Dated this 21st day of July, 2020

City of Dayton

By: Trina Cole, City Administrator

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

TS No.: 2019-00213-WA
APN No.: 36-07-28-52-0212

Grantor(s): SHARON E DODGIN AND ROBERT D DODGIN

Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust: U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-KS6

Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: Western Progressive - Washington, Inc.
Current Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: PHH Mortgage Corporation
Reference Number(s) of the Deed of Trust: 2005-05422

Assessor’s Property Tax Parcel Number(s): 36-07-28-52-0212

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Trustee, Western Progressive - Washington, Inc., will on 08/28/2020, at the hour of 09:00 AM, at Main Entrance, Walla Walla County Courthouse, 315 West Main, Walla Walla, WA 99362, State of Washington, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County (ies) of Walla Walla, State of Washington to-wit:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT

5 IN BLOCK 2 OF BRASH ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WALLA WALLA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY IN BOOK D AT PAGE 30.

SITUATED IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA, STATE OF WASHINGTON.

Commonly known as: 1309 Pleasant Street, Walla Walla, WA 99362

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the above street address or other common designation.

Which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 05/02/2005, recorded 05/09/2005, under Auditor’s File No.2005-05422, Book --- Page ---, records of Walla Walla County, Washington, from Sharon E. Dodgin and Robert D. Dodgin, Wife and Husband as Grantor, to Land Title of Walla Walla County as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of

Homecomings Financial Network, Inc. as lender and beneficiary Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as the designated nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc., the beneficial interest in which was assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-KS6 under an assignment recorded on October 10, 2011, under Auditor’s File No. as Instrument No. 2011-07924, Bk. in Book ---, Pg. at Page ---, records of Walla Walla County, Washington.

II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower’s or Grantor’s default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust.

III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows:

Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: \$14,678.61; (together with any subsequent payments, late charges, advances, costs and fees thereafter due)

IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal Balance of \$178,798.57, together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument secured

from 03/01/2019, and such other costs and fees as are due under the Note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute.

V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. The sale will be made without warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 08/28/2020. The default(s) referred to in paragraph III is/are cured by 08/17/2020 (11 days before the sale date), to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time on or before 08/17/2020 (11 days before the sale date), the default(s) as set forth in paragraph III is/are cured and the Trustee’s fees and costs are paid. The sale may be terminated any time after 08/17/2020 (11 days before the sale date), and before the sale by the Borrower, Grantor,

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE any Guarantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance paying the entire principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees, and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust and curing all other defaults.

A written notice of default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following addresses: See Exhibit “A” attached by both first class and certified mail on 01/31/2020 proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served on 01/28/2020, with said written notice of default or the written notice of default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in the paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting.

VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale.

VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the bid amount paid. The purchaser shall have

no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary or the Beneficiary’s attorney.

IX. Anyone having any objections to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee’s sale.

X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS

The purchaser at the trustee’s sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW.

For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060;

XI. NOTICE TO GUARANTORS

(a) If you are a guarantor of the obligations secured by the deed of trust, you may be liable for a deficiency judgment to the extent the sale price obtained at the trustee’s sale is less than the debt secured by the deed of trust.

(b) You have the same rights to reinstate the debt, cure the default or repay the debt as is given to the grantor in order to avoid the trustee’s sale.

(c) You will have no right to redeem the property after the trustee’s sale.

(d) Subject to such longer periods as are provided in the Washington deed of trust act, chapter 61.24 RCW, any action brought to enforce a guaranty must be commenced within one year after the trustee’s sale, or the last trustee’s sale under any other deed of trust granted to secure the same debt.

THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME.

You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date on this notice to pursue mediation. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN

ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help.

SEEKING ASSISTANCE

Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following:

The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Telephone: (877) 894-4663. Website: <http://www.homeownership.wa.gov>

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The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Telephone: (800) 569-4287. Website: <http://www.hud.gov>

The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: (800) 606-4819. Website: <http://nwjustice.org/get-legal-help>

DATE: March 9, 2020

Trustee: Western Progressive - Washington, Inc.

Trustee address: 3600 15th Avenue West, Suite 200, Office C

Seattle, Washington 98119

Trustee telephone number: 1-206-876-9986

Direct Line Telephone number: 1-770-612-7384

Signature/By C. Scott

Trustee Sale Assistant

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The deadline for legal publications is noon on Tuesday prior to publication. Send notices to: legals@waitsburgtimes.com

365 Days of Grief

Healing through self-publishing

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

Natsiree Puttavon isn't "put upon" by any means. Most who've met her during one of her gallery talks, might not ever imagine her mood as anything less than merry and light. As a docent who explains the finer details of fine art, her disposition is serene. Yet, bubbling under the surface is a bit of anguish and sorrow as Puttavon faces down the daily grief.

If you're someone who has experienced loss, you know. And if you haven't, know that you will at some point, loss and grief are inevitable. Having tools at hand like Puttavon's book, *365 Days of Grief*, equips us for the fight against unending pain.

People say it takes time, but time only helps us forget temporarily. As life in quarantine stretches on into infinity, it seems everyone has one thing or another to grieve right now, so the book is timely.

In a virtual interview, Puttavon reveals some of the book's secrets.

BW: Thank you so much for joining us today, please tell us a bit about the book.

NP: "This is for anyone who has ever lost someone to a cruel twist of fate. Every chapter is a different stage of grief. Our protagonist, Newton the newt, will be alongside you for the duration of your journey. My hope for you is that you will also be able to find healing for yourself as Newton travels through the pages with you."

BW: First to be clear, please describe the book. *365 Days of Grief* was self-published through Blurb. Is this an anthology of poetry, a linear tale, a short story? The title implies a daily inscription. Do you have an ISBN?

NP: "The notion of 'poetry' developed into this format I've molded it into. I'm not following any kind of specific set rules whenever I write. Some of my poems tell a narrative or a very short story; for instance, my "Ode to Eurydice" and "Blissful Ignorance" poems, but there are also a few poems that are merely a few sentences.

Simply put, I like to describe this book as a collective of words that I hope will evoke a specific emotion within the reader. A collection of poetry and prose is the best way to describe it.

And yes, I do have an ISBN that was issued to me through Blurb! However, due to the fact that I have four different covers, they all have different ISBNs. And for some reason, all of the various versions of the books (softcover, hardcover, etc) have different ISBNs as well, so I have quite a few ISBNs."

BW: The description of your book is instantly engaging, tell me a little about the cruel twists of fate that led you to grief. How did you overcome it?

NP: "Thank you! I wanted to create an engaging description that didn't initially give too much away. I can definitely go into more detail.

The first cruel twist of fate was that I knew something was going to happen to him. (Puttavon's boyfriend Conlan who was murdered. I felt it in my heart.

Two weeks before he passed away, I had sent him a message on Facebook, begging for him to see me because I felt like something bad was going to happen.

He read the message and never responded back, two weeks from that last message I sent him was when I received a text that he had passed away. It just felt like a cruel twist of fate. There are a few poems in this book that explore that feeling more in depth.

Another cruel twist of fate that I'm still angry over is the fact that the police very quickly dismissed this case. They had attempted to find the murderer for maybe a few months before just letting this trail run entirely cold (despite video footage and confessions).

I guess what I truly mean by a cruel twist of fate is when life allows you to meet someone—even for a brief period of time, but something deep in your heart always knew that they'd be taken away. Either by circumstances, fate or otherwise.

How did I overcome it, you ask?

Well...I wrote a lot. I cried even more.

At first, I didn't handle it well at all.

But then after my tears started to dry and I had regained a bit of sanity, I decided to do something about all of my pain. I decided to transform it into something beautiful. I currently have two projects that are ongoing for him; this book and a memorial bench which I am hoping to have installed by the end of July."

BW: While every chapter is a different stage of grief, do you find that these stages are always experienced in a linear fashion? Or is this more of a "choose your own adventure" style book?

NP: "Oh no, not at all! I've found that grief is never linear; you're going to constantly cycle through all of these stages. And sometimes you'll even feel more than one at once. I definitely think that it's more suited to being a "choose your own adventure" style of book."

BW: I've never met Newton the newt, but I already love him. When and how did the two of you meet? Tell us a bit about your character development process. Are there illustrations?

NP: "I wanted to create a cute protagonist that I haven't ever seen before! So thus, Newton the Newt was born! Plus, I think his name is catchy, don't you think? I also wanted to specifically choose a newt due to their metamorphosis! I think that's also quite symbolic. (I know that butterflies would have been the natural mascot to exhibit this notion, but I'm not the biggest fan of bugs.)

I already had this vision of how I wanted him to look in my head, so I had worked together with my illustrator in order to get him to look exactly how I had envisioned."

The Illustrator's (Stephanie Patterson) Answer:

It's hard to say where exactly we met, it was more of a gradual fruition and changes through time that Newton became what he is now! I originally based him off of a specific newt, the Marbled Newt.

BW: Speaking of illustrations, tell us about your book cover artist, and what that imagery means to you.

NP: "Yes! Amanda Franz is my immensely talent-



Courtesy photo

Natsiree Puttavon, the author of *365 Days of Grief*, resides in Washington state.

ed cover artist. I'd seen her work before and I loved it. I asked her if she could recreate a version of one of her images she had already created. I gave her a few concept ideas along with some examples of fonts—and voila! It's like she took this idea directly from my head. It couldn't be more perfect. To me, this imagery means hope. A flower blooming also has a transformative quality, so I felt that was fitting for my book."

BW: If you feel so inclined, share a bit about your experience with the printing of the covers and your experience with the self-publishing process in general.

NP: "It was definitely a trial and error kind of situation. I think I had ordered three physical copies of my books before I finally figured out how to even resize the cover properly. Blurb also isn't a very intuitive program, so it was a bit difficult at times to use. Self-publishing is a labor of love. I've found myself having to do everything manually in terms of formatting of the book. Unfortunately, Blurb doesn't allow more than one person to use their program at once and the saved data does not transfer over. My illustrator and I learned that the hard way.

Every single aspect of the book were details that I had to physically make myself. Of course you still don't know how it'll all turn out until after it's printed and you've seen a physical copy. Luckily, I had a few absolutely wonderful friends (thank you, Stephanie for all of the late night Zoom book review dates) who helped me with reviewing and with making countless edits to it. This project wouldn't have been possible without them."

In Review: It's hard to imagine enjoying a book on a subject as sad as grief and heartache, but I did. I really enjoyed it, through the tears, I found myself nodding with the ache of "YASS, I know that struggle!" Most especially applicable to those with unanswered questions, unresolved mysteries and those bitter endings with no closure.

Major League Baseball is back

Thoughts on the first weekend

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

Major League Baseball is back, but it looks and sounds different this year. Watching broadcasts with no fans in the stands or with cardboard cutouts is odd. Without the sounds of the live crowd, I've already been tricked into believing that a couple of routine fly outs were going to be home runs based on how loud the ball sounded coming off of the bat. Instead of chatty fans near the broadcast booth, you can hear players in the dugout now.

The Mariners are running a promotion where you can send them a photo of a person and \$30, and they will put a cardboard cutout of the person in a seat. Also, if your cutout catches (gets hit by) a ball, they will mail the baseball to you. On the mlb.com app, you can cheer for your favorite team, and they will mix that into the crowd sounds that they pump into the stadium.

The schedule is a little different this year, and the Mariners will play each team in their division ten times for a total of forty games. The other twenty games in this year's sixty game schedule will be against the National League West in an attempt to limit travel distance. So be prepared for series against the Dodgers, Padres, Diamondbacks, Rockies, and Giants. Other changes include a league-wide designated hitter and extra-inning games will start with a runner on 2nd base. The playoffs this year will consist of eight teams from each league. The division winners and second place teams in each division qualify plus the next two teams with the best record after that.

Austin Nola has taken over the starting catching duties after Tom Murphy was sidelined with an injury to start the season. He has had at-bats in every game so far this season. Kyle Seager is now in his tenth season with the Mariners and picked up his 200th home run, which puts him fourth on the Mariners all-time list. He also moved into fourth place on the Mariners all-time list in runs batted in. Kyle Lewis is off to a great start with two home runs in four games played. Having just turned twenty-five this July, we could be seeing a breakout season for him.

This weekend the Mariners started on the road against the Houston Astros. They managed to go 1-3 in Houston, which isn't bad considering the starting pitching they were facing and that they went 1-19 against Houston last season. On Sunday, it was reported that Justin Verlander had an elbow injury, and it is unknown when he will return. Verlander's injury coupled with the loss of free agent Gerrit Cole to the Yankees, should make the American League West more competitive this year. Hopefully, Major League Baseball can make it through the sixty-game schedule without having to shut down.



Signed Austin Nola card from Walla Walla Mariners Community Care Tour in Walla Walla last fall.

Take the Challenge to learn more about racial equity and social justice issues

21 days to learn, ponder and reflect

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Walla Walla YWCA is putting forth a challenge to anyone who wants to accept it; spend twenty-one days deepening your understanding of, and willingness to confront, racism.

Those who accept the Challenge can sign up on the YWCA's website to receive curated articles, podcasts, activities, and more, right to their inbox.

The Challenge creates dedicated time and space to build more effective social justice habits and bring awareness to issues of race, power, privilege, and leadership. This program was first adapted by YWCA Cleveland and is now being widely adapted and shared by YWCAs across the United States.

"We have seen a shift in our nation where more and more of us are wanting to learn, grow, and take action to make a difference in the lives of our family, friends, and neighbors," said Anne-Marie Zell Schwerin, Executive Director. "YWCA Walla Walla is proud to partner with our sister associations to help our valley engage in issues related to racial equity and social justice."

Inspired by Food Solutions New England's original Challenge created by Dr. Eddie Moore, Jr. and Debby Irving, the Challenge goes beyond individual or interpersonal racism by helping to demystify structural and institutional racism and white supremacist patterns that are sometimes invisible to people.

The Challenge inspires you to act, on your own or with others in your organization, business or group, to dismantle these systems.

The daily email prompts will include a short reading, a video or an audio file. Participants are encouraged to take about ten to fifteen minutes each day with the material in the prompt. There are online forums where you can discuss the prompts in a supportive environment, and participants are encouraged to share their experiences with others in their community.

Sign up to participate at this link: <https://www.ywcaww.org/21-day/>

Emails will begin going out Monday, Aug. 3, and continue (Monday-Friday) through Aug. 31.

SPORTS

MLB American League Leaders

ERA			Batting Average			Saves			Stolen Bases		
R. Detwiler	CHW	0.00	J. Iglesias	BAL	.538	J. Jimenez	DET	2	S. Long Jr.	SEA	2
J. Chavez	TEX	0.00	H. Alberto	BAL	.500	L. Hendriks	OAK	1	R. Grossman	OAK	2
L. Lynn	TEX	0.00	M. Maldonado	HOU	.455	G. Holland	KC	1	M. Brantley	HOU	1
M. Andriese	LAA	0.00	G. Stanton	NYY	.444	Z. Britton	NYY	1	J. Altuve	HOU	1
R. Yarbrough	TB	0.00	J. Ramirez	CLE	.417	B. Hand	CLE	1	W. Merrifield	KC	1

Wins			Home Runs			Strike Outs			Runs Batted In		
D. Bundy	LAA	1	N. Cruz	MIN	3	S. Bieber	CLE	14	N. Cruz	MIN	10
J. Verlander	HOU	1	M. Moreland	BOS	2	C. Carrasco	CLE	10	M. Brantley	HOU	6
C. Carrasco	CLE	1	G. Stanton	NYY	2	L. Lynn	TEX	9	M. Maldonado	HOU	6
L. Lynn	TEX	1	L. Garcia	CHW	2	S. Turnbull	DET	8	J. Cave	MIN	6
N. Eovaldi	BOS	1	S. Perez	KC	2	J. Verlander	HOU	7	X. Bogaerts	BOS	5

STANDINGS

AL West	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	3	1	.750	-
Oakland	3	1	.750	-
Texas	1	2	.333	1.5
Seattle	1	3	.250	2
Los Angeles	1	3	.250	2

AL East	W	L	PCT	GB
Tampa Bay	3	1	.750	-
Baltimore	2	1	.667	0.5
New York	2	1	.667	0.5
Toronto	2	2	.500	1
Boston	1	3	.250	2

AL Central	W	L	PCT	GB
Cleveland	2	1	.667	-
Minnesota	2	1	.667	-
Kansas City	2	2	.500	0.5
Detroit	2	2	.500	0.5
Chicago	1	2	.333	1

MARINERS HITTING

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	BA	OBP	OPS	WAR
Kyle Lewis	15	4	6	2	4	3	.400	.500	1.300	0.0
J.P. Crawford	12	3	4	0	0	5	.333	.529	1.279	0.0
Tim Lopes	9	2	4	0	0	0	.444	.500	1.167	0.0
Kyle Seager	16	2	5	1	3	1	.313	.389	1.076	0.0
Austin Nola	9	1	2	0	0	2	.222	.417	.750	0.0
Evan White	17	1	4	1	2	1	.235	.278	.690	0.0
Shed Long Jr.	16	2	3	0	2	2	.188	.278	.528	0.0
Dee Gordon	8	0	2	0	0	0	.250	.250	.500	0.0
J. Marmolejos	13	0	2	0	0	0	.154	.154	.308	0.0
Mallex Smith	11	1	1	0	2	0	.091	.091	.273	0.0

AB - At Bats, R - Runs, H - Hits, HR - Home Runs, RBI - Runs Batted In, BB - Base on Balls, BA - Batting Average, OPS - On Base Plus Slugging, WAR - Wins Above Replacement



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Remodeling the kitchen—just add doubt and fear

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

On my first trip to Waitsburg to officially meet with contractors to discuss my home renovation, (or tear down), I arrived early and fortuitously wandered in to Ten Ton Coffee. After some introductions, I owned up to the fact that, yes, I was the owner of the wreck of a house on Orchard. The information whirlwind began. I received an encyclopedia of unsolicited advice, which I rapidly turned into solicited advice. Everyone encouraged me to renovate the house, their suggestions and contacts gave me courage and hope.

As I've repeatedly mentioned, I move fast. To quote Rudyard Kipling: "He travels fastest who travels alone." And I flew through electrical, plumbing, fencing, deck, painting, siding, 3 roofs, flooring, closet remodeling, and more. I made decisions, picked colors and materials, all within minutes. I am decisive, I know what I like, and although I have spent numerous hours in museums, I am not going to spend hours debating over the tone of gray paint on the upper level of the house. Maybe there are undertones of violet, or green, but I guess I'm just not that discerning when it comes to gray!

Now, it's time for the kitchen, and I am no longer traveling alone. Daniel is here, he is the chef, and obviously, he has opinions about our new kitchen. We remodeled our kitchen together in our Los Angeles home about 18 years ago. It's déjà vu! Why are we remodeling? The fear and doubt are setting in.

How is it possible we can peruse magazines, catalogues and showrooms in perfect harmony? We both have similar taste; modern, clean lines, functional with a little funk. But, when it comes to actually choosing our kitchen, it's like we never met. One of our stumbling blocks when remodeling our LA kitchen was color. It was a small room, I wanted white and light colors. He, on the other hand wanted red and yellow, because those are the colors that encourage appetite. Although my favorite color is red, I don't need my appetite encouraged, and I don't want to live in a McDonald's! We wound up hiring a "decorator/referee" who suggested a terra cotta accent wall. From there, most things went smoothly.

We have made some headway here in our Waitsburg kitchen. And to date, no knives have been drawn. (A chef and a cook have a large collection of knives.) We chose cabinets, glass inserts, we have three options for countertops which we need to narrow down (most likely, cost will be a determinant). I already purchased the faucet (it's been languishing in our shed for 18 months). I purchased too much



Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi

After the demo it can be challenging to find level ground.

The big floor questions are: Is it fixable? If yes, at what cost? Or, do we just live life with a permanently sloping kitchen? How many shims does it take to remodel a kitchen in an old house?

flooring when I did the rest of the house, so it's going into the kitchen, by default. Seems pretty harmonious now, but the worst is yet to come.

I already dread the basics: pack up the kitchen, where to put the appliances during construction, where are we going to cook, (you can just BBQ so much), where do we store the stuff we have packed? What about Mugsy's dog food, make sure we don't pack that!

The piece de' resistance—our ski slope of a kitchen floor. What will we find when we start the demolition stage of the remodel? Nothing shocks me anymore, since I have previously found a hammer, wrench, shovel, a Chevrolet hood ornament and a roll of brown paper wrapped in a 1945 issue of the U-B, just in the garden and attic.

Online school: YouTube or Skype?

By Emma Philbrook | THE TIMES

As the summer of 2020 winds down, a generation of students casts wary eyes upon the dawn of a new school year. With it will come many familiar bugaboos—homework, early mornings, regular bedtimes—as well as any number of new challenges related to the present pandemic.

More specifically, for many students from the sixth grade on up, at least some of the new school year will take place online. (And when I say "sixth grade on up," I mean all the way on up – Whitman is moving wholly online this semester, as is Harvard.) Now I'm not an expert, but my GPA and I survived a whole quarter of online law school, so I'm more qualified than most non-experts to give you the following list of unsolicited online learning tips. Middle-schoolers, high-schoolers, and Whitties, take heart. (Harvard, you already took heart. My heart, specifically. And then you broke it into a million pieces and let it blow away on the cold Boston wind. Quit reading, because we have nothing more to say to each other. *sniff*)

Anyway:

You're going to need to get a work area set up. You'll need a steady internet connection, a place for the computer, a place to take notes or use scratch paper, and somewhere to stash your books. This place should be comfortable, quiet, and contain a minimum of distractions...she says as she tells you to put the computer within range of the WiFi signal.

There are two types of online classes: contemporaneous and non-contemporaneous, better known as "Skype" and "YouTube." YouTube classes are fairly straightforward: press play, take notes. No need to worry about dress codes or tardies, hall passes are as easy as hitting the "pause" button, and there's no rest of the class to share your snacks. Seems ideal, right?

There are a couple of major drawbacks to YouTube classes. The first is the sinister allure of the "fast forward" button. It is unhelpfully located right next to the "pause" and "rewind" buttons, which are essential to getting the most out of your YouTube educational experience. (We've all had at least one teacher who could benefit from a rewind button.) Be strong and resist, fellow scholars! The other drawback is that

you'll have to watch your teachers slowly go insane from the isolation, which will impact the quality of the lectures as the school year progresses and is just depressing in general.

Skype classes seem to be psychologically easier for most teachers. You lose some of the flexibility of YouTube classes, but you can still sit on your couch and wear bunny slippers, which makes it psychologically easier than regular school. Please do your part to protect the psychological health of your teachers and classmates by wearing normal-ish clothes. Everything from your knees up is liable to be on camera in the event you have to get out of your chair. (Bunny slippers generally stay out of the shot pretty well.)

Of course, there are aspects of school life that can't be fully replicated over the Internet—extracurricular activities, casual hallway chats, sports, dances, and the like. Sadly, there's not a good way to get around the deep-rooted need for authentic human connection and belonging. If you're looking for a quick fix, usually us law students just study until the deep-rooted need for some ZZZs drowns the rest of it out. Your results may vary.

The Cookie Chronicles

Chapter 14—a star is (almost) born

Next Stop – Hollywood

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

Mrs. G and I have long believed that Cookie has that something extra that sets all celebrities apart from the rest of us. The "It Factor"—personality, pizzazz, and the natural ability to light up a room simply by entering it. It's talent and good looks, a warm and welcoming demeanor, and knowing intuitively that when the spotlight hits you, it's showtime! Cookie passes all these tests with flying colors.

And yet... stardom has evaded her.

Every day you see dogs in tv commercials selling cars, hot dogs, beer, snacks, pharmaceuticals, you name it—dogs that by no stretch of the imagination are as beautiful and charming as Cookie. Lesser dogs are bona fide (or should I say bona Fido) stars on YouTube and Instagram, TikTok, and Facebook. So we have to ask ourselves, how have we failed our little angel?

You could point out that we don't live in Los Angeles, and on our last visit, we didn't even take her with us. She's been to Palm Springs on numerous occasions, but have we done a single casting call? Sadly, we have not.

As I pondered what might help to propel our pup into the glitzy glamour world of Hollywood (and full disclosure—maybe along the way generate a little extra income), several options crossed my mind.

Appearance is important. Cookie is a bit of a tomboy, not the show dog type. So maybe some costumes would fire the imagination of some casting director in LaLa Land. One holiday we tried putting her in a Santa suit. That went nowhere. The Hawaiian shirt we tried on her never made it out of the pet store. She did win second prize in a beauty contest while wearing a rescue dog coat. But none of these outfits brought talent agents knocking on our door.

So then I thought, maybe she needs an actual talent. Why not wine tasting? After all, it runs in the family, and a friend of ours had a talking bird that could drink Champagne and comment on its quality. Cookie isn't shy with her food opinions, so this seemed like a solid option.

I tried Cookie out on every kind of wine there is – sparkling wines, sweet wines, dry wines, red wines, pink wines, white wines. In desperation, I even tried beer. No interest whatsoever. Her comment on everything, if I understood her correctly, was 'Bleah.'

Not the sort of spark I was hoping for, one that could lead to the next starring role in a Bud Light or even a Bartles & Jaymes commercial.

Then it dawned on me. Every undiscovered talent needs a press agent. And what does a press agent do? A press agent generates press coverage.

Now this was a gold-plated idea, and one that I could jump on quickly. As fate would have it, I myself have been a published writer in myriad newspapers and magazines since the invention of the printing press.

With the ghost of Johannes Gutenberg whispering in my ear, I began writing the Cookie Chronicles. A simple enough project—compose a weekly newspaper column, focus on how smart, cute, friendly, and product-savvy Cookie is, and it would surely pave the Yellow Brick Road leading straight to Hollywood.



So eager was I to follow the upcoming trail of accolades that I assigned a Google alert request to 'Waitsburg Cookie' just so I wouldn't miss anything.

Now, 14 episodes later and counting, nada. The Waitsburg alerts come flooding in, with all the news and comments that run weekly in this fine publication, and the occasional cookie recipe. But never once has the Cookie Chronicles showed up. Never once!

And I finally figured out why. I have utterly failed to mention Waitsburg in any of these Chronicles. And Google, being a bunch of algorithms just killing time until the singularity occurs and robots take over the entire world, is meanwhile searching the internet far and wide for "Waitsburg Cookie" and not finding it. So they have simply skipped over my weekly essay. As a press agent, I've been a dismal failure.

But a failure no longer my friends. Let's just see what these too smart for their own good algorithm bots do with this: Waitsburg. Waitsburg Waitsburg Waitsburg! Waitsburg Cookie. Cookie Waitsburg. Cookie Cookie Cookie Cookie Cookie Cookie! Ha!

Steven Spielberg, if you're reading this, this could be your greatest op-paw-tunity! Cookie awaits your call.

LIFESTYLES



Wheat harvest is on!



Beka Compton

A harvest crew from Broughton Land Company kicks off their wheat harvest on Poulson Road.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

August 18, 2011

[Photo caption] Fire fighting trucks rush to the scene behind the Whetstone home of Steve and Joan McMunn, where a local farmer disked a larger buffer area to keep the flames at bay. The fire started half a mile to the west at the home of Dave and Joyce Koschmeder. Local fire fighting officials said several area farmers helped them keep the fire from damaging two homes.

[Headline] "One of the Best Years" Despite numerous challenges, 2011 yields and prices lift crop prospects in Touchet Valley.

During patrols in Walla Walla, Asotin, and Garfield Counties, 118 speeding tickets were written between July 15 and August 7, in addition to five aggressive driving citations, eight cell phone violations, two seat belt tickets, three child car seat infractions as well as eight uninsured motorist and two suspended /revoked license violations.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

August 3, 1995

[Photo caption] Chuck Carruthers and Johanna Morris, of Waitsburg, in the former pharmacy, where they plan to open a pizza and game arcade business. Her daughter, Kristina, 10, is with them.

People who own 226 parcels of land in Walla Walla County, who owe \$201,000 in back property taxes better pay up. The county treasurer's office is getting ready to file foreclosures on the land—meaning that the county might end up selling them at public auction to pay the taxes.

Walla Walla County commissioners have agreed with a decision by Sheriff Bill Jackson to put "no weapons" signs at the entrances to the Walla Walla Frontier Days fairgrounds. The weapons ban includes firearms and other weapons such as knives, according to chairman Lewis Jacky.

Fifty Years Ago

August 13, 1970

Report from Green Giant this week indicated that all the cut beans from the Columbia Basin have been finished, and that Post Falls, Idaho beans will be coming in steadily about August 14 or 15. From that date, the beans should enjoy a full run with limited stops.

[Photo caption] When Benton County Beef Princess Barb Andrews called on L. V. Johnson, Richland, to present him with a prize from the Benton County CowBelles, he showed her his woodworking equipment. Johnson, who won the award as the eldest father in the county, spends much of his time making planters, magazine stands and other wood crafts.

Mrs. Bruce Abbey and Jim Abbey were taken by ambulance to the Dayton General Hospital Saturday afternoon following a two-car collision at the junction of Front Street and the hill road in Waitsburg. Mrs. Abbey received a broken nose, whiplash and severe bruises while Abbey was treated for fractured ribs.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

August 17, 1945

Because news of the victory in the Pacific caught us in the midst of this week's issue, we simply closed the door on Wednesday night and published one day late. We had to join the celebration—period.

With the end of the war, rationing of gasoline and stove oils, along with all canned fruits, fruit juices and vegetables, came to an immediate end.

Miss Hazel Harkins became the bride of Sgt. William R Rose at the First Christian Church on August 14 at 4 o'clock.

One Hundred Years Ago

August 20, 1920

George Samuel and family returned home last Thursday from a trip of several weeks to Yellowstone National Park. They made the trip by auto, and report a splendid outing.

E. L. Barnes, J. E. Butler, Rev. John Garver and Lawrence Michelsen composed the party which left Tuesday for a fishing trip over on the Wenaha River. They went in by way of Godman Springs.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

August 23, 1895

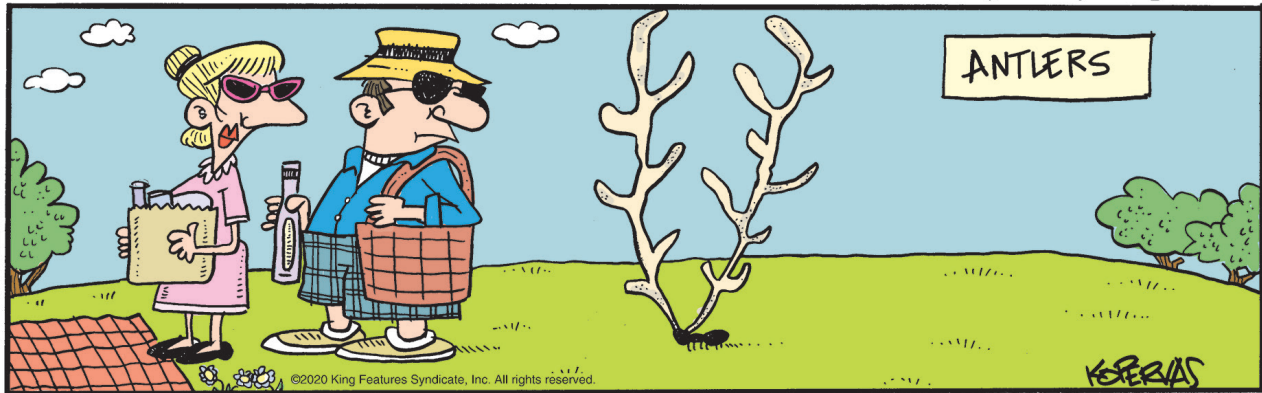
A Times pencil-pusher made a visit last Friday to the harvest field of Joel Woods, and was well repaid for his dusty ride. The outfit consists of one thresher, two headers, twenty men and fifty horses and everything moves with perfect regularity and without friction.

Considerable complaints are made about raids on melon patches, and that both green and ripe melons are taken and in some cases, vines are damaged.

Sam Wood is overhauling his Main Street property, and will convert it into a first class hotel which he will call the Little Palace.

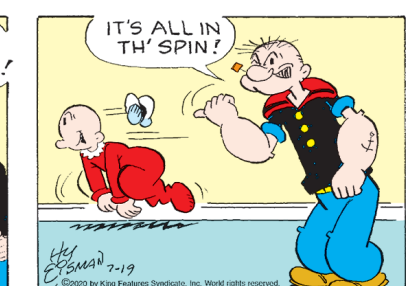
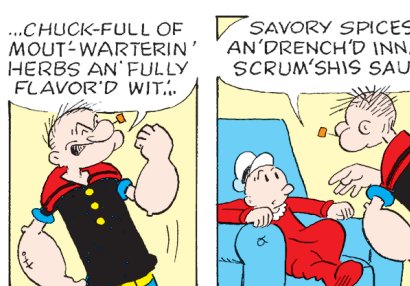
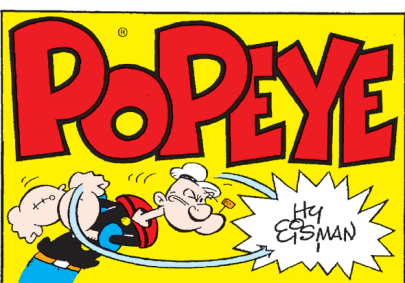
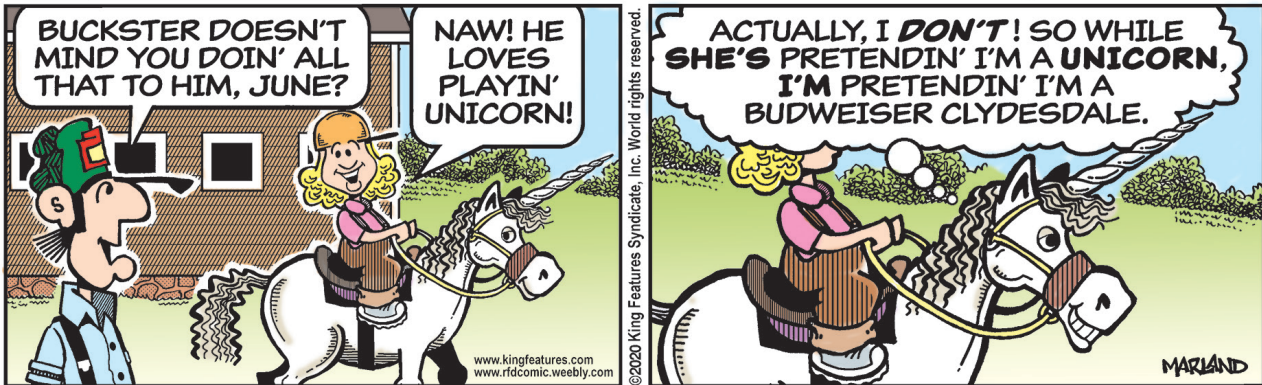
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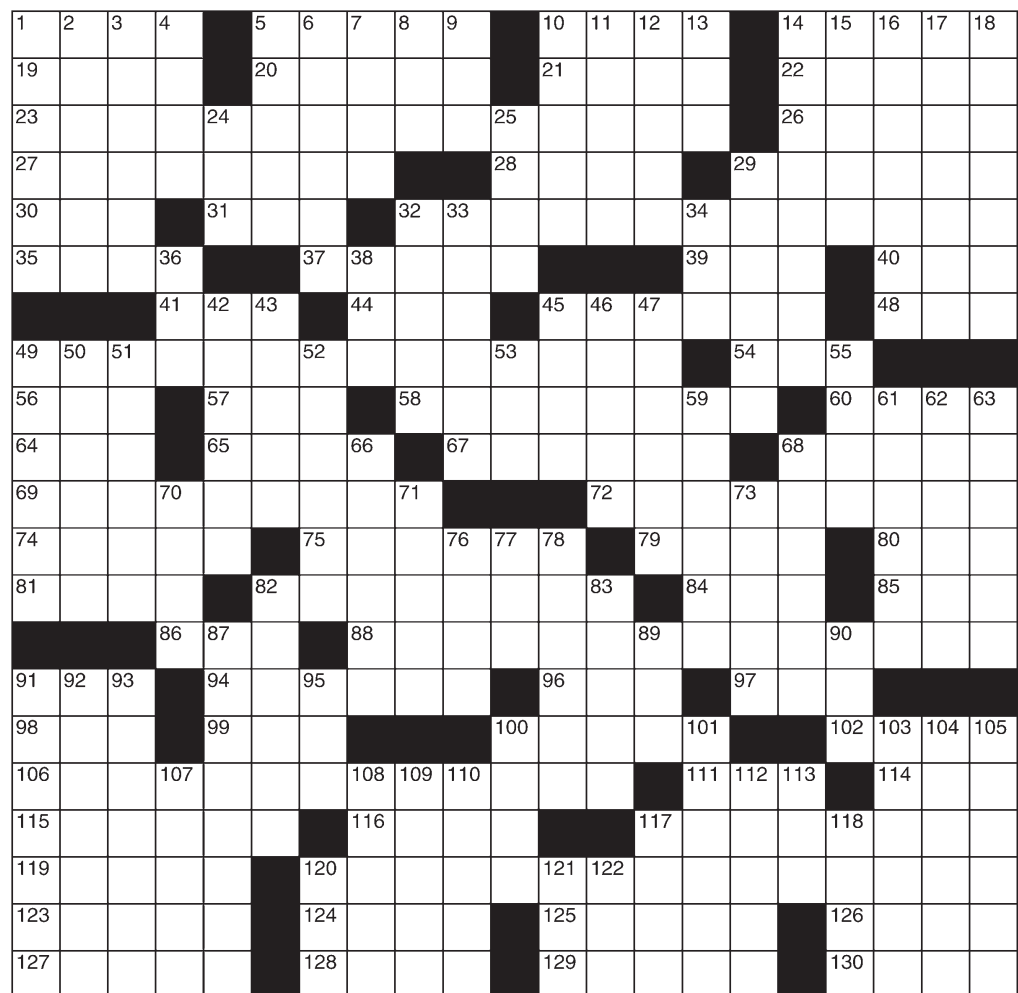


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21 Spoil
22 Bo of "Bolero"
23 Magnetic pull
26 Certain Arab
27 Place for online small talk
28 Author Dinesen
29 One of Nixon's daughters
30 Hack down
31 Crow cry
32 Clear skies and 70 degrees, say
35 Smell — (suspect something)
37 Novelist Zora — Hurston
39 Stopover site
40 Santa Fe-to-Denver dir.
41 Horned viper
44 Annex
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54 Suffix with journal
56 Liberal arts subj.
57 With 90-Down, totally mistaken
58 Creepy quality
60 Rented living spaces: Abbr.
64 Screening airport org.
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68 Target rival
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81 Admin. aide
82 Like rhythmic verse
84 Mag bigwigs
85 Thither
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94 Understood by very few
96 Roth —
97 Uvea's organ
98 Granola tidbit
99 "Law & Order" spinoff, informally
100 Italian port
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106 It's painted to make something seem better than it is
111 A Stoooge get
114 Inclined (to)
115 Oscar winner Helen
116 Emu relative
117 Food symbolizing America
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127 Not on time
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7 Hat's edge
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15 Send, as payment
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25 Bill depicting Lincoln
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33 Fathers, informally
34 Nintendo console
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38 Water, to Yves
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47 Forest cat
49 "You —!" ("Oh yeah!")
50 Comes after as a result
51 Swirly marbles
52 Shorn wool
53 Suffix with script
55 Pack tightly
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61 Tropical fruit
62 Aftershock
63 Hair bit
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68 Actor Grammer
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71 Clear kitchen wrap
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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Mrs. Doppelganger's Swedish Meatballs

I never really liked Swedish meatballs all that much, until a college buddy's German mom cooked them for dinner one night while I was visiting in Bellingham. (Does this mean they are actually German meatballs?) No matter. I was sold, and I have been making these savory little flavor bombs for at least 30 years. This is comfort food, and is great for a crowd on a cold wintery evening. Not to worry, they are great in the summer as well.

Mrs. Doppelganger's Swedish Meatballs

To make the meatballs:

- 1 medium onion, finely minced and sautéed in butter.
- 1 lb. ground beef (80% lean, you'll need some rendered fat to make the sauce).
- 1-2 (I use 1) cup(s) dry bread crumbs soaked in milk and squeezed dry
- 2-2.5 tsp. salt (2 is just fine)
- ½ tsp dried minced onion
- 2 tsp. ground nutmeg
- ½ tsp. dried minced garlic (NOT garlic powder)
- 2 tsp. ground paprika
- 1 tsp. dried mixed herbs (i.e. parsley-sage-rosemary-thyme, or Italian Herbs)
- 1 tsp. dry mustard (Coleman's)
- ¼ tsp fresh ground black pepper.
- 3 well-beaten eggs

Mix ingredients above using a fork (not your hands) to keep meat mixture from becoming too dense. Form into 1-inch balls. Cook in skillet in ¼ cup butter or olive oil (the healthier alternative) on medium to medium high heat – they need to sear a little bit for best flavor. Set meatballs aside.

To make the sauce:

I find that this recipe only makes enough sauce for half of the meatballs. So, I generally freeze half the cooked meatballs and make more sauce for them later – OR, of course, you can double the sauce recipe.

Add 4 T. flour to pan juices and add enough butter to wet the flour. Brown. Add 2 tsp tomato paste (I prefer sun-dried, a good pinch or two of nutmeg, and ½ tsp garlic powder. Make 2 cups beef broth by adding enough water to one 8 oz. can of Campbell's French Onion soup concentrate to make 2 cups plus (optional) 1 tsp dry beef concentrate if you like salty dishes. Mix with browned flour and cook until thick, stirring constantly. Add 1 cup sour cream, blend, then put meatballs in sauce and simmer until warm.

Serve over noodles such as kluski, spaetzle, or regular old curly flat noodles, and top with grated Parmesan cheese (optional). A side of stewed red cabbage always goes well with this dish. There are only about a gazillion recipes for red cabbage on the web, so Google it and find one you think looks good.

To make the cabbage:

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 5 cups shredded red cabbage
- 1 cup sliced green apples
- 1/3 cup apple cider vinegar
- 3 tablespoons water
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 2 1/4 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves



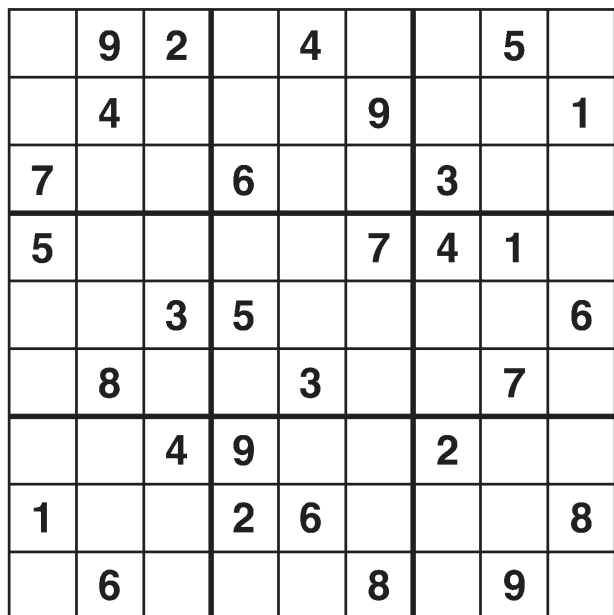
Directions

Place all ingredients into a heavy metal braising vessel such as a small Dutch oven with a loose-fitting lid. Bake at 325 F° for one to two hours until tender. Stir every 20 - 30 minutes to ensure even cooking. It's done when you like it the way it is!

~The Unknown Chuck Wagon Cook~

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

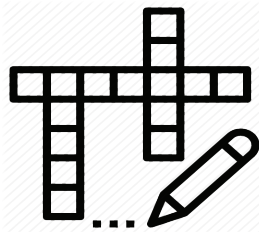


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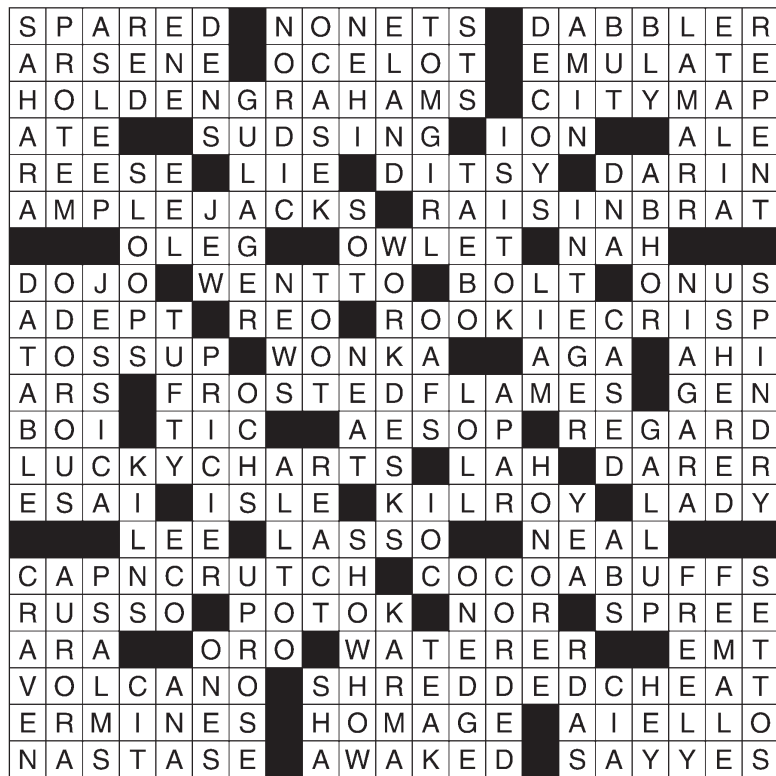
Pink ladies slipper is a wildflower related to the orchid family. To reproduce, its seeds (which have no food supply of their own) must interact with a fungus in the soil, which breaks them open and passes on nutrients (the fungus later receives food from the mature plant). This plant flowers in early summer, ranging from magenta to almost white. Its root was once commonly prepared and given for a range of maladies.

~Brenda Weaver

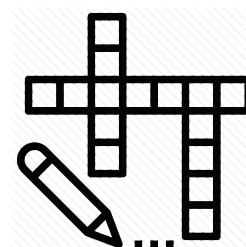
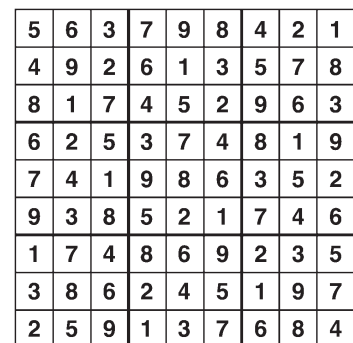
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Weekly SUDOKU Answer



Main Street chat reflection

Casual tone paired with thought-provoking topics were just what I needed as a quarantine refresher

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Sometimes, sitting down and re-connecting with familiar faces can heal beyond recognition. As a born ‘people person,’ the quarantine has been especially difficult for me. A couple of weeks ago, a little bird told me people were setting up camp in front of Waitsburg’s post office, and the little bird encouraged me to pop down and talk to them.

I discovered Mike Ferrians and Maria Garcia hanging out in the shade, with a table full of crayons, colorful construction paper, and a handful of safely-distanced chairs. Ken Taylor even offered some live music, strumming away on his mandolin while thoughtfully listening in to the conversation.

Now, for those who have never met Maria or Mike, they are some of the most creative, caring, personable people I’ve ever known. My history with the two stretches back well into my childhood, so when I saw the two of them armed with crayons and paper, my first thought was ‘what in the world do they have planned,’ and my second thought was ‘Go, talk to them right now.’

Before we even had a chance to make the connections of who everyone was, Mike handed me a piece of paper and asked me to draw what hope meant to me. ‘The first thing that comes to mind,’ he said, and I froze. I thought about the state of the world right now, plagued by a relentless new virus, jobs lost, people hurt during protests, the fight for equality... things are scary. I couldn’t pinpoint one thing that represent-

ed hope on that large of a scale, so I dialed my thoughts back to home.

At the time, my oregano bush was in full flower, and for some reason, that popped into my mind. After making a rough sketch (emphasis on rough), I explained what I had drawn.

That’s when Mike hit me with the ‘why.’ Why did I think of my oregano flowers? Why does a flowering herb represent hope? Mike was making me think in a way I hadn’t for a long time, and it took me a minute.

I chose my oregano bush as my subject because of the bees and other pollinators that were loving it. Bees are underappreciated workers that promise us a colorful and fruitful future. Without bees, we lose flowers, fruit, vegetables, forests, prairies, farms, and one of my favorite foods, honey. Bees have overcome a variety of nature and man-made challenges including pesticides, invasive species, predators, and now giant murder hornets, to keep giving us beauty, sweet treats and life itself.

Bees are the ultimate representation of hope. As long as we have bees, we have a future, and as long as there is a future to look forward to, there is hope.

The bees led up to the next part of the conversation. They asked how world events are affecting me today. Not the over the past four months, not for the foreseeable future, but today-right here, right now. I



Beka Compton

My not-so-artistic rendition of the oregano bush in my garden. At the time, it is full of bees and other pollinators, which represented hope.

think they were expecting a focus on negativity, but I have had enough of the dark perspective on things. I have tried to look at all the good the quarantine has done for me.

My mask, for example, has pushed me to explore ways to deal with my claustrophobia. While therapy probably would have been the healthier option, my mask has taught me to ground myself and remind my anxiety that it is just a mask. I can breathe, I am in control, and I will be fine. The mask, to me, represents something that so many people dig their heels in against, and understandably so, because it is scary. If there is one thing the mask has taught me on a broader scale, it is to normalize change.

The entire conversation lasted about an hour, and our responses offered everyone involved new perspectives. The most enjoyable part of the conversation was that Mike and Maria did not sit down and look for an argument or pass judgement on others. It was conversation without predisposed emotion, without locked perspectives or expectations. It was a breath of fresh air for someone who has struggled so hard to hold conversation with anyone lately.

Mike and Maria are planning on having more of these Main Street chats, and I imagine each will be as thought provoking as their first. The neutral tone of the conversation was a relief. Being able to talk about sensitive topics without a fight opened my eyes to so many things that I had been unknowingly ignorant of.

Conflicting thoughts and ideas are necessary to the process of moving forward. Still, it is a struggle to recognize that opposing ideas are okay, and that we really do need them as individuals and as a society. Keep an eye out for Mike and Maria, and their table of whatever supplies they think up. Pop by, say hi, and embrace the simplicity of conversation with neighbors who only want to listen and support their community.

One conclusion, talk about hope

Local friends set up opportunity for community to share experiences

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

Waitsburg—My long-time friend Maria Garcia and I were recently sitting (six feet apart) in her back acre, talking about how the pandemic has affected us personally. We hadn’t planned it. I had stopped by for a brief hello. But then we decided to share a glass of wine outside in the shade.

We’ve known each other for a very long time and are the best of friends. In no time, we were discussing the psychological and emotional impacts we and others have experienced, due not solely to the pandemic over the last five months. We observed our community experiencing disorientation, economic turmoil, social tensions, and political polarization—all of the uncertainty creating grief, anger, and anxiety. Our conclusion, we are living through a time of immense social trauma, and it’s taking a toll on all of us.

That conclusion quickly became an action. There was something we could do. It is something both of us have been doing much of our lives. It meant we didn’t have to just sit on our sofas, feeling helpless.

Here’s what we did: we got permission to set up a small table and a few chairs on Main Street in Waitsburg on the morning of July 15. We borrowed an easel with a large whiteboard. On it, we wrote, “Let’s Talk about Hope.” It looked a bit like

school. We had crayons and paper. Anyone was welcome to sit down and visit.

A familiar neighbor had already been hanging around, strumming his trusty mandolin; he naturally joined us. A woman who had just picked up her coffee drink from Ten Ton also sat and joined us. (She looked familiar and reminded me we had met almost a year earlier. We reconnected.) Over an hour, seven or eight other people stopped to see what was happening.

When we invited them to draw a picture of what “hope” looked like, they drew. When we asked, “How has the pandemic affected your ability to hope?” they spoke. Some folks used relatively few words; others used many. We listened. We reflected on what we heard. When the hour was up, one woman said, “I didn’t realize how much I needed this.”

We have decided we are going to do it again.



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Mike Ferrians and Maria Garcia in conversation with Waitsburg locals Ken Taylor and daughter Julia Taylor.

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