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Waitsburg's fire hydrants are getting a much-needed flushing. It is important that all hydrants receive semi-annual maintenance by the city water utilities or local fire departments. Hydrants need to be checked for leaks, debris build-up, damage from accidents and any other issue that would be the difference between a home saved or destroyed. This month the District #2 fire department has taken on the job and there is discussion that a more robust type of flush will also be needed to ensure firefighting preparedness.

Schulke Pumpkins

Nothing says Autumn like pumpkins, especially those grown with a purpose.

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Schulke Family Pumpkins have made their way back to Waitsburg for another year of fundraising for the Ronald McDonald House.

The by-donation fundraiser is the Schulke family's way of honoring their son, Cooper, who passed away in 2002 after a valiant fight against a brain tumor. Cooper was just seven and a half years old.

In 2007, Cooper's siblings, Emerson and Campbell, came up with the idea of selling pumpkins to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House, a place that became a 'home away from home' for more than three months during Cooper's fight. The family started with a small pile of pumpkins at their home, selling the pumpkins on a by-donation pricing scale.

Thirteen years later, the family is still selling pumpkins by-donation. The small patch of pumpkins has grown into a multi-acre operation, with nearly thirty varieties of pumpkins. These beautiful pumpkins are ready to be carved into jack-o-lanterns or baked into pies. Along with orange are blue, white, and green pumpkins, and the occasional bumpy knucklehead pumpkin. Small, decorative pumpkins would make great social-distancing markers for trick or treaters on Halloween night.

Binfuls of the Schulke pumpkins will be delivered to local businesses in Walla Walla and Waitsburg, who look forward to participating in this seasonal fundrais-

Mr. C's Smoking Co. in Waitsburg, has a large display of pumpkins at their store at 405 Preston Ave.

"I have to do the Schulke Pumpkin fundraiser," owner Clarence Stearns said. "It's such a great cause; I just have to do it every year."

Nancy's Dream Garden Center, at 124 Warren Street, also carries a large selection of pumpkins at their new location and credits Sterns with introducing them

to the Schulkes. "We should get four more pallets, at least," said Doug Biolo, one of the owners of Nancy's Dream Garden Center.

Pumpkins are also available at Hot Mama's Espresso in Walla Walla, at 147 W

Whether you're looking for a classic, round pumpkin, or a bumpy squash with character, you're likely to find it at one of the Schulke Family Pumpkin Fundraiser locations!



Beka Compton

Schulke Family pumpkins are available at Nancy's Dream Garden Center and Mr. C's Smoking Co in Waitsburg. Pumpkins are being sold by donation to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House in honor of Connor Schulke.

CCHS staff is working to destigmatize behavioral health issues

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Columbia County Hospital System (CCHS) CEO Shane McGuire is concerned about how the Flood of 2020, COVID-19, wildfires, and the smoke from them, is impacting the emotional health of CCHS employees and people throughout the local community. He shared those concerns with the Hospital District board of commissioners at their meeting in September.

'We are experiencing a mental health crisis in our community and state," he said. "In our own community, we have seen an uptick in suicide attempts, yet our behavioral health team's volumes, have not returned to pre-COVID-19 levels."

McGuire shared the following information from the Washington State Department of Health (DOH):

Challenging conditions are still to come in the fourth quarter of 2020 when the need for professional and community support will reach its highest levels.

Social and political division and discontent, increased hours of darkness, lack of financial resources for many, combined with pressure for holiday spending, and concerns about a second, potentially larger wave of COVID-19 infection will come about during this period.

In May 2020, marijuana and liquor sales were up 44-percent, and 31-percent, respectively, compared to 2019, and substance use-related challenges are expected to increase significantly. (About 50-percent of people who experience behavioral health diagnoses develop a substance-related disorder and vice versa.)

DOH is saying a peak of upwards of three million people in the state will experience clinically significant behavioral health symptoms within the next three to six months, with depression and anxiety the most common.

Wayne Pollard, LICSW, is the Director of Behavioral Health Integration at CCHS, and he is a Behavioral Health Consultant. He was hired in 2017 to build the Behavioral Health Integration Program at CCHS.

Pollard said it is true that earlier in the year, the program saw a downturn in the number of patients seen. His team reached out to encourage patients to come in or engage via video or by phone.

As time progressed, patients have been returning. At this point, about 15-percent of engagements have been virtual therapy visits available, along with other therapy models, to anyone thirteen years of age and older.

Pollard said CCHS promotes a marketing campaign aimed at destigmatizing behavioral health issues, letting the community know all people can be affected by them, including CCHS staff and care providers.

He said he and Tasha Willoughby LICSW currently support the secondary school students in the Dayton School District through telehealth counseling. They will begin "Walk-n-Talk" counseling sessions with the students this month.

"Often, teenagers are more willing to talk if we are walking, and not facing each other, as you would in a typical clinical setting," he said.

When asked about the prognosis for our community, Pollard said, "I see a community of folks who are strong, resilient, and who might need a listening ear and a behavioral health care team who will walk alongside them on the journey to feeling better and living better."

The Columbia County Hospital District, offering primary care and behavioral care, can be reached by phone at (509) 382-3200.

Blue Mountain Counseling of Dayton offering behavioral health services, and substance abuse counseling and can be reached at (509) 382-1164.

Columbia County Public Health for health-related information at (509) 382-

YWCA for shelter and issues around domestic abuse at (509) 382-9922.

Comprehensive Mental Health of Walla Walla at (509) 524-2920.

Suicide Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255

Washington Listens for crisis line referrals, nonclinical psychoeducation services at 1-833-681-0211 or online at Walistens.org.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

WSU IS AMONG 12 ORGANIZATIONS TO RECEIVE NATIONAL **FUNDING TO SUPPORT ANAEROBIC DIGESTION IN COMMUNITIES**

SEATTLE—Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that Washington State University was selected to receive \$129,727 in grant funding to help develop multi-partner anaerobic digester projects in the Northwest. WSU is among 12 recipients selected to receive national funding to help reduce food loss and waste and divert food waste from landfills by expanding anaerobic digester capacity in the U.S. EPA anticipates that it will make these awards once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

"Finding solutions to better curb food waste continues to be a top priority for this administration,' said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler. "This year's round of innovative community projects is focusing on ways to reduce food waste at the local and state levels and divert it from landfills."

With half of our food waste still going into landfills, we are missing out on opportunities to use this hidden resource," said EPA Regional Administrator Chris Hladick. "When wasted food is instead recovered and used in anaerobic digestion and other processes for renewable fuel, fertilizer, and other sustainable products, we gain benefits for Washington's economy, environment, and communities."

WSU's Center for Sustaining Agriculture and Natural Resources, will use the EPA grant to leverage research and data derived from WSU's partnerships with other state institutions, including Washington State Departments of Commerce and Ecology, to identify three optimal areas in Washington for developing successful, multi-partner digester projects. WSU will then take advantage of the team's expertise in research and extension relating to anaerobic digestion to interview potential anaerobic digestion partners, with the goal of exploring their interest in anaerobic digestion projects, the potential benefits and constraints that would affect their participation, and their particular industry's risks and risk thresholds. The team will produce tailored research briefs to address concerns specific to each group of stakeholders and bring the most appropriate and willing stakeholders together in project charrettes to layout tangible groundwork for viable anaerobic digester projects.

'We know that digester projects can provide many benefits, but it takes careful planning to ensure they have the best chance of success," said Georgine Yorgey, project lead and Associate Director with the Center for Sustaining Agriculture and Natural Resources. "We are thrilled to have this opportunity to work with partners across the state towards recovering energy from organic wastes."

Anaerobic digestion is a process where microorganisms break down organic materials, such as food scraps, manure, and sewage sludge, all in the absence of oxygen. Anaerobic digestion produces biogas, which can be captured and used for energy production, and "digestate," a nutrient-rich product, such as a fertilizer. Anaerobic digestion is a strategy included in EPA's food recovery hierarchy that is preferable to landfilling/incineration because it reclaims valuable resources. This anaerobic digestion grant is a part of EPA's efforts and contributions to the Winning on Reducing Food Waste Initiative, a partnership among EPA, the Department of Agriculture, and Food and Drug Administration, to reduce food loss and waste through individual and combined federal action.

Background - In 2019, EPA awarded a total of more than \$110,000 in targeted cooperative agreements to Madison, Wisconsin, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, and WSU's Energy Program for expanding anaerobic digester capacity. Plans from these recipients include holding workshops promoting anaerobic digestion projects, providing subawards, and assistance opportunities for anaerobic digestion projects focusing on the food and beverage business sector. WSU's Energy Program received \$27,500 in anaerobic digestion grant funding to host workshops on Renewable Natural Gas Outreach and Education in the Pacific Northwest.

To learn about other EPA Resources and Funding Opportunities for a Sustainable Food System, visit: https://tinyurl.com/y333x3ry

Learn more about EPA's work in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska Region 10 at https://tinyurl.com/

WALLA WALLA COUNTY ANNOUNCES NEW COVID-19 DEATH

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla County health officials announced that a local man in his 60s, who had tested positive for COVID-19, passed away. This news brings the countywide death toll to six.

As of Tuesday, there were 941 confirmed COVID-19 cases in the county. Of those cases, 872 have recovered. Sixty-two people are currently under in-home isolation, and one person is hospitalized.

"We wish to express our deepest sympathies to his friends and family during this difficult time," said a representative from the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH).

Walla Walla County remains in Phase 2 of Governor Inslee's Safe Start plan. As many in the community feel the stressful impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, DCH would like to remind community members that there are resources available. If you need help or support, please call the Community Health Hotline at (509) 524-2647 daily from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. or email health@co.walla-walla.wa.us.

WALLA WALLA COUNTY ELECTIONS OPERATIONS TEMPORARILY MOVE LOCATION

THE TIMES

Karen Martin, Walla Walla County Auditor, announced on October 5, 2020 that Walla Walla County Elections will be moving all operations to the Pavilion building at the Walla Walla County Fairgrounds, 363 Orchard St., Walla Walla. Voter services, ballot processing, and Canvassing Board meetings will also be conducted at this location. This move is to ensure safety and efficiency during current restrictions imposed due to COVID-19.

Logic & Accuracy Test

The Logic and Accuracy Test, performed on the digital scan system used to tabulate the ballots, will be conducted by the Auditor's Office on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, at 2 p.m. at the Pavilion Building on the Walla Walla County Fairgrounds, 363 Orchard St. in Walla Walla.

For more information contact the Walla Walla County Auditor at (509) 524-2530 or email at elections@co.walla.wa.us.

GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR WALLA WALLA SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

THE TIMES

WALLAWALLA-With the second round of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) dollars allocated to the city of Walla Walla from the state of Washington, the city will distribute \$250,000 in assistance grants to Walla Walla small businesses that have been impacted by COVID-19. These grants are separate from the Port of Walla Walla's recent Working Washington Small Business Grants 2.0 and an upcoming round of grants funded by Walla Walla

The maximum grant award is \$10,000, and the criteria for eligibility is broad so the funds can benefit the maximum number of businesses. Interested applicants must meet these qualifications to be eligible for a grant:

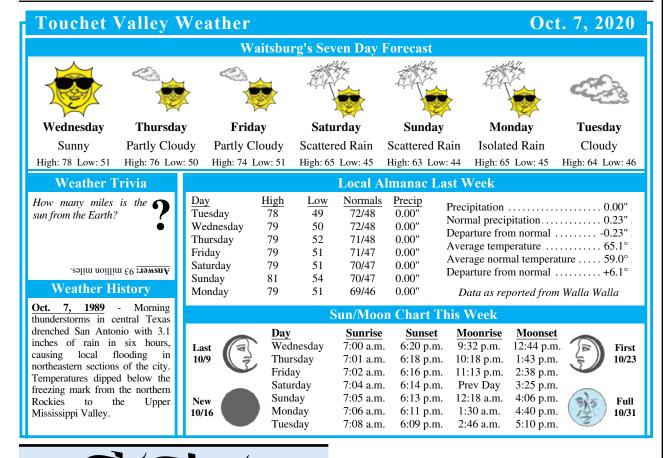
- 0-50 employees
- Located within the city limits of Walla Walla

Businesses that meet these qualifications are invited to use an online form to apply to be considered for a grant. The application forms are available in:

- English at http://wallawallawa.gov/grants • Spanish at http://wallawallawa.gov/becas
- The application window opens at 3 p.m. Oct. 6 and closes at 5 p.m. on Oct. 13. The applications will be reviewed by the city's Finance Committee and representatives from the Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce. The city's goal is to announce the grant recipients via a grant award letter no later than the week of Oct. 26.

Business owners with questions may contact Deputy City Manager Elizabeth Chamberlain at (509) 527-4540 or echamberlain@wallawallawa.gov.





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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

County prepares to assess Voluntary Stewardship success

Landowner participation is crucial

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

COLUMBIA COUNTY—Columbia County is in the beginning stages of gathering the data required to determine if the Voluntary Stewardship Program has met its initial goals and benchmarks. With the fiveyear report due January 2020, the Columbia County VSP hopes the county deems the program a success.

The VSP is an optional, non-regulatory alternative that allows area stakeholders to develop and implement work plans to protect critical areas while promoting agriculture. This incentive-based program is permitted under the Growth Management Act as an alternative to traditional regulatory methods of protecting critical areas.

Columbia County Planning Manager Dena Martin said while this is a "great" group of people serving in the workgroup and participating in developing the work plan; ongoing landowner participation is crucial in making the program successful.

"I am hopeful that, as local landowners become more aware of VSP and the existing projects, they will be willing to participate and support the program at some level. That could be anything from serving as a workgroup member, filling out a Voluntary Stewardship Survey, or applying for a cost-share project," Martin said. "Without landowner participation, we have no program."

The State Conservation Commission approved the Columbia County work plan in July of 2018, and the workgroup finalized its Cost Share Policy in June the State Conservation Commission. The workgroup wants to take full advantage of that funding for costshare programs and technical assistance.

For approved/awarded projects, VSP will cover 75% of otherwise unfunded projects and 50% of the unfunded balance of projects that have received oth-

Fulfillment benchmarks are based on landowner participation in Best Management Practices.

This is the second year of implementation. In 2019, VSP partnered with the Columbia County Weed Board dedicating \$50,000 toward yellow starthistle management, significantly increasing the total acreage sprayed, Martin said.

This year the workgroup wanted to hear directly from local producers to determine what potential projects. So far, the group has received cost-share and technical assistance applications for establishing windbreaks and shelterbelts, livestock control fencing and watering stations, runoff basins, reforestation, and invasive species control, Martin said.

At its last meeting, on Sept. 15, the workgroup approved two projects that will use Kinsey Labs research to show the positive benefits of nutrient manage-

Martin said once applications are reviewed and approved by the workgroup, they are passed on to the Columbia Conservation District. The CCD staff works individually with the landowners to better define the project and arrange for professional consultations and environmental reviews, if necessary.

More people are needed to serve on the work-

"We meet quarterly, so the time investment is minimal, at this point. And, of course, we would love for interested producers to submit their cost-share or

The VSP operates with funds administered through technical assistance projects for consideration," Martin said.

> An easy way for landowners to support the VSP program is by visiting columbiacountyvsp.mapseed. org and share their stewardship practices by clicking 'Get Started" to complete a short survey.

> To learn more about VSP, or about how to get involved, contact Dena Martin by phone at (509) 382-4676 or online at dena_martin@co.columbia.wa.us. Additional information at columbiaco.com under Departments > Planning and Building > Voluntary Stewardship Program or https://tinyurl.com/y32kkqyx.



Terry Bruegman

(I to r): VSP workgroup chair Marty Hall, Morrow and Umatilla county extension specialist and landowner friend Chris Schachtschneider, McGregor agronomist Arty Harber and landowner Robert Phinney discuss options for pasture restoration and revegetation during a site visit.

Inside Columbia County Planning and Building Department

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Despite economic challenges, building activity in Columbia County and neighboring jurisdictions is going strong, according to Columbia County Planning Manager Dena Martin.

In her department update to the Board of County Commissioners at the end of September, Martin reported that despite a temporary spring construction shutdown due to COVID 19, all jurisdictions served by the County have already met 2020 projected annual permit revenues.

"This is especially encouraging because there have been no large, commercial projects such as school remodels, Columbia Pulp, or wind towers. This has nearly all been standard permit activities such as new homes, remodels, additions, reroofs, and mechanical inspections," Martin said.

Columbia County contracts to provide building services to Dayton, Waitsburg, Starbuck, and unincorporated Garfield County. Martin reports that Columbia County has been issued 38 permits, which is slightly less than the 43 permits issued this time last year. Of those, three are single-family dwellings/cabins with one manufactured home placement.

Dayton is right on track with last year's permit activity with 75 permits issued including one single-family dwelling and one tri-plex. Two permits have been issued for Starbuck, including one manufactured home placement, compared to no permits last year.

Waitsburg and Garfield County have been especially busy. Waitsburg has been issued 46 permits, up from 26 permits issued by this time last year, the city only had total of 34 for all of 2019. Twenty-one permits were issued to Garfield County compared to 16 this time last year, and exceeding 2019's total of 23 permits. Waitsburg has had one manufactured home placement and Garfield County has one single-family dwelling permit and one manufactured home placement.

Martin said that Columbia County Health System hoped to break ground on its new dental clinic this spring, but initial bids exceeded the projects estimates and the project is temporarily on hold.

In other department news, Martin reported that she has been busy with postflood shorelines and flood plain permitting for multiple bank stabilization proj-

She has also been working with the planning commission on the comprehensive plan annual amendment review docket item. The BOCC approved the final docket by resolution at their Sept. 21 meeting.

Martin will be attending the NORFMA (Northwest Regional Floodplain Management Association) annual conference, online, this month and Building Inspector Clint Atteberry passed a Residential Mechanical Certification test in Spokane on Sept. 29.

UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST TO BEGIN WORK ON FOREST SERVICE ROAD 32

THE TIMES

PENDLETON, Ore.—Contractors will begin repair work on Forest Service Road (FSR) 32 along the Umatilla River this week to regain administrative access to

Work is anticipated to begin as early as Oct. 6 and will include debris slide removal, temporary repair of damaged roadway, and restoration of drainage features. The main objective of this work is to provide safe administrative access for land management agencies to continue to develop repair plans. FSR 32 will remain closed until repair work is completed.

Forest Service Road 32 received extensive damage from the February 2020 flooding event, including approximately five areas where the road is completely gone. FSR 32 is closed at the Forest boundary near Corporation Guard Station to where the road turns south away from waterways toward Ruckel Junction at the southern end of the North Fork Umatilla Wilderness.

Detailed closure maps are available on the Forest website and at any Forest office. Closure signs will also be posted on the ground and at https://www.fs.usda.

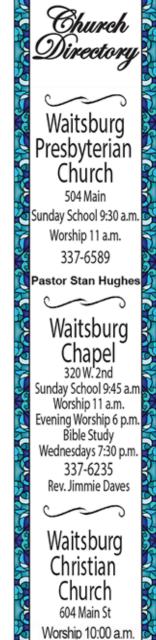
New hybrid class schedule changes meal deliveries

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG-Waitsburg School District has adjusted the meal home delivery schedule to accommodate the recent change to a hybrid learning model. Starting October 5th, meals will be delivered on Monday and Wednesday, coinciding with the 2020-21 school year, and will consist of three meals.

Students who attend in-person instruction on Monday and Tuesday will have their meals delivered to their home on Wednesdays. Students whose in-person instruction is on Thursday and Friday will receive their meal delivery on Monday. Meals will be available at the school for students attending class on the school's campus.

If your family has already signed up for the meal deliveries, they will not need to fill out any additional consent forms for this change. If your family is signed up to receive meals but would like to participate in the program, visit www.waitsburgsd.org for the needed consent forms. Signed consent forms may be turned in to your student's school or emailed to Food Services Supervisor Susan Wildev at swildev@waitsburgsd.org. Meals are available to all children under the age of 18.



Sunday School 9:00 a.m

Each Sunday 337-8898 Rev. Matthew Wyatt

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

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

Thursday, October 8

Chili Spinach salad w/ blueberries Cornbread Pie, Milk

Tuesday, October 13 Spaghetti

Mixed veggies, Salad Garlic bread Fruit Jell-O, Milk

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

Tuesday, October 13 Meatloaf Mashed potatoes Vegetable (chef's choice) Bread Fruit Cookie

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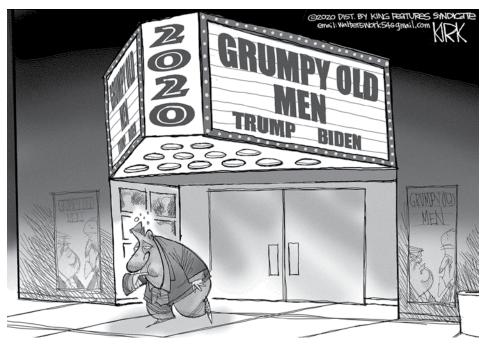
Starting October 5, the Waitsburg School District will only be delivering meals on Monday and Wednesday. If your student is already signed up for the meal program, the schedule will automatically adjust. If you have not signed your child up and would like to participate, you will need to submit a signed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

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NEWS & COMMENTARY





LETTERS

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Danielle Garbe Reser is uniquely qualified to become the 16th Legislative District's next Senator. After graduating with honors from Whitman College, Danielle earned a Masters in Public Administration from Columbia University.

Between 2001 and 2015, Danielle worked for the State Department. During the administration of President Bush, she served on the staff of Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. She later served on the National Security Council staff of President Obama.

During her tenure at the State Department, she was posted to U.S. Embassies in Beirut, Lebanon, and Jakarta, Indonesia. Her crisis management experience included helping American victims of the 2002 terrorist attack in Bali and aiding humanitarian responses to the Syrian war. In America, among other duties, Danielle had a one- year diplomatic assignment advising a U. S. Senator on issues addressed by the Senate Armed Forces and Foreign Relations Committees about trouble spots in countries like Iraq and Afghanistan.

After her diplomatic career, Danielle returned to Walla Walla to become the CEO of Sherwood Trust. While there, she oversaw investments in initiatives that created jobs, improved community infrastructure, and strengthened nonprofit organizations and programs. The rural funders' program that Danielle created attracted over half a million dollars in new grants to the region. For her accomplishments, Danielle won regional and national awards.

Danielle is endorsed by the Children's Campaign Fund, an organization committed to securing the health, safety, and education of all children. The Children's Campaign Fund previously endorsed Republican State Senator Maureen Walsh.

Because one person cannot solve all the economic and social problems of the 16th Legislative District, we should elect the one person uniquely qualified to inspire the ideas and enlist the aid of others: Danielle Garbe Reser.

Gretchen de Grasse Walla Walla, Wash.

Many thanks to the volunteers of Waitsburg Fire District #2 and Dayton Fire District #3 who responded to the report of a fire that was blazing in the dry grass and stubble at our place on Field's Gulch Road. Due to the prompt response a potentially serious fire was prevented and our buildings and trees still stand, and people and creatures who live there are safe

Neighboring property also could have been threatened if flames had spread. Hooray for the volunteers who jump on their trucks to fight fires in our rural areas.

Susan L. Talbott Lawrence Ranch **Cheers!**

FRANCES CHVATAL IS UNIQUELY QUALIFIED TO SERVE

Letter to the editor,

Frances Chvatal is running to represent the 16th Legislative District in the State of Washington and I could not be more excited.

I met Frances nearly three decades ago when we both served in healthcare management at what is now Providence St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla. Before I met Frances, I had the privilege of meeting her parents, Ed and Rosina. Ed, a local farmer, had volunteered for years on the Community Advisory Board at St. Mary and Rosina was legendary as a nurse educator. Ed and Rosina both served our country during WWII and continued to serve their community for many years to come.

Frances initially served as the manager of the surgery department at St. Mary Medical Center. In that leadership role, she worked every day to balance the diverse needs of her constituents -- patients, families, physicians, and staff alike Managing her department at St. Mary required knowledge and skills in patient

care, budgeting, capital equipment acquisition, regulatory compliance, human resource management, strategic planning, facilities management, and more, all tempered with a heavy dose of care and compassion. Frances went on to serve as a Quality Analyst and member of the St. Mary Community Ministry Board.

Frances is a very competent professional who is both articulate and quick on her feet. She is respected across the board for her leadership, which springs from inherent values based in service to others, responsible stewardship, fostering of health and well-being, and working towards the greater good.

In this particular place in time, I believe Frances is uniquely prepared to share these gifts on behalf of Washington's 16th Legislative District. We need Frances in Olympia and I, personally, am grateful she is willing to serve.

Marilee Schiff Walla Walla

LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT FOR PERRY DOZIER FOR STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 16

Our region must come together to vote and Elect Perry Dozier for State Senate Dist. 16. This election puts us at a crossroads of where we will be in a few years.

Will we be more in debt? Will parents' choices on how to raise their children be infringed on even further? Will hardworking laborers that make our region so vibrant go unrepresented?

All these are issues that affect me personally, my parents who work the fields and processing plants, my children who I am choosing to raise in a conservative manner.

Perry Dozier will ensure that all these are represented in a manner that reflects the values, morals, and economic needs of the residents in the 16th District

I ask that you please take a moment, educate yourself, and vote responsibly.

My name is Esther Duncan, and I am proud to support Perry Dozier for State Senate, District 16.

Esther Duncan





MIKE MITCHELL IS THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

I have been a trial court judge in Pierce County for nearly 24 years and have known Mike Mitchell professionally for the last eight years. Our families, however, have been acquainted for well over 40 years. Mike is an exceptional candidate for a critical position. He is devoted to sustaining and improving our current justice system. As a practicing attorney and Court Commissioner, Mike has reflected the highest traditions of the bench, through honesty, integrity, and compassion for others. Mike will bring to the bench a keen knowledge of the law, refined by over thirty years as a practicing attorney. Moreover, along with this keen knowledge of the law, he brings an uncommon common sense, understanding that citizens deserve clear and concise rulings from the court. In our current environment, the role of judges has never been more important. Judges must acknowledge the need for community safety, yet at the same time insure that accountability of citizens is balanced with the potential for redemption. As Court Commissioner, Mike has seen first hand the ravages of controlled substance abuse and its impact on families and on the community. If elected, he will bring heightened awareness and keen problem solving skills to addressing this significant societal issue. The citizens of Walla Walla County would do well to insure this outstanding candidate is elected.

Judge Jack Nevin
Pierce County Superior Court

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OBITUARIES

Captain David L. Cox

aptain David (Dave) L Cox USNR, ret, of Palmer, Alaska, passed on Thursday, September 17th, 2020.

Dave was born in Washington State but spent the first years of his life in California. His formative years were spent in Waitsburg/ Dayton, Washington. He graduated from Waitsburg High School and went on to earn both a bachelor's and a Master's degree from Washington State University.

Dave began his 35-year military career as an army recruit, where he earned both Good Conduct and Defense Service Medals. Following his active duty, Dave joined the U.S. Naval Reserve. He retired as a US Navy Captain, Naval intelligence Cmd(N-



Captain David (Dave) L Cox USNR

CIS) Reserve. Having earned the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for meritorious service while serving as Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve Joint Intelligence Center Pacific. As a civilian, Dave had a 33-year long career in federal law enforcement with the federal government working for both the General Services Administration and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Dave was a lifelong fisherman. Everyone who spent time fishing with Dave knew how passionate he was about the sport. A few of us even had the pleasure of watching him dive in after the one that got away. As a young man, Dave coached youth soccer teams for his son and daughter. In his retirement, he spent many years traveling, practicing photography, researching genealogy.

Dave married the love of his life, Marsha Miller. Marsha was the center of his world and mother to his two children. Their 53 yearlong love story ended only with his passing

He is survived by his wife, Marsha, daughter Alanna, son David and his wife Stephanie, his grandchildren David, Michael, and Cassidy and his brothers Chris Cox and David Sandford.

A memorial will be planned for November in Palmer, AK date and time to be determined.

Howard P. Smith

January 26, 1933—September 21, 2020

Toward Preston Smith, 87 of Waitsburg, Washington Lpassed away Monday September 21st at his daughter's home in Dayton, Washington surrounded by family. Howard was born in Walla Walla, WA to Jake and Frances Smith. He graduated from Waitsburg High School in 1951 and attended WSU for one semester before being called home to take over the reins of the family farm where he continued raising wheat for the rest of his life. Howard had very strong work ethics and took pride in raising quality crops and certified seed. His other passion was market steer shows and



Howard P. Smith

bull sales. He especially enjoyed the National Western Livestock Show in Denver, Colorado, which he attended for many years, purchasing bulls for friends.

He married Dona Jean Weeks on February 1, 1953 in Walla Walla and they raised four children on the family farm. Howard was a member of the Waitsburg Presbyterian Church, Waitsburg Lions Club, Waitsburg Masonic Lodge, Walla Walla Elks Club, Walla Walla Country Club, Washington Association of Wheat Growers, Washington State Crop Improvement Association, and Northwest Grain Growers.

Howard is survived by his wife Dona Jean of 67 years, son Howard Jr (Marilou), daughters Debra (Greg) Davison, Lauri (John) McKinley, Pam (Andy) Hermanns, sisters Lassie Wittman and Jill (John) Wood, seven grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. A graveside service at the Odd Fellow Cemetery in Waitsburg will be held at 2 p.m. on October 24th. Memorials can be made to WW Fair & Frontier Days for a scholarship in Howard's name to the exhibitor with the Grand Champion Market Steer, Walla Walla Hospice or a donor of your choice through Herring Groseclose Funeral Home.

Arts education grants available

Funding available for individuals and arts organizations

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The 2020 ArtWalla grant season is open for applications until November 16. Arts Education Grants include the Arts Build Community (ABC) Grant for organizations creating arts programming for the community and the Dan Dunn Memorial Grant for individual artists of any discipline.

"These introductory grants are perfect for young or emerging artists and budding organizations," said ArtWalla board member Natalie Lyons-Cohen.

With the mission of enriching local artistic vitality and opportunities, ArtWalla's goal is simple: to serve as a catalyst, fostering opportunities for artists and non-profit arts and culture organizations to enhance their skills and programs.

Walla Walla has a unique artistic and creative scene, and ArtWalla recognizes that to foster and grow this creative spirit, funds are needed to support new programs and individual educational opportunities. ArtWalla prioritizes funding from membership dues and annual fundraisers to provide grants for these efforts

Grant Award Process for Both Grants:

ArtWalla appoints three panelists from the community to evaluate applications. The panel will review all grant applications, selecting recipients following the guidelines for each grant. All grant recipients will receive notification by December 31, 2020.

Past recipient, ceramicist Patrick Fleming applied for the Dan Dunn Memorial grant to fund demonstrations of traditional pottery techniques worthy of production and discussions of sourcing materials, furnishing several examples of all the processes.

ArtWalla awarded last year's ABC grant to Walla Walla's Little Theatre. The organization applied for the grant to mitigate costs associated with creating

community workshops teaching various theatre arts skills to adults and children. The ABC grant funding provided materials and supplies for each workshop participant to learn about set building, stage props, costumes, special scenery, and other aspects of theatre craft

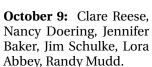
ArtWalla is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Learn more and apply at www.artwalla.com/Grants.



2019 Dan Dunn Memorial Grant recipient, Jonathan Hickerson

BIRTHDAYS

October 8: Mark Tabor, Adelle Ganguet, Denise Hoon, Jim Mitchell, Debbie Webber, Gabriel Wood.





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October 12: Logan Dozier, Brian Krause, Pat Abel, Theo Byergo, Kelly Piersol, Michele Robert, Terry Hofer, Dodie Perry.

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Whitney Lynn Gonzales Petitioner, No. (15-3-00040-8)

Samuel Cusic Canham, Respondent.

The State of Washington to the Whitney Lynn Gonzales You are hereby summoned to appear within 90 days after the date of the first publication of this Petition to Change a Parenting Plan, after the 10th day of September, 2020, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the respondent, Samuel Cusic Canham, and serve a copy of your answer upon the respondent at the address below stated: and in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the petition, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. If you do not serve your written response within 90 days after the date this summons was served on vou, exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a final order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final order until at least 90 days after filing and

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Canham at 2249 E. Isaacs Ave

service. Serve a copy of your

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT **OF WASHINGTON** IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No. 20-4-00173-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO

CREDITORS In Re the Estate of DONNA B. BROWN,

Deceased.

Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney stated below a copy of the claim and filing of the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice.

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If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate

Personal Representative: SUSAN JOY BROWN SMALL Date of First Publication: September 24, 2020 /s/ SUSAN JOY BROWN

SMALL Personal Representative of the

Estate of DONNA B. **BROWN**

Attorney for the Personal Representative and address for mailing and service: Steven C. Frol

Minnick-Hayner, P.S. P.O. Box 1757 249 West Alder Walla Walla, WA 99362 The Times September 24, October 1,

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

OF WALLA WALLA NO. 20-4-00174-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

In Re the Estate of PAMELA KEENE GRANATH,

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 stated below a copy of the claim and filing of the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate

Date of First Publication: September 24, 2020 /s/ RENAE E. MILLWEE Administrator of the

Estate of PAMELA KEENE Attorney for the Administrator

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NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID:

In accordance with RCW 70.44.140, Columbia County Healthcare District is soliciting sealed proposals for a dental clinic addition with an estimated value of \$350,000. Bids are to be sealed and filed with the District on or before 3:00PM Thursday, October 22 at CCHD Administrative Offices, c/o Jorie Freeman, 1012 S 3rd St. Davton. WA 99328 at which time they will be opened and publicly read aloud. Each bid shall be accompanied by bid proposal security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, postal money order, or surety bond made payable to the order of the District, for a sum not less than five percent of the amount of the bid, and no bid shall be considered unless accompanied by such bid proposal security. The bid is inclusive of all applicable state-mandated terms and conditions for such work including prevailing wage. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids in the best interest of the District

To obtain a Small Works Roster Application, Contact Columbia County District Administration Department, jorie.freeman@cchd-wa.org or call (509) 382-8431.

Complete bid documents are available at no charge by contacting the Architect: John McLean, Blue Room Architecture & Design, PS, (509) 456-6800.

The Times October 1, 8, 2020

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

Case No. 20-4-00178-36 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030) In Re the Estate of WILLIAM ROGER SMITH Deceased

Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3): or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar

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FOR THE COUNTY OF KING No. 20-4-05624-1 SEA NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 In re the Estate of SHARRON L. DODDS-DONOVAN.

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2020 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: /s/ Molly Elizabeth Austin ATTORNEY FOR THE **PERSONAL** REPRESENTATIVE: /s/ Meredith Davison, WSBA

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Wally and Joanne Knouf are finalizing plans to purchase the Starbuck/Lyons Ferry Marina KOA.

Knoufs to purchase concessionaire business at the Lyons Ferry Marina

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

STARBUCK—Wally and Joanne Knouf are finalizing plans to purchase the Starbuck/Lyons Ferry Marina KOA business from Steve Klontz representing 7 K's Enterprises of Washington, Inc. The Knoufs are the KOA concessionaires, operating the campground, restaurant, and store at the marina. They will take over from Steve Klontz on Nov. 1.

The Knoufs were "work campers" at the KOA when Klontz took over as concessionaire from Jim and Angela McArthur, in 2018. They were hired by Klontz to manage the day to day operations.

Joanne Knouf said after a "weird start to the year," business at the Lyons Ferry Marina KOA has picked up and has held steady throughout this season.

They only lacked for business when fishing was closed by the state for a month back in March.

Dack in March.

The Knoufs captured more business than usual because of state park closures,

and they managed to keep their staff employed throughout the season.

"The campground was full over the Labor Day weekend, and the campground is filling with hunters," said Wally Knouf.

Joanne Knouf said guests have been respectful of social distancing guidelines. There are restrictions on the number of people allowed at each tent site, and restroom facilities are reserved for tent camping or vehicles without bathroom facilities.

As managers of the KOA facilities, the Knoufs have overseen the addition of three cabins, a laundry, a dog park, and improvements to water and electricity at the RV sites.

The Knoufs are already thinking about next year and which projects to tackle. They are planning to keep remote registration and are considering whether, for an additional small fee, to allow campers a choice of campsite.

The season slow-down for the Knoufs begins in November, with the closure of the store. This will provide them with some down-time to think about projects for next year before the store reopens in mid-January.

Locally Nourished, beautiful and tasty fare





By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

hursday morning, I met up with my friend and local businesswoman, Regina, to have breakfast at Locally Nourished in Dayton. As soon as I drove up and parked in front of this café, I felt welcomed by the beautiful greenery forming an arch over the doorway.

Walking in, I was struck with the casual and elegant design of the dining room. The menu and menu boards are clear and easily read from a distance. There is a display case with the daily specials and staples promising fresh seasonal treats made in-house.

After my friend arrived, we decided to sit inside the café. There is also a dog-friendly patio, and I plan to come back before the weather remembers it is almost winter. The furnishings inside are eclectic and



comfortable. The artwork on the walls makes the space feel like a nice blend of art and food, featuring local artists.

There is a nice selection of food on the menu, savory and sweet. The coffee is from Rey's Roast, not only my choice but a local favorite. I had a tough decision between ordering the ½ order of biscuits and gravy (my Texas roots) and the Everything bagel, lox, cream cheese, and capers (my L.A. college years).

I went for the bagel and lox, which tuned out to be just the memory-lane I wanted to go down. Everything was fresh and tender. The capers were the nice sharp-taste to bring out the flavor of the lox. It was a filling but light, dare I say, healthy breakfast that will have me come back for more.

Locally Nourished, 217 E. Main St, Dayton, Wash. (509) 382-3067.



Photos by Lane Gwinn

Clockwise from top left: The dining experience begins with the welcoming entrance on Dayton's Main Street. Owner Alicia has created a perfect dining oasis for breakfast and lunch. Regina orders at the counter.

The outside patio is perfect for Fall mornings, with or without your pooch.

SPORTS

NFL Week #5- Seahawks vs. Vikings

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

Seattle will host the Minnesota Vikings on NBC's Sunday Night Football this weekend. It will be Seattle's fifth matchup with a non-division opponent this year. Next week they will begin playing teams inside their division.

This is a good matchup for Seattle as Minnesota is off to a poor, 1-3 start this season. Additionally, the Vikings have not had an effective passing team so far this season. Their primary strength is their running game, which Seattle will easily match with the Seahawks' excellent run defense.

At running back for Minnesota is Dalvin Cook. He is currently the NFL's leading rusher with four hundred twenty-four yards rushing this season. Cook is one of three running backs in the NFL to average over a hundred yards per game.

For the Seahawks, Chris Carson looked great last week, despite concerns that he could miss two weeks with an injury. Carson had two touchdowns and his most productive game as running back this season, with eighty yards rushing.

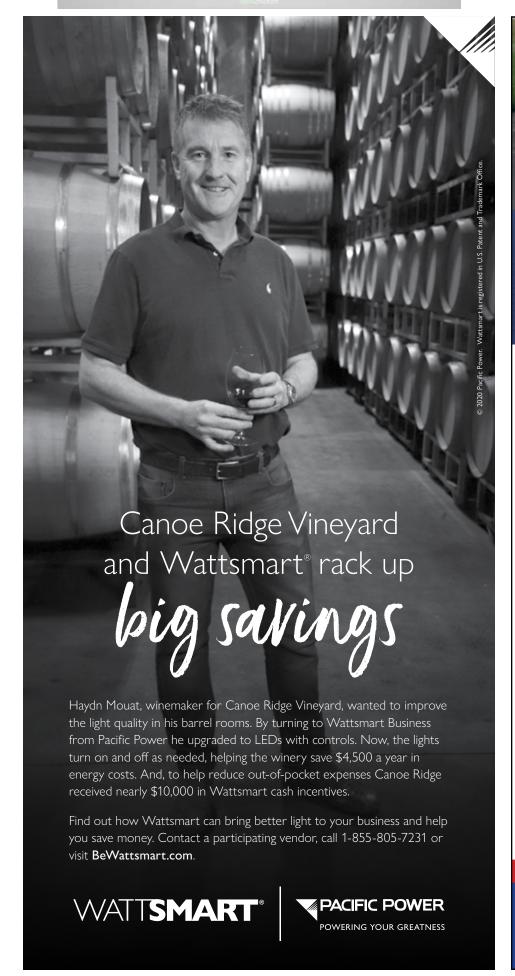
The Vikings will suit up Kirk Cousins at quarterback. He is in his third season with the Vikings and off to a rough start so far. Cousins' completion percentage is among the lowest in the league for quarterbacks with four starts this season with a rate of sixty-two percent. Cousins also has as many interceptions as touchdowns with six. Russell Wilson came back to earth last week with only a two-touchdown performance against Miami. Wilson still managed to tie the record (with Peyton Manning) for most touchdown passes through four games with sixteen. Wilson leads the NFL in completion percentage at seventy-five percent.

Minnesota has two primary wide receiver targets. Justin Jefferson and Adam Thielen have accounted for over half of the team's receptions, seventy percent of the receiving yards, and five of the six receiving touchdowns. By comparison, the Seahawks combination of DK Metcalf and Tyler Lockett account for forty-one percent of completions, over half of the team's receiving yards, and seven of the sixteen team touchdowns.

Minnesota's kicker Dan Bailey is 4-6 in field goals this season and has made all eight of his extra-point attempts this season. Seattle's kicking game remains perfect with Jason Myers going 2-2 in field goals and 18-18 in extra-point attempts.

Look for Seahawk Russell Wilson to have another big game this week. The Vikings are not a good pass defense team and Seattle has a more than two options at wide receiver for them to cover. It will be interesting to see if Seattle can finally hold a team under twenty points on defense. Last season they managed that feat four times.





NFL Week Five Games and Picks

Day	Time	Station	Away	Home	Pick
Thur	5:20PM	FOX/NFL	Tampa Bay	Chicago	Tampa Bay
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	10:00AM	CBS	Buffalo	Tennessee	Tennessee
	10:00AM	CBS	Las Vegas	Kansas City	Kansas City
	10:00AM	FOX	Arizona	New York Jets	Arizona
	10:00AM	FOX	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
	10:00AM	FOX	Los Angeles Rams	Washington	LA Rams
	10:00AM	CBS	Cincinnati	Baltimore	Baltimore
	10:00AM	CBS	Jacksonville	Houston	Houston
	1:05PM	FOX	Miami	San Francisco	San Francisco
	1:25PM	CBS	Indianapolis	Cleveland	Indianapolis
	1:25PM	CBS	New York Giants	Dallas	Dallas
	1:25PM	CBS	Denver	New England	New England
	5:20PM	NBC	Minnesota	Seattle	Seattle
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LIFESTYLES

Kitchen done, my clean freak emerges

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

T's a minor miracle, but the kitchen is done, finally! The correct glass panels were installed on Monday, the silicone holding the glass in place has dried. Our new sod has taken, so we have ceased the twice-daily watering, and the muddy footprints have subsided

Now that the major remodeling is complete, I knew it was time to clean the house from the construction mess. I mean *really* cleaned, including windows, baseboards, the works! I hired a cleaning crew,

especially to clean the windows inside and out, and boy did those windows need it. The windows hadn't been thoroughly cleaned since their original installation 3-4 years ago, and the two-story windows are too treacherous for a clumsy, not so young lady, such as I.

After the cleaning crew was finished, I felt like the weight of the world was off my shoulders. It's amazing how heavy dust can be when there is so much of it! The feeling of clean living caused me to become obsessed. I walked around with dust mop, Swiffer, and sponges like they were attached to my body. I was like a crazed Mrs. Clean. `

I became such an ambitious cleaner that I mistakenly threw out the pattern I need for a scarf I'm knitting. I'm sure it got mixed into a stack of newspapers I tossed. I am also missing one tennis shoe, which has got me stumped.

I know the weather will change soon, and I will have a floor covered in muddy, rainy, and snowy footprints. I have tried every inside and outside doormat available; none are useful. There is just no panacea for mud in wet weather.

Add to the mud, I know us; we will have coats, sweatshirts, and sweaters hanging from chairs, dust from the heaters landing on every piece of furniture possible, the kitchen floor flecked with food since Mugsy is just not a great Roomba. I think the only thing I can do is declare a truce on a dirtyish house.

A little discouraged about maintaining a clean house, I figured a good distraction would be to "clean up" the garden and clear out the dead branches, plants, and flowers. As I age, looking at a lot of dead stuff starts to be disheartening, a little too close to home? However, it is encouraging to see the zucchini and cucumbers still flowering and producing fruit. It gives me a feeling of immortality. I wonder if science can replicate the genetic makeup of zucchini and weeds. Nothing kills them; they are immortal. Bonus, the weird random squash we are growing turned out to be acorn squash, yay!

Daniel and I have different outlooks on what is clean. His definition of clean is organized; mine leans more to the dust-free, clean floors, clean sinks, toilets, and showers. He can live with dirt, just not disorganization. Although I prefer things to be organized, clean is the priority for me. You'd think that we would have a perfectly clean and organized household. It doesn't work that way—it's not as organized or clean as either of us want, but it's comfortable, and that's what matters most.

I have cleaning frenzy days; he has organization frenzy days. Then he cooks a good meal, we have a bottle of wine, and all is good. I'm not sure if that means we have learned the art of compromise, or the art of surrender, or we have learned the art of "yeah, whatever, it's just a house." Whatever, it works.

Writer takes kind gestures over social media Likes

By Terry Lawhead | THE TIMES

Ifind I am now pleasantly surprised by a kind gesture from anybody, including family, friends or people outside of my immediate small circle. It feels rare. And I include any kind gestures coming from business people, either owners or their employees, who directly encounter customers.

Yes, the changing status of kind gestures is a

condition of modern life due in part to the pandemic's current circumstances. Regardless, a gracious gesture or word transforms the moment.

town is comforting in ways that aren't as readily available in many places.

Of course, I may be kidding myself by effortlessly dismissing the subjects I just mentioned in the last sentence. They are deadly serious. Our small-town life resembles something older folks, like me, remember with a sense of security. Still, we know we are looking at it, as the saying goes, in the rearview mirror as we race toward an unknown destination.

Fires and smoke are not happening for some mysterious reason, the pandemic is not just a random event, and our failure as a nation to deal with it can be explained. The angry disputes in national and state politics have origins with clear historical, financial, and societal evidence as to why. These things can be understood.

But a real shocker to me is the outcome of the roles we have accepted by being on-line, purchasing products with a keystroke, obtaining what we think is accurate information from others, and sharing personal information via social media on our phones and computers.

It all started out feeling so benign, with easier and cheaper ways to buy any products and services. Exchanging person to person conversations with texts and emails lets us avoid the challenges of one-on-one conversations and relationships. Within a very short

time, our corporate-driven, internet purchasing has gutted America's traditional business practices. Now social media is destroying the sincere links between people and their communities.

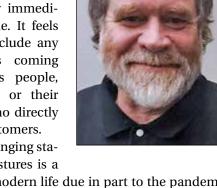
Perhaps you decide this is not so. You don't do that. You may believe that we, as a nation, are merely going about problem-solving as best we can under some pretty dramatic circumstances. That innovation solves everything, and the faster, the better.

Unfortunately, as we have benefitted from digital and social media innovations, we have also been giving personal data to corporations who profit as their actions damage our system of government.

If you do have a sense that yes, in fact, things are feeling way out of hand and how on earth did we get here, you might consider watching a documentary now on Netflix called *The Social Dilemma*. The editor of this paper wrote about the movie last week.

May I make a mild suggestion for hard times: consider volunteering for anything. Get back to the one-on-one game. Helping your local community may be an immediate way to help rebuild a foundation of care, even in a friendly little town doing okay. Or sort of okay.

Show up, in person, and in a kind way, for anything. And if you already are, thank you. You are transforming our moments.



My life as a senior citizen in Waitsburg is pretty darn easy compared to what I know is happening around the country and throughout the world. Nobody can get away from the pandemic, the election, racism, wildfires and smoke, serious drug trafficking, and more. But in general, day to day life in a small

Tech Talk

The Social Dilemma

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

WORLD WIDE WEB—In the Netflix documentary, *The Social Dilemma*, director Jeff Orlowski (*Chasing Ice*, and *Chasing Coral*) posits that the massive data mining force that is social media is creating more than a few problems.

The case is presented by some of the very creators of the social mediascape as we know it today who personally attest to using human psychology to imbed addictive qualities right into the industry.

In some instances, the idea of social media's problematic nature is very confusing to our senses as technology creates a simultaneous utopia and dystopia. You're connecting in some ways and disconnecting in others.

Some advances are predominantly positive; for example, in the realm of transportation, people have incredible access to maps, public transit, rentals, and taxi service apps today that make getting from Point A to Point B futuristic.

In other instances, bullying, low self-esteem by comparison of others, or lack of Likes are all symptoms of the system's inherent sickness.

But it's not tech's fault. Technology and specifically personal computing were supposed to be the "bicycle" as described by the late Steve Jobs. Everybody loves bicycles, true; however, (classic) bicycles are a conveyance powered by the rider. The user does not power a cell phone, its power comes from batteries made of elements that must be mined from the very planet at our feet.

Likewise, social media platforms are not powered by users, rather by advertisers who pay for access to very specific demographics and behavioral models built from users' data.

Though no one social media platform is entirely responsible, the film establishes a legitimate threat to democracy and freedom from their business models. We stand to lose elections, and potentially the global economy.

If not the technology itself, who can we blame? (A scapegoat is nice to have.) Other industries, such as phone companies, with access to sensitive informa-

Other industries, such as phone companies, with access to sensitive information, are heavily regulated in their use of customer data, and the internet should be no different.

Taxing the collection and processing of data could create an economic incen-

tive for these platforms to realign their business models with the good of users and not just advertisers.

Should you ditch Facebook, Reddit, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest, WhatsApp, Signal, Snapchat, TikTok, Tumblr, and Zoom? The answer is a qualified no. Well,

maybe. Okay, yes.

Definitely disengage from an app if and when the connection is causing unhealthy behaviors. If Instagram models send you down a shame spiral, delete it.

Monitor your screen time, bearing in mind total screen time versus leisurely scrolling. You might use a computer or certain social media apps for work and then come home and have personal time on those same apps.

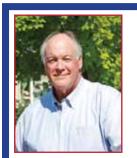
Facebook has a new featured section, Your Time on Facebook, where users can track their time on the app and wind down in the evening with Quiet Mode, effec-

tively limiting the amount of time social media has access to your attention.

If we didn't have tech, well, there'd be little to talk about around here, so I'll fall on the social media sword for you. Some ways I've managed to avoid the negative

aspects of social media by turning off notifications, turning off location sharing and not allowing apps to connect with other apps. I never allow any app to access my address book to invite friends. Regular deep dives through the menus in your devices might reveal all sorts of loose privacy settings that are easily changed to lessen the info stream.

And finally, when you're reaching for that device, ask yourself, are you reaching for a tool or a pacifier?



"Roger Esparza is a successful local businessman who has earned the respect of countless civic and government leaders, educators and citizens in Walla Walla County. He listens carefully and works to understand the motivation and circumstances of people before making decisions. I highly recommend Roger Esparza as your next County Commissioner. I will be voting for Roger."

-Jim Johnson, Walla Walla County Commissioner
(acting in my personal capacity)





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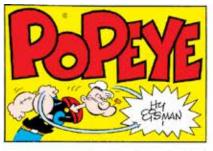


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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

October 7, 2010

Shortly before midnight Tuesday, an empty boxcar broke free on the main rail line in Dayton and made a freak, high-speed getaway, waking residents throughout the Touchet Valley and eluding sheriff's deputies before it finally slowed enough to be secured just past Prescott.

A wave of burglaries has hit Walla Walla, Columbia, and Garfield counties in the past few months, prompting some local law enforcement officials and citizens groups to get better organized.

The Dayton Farmers Market on the lawn in front of the Seneca Administrative building will continue for another two to three weeks into October. The market is now offering pears, pumpkins, apples, and squash along with some corn, potatoes, and plums—all locally grown.

Columbia County Commissioners fired Public Health Director David Riggs last week in an effort to fix a budgetary crisis in the department that's been escalating since the spring.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

October 12, 1995

[Headline] Animal control officer expects to trap 100 skunks as Dayton is being overrun

Waitsburg sixth-grade teacher Pam Conover recently attended a workshop for science teachers. Elementary School principal Russ Knopp told members of the Waitsburg school that knowledge brought back by Conover will be used by others at the school as well. Conover and other teachers learned about water quality and testing.

While Columbia County has a higher incidence of child abuse than the statewide average, Walla Walla County has two other unfavorable distinctions, according to a child welfare organization: teen pregnancy beats the state average in Walla Walla, and the arrest of juveniles is higher than the state's rate.

Fifty Years Ago

October 22, 1970

A tragic Friday accident sent shock waves of sorrow and grief through the community as three graduates of the Wait-Hi class of 1970 were fatally injured in a head-on collision 6 miles east of Burbank on Highway 124. Marjorie Ann Baker, 18, Deborah Lynn Brown, 18, Carol Lynn Shively, 18, were victims of the 7:50 p.m. crash, which injured Roy Maag, 44, of Burbank, who was driving a pickup truck eastbound on the highway.

Phil Monfort, who is razing the former Methodist Church, came into the office this week with a pumpkin seed flask, which he found in the attic of the old structure. Phil surmised that it must have been left there by an early-day workman who may have had a bit of a thirst—though the cork was gone, and a small residue was all that was left of the original contents.

A former Waitsburg resident, Mrs. Delores Wilson, was apparently bludgeoned to death in her Walla Walla home sometime last Saturday night or Sunday morning. Mrs. Wilson was the owner of Dee's Purple Poodle, a beauty salon in Walla Walla.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

October 26, 1945

Apple picking is over in this vicinity, and all apples have been delivered to the packing houses, which is two weeks earlier than last year.

The Tanda Camp Fire group met in the grade school basement this week. They worked on their year's program and planned their Halloween par-

Donna Price showed some pictures that she took at Camp Kiwanis.

Robert McCoy and Stanley Barney of Tacoma spent the weekend at the Orville Fullerton home.

The new coffee shop and community bus depot will be opened on Dec. 1.

One Hundred Years Ago

October 29, 1920

Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Champneys of Okanagon, Wa. arrived last Friday and are visiting Mrs. Champneys parents and other relatives. Mrs. Champneys was formerly Miss Emily Meinberg.

Little Eunice Quigg, whose parents reside on Preston Avenue, was playing in the street in front of her home a few days ago when she was struck by a passing car and badly bruised about the face and head. Fortunately, the wheel of the car did not pass over her body. The driver of the car, whose name was unknown, picked up the child and helped get her to a doctor as quickly as possible.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

November 1, 1895

Petty thieves still continue to ply their vocation in and about this city. Last Tuesday night, they quietly removed a fair-sized washing of clothes

from the clothesline at C. W. Wheeler's house. Harry White and wife and Miss Dollie White arrived home from their up-country trip on Sunday evening. One night while Harry was soundly sleeping in his wagon, somebody relieved him of what loose change he had in his pants pocket about \$12.

Smoke Marble Head, the best 5 cent cigar on the market for sale by O.B. Smith.

FUN & GAMES

Super Crossword

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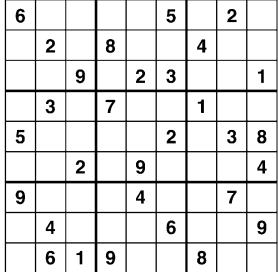
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Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

♦ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY! © 2020 King Features Synd., Inc

TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Shaved Brussels Sprouts with Bacon and Almonds

almost put in a recipe for Apple Fritter Bread but wanted to make it first! For those who love Brussels sprouts, this will give you something new to do with them, those who don't (thinking of Bill), will have to pass on

I had the slivered almonds in the freezer as well as the bacon. I had to send loe to the store to

get Brussels sprouts (by the way, Brussels does have an s at the end. ©



INGREDIENTS:

4 pounds Brussels sprouts, trimmed and thinly sliced

6 slices bacon, chopped ½ c. sliced almonds

2 Tbsp minced garlic

2 Tbsp red wine vinegar

Salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS:

Fry bacon in a large deep skillet over medium heat until browned and crisp, 5 to 10 minutes. Remove bacon with a slotted spoon and set aside on paper towels.

Add the garlic and almonds to the fat in the skillet and cook briefly over medium heat until toasted. Add the Brussels sprouts and quickly toss to coat with the hot oil. Sprinkle the red wine vinegar over the sprouts and toss again to coat. Cook, stirring frequently until sprouts are wilted. Remove from the heat, stir in the bacon and season to taste with salt and pepper.

The time consuming part is the sprouts, cleaning and slicing. I have no idea what 4 pounds of sprouts looks like, so we filled a container that looked about right for dinner. Same with the bacon. It was frozen so I cut about a 1/3 and used it. I was concerned when they said to use the bacon fat in the pan, which was maybe about 3 tablespoons, but it got all absorbed with no greasy after

After I tossed them with the cooked garlic and almonds, I added a bit of water, put a lid on, and steamed them. Then I checked and repeated to help make them soft.

It was very good and very appealing to the eye. We made angel hair pasta with shrimp to go with it, and I had made an apple crisp for dessert.

ENJOY. ©



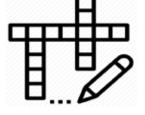
Ranging from Pennsylvania and New Jersey to Ontario, Quebec and the Canadian Maritimes, this shrub is noted for filling the forests with

color and for the delicate beauty Rhodora of each flower. Mass explosions of pink appear in the lower wetlands in May. By mid-June, flowering has moved to the higher-elevation areas of northern New England and Canada, where it is found along woodland trails and mountaintops.

> Its woody seed pods split in autumn, allowing the winter winds to scatter them. - Brenda Weaver

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IN THE SUPERIOR **COURT OF THE STATE OF** WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

No. 20-4-00026-7 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

RCW § 11.28.240 In the Matter of the Estate of MARY H. ALLESSIO, Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative

of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim

would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner

as provided in RCW § 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the

Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the

original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced.

The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty (30) days after the Personal

Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under

RCW § 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented

within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051

and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the

decedent's probate and non-probate assets. Date of First Publication

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Attorney for the Personal Representative MATTHEW R. JOHNSON, WSBA# 47821 Address for Mailing or

Gravis Law, PLLC 350 E. Main Street

Dayton, WA 99328 Court of Probate Proceedings Columbia County Superior Court Cause Number 20-4-

00026-7 DATED this 5th day of

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October, 2020. The Times October 8, 15, 22, 2020

CITY OF DAYTON, **WASHINGTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Community Development Block Grant -CV1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on October 14, 2020 at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Dayton pertaining to the review of community development and housing needs, inform citizens of the availability of funds and eligible users of the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG - CV1), and receive comments on proposed activities, particularly from lower - moderate income persons residing in City of Dayton/Columbia County and Town of Starbuck

Up to \$ 27,613.00 may be available to City of Dayton / Columbia County / Town of Starbuck to fund CDBG public services and local microenterprise assistance programs; and public health, emergency response, or temporary housing facilities that address COVID-19 impacts. All CDBG funded activities must benefit low moderate income persons or meet the CDBG urgent national objective criteria.

Said public hearing shall be

or as soon thereafter as the hearing may be held (ZOOM ® meeting information will be available online at http:// www.daytonwa.com/insidecity-hall/city-council/agendasminutes/134-2020/agendas not later than 3:00 p.m., October 8th, 2020).

Information pertaining to the proposed review of **Community Development** Block Grant Funding - CV1 Grant is available and may be obtained by contacting Deb Hays @ City Hall at (509) 382-2361 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 12:00 noon on October 14th, 2020. Access for the hearing impaired and others can be accommodated using Washington Relay Service at 1-800-833-6384 and at the below website: https:// www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/odhh/ telecommunication-relay-

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By: Deb Hays, Deputy City Clerk

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