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Inslee announces stay-at-home order

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OLYMPIA, Wash.—On Monday, March 23, Governor Jay Inslee spoke directly to Washingtonians to announce he will sign a statewide order that requires everyone in the state to stay home. The order will last for two weeks and could be extended.

This Stay Home, Stay Healthy order is similar to orders that other governors, in places such as California and New York, issued last week.

This proclamation will:

- Require every Washingtonian to stay home unless they need to pursue an essential activity.
- Ban all gatherings for social, spiritual and recreational purposes.
- Close all businesses except essential businesses.

“The less time we spend in public, the more lives we will save,” Inslee said.

The proclamation states it’s still safe for people to go outside as long as they remain at least six feet from each other. Grocery stores, doctor’s offices and other essential businesses will remain open. People can still participate in activities such as bike rides, gardening, and dog walking—as long as they follow social distancing rules.

This order builds on the early and unprecedented steps the state took in the past few weeks to protect Washingtonians. These included closing schools and restaurants, entertainment venues and other businesses where people congregate. Restaurants can continue take-out and delivery service.

“We’ve been very clear on the need for everyone to stay home,” Inslee said. “And, while most Washingtonians are doing their part, some still don’t grasp the seriousness of this pandemic.”

Bans on gatherings and going out take effect immediately.

This order applies to private and public gatherings. These include some of the most deeply meaningful gatherings in communities, such as weddings and funerals.

Along with other public places, non-essential businesses with in-office personnel functions must be closed.

Inslee said it’s crucial to reduce social interactions where this highly contagious virus can spread.

Business closures must happen 48 hours after Inslee signs the order.

Many businesses can, and should, continue using telework.

All grocery stores, pharmacies, childcare facilities, gas stations, food supply chains and other things that offer people basic, crucial needs will remain open. Inslee expects businesses and residents to voluntarily comply. He will discuss possible enforcement mechanisms in the coming days if residents and businesses do not comply.

Industries that can argue they are essential can request a special designation as an essential business. Businesses and entities that provide essential services must implement rules that help facilitate social distancing of at least six feet.

“We know life will look different tomorrow in Washington,” Inslee said. “And we know tonight’s announcement affects millions of our livelihoods. But these necessary restrictions will protect us and our loved ones so that we have a livelihood to come back to. We will keep working until this is defeated.”

Food supply operations — including hunger relief and nutritional support services — are essential services that will remain open and operational through this crisis; this order does not ban people getting access to food.



Former Waitsburg Mayor Walt Gobel passes away



Walt Gobel

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Former Waitsburg Mayor Walt Gobel passed away on Wednesday, March 19, 2020. A very active member of the Waitsburg community, Gobel was a well-loved leader in our small town.

A retired Washington State Patrol trooper, Gobel was elected as Waitsburg’s mayor in 2010. Gobel would go on to serve the community until 2016, tackling well-known issues like the clean-up of the former bunkhouse and passing the beloved golf cart road laws.

“Walt was one of Waitsburg’s finest,” Mayor and fellow Lions Club member Marty Dunn said. “He was

a dear friend and fellow council member. He gave countless hours to the community that he loved, and he will be dearly missed in many capacities.”

Gobel was a long-time member of the Lions Club, serving in many communities. He enjoyed working with local youth and was involved in many of the organization’s youth programs. Gobel and his wife, Gwen, were among the first to volunteer to form the Waitsburg Celebration Days. Together, the Gobels coordinated the Celebration Days parade, before entrusting the event to Stacy and Erica Grende in 2019.

“With the passing of Walt Gobel, Waitsburg lost one of its greatest cheerleaders. He cared deeply for this little town, and did the best he could to promote it,” Larry Johnson, good friend of the Gobels, wrote. “Walt also loved the kids and causes that benefit kids. At games he usually gave candy bars to one of the kids, and he had a knack of knowing just who needed to be lifted up. Walt was a dear friend of ours, and we will miss him tremendously. We have many wonderful memories of trips, dinners, evenings playing a game or two, or just enjoying his company. He will be truly missed.”



Dena Wood

Outgoing Lions Club president Walt Gobel awards Kevn House (l) with the 2017 Lion of the Year award.

Hockersmith leaves Mayoral race to focus fully on the Flood and Emergency Preparedness Committee

Waitsburg City election ballots are in the mail

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

Ballots are in the mail for Waitsburg’s next City Council and Mayoral election. Although current councilmember Kate Hockersmith is listed as a candidate for Mayor, at the March 18 City Council meeting Hockersmith announced that she was taking herself out of the race and was throwing her support behind current Mayor, Marty Dunn.

“Mayor Marty Dunn and I have been working together for four years and I feel very confident with the current city leadership. We are lucky to have a talented group of citizens returning to and running for City Council, this year. I’m endorsing Marty Dunn for Mayor in the 2020 election,” she noted.

A city councilmember since 2016, Hockersmith currently chairs Waitsburg’s Flood and Emergency Preparedness Committee (FEPC). She will remain on the committee as a private citizen.

Pastor Matt Wyatt of Waitsburg’s First Christian Church met regularly with Hockersmith following the February 7 flood, saying she was instrumental in the community’s quick response due to her training and preparation as the chair of the Emergency Preparedness Committee.

He also noted that Hockersmith met with him a full two weeks prior to Governor Inslee’s social distancing proclamation of March 16, to share her concerns about COVID-19 and the plans they could make to keep residents safe. Wyatt said, “I couldn’t think of a better person to lead the Emergency Preparedness response in Waitsburg, I have full confidence in her and her knowledge and ability, and the decisions she’s made in the past and the decisions she’ll make going forward,” Wyatt said.

“This committee has had a busy year with the flood in February and now we are also dealing with the Coronavirus pandemic. I have concluded that focusing my efforts on the FEPC is more important than running for mayor.”

Current mayor, Marty Dunn, and local business owner, Debra Callahan, are the remaining candidates for mayor.

Hoping to return as Council Members are Karen Gregutt and Karl Newell, along with former candidate David Paxton. They will appear on the ballot with incumbents Kevin House and Jim Romine. Not seeking reelection for council is Terry Jacoy, K.C. Kuykendall and Kate Hockersmith.

Ballots may be mailed with a postmark of April 6, or delivered to the black city payments box in front of City Hall.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

PRE-SCREENING AT THE WALLA WALLA VA

WALLA WALLA—Effective Thursday, March 19, the Walla Walla Veterans Administration campus announced that all Veterans and visitors will be screened at the tent in front of Bldg. 143 (the outpatient clinic) before entering clinical buildings.

The initial screening includes asking basic questions about fever, cough, or shortness of breath plus a temperature check. Those that screen positive are sent to a second level of screening to further rule out any issues.

These processes have been put into place for the health and safety of everyone in order to minimize the spread of the virus.

The VA campus is located at 77 Wainwright Drive, in Walla Walla, and Veterans are asked to arrive early for scheduled appointments – primary/specialty care, optometry, audiology, or dental – and proceed to Walla Walla VA's Bldg. 143 to be screened; the tent is located right next to the main entrance. Once cleared, a Veteran will receive a colored piece of paper with current appointment information on it to provide clearance for entry to a building. Screening is also underway at all of Walla Walla VA's outlying clinics; please be sure to follow the posted guidelines at each of these locations.

Please note that at this time children 12 and under are not allowed in any of Walla Walla VA's clinical buildings. These processes have been put into place for the health and safety of everyone in order to minimize the spread of the virus.

Those with scheduled appointments are encouraged to call your VA clinic ahead of time if you have symptoms of fever, cough, or shortness of breath. Also available at this time are virtual care appointment options like VA Video Connect, telehealth, or telephone care. Veterans can also communicate via secure messaging with your primary care team via My HealthVet for non-emergent needs or questions. Don't have it? Get signed up at www.myhealth.va.gov. If you need help, be sure to contact Walla Walla VA's My HealthVet Coordinator at (509) 525-5200, ext. 26464.

WASHINGTON STATE PARKS AND WILDLIFE AREAS TO CLOSE FOLLOWING GOVERNOR'S ORDER

OLYMPIA—On Tuesday, March 24, the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (Parks) and the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) announced the temporary closure of all state-managed parks, wildlife areas and water access areas for at least two weeks starting Wednesday, March 25. The closure is in response to Gov. Inslee's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order issued yesterday.

Entrance gates and facilities will be closed, and on-site public services will be suspended. Essential staff will be present to preserve and protect resources.

Camping and other overnight accommodations on state-managed recreation lands will remain closed through April 30.

The public can find the latest information about State Parks and WDFW operations at: Parks: state.wa.us/COVID19.

WDFW: wa.gov/about/covid-19-updates

State land officials and staff appreciate the public's understanding and cooperation in this unprecedented time.



CITY HALL CLOSED TO PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

WAITSBURG—City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe announced that as of Tuesday, March 23 Waitsburg City Hall will be closed to the public until Governor Inslee's Stay Home, Stay Healthy declaration is lifted. Waitsburg residents are encouraged to use the City payments box and online billing to pay their utility bills. Election ballots can be mailed and will be eligible with an April 6th postmark. Ballots can also be delivered to the black City payments box in front of City Hall—NOT the white County Elections box. For questions or City services call (509) 337-6371, or (509) 337-6372.

MODIFIED OPERATIONS DUE TO COVID-19

WALLA WALLA—The Walla Walla County Commissioners in conjunction with the Director of Community Health are approving modified operations/access to certain county departments to protect the employees and taxpayers from the spread of COVID-19. County employees are still there to help, although it may be by phone, or email. In addition, some elected officials may have stricter modified operations and public access policies set in place – please see their website for details. We also have many online self-service options available on our website at www.co.walla-walla.wa.us.

Open by appointment:

Assessor, Treasurer, WSU Extension, Community Development, Public Works, Fairgrounds, Community Health, Human Resources/Risk Management, Technology Service, Coroner, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management.

Open by appointment and open for scheduled public meetings:

Commissioner's Office. Other offices and departments that will maintain current regular hours to the public are as follows: Superior Court; District Court; County Auditor; County Clerk; Prosecuting Attorney's office; Sheriff's office; Jail; Juvenile Justice Center/Court Services.

The Walla Walla County Auditor's office will remain open at this time, with the exception of the Elections/Voter Registration area. However, the public is encouraged to use the online systems listed below.

Vehicle licensing: customers are encouraged to use the DOL online services for renewals at www.dol.wa.gov, or to mail in their renewals. In-person visits may be limited to a maximum of four persons at a time. There is a drop box located outside of the Auditor's office for customers to leave payments and they may also be left in the drop box in the alley way between the Courthouse and Jail. If you have any questions please call (509) 524-2545.

Recording: Title companies are urged to use our electronic recording system. Other recordings please call (509) 524-2549 to schedule a time. Property record searches can be done by accessing our website at www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/departments/auditor.

Marriage Licenses: will be limited to those who have scheduled dates within the next 30 days, please call (509) 524-2549.

Elections/Voter Registration: will be closed to the public starting Monday March 23rd. Those wishing to register to vote may do so online at: www.sos.wa.gov/elections. The elections department can be reached at (509) 524-2530.

The county website will be updated as needed, and all citizens should check the website (www.co.walla-walla.wa.us) for current information.

Drop boxes will be available for some offices/departments – please see the website for locations.

Touchet Valley Weather

March 25, 2020

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Scattered Rain	Partly Cloudy	Scattered Rain	Isolated Rain	Isolated Rain	Isolated Rain	Mostly Cloudy
High: 51 Low: 33	High: 55 Low: 39	High: 53 Low: 43	High: 59 Low: 45	High: 62 Low: 48	High: 64 Low: 50	High: 58 Low: 44

Weather Trivia

Which area is warmer, the North Pole or the South Pole?

Answer: The North Pole.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	52	27	56/38	0.00"	0.06"
Wednesday	54	38	56/38	0.06"	0.54"
Thursday	60	32	56/38	0.00"	-0.48"
Friday	61	36	57/38	0.00"	46.7°
Saturday	61	37	57/39	0.00"	47.6°
Sunday	62	35	57/39	0.00"	-0.9°
Monday	54	45	58/39	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:45 a.m.	7:13 p.m.	7:43 a.m.	8:38 p.m.
Thursday	6:43 a.m.	7:14 p.m.	8:04 a.m.	9:40 p.m.
Friday	6:41 a.m.	7:16 p.m.	8:26 a.m.	10:44 p.m.
Saturday	6:39 a.m.	7:17 p.m.	8:52 a.m.	11:48 p.m.
Sunday	6:37 a.m.	7:18 p.m.	9:21 a.m.	Next Day
Monday	6:35 a.m.	7:20 p.m.	9:58 a.m.	12:52 a.m.
Tuesday	6:33 a.m.	7:21 p.m.	10:42 a.m.	1:54 a.m.

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March 26: Whitney Baker, Rod Estes, Emma Brookshire, Dottie Frohreich, Chet Bond, Jim Kessler, Dawn Nichols and Kris Lytle.

March 27: Bill Laughery, Rachel Halley, Emory Flathers, Tammy Brown, Samuel Donnelly, Maddison Miller and John Mason.

March 28: Natalie Faye Teal, Bill Hopwood, Gary Thomas, Terri Conover-Stroud, Collette Waltermire and Bret McKinney.

March 29: Robin Hogan, Austin Beasley, Carroll Smith, Edna Pearson, Jan DeCoria, Bob Stokes, Vanessa Lafer and Karen Peters.

March 30: Hubert Kinder Jr., Rosemary Brinkman and Elizabeth Mercer.

March 31: Bob Baim, Eileen Huffman, Steve Ruley, Christopher Hansen, Brandon Watson, John Hansen, Ed Lambert, Jack McCaw, Olena Newbury and Robert Hinchliffe.

April 1: Nicole Baker, Mark Clifton, Lawrence Fullerton, Joe Cyr, John DuPree, Lynn Mantz-Powers, Caleb Leisure, Dan Henze, Corinne Kenney Hartley, Angela Rohde and Eric Rohlfing.

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Waitsburg City Council issues disaster declaration

Declaration provides opportunity for Federal funding

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg City Council met Wednesday, March 18 at the Waitsburg Lions Building. All members of the council were present, and all attendees practiced social distancing measures for a safe environment.

During public comment, Karen Gregutt spoke on behalf of the Planning Commission. At the February meeting, Gregutt informed the council that the commission would be making recommendations pertaining to the Waitsburg comprehensive plan each month. Gregutt updated the council, letting them know that the Planning Commission has reviewed the conditional use permit for Nancy's Dream Garden, saying that the plan presented was 'exceedingly supportive of the neighbors around them.' The commission approved the permit.

After the public comment portion, the council listened to Walla Walla County Emergency Management Director Liz Jessee, who urged the council to declare a disaster in response to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. Jessee repeated that the declaration is not a reason for the public to panic. Declaring a disaster would allow the city to utilize disaster funds should the pandemic affect Waitsburg.

The disaster declaration would open Waitsburg up to federal funds, allow impacted Waitsburg businesses access to U.S Small Business Administration loans, and would allow the city to purchase essential items, like Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) without searching for bids. The declaration will also allow the city to access potential FEMA public assistance funds and would allow citizens to access potential individual, assistance programs should any costs be incurred.

Walla Walla County is forming committees that will handle issues related to the February 7 flooding. Many residents are still dealing with flood damage, and Jessee said they are creating separate committees, so the flood issues don't get lost amongst the coronavirus response.

Jessee informed the board that the data estimates that 40-50 percent of the entire population will contract the coronavirus. As of Tuesday, March 24, there were two people in Walla Walla County with a confirmed coronavirus case.

Council member K.C Kuykendall noted that the council is 'responsible for correct messaging' to avoid inciting panic amongst Waitsburg residents. After reiterating that there is no need to panic and a declaration would be financially responsible, the council voted to declare a disaster for the City of Waitsburg.

Randy Hinchliffe has begun working on a Heritage Capital Grant application for improvements to City Hall. The grant program is through the Washington State Historical Society. In order for the application to be considered, there must be a resolution in place with the city council. The grant would only cover a portion of the overall renovation costs. If the grant were awarded to the City of Waitsburg, the council would have the opportunity to review and determine if they want to accept the grant money or not. Council member Kate Hockersmith urged the council to vote in favor of the resolution that allows Hinchliffe complete the application. The council approved the resolution. Hinchliffe has started contracting to get a conceptual design for the City Hall, to go with the grant application.

During a report on flood recovery efforts, Hinchliffe told the council the city was very close to covering the flood-related expenses. During flood clean-up, a heavy-duty pipe in the river near Preston Park, was found to have been damaged during the February flooding. The protective coating is in need of repair and the public works crews are working to figure out the best way to repair the pipe. Rip rap repair along the river has been going well.

Hinchliffe said he has been trying to get Walla Walla County to help with the flood study costs, because a lot of the flood issues are coming from outside city limits.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, City Hall is now closed.

During council reports, Hockersmith let fellow council members know that the Flood and Emergency Preparedness Committee is working on COVID-19 response. She also informed them that she is working on a grant for the pool and would like to begin searching for lifeguards.

Hockersmith also announced that she is withdrawing her candidacy for mayor this election. She felt, with all of the current local and national events, now is not the time for a leadership change. She urged everyone in attendance to vote for Marty Dunn.

Council member Kuykendall said he will not be running for another term, and he thanked the council for all their support and hard work during his time. The meeting adjourned following the approval of bills.

Waitsburg Schools continuing meal drop-offs

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—On March 17, Waitsburg School District's Food Services began delivering breakfast and lunch to children under 18 years of age, in Waitsburg. Hoping to help ease stress for families following the state's mandated school closures, Food Services Supervisor Susan Wildey and Erin Elsey prepared enough grab-and-go breakfasts and lunches for more than 100 kids.

The Waitsburg School District's meal drop off service has gone better than Wildey had anticipated. More than 200 meals have been served in a single day.

"The numbers are climbing like crazy. We started out serving 40 kids, and then 60, and on Friday, we served 107 students," Wildey said.

Her biggest concern, with the school closures, has been helping ease the burden on families.

"We are so fortunate to be able to help. We want the kids to have a sense of normalcy during this difficult time" she said.

Wildey said that packing all the lunches is a lot of work because she has to bag almost every item individually but she has had help bagging more than 200 meals each day.

"Kathy Schirm has been helping us. She is great," Wildey mentioned.

Wildey and her food service team have one request for the community: If you know of a family who can't access the meal drop-offs for any reason, please reach out. Wildey wants to be sure no child goes without. She hopes to continue the meal drop-offs as long as they are needed.

If you have any questions about drop-offs or you know a child in need of breakfast and lunch, Wildey can be reached at (509) 337-6461 ext. 1312.

BLUE MOUNTAIN STATION IS OPEN

DAYTON—The Blue Mountain Station is open for business! They have local & organic produce, and a wide selection of staples like organic rice, bean, grains, sugar and flour. BMS carries Pure Eire Dairy and has Umatilla Cheese stocked. Last, but not least, the Station carries a number of gluten free staples.

Waitsburg School Board Meeting

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—On Thursday, March 19, the Waitsburg School Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting. Superintendent Mark Pickel, Board Chair Ross Hamann, and board members Lisa Morrow and Sarah Boudrieau were present. Members Christy House and Pam Chapman were present via phone call.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the board will be meeting via conference call at the next meeting. All persons attending the meeting practiced social distancing.

Superintendent Pickel swore in new school board member Sarah Boudrieau who was voted in on March 5th during a special meeting.

Time for public comment was to discuss how to spend leftover bond money from the 2016 bond election. The bond money, some \$230,000, is earmarked for capital improvement projects. There were no members of the public present during the hearing so there were no public comments. Superintendent Pickel told the board that the high school building roof was in need of care. He also mentioned that three-ring binders with the bond and all resolution information is available for the public to review, by request.

Superintendent Pickel reported that, prior to the mandatory school closures, the district had hired two temporary employees. Tracy Barron was hired as a Title I paraeducator and Brian Seagraves was hired as a temporary maintenance employee.

Superintendent Pickel reported that the calendar committee had two proposed schedules, but he did not have them with him. The council opted to wait until members saw the schedule to vote. Business Manager Becky Dunn asked the board to have a decision by the next regular meeting for budgeting purposes.

The board completed the second reading of a set of policies and voted to approve them. The meeting was adjourned.

Dayton School District breakfast & lunch delivery times

DAYTON—The Dayton School District began their meal delivery service to anyone 18 and under. Assistant to the Supervisor and Food Services director Jana Eaton noted on their first day of meal delivery they prepared 150 breakfasts and lunches.

Students are advised to look for a yellow school bus for in-town deliveries, and a white van providing rural deliveries at the following locations: (Times are approximate)

Bus #1

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

Bus #2

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

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

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

Waitsburg Schools breakfast & lunch delivery times

WAITSBURG—Pick up times and locations for Waitsburg students are as follows:

202 Harmon St.	9 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
705 Maple St.	9:20 a.m. - 9:35 a.m.
Whiskey Canyon Parking Lot	9:40 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.
High School Parking Lot	10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
900 Caroline St (side of football field)	10:20 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.
Preston Hall Parking Lot	10:40 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.
Catholic Church Parking Lot	11 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Waitsburg Grocery Parking Lot	11:20a.m.-11:35 a.m.

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DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

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

Thurs., Mar. 26

Spaghetti
Mixed veggie
Garlic bread
Fruit Jello & Milk

Tues., Mar. 31

Broccoli lasagna
Mixed veggie
Garlic bread
Banana & Milk

WAITSBURG SENIOR LUNCH MENU

Waitsburg Senior Center
504 Main Street

Tues., Mar. 31

Pineapple ham
Scalloped potatoes
Salad bar
Bread
Fruit crumble

Remember to breathe, be kind, and wash your hands

Church Directory

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

504 Main

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship 11 a.m.

337-6589

Pastor Stan Hughes

Waitsburg Chapel

320 W. 2nd

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship 11 a.m.

Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Bible Study

Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

337-6235

Rev. Jimmie Daves

Waitsburg Christian Church

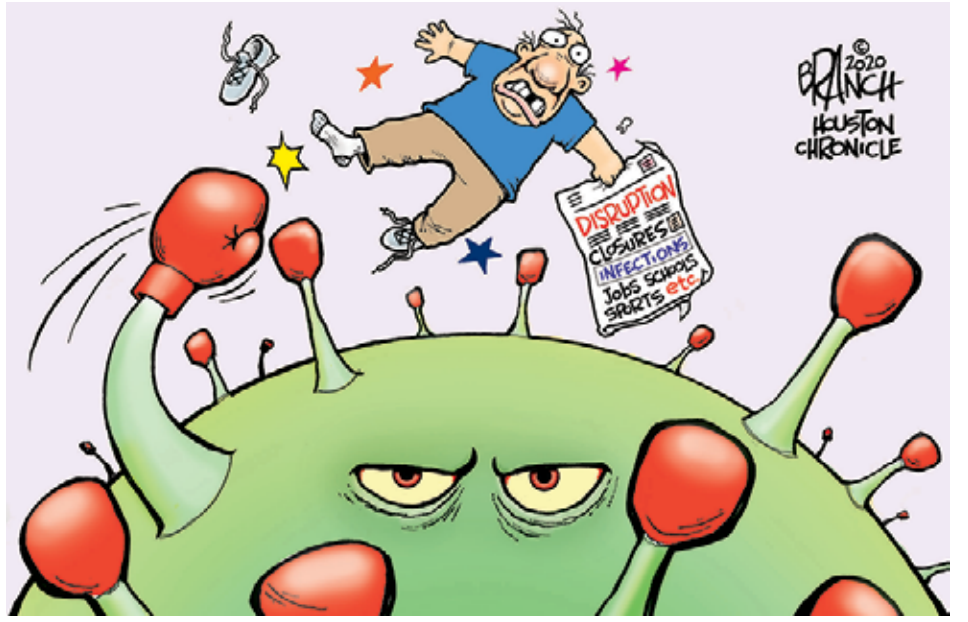
604 Main St

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Each Sunday

337-8898

Rev. Matthew Wyatt



CITY MAYORAL CANDIDATE HAS CONCERNS

Waitsburg is a community we all can be proud of. Neighbors standing shoulder to shoulder shoveling mud from each others homes. Salvaging what could be salvaged. We are Truly "One Of a Kind."

But there were events happened during our recent disaster that have me concerned. Events that should have every resident of Waitsburg concerned. Our leadership failed us in this disaster. Plain and simple. Especially the east side of town. The east side did not have a warning even though we have a flood siren and emergency protocol in place, or so I thought we did until the night of February 6 – 7.

The community meeting held before the February council meeting was nothing more than 40 minutes of listening how we were ignored on the east end. When asked why the siren was not implemented the city manager said "I didn't implement it because I didn't want to disturb the rest of town."

What I heard during the community meeting was a lot of failures:

1. The siren wasn't implemented because it might disturb the part of town that WASN'T flooding.
2. I heard public works talk about how the dike behind Laht Neper was failing a 6 p.m. on February 6th and that it had failed at the packing shed at Huntsville at 8 p.m. on the 6th.
3. I heard public works say they couldn't reach the mayor because "he forgot to turn his phone on" in a disaster.
4. When asked how to find the emergency plan

on the city website our emergency committee said it was too hard to locate. With no search feature on the city website no way to access it easily. An emergency plan that does not include using local resources like Fire District #2.

5. I heard our city manager state he has barely been able to pay the bills for two years. The pool will have to close.

Waitsburg is NOT financially healthy, hasn't been for years. When on council I tried for years to get the finance committee changed, which the Secretary of State says should change EVERY year, to no avail. We have only had one change in the finance committee since Walt Gobel became mayor, that is when he resigned.

All but one person on council stated they had been on council many, many years and maybe it was time for a change. Some stated they had been on council 7, 10 even 17 years. It is time for a change. A council that will represent all of Waitsburg, not just the ones that deserve to "NOT BE DISTURBED" during a disaster.

Even if you don't live on the east side you should be concerned. The next disaster may be on your end of town. Our elected officials failed us, our emergency committee, Kate Hockersmith and Jim Romine, failed us, the very system that was suppose to warn us was not implemented.

It's time to move to a city and council that are more healthy in every way. IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE!

Debra Callahan

STATE SENATE CANDIDATE REFLECTS ON FOREBEARS' SACRIFICES IN CHALLENGING TIMES

To the Editor:

My Facebook page reminded me this week of a photo I took in 2011 of the Iwo Jima Memorial. It was a timely reminder of the hard challenges our country has faced before. That memorial is officially called the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial and it recognizes all our Marines who have given their lives in defense of the United States. The memorial shows our Marines working together to raise the American flag.

We can face today's challenges by tackling them together.

I was inspired to dedicate my life to serving our country and our community by my grandfather who spent his career in the Army. He served in World War II and the Korean War. He and my grandmother are now buried together in Arlington Memorial Cemetery.

Like many of the Greatest Generation, he kept the stories of his wartime experiences close to the vest. When he passed away, we learned that he had earned a Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart. He took courageous actions and faced tremendous challenges throughout his wartime years, yet we only knew a handful of the terrible situations he faced with incredible bravery.

We are all being asked to make new sacrifices and face new challenges now. The courageous choices we make and the challenges we confront in the days and weeks ahead will not earn us medals. Most people won't know about the sacrifices we make.

But we know that the result of all of us following the guidance of our health care professionals and making sacrifices to protect our vulnerable neighbors and family members will make a difference.

Together we will make a big difference for our families, our community, and our country.

Danielle Garbe Reser

(Garbe Reser announced her campaign for State Senator in the 16th Legislative District as a Democrat on Tuesday, January 21)

PORT OF COLUMBIA COUNTY AND DAYTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFER ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESSES

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Washington State Governor Jay Inslee's March 15th proclamation calling for the mandatory closure of bars, restaurants, recreational facilities and large social gatherings, is scheduled to run through March 31.

The Port of Columbia County's Executive Director, Jennie Dickinson and the Dayton Chamber Manager, Molly Weatherill-Tate, are busy locating resources for business owners who are impacted by the closures and are making a plea to the community to shop locally.

"Many local businesses are still up and running and are doing an excellent job with extra safety precautions. Large corporations like Walmart can weather a storm like this, and don't need your business, as much. Our small businesses cannot. Please shop local and try to keep spending money locally, if you can afford to," Dickinson said.

Dickinson is offering these resources:

She said because the state has been declared a disaster by the federal government, businesses in Columbia County qualify for low interest loans. Applications are on-line at: SBA.gov.

The Washington State Employment Security Department is the place to apply for unemployment

benefit, for sick-leave pay, and for stand by pay, and for employers to apply for shared work, or other special programs, she said.

U.S. Rep. Cathy McMorris-Rodgers spoke through video conferencing at the Port's Economic Development Steering Committee meeting last week.

McMorris-Rodgers said part of the proposed federal aid packages will focus on economic relief, such as payroll and withholding tax relief. The goal is to keep that money available for businesses to use during the outbreak, Dickinson said.

The Blue Mountain Food Co-op will maintain regular business hours, but lunches will be take-out only at this time.

The Port and the Chamber created a promotional campaign titled "Devoted to Dayton" which lists restaurants with take-out and/or delivery, as well as hours and phone numbers for local grocery stores and pharmacies. It was mailed to homes in the Dayton area on Friday, March 20. Some information may now be out of date due to Governor Inslee's proclamation made March 23.

The Port has plans to create an online directory. Stay tuned to their website located at www.portofcolumbia.org.

Dayton is part of the Washington Main Street Program and there are resources for business owners at

www.dahp.wa.gov, according to Dayton Chamber Manager Molly Weatherill-Tate.

Also, the Institute for Sustainable Development has a document with resources for businesses and communities at www.isdus.org.

Dickinson said \$5 million from the Governor's Strategic Reserve Funds will be made available through the State Dept. of Commerce for micro-grants for businesses in distress. Details are being worked out, and applications should be available this week. Certain requirements must be met, including having one to ten employees, having been in business for at least one year, and having to close because of fallout from the coronavirus.

Dickinson said, "Both of our organizations are very concerned about our small businesses and encourage continuing to support them, if at all possible."

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

OBITUARIES

Martha Anne (Bosley) Kenney

Martha Anne Kenney, 85, passed away March 12, 2020, at Parkview Memory Care - Wheatland Village in Walla Walla.

Martha was born to George (Bill) Bosley and Jessie (Hanger) Bosley in Dayton, Washington. She attended schools in Dayton. She started at Star School and finished at Dayton High School.

Martha married the love of her life, Ronald Kenney, on July 22, 1950. They moved to Waitsburg where the family farmed. She worked at the Waitsburg Pharmacy for many years and was a Hospice volunteer when Hospice originated in Walla Walla.



She was a member of Waitsburg Presbyterian Church, P.E.O., Odako and DeNova Club. Her greatest joy was her family and many close friends. She loved the outdoors: skiing (snow and water), golfing, fishing, boating, time at the family mountain cabin, Dutch oven cooking and traveling. Participating in Spokane's Bloomsday Run was always an event she looked forward to. Martha learned to swim as an adult and loved it. She was also a beautiful seam-

stress and quilter.

Martha is survived by her children: Becki Maki, Sandy (JE) McCaw, Lavonne (Robin) Hamilton and John (Susie) Kenney; seven grandchildren: Lacey Ahlf, Eric Maki, Dana Rognier, John McCaw, Kelly Steinhoff, Cori Hartley, Jason Kenney; and 16 great grandchildren. Martha was preceded in death by her husband Ron; parents Bill and Jessie Bosley; sisters Elna Turner, Mary Martin and Wilma Winnett.

Per her request, there will be no funeral services held. Memorial contributions may be made to Walla Walla Community Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association through the Herring-Groseclose Funeral Home, 315 W. Alder, Walla Walla, WA 99362.



Martha Anne (Bosley) Kenney

Walter (Walt) Bryan Gobel

MAY 12, 1962 - MARCH 19, 2020

Walt Bryan Gobel, passed away in his sleep on March 19, 2020 at Park Manor Rehabilitation Center in Walla Walla, Washington.

Walt was the 4th born child of 5, to Paul Roy Gobel and Agnes (Brumley) Gobel in Prosser, Washington.

His family lived in Mabton, Washington where Walt attended all twelve years of his schooling and graduated with 42 classmates in 1962. After graduation he worked as a carpenter, as well as, for local farmers as an irrigation specialist. In 1963, Walt was hired by Safeway Food Production company in Grandview, Washington. During his 4 years working for Safeway he worked the night shift setting up the production lines that produced grape juice, mayonnaise, peanut butter, and margarine.

Walt was hired by the Washington State Patrol (WSP) in June of 1967. After his hire, he worked as a cadet in Kennewick, Washington before attending the WSP academy where he graduated as a Trooper in February of 1968. As a trooper, Walt was assigned to Naselle, Vancouver, and Dayton. He also served on the bomb squad during this time. He was recruited to become an instructor at the WSP academy in 1978; he loved the assignment at the academy. In 1982, Walt was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to Walla Walla, where he eventually retired in March of 1993 with 27 years of dedicated service to the people of Washington State.

After his rewarding WSP career, Walt took a position with Educational Service District 123 in Pasco, Washington, mostly training school bus drivers. In 1995, he accepted a position as Supervisor of Transportation with the Pasco School District. Walt retired again in 2007. In 2008, he accepted a "temporary" position with the Clarkston School District leading their transportation department. Finally, in 2011, he officially again retired but continued to substitute bus drive for Waitsburg and Prescott School Districts until his illness.

Walt was a true public servant, always involved in many service clubs and organizations. He held leadership positions as Boy Scout Cub/Troop Master, Little League, and Y Indian Guides, Walla Walla High School Athletic Booster Club, and the Washington State Snowmobile Association. After his kids left the home, Walt held leadership positions in Lions Club, Washington State Patrol Retired Employee Association, Walla Walla Columbia School Retiree Association, Walla Walla RV Club, Membership in BPOE (Elks Club), and Rotary Club. Recently, Walt was the Co-Chair of Waitsburg Celebration Days annual event and volunteered and was elected Mayor of Waitsburg, WA from 2010 until 2016.

Walt enjoyed camping/RV-ing, fishing, white-water river rafting, softball, and snowmobiling; not because of the actual activities themselves, but because of the amazing people he was fortunate to meet while participating in these activities. At home, Walt was an avid reader, often completing 3-4 books per week, enjoyed his yardwork, and being a home improvement guru. Walt's most favorite way to spend time was to be with his family.

Words his grandchildren use to describe him - kind, thoughtful, full of life, caring, brave, strong, real life super hero, dedicated, funny, supportive, encouraging, warm, giving, loving, sturdy, steadfast, welcoming, family man, handy, adventurous, most amazing grandpa out there.

Walt is survived by his wife of 56 years, Gwen (Lutze), and his three children, Paul (Renton, WA), Mike and his wife Mira (Walla Walla, WA) and Rachell (Prosser, WA); Six Grandchildren; Curtis (his wife Mercedes), Victoria, Emylee, Bryson (his wife Brylie), Abigail, and Olivia as well as two Great Grandchildren; Harmony and Victoria. His sisters, Marti Johnson and Patsy Gobel and his brother-in-law and his wife Bill and Johnnie Lutze, and his sister-in-law and her partner Karen Lutze and Patrick Trotter. He is also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews, and many people who adopted him to be their grandfather, dad, uncle, brother, and mentor.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be planned for later in the year.

In lieu of flowers, or if you would like to be an inaugural contributor to the Sergeant Walt Gobel Memorial Fund via the Waitsburg Lions Club that will benefit local youth educational/summer camp opportunities please send your contributions to the Herring Groseclose Funeral Home, c/o Sergeant Walt Gobel Memorial Fund, 315 W Alder Street, Walla Walla, WA.

Family and friends are invited to view and sign the online guest book at www.herringgroseclose.com.



Walter (Walt) Bryan Gobel

Robert Durwood Wagar

(APRIL 30, 1938 - MARCH 17, 2020)



Robert Durwood Wagar

Robert (Bob) Durwood Wagar, 81, a resident of Shelton, WA., passed away at his home on March 17, 2020. Bob was born in Grand Forks, ND., on April 30, 1938, to Melvin and Signe Wagar. The Wagar family, including parents and their children; James, Vern, Bob and JoAnn, moved from Inkster, ND., to Hoquiam, WA. Bob graduated from Hoquiam High School in 1957. Bob is preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Signe Wagar, and his brother Jim Wagar, and sister, JoAnn Wagar.

After high school Bob joined the Army and then Army National Guard (April 5, 1958 to May 23, 1964) as an Auto Maintenance Helper. He was a Sgt. E-5,

HG and HQ, Btry 1st, How BN, 248th Artillery. He was decorated for expert Badge with Rifle and Carbine Bars

Bob and his first wife had moved to Walla Walla and raised their five children; Tom Wagar of Dixie, WA., Anna Sanborn of Colbert, WA., Kim De Reimer of Colbert, WA., Jerri Grant of Walla Walla, WA., and Theresa Wagar of Olympia. Bob also leaves behind nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Bob and his second wife, Debra R Wagar (Brown), married on December 28, 2014 in College Place.

Bob loved to read Louis Lamour paperback western books. He was a very patient, easygoing gentle man. Condolences may be sent to 2211 Washington St., Shelton, WA., 98584.

CLASSIFIEDS HELP WANTED

COLUMBIA COUNTY JOBS

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

COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS Temporary Laborer (Flagger)

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

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

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

Columbia County Public Works
415 N. Guernsey Ave.
Dayton, WA 99328

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

COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS Temporary Laborer

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

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

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

Columbia County Public Works
415 N. Guernsey Ave.
Dayton, WA 99328

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WAITSBURG JOBS

Position open, Executive Director. Part Time up to 25 hours per week.

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

PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

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

Nature of Work

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

Qualifications Required

Minimum of 18 years of age with a valid state issued driver's license
High school diploma or equivalent

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

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT:

Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for a **K-12 Health/Physical Education Teacher** for the 2020-2021 school year. Applicants must possess and maintain required teaching

certificate with appropriate endorsements.

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

Position is open until filled.

Waitsburg School District is an E.O.E.

CITY OF WAITSBURG 2020 SWIMMING POOL SEASON

The City of Waitsburg is currently accepting applications for the position of **Certified Lifeguard and Pool Office Manager**. Duties for lifeguards include but are not limited to general lifeguard duties, and maintenance and operation of pool. Lifeguards must be 15 years of age or older and possess Lifeguard Certification and CPR/First Aid card. WSI preferred but not required. Office manager duties will include but are not limited to supervising pool office, cleaning, interacting with the public, and handling money and paperwork. These positions will be seasonal, and hours will vary.

Qualified applicants may pick up and return applications at Waitsburg City Hall, 147 Main Street, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361. All applications must be received by 3:45 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2020.

For more information, call (509) 337-6371.

The City of Waitsburg is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

One lot for sale in Waitsburg City Cemetery. Located at Q56. \$800. Contact: Joy cjroberts2000@msn.com

PRESCOTT JOBS

LIFEGUARD: Seasonal part time/Full Time

Must be certified for the position

Pays \$13.50-\$15.50/hr DOE

Duties of the lifeguard: Be alert and vigilant in observing, scanning and monitoring the activities of the swimming patrons and guests.

POOL MANAGER: Seasonal-Full time Pays \$15.00-\$20.00/hr DOE. Duties will be to oversee the daily operations of the swimming pool.

If interested in either of these positions, please send Letter of Interest by April 15, 2020:

PO Box 30,
Prescott, WA 99348
(509) 849-2314

Columbia County businesses and services impacted by coronavirus policies

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Government, businesses, and services are being impacted by COVID-19.

Here's a run- down of impacts:

On March 18 the Dayton City Council closed the Dayton City Public Works Facility and the City Hall to the general public.

Permit applications, and other City business can be conducted via telephone at: (509) 382-2361. Utility bills can be placed in the payment drop box located along the alleyway adjacent to the City Hall. The City will waive any late fees for utility accounts as a result of late or nonpayment. Updates regarding City functions and actions related to the COVID-19 pandemic will be posted on the City's website at: info@dayton-wa.com.

This proclamation of emergency will allow city officials to acquire resources and supplemental assistance in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The Board of County Commissioners convened on March 18, and March 23 to discuss county office closures and the need to comply with the governor's order this week to close all non-essential businesses, until April 6. All County services will remain available but with limited face-to-face availability. Services will be available by telephone, remote access, drop-box, and other methods during normal business hours.

The offices of the court clerks and the courtroom, while in session, will remain open.

The public is asked to contact these county offices by phone:

Assessor at: (509) 382-2131
 Auditor at: (509) 382-4541
 District Court at: (509) 382-4812
 Sheriff's Office at: (509) 382-2518
 Superior Court at: (509) 382-4321
 Treasurer at: (509) 382-2641

The county fairgrounds are also closed.

David Ocampo, General Manager of Columbia County Public Transportation said there is a noticeable drop in ridership since area schools have closed. He said staff are disinfecting vehicles every day, and after every trip to, and from Walla Walla.

Ocampo said CCPT is taking every precaution available and are following protocols issued by the state, in order to prevent the spread of the virus.

"Our disinfectants are of commercial grade, and the continued use of them is vital," he said. "We will continue to operate until we are forced to close, but the community is still in need of our services."

CCPT is willing to offer rides to restaurants, for people to receive carry out meals. Restaurants can deliver meals to homes, and businesses through CCPT, as long as there is a restaurant employee on board. Call CCPT for details at: (509) 382-1647.

The Dayton Chamber and the Port have mailed flyers to households in Columbia County with information about restaurants offering take-out delivery.

There is a local business owner who is trying to

get signed up as a DoorDash driver, which would be helpful for other businesses that would like to offer delivery, according to Jennie Dickinson, the Port's Executive Director.

The Dayton Mercantile is offering morning hours for the elderly and most vulnerable citizens to shop. The time is from 7-8 a.m. when the store is at its cleanest.

There are impacts to tourism with restaurants closing, and with museums closing until April 30.

Melody Shahan, Marketing and Sales Manager at the Dayton Best Western Hotel and Conference Room said there hasn't been much drop-off in hotel bookings, by workers staying at the hotel. There is an occasional tourist staying at the hotel.

Shahan said housekeeping staff are using enhanced techniques to clean guest rooms, with particular attention to high touch areas which includes; key cards, public area computers, door handles, locks and latches, desk surfaces, telephones, television remote controls and bathroom fixture handles as well as elevator doors and buttons.

"All staff are strongly encouraged to wash or sanitize their hands several times a day. We also have disinfecting soap and hand sanitizer available to all staff," Shahan said.

She said the usual sit-down breakfast buffet has been suspended in favor of bagged, to-go style meals.

Dayton school board approves graduation date and shares student meal schedule

By Dave Schreindl | THE TIMES

In a meeting held virtually, the Dayton School Board met to discuss a few items including the impact of the health crisis on the schools.

When discussing the budget, board members noted that district costs have gone down with travel out of district being cancelled, and there being no substitute teacher costs to pay.

The key date for the Dayton School Board is April 27. That is currently the scheduled date that all students are expected to return to school following Governor Inslee's mandatory school closure. The return date is important to signal a return to normalcy and it will also serve as a count date. Funding for the upcoming school year will be based on the number of students counted on that date.

Feeding kids during the school closure was another key topic discussed. Starting Monday March 23 breakfast and lunches will be available to anyone 18 and under. The student must be present to receive the meals. Some meals will be delivered, and others can be picked up after 11 a.m. until noon at the Dayton

Elementary Multipurpose room.

See schedule on page 3.

The board also unanimously approved the June 6 graduation date and the June 1 senior trip to Silverwood and Lake Coeur D'Alene Dinner Cruise barring any unforeseen complications.

Finally, Resolution 2019-05 for the emergency suspension of policy was approved, which means the School Board is agreeing to follow the proclamations the Governor and State Superintendent of Public Instruction make regarding COVID-19.

Additionally:

- Kiwanis club donated \$500 to both Youth and Government and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
 - Columbia REA donated \$1,050 to FBLA to be used for its State trip
 - Duke Morrow was approved as the Middle School Baseball Coach
- The next board meeting will be April 1 and will be a working session.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
 No. 20-4-00052-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In re the Estate of WILLIAM P. ANNETTE Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided by RCW 11.40.070 by serving or mailing to the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of:

- (1) Thirty (30) days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or
 - (2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051, and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
- Date of first publication: March 19, 2020 (anticipated)
 Personal Representative: Sarah J. Wik

c/o Michael E. de Grasse Counsel for Personal Representative
 59 S. Palouse St.
 P. O. Box 494
 Walla Walla, WA 99362
 /s/ Sarah J. Wik Personal Representative
 Walla Walla County Superior Court
 Cause No.: 20-4-00052-36
 The Times
 March 19, 26, April 2
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Superior Court of Washington, County of Columbia

In re: Petitioner: Terysa Lynn Marietta, aka Terysa Lynn Johnson aka Terysa Lynn Harvey aka Terysa Marietta Harvey No. 20-3-00002-2

Summons Served by Publication And Respondent/s: Ronald Charles Johnson Summons Served by Publication To: Ronald Charles Johnson - The other party has asked the court to end your marriage or domestic partnership. You must respond in writing if you want the court to consider your side. Deadline! Your Response must be filed and served within 60 days of the date this Summons is published.

If you do not file and serve your Response or a Notice of Appearance by the deadline:

No one has to notify you about other hearings in this case, and the court may approve the requests in the Petition without hearing your side (called a default judgment). Follow these steps:
 1. Read the Petition and any other documents that were filed at court

with this Summons. Those documents explain what the other party is asking for.

2. Fill out a Response on this form: FL Divorce 211, Response to Petition about a Marriage. You can get the Response form and other forms you need at: The Washington State Courts' website: www.courts.wa.gov/forms; The Administrative Office of the Courts - call: (360) 705-5328; Washington LawHelp: www.washingtonlawhelp.org; or The Superior Court Clerk's office or county law library (for a fee).

3. Serve (give) a copy of your Response to the person who filed this Summons at the address below, and to any other parties. You may use certified mail with return receipt requested. For more information on how to serve, read Superior Court Civil Rule 5.

4. File your original Response with the court clerk at this address: Superior Court Clerk, Columbia County, 341 E. Main Street, #4, Dayton, WA 99328. 5. Lawyer not required: It is a good idea to talk to a lawyer, but you may file and serve your Response without one.

Date: 3-13-2020
 /s/ Marinella & Boggs By: Kimberly R. Boggs, WSBA No. 24387, Attorney for Petitioner I agree to accept legal papers for this case at the above
 Lawyer's address: PO Box 7, Dayton, WA 99328 VE

This Summons is issued according to Rule 4. of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the State of Washington.
 MARINELLA & BOGGS

Attorneys at Law PO Box 7-338 E Main Dayton WA 99328 (509) 382-2541 The Times March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020 3-26-a

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
 NO: 20-4-00063-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030
 In re the Estate of: PHILIP J. BROOKS, SR., 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 days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except

as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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LEGAL NOTICE ALLEYSWAYS MAINTENANCE PROJECT

March 30 - April 23, 2020 The Public Works Department will begin the Alleyways Maintenance Project Monday, March 30, 2020.

The Department will be grading the alleys and adding additional gravel to smooth surfaces where it is deemed necessary.

In an effort to assist in making this a successful and cost-efficient project, the City requests that property owners remove all personal items currently encroaching upon the public alley right-of-way. If you continue to store items along the alleyway, leave a "buffer" between your items and the alley right of way. This is to ensure adequate space for large equipment and trucks.

Remove trash cans from the right-of-way immediately after weekly trash pick-up.


Share this information with your neighbors. If the City is unable to get equipment into the alley, the entire block may be negatively impacted. Work together and make sure everyone is aware of the upcoming improvements so all alleys can be graded and leveled.

This project is predicted to run from Monday, March 30, 2020 through Thursday, April 23, 2020. However, this timeline may be adjusted if necessary.

The City will post weekly updates on the City's website at <http://www.daytonwa.com/our-community/information/city-news/item/407-alleyway-grading-improvement-starting-3-30-20>

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Social distance, yes! —but I won't be a hermit

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

I am not complaining about our “new normal;” I believe the doctors and the scientists, I will adhere to social distancing guidelines, I have been washing my hands until they are raw, I will not travel, I will do my best to help mitigate the spread of this virus. But I will not succumb to becoming a couch potato or a hermit.

I am luckier than so many; I don't have children in school, no worries about day care, home schooling, aging parents or compromised immune systems. I have a fully stocked bar and wine cellar, pantry items are abundant (habits from living in earthquake country), a freezer stocked for at least a month and, most comforting, I live with my own personal chef who can turn anything into a delicious meal.



Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi

A well stocked bar is a shelter in place must-have at Sternfeld-Rossi's house.



I do believe spring is really approaching now. Those tough daffodils made it through the Ides of March surprise blizzard; (no kings died, just some flowers), now they are blooming as they should be. So, I will be tough as well, which is not easy considering my indoor tennis venues, the Y and our Waitsburg gym have all closed. But I am reminded of the lyric from the Broadway show 42nd Street “...ev-

ery situation has it's sunny side.” With no reason to drive to the tennis club in the Tri-Cities I won't get another speeding ticket, I'm saving money on gas, I'm not running into Costco and spending more than I expected to. (An obvious hazard when Costco shopping).

However, a minor downside, I no longer have a reason to procrastinate; so I guess it's time to get my taxes ready for the accountant, spring clean, catch up with some of the paperwork I have been meaning to deal with, and of course, continue closet cleaning to make room for more of Daniel's clothes, books and kitchen equipment.

One benefit of the gym closures is that my neighbor has become my running buddy. Now that the weather is turning warmer, it feels good to be outdoors, social (while keeping our prescribed distance) and our runs are rewarded by a great feeling of accomplishment. We love seeing the green unfolding on the trees, the wheat fields and lawns and of course, most important, we burn calories so we can eat more!

Walking Mugsy, my dog, around town, to the post office or a quick run into Ten Ton for a cup of tea, also helps to keep me connected with friends and neighbors. Instead of traveling to visit friends, you can stay connected with Facetime, Skype or other phone/computer applications. And, if you don't know how to use those applications, just ask a 10-year-old, they're home from school now and can probably assist, (from a distance, and make sure if they're touching your phone or computer, wash hands)!

I read a column by Thomas Friedman in the *New York Times* this morning. He was writing about the changes in the world since he wrote his book *The Earth is Flat*, in 2004. He reminded us that words like twitter, tweet, skype, facetime, texting, swipe, Facebook, blogging, either didn't exist or had a different meaning than we think of today. And now we can add to that list: “social distancing” and “new normal.”

So, I will run with Renee today, we will keep our appropriate distance, after which maybe I will start to work on my taxes, enjoy some sunshine in my backyard while I actually read a book and be entertained watching Daniel build bookshelves, and listen to his frustration as he curses our crooked, unlevel house. Then, it'll be time to have another delicious meal, a nice glass of wine, watch some mindless TV and continue to live my “new normal.”

Studies interrupted: local law student settles into her hometown



Emma Philbrook

You're stuck with me for a bit longer, I'm afraid – as of last Wednesday, in-person classes at Notre Dame Law School are cancelled for the rest of the school year. I should probably finish unpacking my suitcase.

My mom's birthday was on Sunday. Not being able to leave the house to buy her an expensive present, even on the spurious assumption

that I could afford an expensive present in the first place, I did the next best thing and made her a cake shaped like an expensive present. One batch of fluffy white icing and a dozen strategically cut-and-stacked cookies later, I managed a pretty convincing roll of toilet paper.

I'm just full of pandemic jokes as of late. This afternoon, I was asked about my state of mind and replied that its governor had issued a shelter-in-place order. A few weeks ago, at a law school social, I broke the ice by saying I came “from Washington...but not within the past fourteen days.”

Sadly, though, the jokes increasingly seem to write

themselves.

When asked for details about my brief trip to Seattle a couple weeks ago, I describe the situation at the only shop I dared enter west of the Cascades – a candy store in Issaquah. Not the fact that the usually-bustling place was a ghost town, nor the fact that I felt the need to wipe down a vacuum-sealed bag of imported Belgian fizz candies before I dug in. No, it was the half-empty bottle of hand sanitizer in front of the cash register – more specifically, the fact that in a store that stocked nothing but candy, a lone half-empty bottle of drug-store-brand hand sanitizer had to be labeled “not for sale.”

I told a friend about this when we went out for coffee before all the restaurants stopped sit-down service. She laughed and said she'd seen boxes of hand wipes duct-taped to check-out counters. I wouldn't know, since I haven't really left the house lately, but I've been informed that there is truth to at least one shelf-stocking horror story – when Mom visited Albertson's the other day, the paper products aisle was empty save for two sad-looking rolls of compostable paper towels.

And on the subject of bare grocery shelves, I'm sure I'm not the first person to tell you not to buy more than you usually do, but this affects me rather personally. My diet is very limited (ask any of a long line of frustrated daycare providers) and on our last grocery run we barely scraped together enough of my

staple foods to make it to the next grocery run. I'm not the only one in this situation, I'm just in a good position to bug you about it - so consider yourself bugged.

If you want to skip the grocery-store madness altogether, why not try growing a garden? Besides providing food, it's a good cure for the stir-crazies and a safe way to get fresh air. Peas, spinach, and squash are all nutrient-rich and easy to grow. And if you're looking to go a little further and supplement your income with a cash crop, you can't beat *Verbascum thapsus* – a tall, fuzzy, native biennial better known as the Toilet Paper Plant.



Courtesy photo

Verbascum thapsus

Keep calm and stay busy

Take it from Gracie, these projects are bound to be a hit with the toddlers!

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

Self-isolating during a pandemic isn't easy. Throw a very social, extremely busy toddler in the mix, and self-isolating suddenly seems impossible. After spending a couple of years as a full-time stay at home mom with my daughter, Gracie, I've got a few toddler-tested and approved projects up my sleeve.

One of our favorite projects is a simple one. Shaving cream ‘paint’ is super inexpensive and the ingredients are typically already in your home. All you need is shaving cream and food coloring. I separated the shaving cream into a few different containers and added a drop of two of coloring to each container. If you don't keep shaving cream or food coloring around, you can get both at Waitsburg Grocery for less than \$10.

I covered an old amazon box with tin foil and let Gracie have at it in my kitchen, however, I'd recommend painting with shaving cream outside. The colored cream will leave stains on clothing, but it washed right off Gracie's hands and arms. Whatever you do, do not run a Roomba during this: I learned the hard way that it's worse than the Facebook-famous poo-pocalypse.

I have seen people fill up bins with shaving cream and hide plastic eggs and dinosaurs, for a dinosaur excavation. This is next on my list, and I think Gracie will really enjoy it.



Beka Compton

Gracie picked out seeds at Nancy's Dream. We didn't spend much, and planting seeds kept Gracie busy and outside for quite awhile.



Beka Compton

Gracie loved playing with shaving cream. Aside from my Roomba issue, the clean-up was very easy!

We also took a trip down to Nancy's Dream Garden earlier this week and I let Gracie pick out some seeds. A full garden's worth of seeds (almost 20 packets) and a big bag of organic soil cost me less than \$40, and it resulted in almost three hours of distraction. Gracie and I spent an afternoon mixing the soil with our secret-recipe organic fertilizer, filling small containers, and planting seeds.

It was a great learning opportunity for Gracie. Not only were we honing in on her fine-motor skills by letting her carefully plant the seeds, we were also learning our vegetables and associating letters with the names. As a bonus, Gracie has added ‘watering seeds’ to her mini chore list.

While grabbing coffee the other day, Lisa Russell, a barista at Ten Ton, gave me an entire list of fun food projects. Gracie and I decided to play with colors, and we used M&M's to demonstrate. Using coffee filters, we placed a single M&M in the center of the filter and dropped a drop of water on each candy. Gracie loved to watch the colors bleed onto the filters and then spread across the fibers. Gracie has been working hard to learn all of the colors, so this was a fun way to teach.

Lisa sent us a huge list of projects, and I'm looking forward to trying as many as we can during our isolation time. Do you have any projects you'd like to share? Send me an email at beka@waitsburgtimes.com. I'd love to hear from you!

Mayor Marty Dunn runs for re-election

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES



Mayor Marty Dunn is once again up for re-election as mayor. Dunn, who has served on council since the early 2000s and served as mayor from 2004-2007 and 2016-present is running against Debra Callahan.

When asked about Waitsburg's recent flood event, Dunn credited the City's Flood Response plan, the fact that the Main Street bridge had been replaced, and that the dike at the fairground area had been armored with helping to limit the damage to the town.

"We still have more work to do, hopefully we can get the Preston bridge replaced and we can continue to maintain the levy system according to the standards of the Army Corps of Engineers."

Dunn feels that his involvement over the past years, "gives me a lot of consistency with city operations and past knowledge of what has happened, what the council has been through and taken care of." He continued, "I am always open with the citizens and the public and listen to their cares and concerns as carefully as possible. I am always willing and open to talk with anybody."

Debra Callahan vies to be Waitsburg's next mayor

By Debra Callahan



I am Debra Callahan. I moved to Waitsburg almost 40 years ago with my husband, Jim. We have two sons and a daughter, and a deceased daughter Missy. Brian lives in Waitsburg and Bill, who lives in Selah, WA. He and his wife have two children, granddaughter, Kyrsten, a junior at Selah High and our grandson Daniel who attends Embry Riddle Aeronautics College in Prescott, AZ. TJ lives in Prescott and Maranda lives in Walla Walla with our granddaughter Arya.

Jim and I live on the property that Jim's great grandparents lived on, Hippy Heart Homestead, LLC. We raise chickens and donate over 200 dozen eggs a year to our local food bank. We also raise sustainably grown fruits and produce. Currently we are looking forward to the opening of our new venture, Millstone Café and Bakery on Main Street.

I truly care about this community and want to be your Mayor. We need fresh new ideas, new blood on council to bring a fresh approach to government. We have lived with the status quo for decades. We are not a healthy community, we need new ideas, new funding sources and a fresh approach to government which I will bring to the community.

Modern baseball statistics revisited

Part One: Fielding Independent Pitching

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

Last year I wrote a series of articles explaining some of the modern statistics that baseball announcers currently use in broadcasts. The series focused on all of the components that produce the statistic Wins Above Replacement (WAR). Those statistics, however, were just focused on batters. Pitchers also have their own version of WAR. In this series I'll break down the individual components of a pitcher's WAR starting with Fielding Independent Pitching (FIP).

FIP is now referenced more often in broadcasts than earned run average (ERA). As the name suggests, FIP attempts to neutralize the effects of fielding so a pitcher is not rewarded or penalized based on his team's defense. ERA is subject to judgement calls by official scorers to determine what is or is not an earned run. It also does not take into consideration the skill level or fielding range of a defender. For example, compare a twenty-six-year old Omar Vizquel to the thirty-nine-year old version. Both were Gold Glove winners and played similar number of innings per game, but the younger version was able to make almost one extra play on defense each game. All those plays the older Vizquel couldn't get to are not considered errors which would result in a higher ERA for the pitcher.

FIP attempts to neutralize this by measuring what plays were in a pitcher's direct control. This includes strikeouts, walks, hit batters and home runs allowed. Here is the formula that FanGraphs uses.

$$FIP = [(13xHR) + (3x(BB+HBP)) - (2xK)] / IP + con-$$

stant

Key: HR = home runs allowed, BB = walks, HBP = hit by pitch, K = strikeouts, IP =innings pitched, constant = value calculated each year to give FIP a similar scale to ERA. This value can be found online at either baseball-reference.com or fangraphs.com. A value of 3.10 can be used as a good estimate.

FIP is a good statistic to compare pitchers within the same season. It's also good for pitchers who played in the same era. Since home runs are such an important part of the formula the league average FIP can vary widely from season to season. Below are two tables the first has a list of familiar Mariner pitchers, their FIP, ERA and the league average FIP for that year. The second table is from FanGraphs and gives you a general idea of a pitcher's season had based on his FIP.

Table 1.

Player	Year	FIP	ERA	League Average FIP
Randy Johnson	1995	2.08	2.48	4.45
Jamie Moyer	2001	4.17	3.43	4.42
Felix Hernandez	2010	2.27	3.04	4.08
Taijuan Walker	2016	4.22	4.99	4.19
Yusei Kikuchi	2019	5.46	5.71	4.51

Table 2.

FIP	Rating
3.20	Excellent
3.50	Great

3.80	Above Average
4.20	Average
4.40	Below Average
4.70	Poor
5.00	Awful

When a pitcher's FIP is significantly lower than his ERA, this usually means the pitcher has given up a high average of balls in play. This can be an indication of how the defense is playing behind the pitcher. Looking at the first table we see Randy Johnson's FIP was forty points below his ERA in 1995. That year the starting shortstop and third baseman were 30-year-olds, Luis Sojo and Mike Blowers. The Mariners in general, with the exception of Ken Griffey Jr. in center field, were made up of older players not known for their great defense.

When a pitcher's FIP is significantly higher than his ERA, it can mean that the pitcher doesn't have a high strikeout rate. Jamie Moyer is a good example of this. His FIP was higher than his ERA most every year of his career. Moyer's success over his 25-year career was built on control and creating weak contact. Pitchers like Moyer will be outliers for FIP. The other explanation can be that the pitcher has a very good defensive team behind him.

A parting note on FIP. It is not park factor neutral. Pitchers in hitter friendly parks tend to have higher FIPs. As we will later see in future articles this is adjusted for when determining a pitchers WAR.

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What to do with yourself

The difference between solitary confinement and solace is in your mind

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

SECLUSION—"You're handling this almost too well," a friend said to me. Sure, I've always been the upbeat type, it usually comes pretty naturally, but these days serenity isn't achieved without purposeful intention.

Stressing out about what you can't control won't help anyone. In fact, stress tears away at the immune system, weakening one's defenses against infection. Instead, I'm managing what I can control: myself. It is paramount to maintaining good health. Yes, it is important to stay informed, but now more than ever it is of the utmost importance to take care of you.

MEDITATE

Forget the idea that nirvana, or even a quiet mind can be achieved in one day. Meditation, like yoga, or any other skill will require practice. In my experience, meditation gains are made by building a habit of short meditative bursts. Sit with yourself for 30 or 60 seconds. Focus only on deep breaths and try to release all other thoughts. They will attempt to seep in. If you're anything like me the meditation narrative will sound like, "oh this is nice, breathing in, breathing out, I wonder when my Amazon delivery will arrive, oops I should be breathing focusing on breathing and did the dryer stop? And..." Again, it's a process. What's important is that when you finally catch yourself off task that you attempt to refocus. That's it, just try.

The more time you spend with yourself, the more you'll enjoy your company.

If you're someone who would prefer a mantra, or other auditory stimulus, consider a white noise machine set to ocean sounds.

I'm no guru, but I have a friend, Alexandra Love, who might have the key to calming our collective nerves in these hibernation times. Love leads Beautiful Chorus, a singing group based in Orlando, Fla. that specializes in meditative chants and vibrations that are as soothing as they are healing.

"If you still think you're too busy to meditate, or claim that you don't know how or just can't turn off your thoughts, consider this: Meditation isn't about turning off your thoughts. Stop thinking about it like a goal to achieve," Love suggests. "The purpose of meditation is to provide space from your up-close, human, third dimensional, physical-only experience."

You have to start somewhere. What's most important is the starting. "You're not behind and it's not too late and you can do this and it will help," Love said.

"You sit. Or lay down...Figure it out. And do it every day. Same time, different times, doesn't matter but try to do it when you wake up because we have a small space right then to slow and redirect our momentum. Every morning is a new day. You sit, or lay down and breathe. That's it. Pay attention to your breath, let the thoughts come as they may and do your best to focus on your breath as often as you can throughout. You'll see how much energy it takes to even just focus on our breath for one full minute. Commit to once or twice a day, for one week. And your life will change,"

Available for free on the Beautiful Chorus YouTube channel, are simple breathing exercises for one minute and five minutes. There are also covers of classic songs such as the Beatles' I Will, and Michael Jackson's Human Nature.

Listen and resonate in a seated pose, or complete some repetitive task. Dishwashing or folding laundry can be meditative, too!



Courtesy photo

Beautiful Chorus is an Orlando based music group centering their talents around peaceful resonations and breathing exercises. Its members go by mononyms From left to right: Anisha, Patty, Veronica, and Alexandra.

LEARN

The YouTube Learning channel is a destination designed to offer teens and adults quality educational content. Users can find Learning Playlists, which organize content into chapters and are designed to facilitate focused study. These free, curated playlists range in subjects from physics to film making.

•Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing

Computer sales and internet use are at all-time highs. If you're new to computers, take the time to practice keyboarding skills.

•Skillshare.com

Skillshare offers focused lessons taught by industry professionals. You'll feel like an insider as you complete each class, and leave inspired to find something new to learn.

•Lynda.com

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•Duolingo.com

Duolingo is a language learning app that is fun and easy.

•Google Arts & Culture App

Google's Arts & Culture App is free, and has an interactive quality to it. You can point your device at a wall in your home and see, in real space, famous art-

works up close or from a distance. There is also an entire retrospective on Frida Kahlo's work titled Faces of Frida.

COLORING

Chaosium.com has made their Call of Cthulhu coloring book free for download. Print and color the time away. Find the link available at: www.chaosium.com/blogstaying-in-color-in-at-home-with-chaosium-weve-made-call-of-cthulhu-the-coloring-book-a-free-download/

MAKEQUARANTINEFUN.COM

Makequarantinefun.com is a randomized aggregate list of things to do. Simply click 'Hit Me' and new activities populate. Users can also make suggestions. Examples:

- Write a poem, you sensitive soul, you
- Make a scrapbook, I guess
- Start a journal so you can look back fondly on how bored you were
- Clean out the old contacts in your phone
- Setup a virtual happy hour with friends
- Learn all the moves to Gangnam Style
- Get in the habit of exercise

EXERCISE

Speaking of exercise, not only is it a great way to strengthen the lungs and body, but regular exercise can really help to combat weight gain due to all your quarantine snacking. Using this time to build a new habit will incubate the relationship between you and your workout. Yes, gyms are closed, but going to a gym was never a necessity. At-home workouts burn just as many calories. If your house is too small, or too populated to workout in, go for a walk.



Brianna Wray

Remember to practice safe social distancing on trails and sidewalks.

HOUSEHOLD TASKS

Remember to balance screen-based activities with IRL ones. When you're not learning a new language, or binge-watching Netflix, consider tackling some physical household projects that might have evaded your attention so far:

- Sharpen scissors and kitchen knives
- Clean and maintain tools
- Organize that junk drawer
- Clean out closets, prepare donations
- Detail the car / truck / rig

And remember, wash those hands.

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THEATER MANAGER OFFERS A HEARTFELT MESSAGE

Fans are encouraged to “Stay Tuned”

By Mike Ferrians | THE LIBERTY THEATER

DAYTON—Closing the doors of the Liberty Theater, clearing the marquee, wiping everything down with sanitizer, cancelling all our film bookings for the time being and issuing notices of postponement for all the live shows we have been planning...none of this is happy work. It is sobering.

It wakes you up to the things you took for granted and hope you won't ever take for granted again.

Michael and Cathy Lee Haight of Dayton, have generously responded to the crisis with a gift of \$10,000 to Touchet Valley Arts Council on March 16. This has boosted our spirits; not only because it helps keep us financially afloat against that day when we will open our doors again, but because it reassures us that what we do is key to the health, vibrancy, strength and resiliency of community. We take “culture” for granted: the norms, rituals, values and activities that define who we are together.

The National Association of Theater Owners (Yes, NATO) puts it this way:

“The social nature of human beings – the thing that exposes us to contagion, and that makes it so difficult to change behavior in response to pandemic threats – is also the thing that gives us confidence in the future. People will return to movie theaters because that is who people are. When they return they will rediscover a cutting edge, immersive entertainment experience that they have been forcefully reminded they cannot replicate at home. In the uncertain, difficult economy ahead, movie theaters will fill the role they always have in boom times and in recessions – the most



Lane Gwinn

Mike Ferrians changing the Liberty Theater marquee. It now reads Stay Tuned as Touchet Valley Arts Council continues its commitment to the arts and culture in our area.

popular, affordable entertainment available outside the home.”

If you drive by the Liberty Theater today, you will see on our marquee the words “Stay Tuned.” As a veteran of the Liberty stage, I can assure, you the show must, and will, go on.

Coronavirus infection strikes close to home for Times staff writer

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The thought never crossed my mind that COVID-19 would infect anybody at the senior living center where my 92-year-old mother lives. I just didn't think it was likely because most of the infections have been concentrated on the West side of the state.

But, last week an 80-year-old resident at the Bonaventure of Tri-Cities, senior living community in Richland, Wash., where Mom lives, died after contracting the infection probably through travel to the West side of the state.

Mom said she learned about the death from a Bonaventure staff person who visited each of the residents to tell them about it.

The *Tri-City Herald* reported on Friday that the woman who died had traveled to the Redmond, Wash., area on March 2-4 and was not feeling well when she returned home. She self-quarantined in her apartment, but went to the Kadlec Regional Medical Center emergency room on March 12, where she was admitted, and died two days later. A diagnosis of COVID-19 was confirmed after her death.

No dining room service has been offered at Bonaventure of Tri-Cities since Tuesday, March 17, and social activities have been limited to five or fewer residents at a time, with social distancing restrictions in place.

“We have been getting meals in our rooms since the quarantine started. We went down one evening for dinner, each floor at separate times,” Mom said. “There was only one other person when I went. The next morning, we had a flyer stating meals would again be brought to us.”

No visitors have been allowed since early last week and residents are not allowed to leave the facility, or go out into the community, due to the risk of contagion.

This is something Mom found out when she left the facility to retrieve some toilet paper from my sister's car, and couldn't, initially, get back inside.

Now the facility is offering to help residents place grocery orders, shop for them, or share what is already in the kitchen.

Residents in the assisted living section of the facility are having their temperatures checked three times a day and residents in the independent living section of the facility, where Mom lives, are having their temperature checked two to three times each day.

Mom said, “I think Bonaventure has been as proactive as it can at this time.”

There have been no other confirmed cases of COVID-19 at the facility as of Thursday last week.

According to the Benton Franklin Health District website, the BFHD is in the early stages of investigating the case and will be working to determine who came in close contact with the patient who died. Assistance has been requested from the Infection Control Assessment and Response team from the Washington State Department of Health.

All of us have been hunkering down, in more ways that we can imagine lately, and we should continue to hunker down so this nasty virus doesn't infect our loved ones or take any more lives.



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago
March 31, 2011

Sheriff John Turner doesn't know whether to laugh or cry. The Walla Walla County's new top law-enforcement official is thrilled he can make adjustments to the patrol schedule that provides 24/7 coverage is his jurisdiction. He's pleased some members of his new team bring many years of law enforcement experience they can use to offer in-house training to his deputies. At the same time, Turner is deeply concerned that his budget is being cut.

[Photo caption] Leroy Cunningham, founder of Rural Green Youth Enterprises talk to construction worker Carmen Castaldo outside the first-ever space for the socio-economic youth program: the former Nothing New Antiques store on Waitsburg's Main Street.

American Freestyle and extreme sports celebrity Glens Plake visited Ski Bluewood Sunday on his way to be inducted at the U. S. Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame in Sun Valley, Idaho. Plake signed autographs and taught Bluewood's instructors some new tricks.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
March 23, 1995

Tony Hulce of Waitsburg says he has seen the light and doesn't like it. Hulce, who lives near a mini-storage warehouse off Preston Avenue, has complained that the lights from the storage yard shine into a bedroom at his home.

“This could only happen in a small town.” Waitsburg resident Bill Thompson was saying; he was probably right. Thompson held an envelope that had been mailed to him from Tucson, Ariz. by some friends. The address on the envelope was simple enough. It just said, “Waitsburg, Wash.” But instead of Thompson's name and postal box number, his friends had pasted a photo of Thompson's face, which had appeared a week ago in *the Times*, on the envelope. The “address” was sufficient to get the mail delivered to Thompson. Don't try that in Walla Walla.

Amanda McKinley of Waitsburg was among 40 students selected for the honors recital after the chapter auditions music competition at Walla Walla College, in College Place.

Fifty Years Ago
March 26, 1970

[Photo caption] Queen of the Prom was Miss Jani Keve, while Martin Huffman was voted as King. The happy couple is shown here shortly after being crowned. The theme of the Prom was “Three Coins in the Fountain.”

Science has been taking great strides forward. Now its only 50 years behind the comic books.

Los Angeles has both the Dodgers and the Angels. Considering the traffic out there, you are, in fact, either one or the other.

Mrs. Jim Davison of Waitsburg was involved in a freak accident in Walla Walla last Tuesday afternoon in which her car was severely damaged but she escaped serious injury.

Seventy-Five Years Ago
March 30, 1945

H. D. Conover was honored Tuesday night on his 86th birthday by friends who went to his home. Birthday cake, coffee and tea was served. Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Kinder and daughter of Seattle were present.

Mrs. Fred Harris was elected president of DeNova club when the group met March 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vennum are the parents of a son, Michael Loren, born in Seattle, March 17.

The annual Easter egg hunt for grade school and pre-school children will be held at 10 o'clock this Saturday morning at the city park. War stamps will be given as prizes.

One Hundred Years Ago
April 2, 1920

John Starr, horseshoer who has a shop in the old livery barn near the Main Street bridge, was kicked by a mare last Thursday afternoon at the Henry Volmer farm, breaking two ribs.

Waitsburg seems to have had things her own way at the annual county spelling contest held in Walla Walla Saturday. Three of the four winners were from the Waitsburg schools; Mary V. Philips, Roland Allen, Jr. and Jack Allen. Other Waitsburg contestants were Frederick Zuger, Inez Danielson, Vera Woodworth, Nora Bryan, Ivan Starr, Fred McConnell, Martha Philips, and Elsie Klatt.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago
April 5, 1895

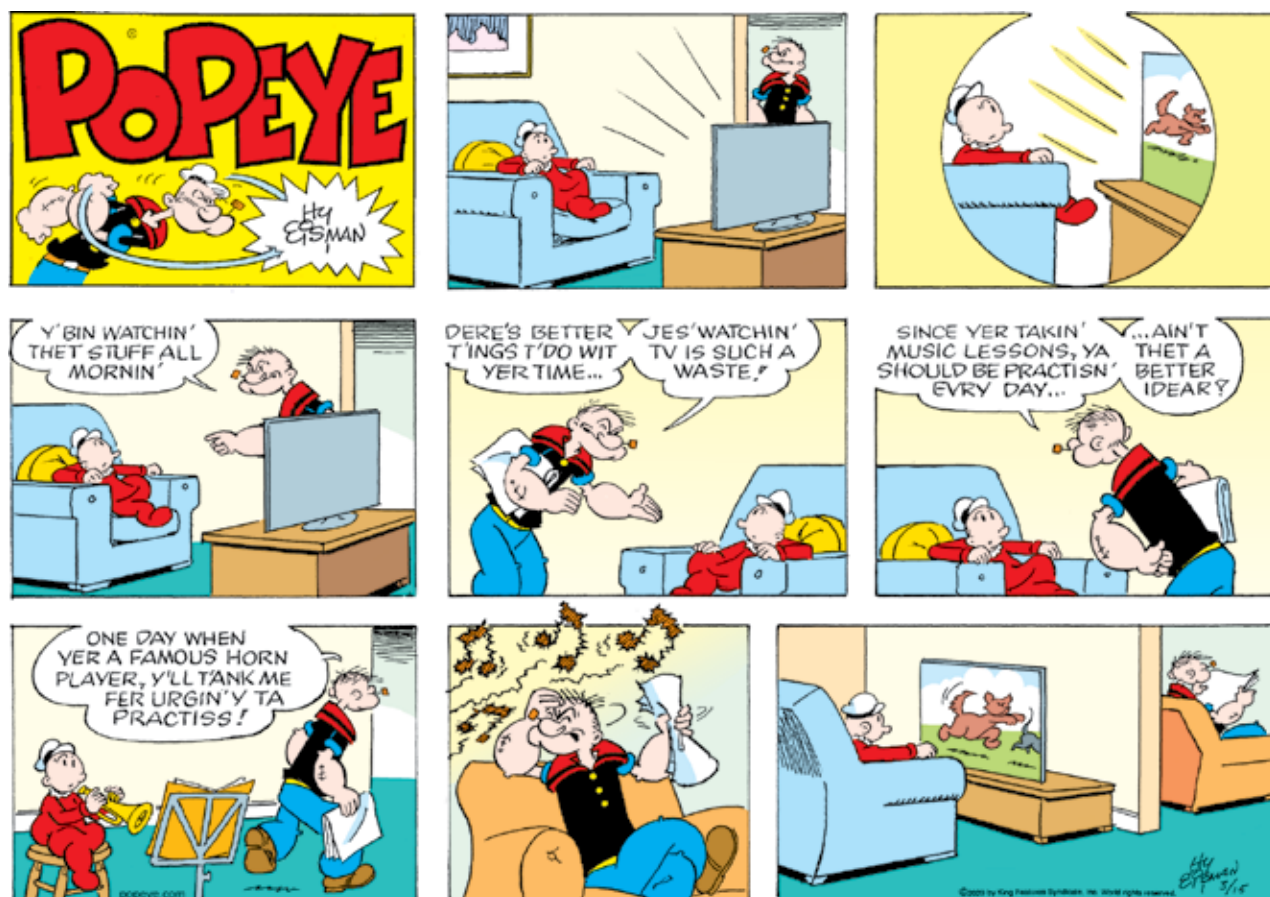
25 lb. wire nails for \$1.00 at Macomber and McCanns.

Ben Camp believes in “higher education” therefore he is teaching at a school on the mountain.

Why is it that a woman can jab a mile and a half of hatpin into her head without either injuring her head or the pin? Is it because her mind is deeper?

R. M. Horner and A. Mikkelsen are each planting several acres of potatoes this spring.

Tomorrow (Saturday) night Grand Double Entertainment and Concert given by the Kickapoo Indian Med. Co. Two and a half hours of solid fun and amusement. Admission 25 cents to all.

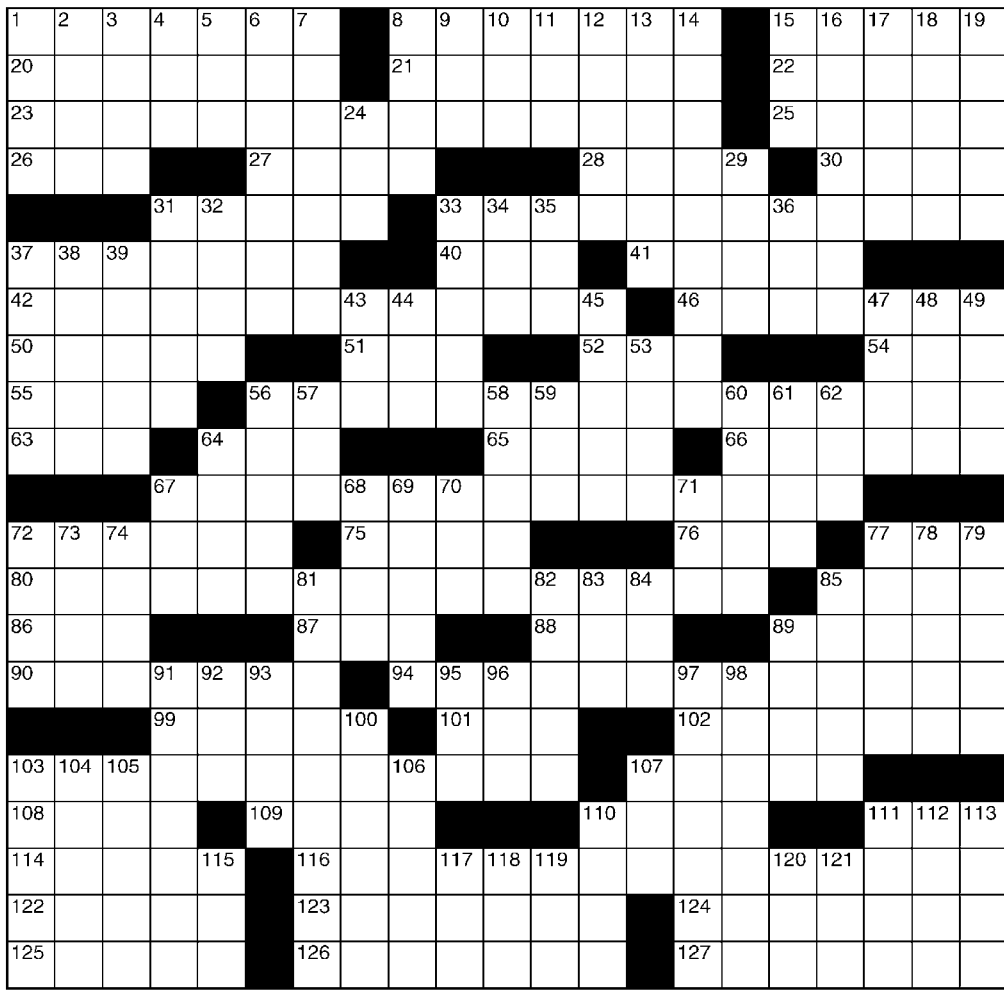


FUN & GAMES

Super Crossword

OUT OF THE ORDINARY

- ACROSS**
- 1 It may begin "Here lies ..."
 - 8 Like fables with morals
 - 15 Sprayed like a firefighter
 - 20 Composer Saint-Saëns
 - 21 Maui tourist town
 - 22 Wash away
 - 23 Like overly harsh punishment
 - 25 Consolidate
 - 26 Suffix with prophet
 - 27 Calc prereq
 - 28 Hosiery hitch
 - 30 Transmission option
 - 31 Coil of yarn
 - 33 1985 hit for Sheila E.
 - 37 Female graduates
 - 40 Middle: Abbr.
 - 41 Cello bow rub-on
 - 42 Monkey of kid-lit
 - 46 Upholstered footstool
 - 50 Country singer Travis
 - 51 Inits. on a navy vessel
 - 52 Neighbor of Ger.
 - 54 Apple pie — mode
 - 55 Just makes, with "out"
 - 56 1965 Marvin Gaye hit
 - 63 Dial-up alternative, for short
 - 64 Fall away
 - 65 Cube inventor
 - 66 Feeble
 - 67 Noncircular paths around bodies
 - 72 Homeland, affectionately
 - 75 Big name in dog food
 - 76 108-card game
 - 77 Toque or fez
 - 80 1967 hit for the Doors
 - 85 Infrequent
 - 86 "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.
 - 87 Pifer from
 - 88 Singer Yoko
 - 89 Leaks slowly
 - 90 To no extent
 - 94 Mismatched collection
 - 99 Knife of old infomercials
 - 101 — Kippur
 - 102 Stream of electrons
 - 103 Witches in "Macbeth"
 - 107 Cantaloupe or honeydew
 - 108 Body gel additive
 - 109 "There's — haven't heard!"
 - 110 — prayer for
 - 111 Univ. Web site suffix
 - 114 Beach hills
 - 116 "77 Sunset Strip" actor, familiarly
 - 122 Mrs. Bunker
 - 123 Use an umbrella, say
 - 124 Posts again
 - 125 Hunter's lure
 - 126 Fusible alloys
 - 127 Bad-mouth
 - 11 Western treaty inits.
 - 12 Pope before Gregory XIII
 - 13 More nonsensical
 - 14 Prison, informally
 - 15 — and haw
 - 16 Pizza herb
 - 17 More irritated
 - 18 Rocker
 - 19 Plow pioneer
 - 24 Noisy clamor
 - 29 Basic idea
 - 31 Actor Jimmy
 - 32 Granny, e.g.
 - 33 At — of (priced at)
 - 34 Item in a P.O. box
 - 35 Part of NATO: Abbr.
 - 36 Acne spot
 - 37 Performed on stage
 - 38 Lies in wait
 - 39 Apocryphal archangel
 - 43 With 115-Down, nervous and apprehensive
 - 44 Part of i.e. (guzzle)
 - 45 "... wife could — lean"
 - 47 Injure badly
 - 48 Jai —
 - 49 DEA agent
 - 53 "Shape — ship out!"
 - 56 Alphabet opener
 - 57 "May — of service?"
 - 58 Burglar's job
 - 59 Missile's path
 - 60 "Deathtrap" star Michael
 - 61 "For — us a child is born"
 - 62 Guitarist Paul
 - 64 "Green" sci.
 - 67 Sci-fi power
 - 68 Robert De —
 - 69 1990s exercise fad
 - 70 Bldg. units
 - 71 Virus, e.g.
 - 72 Not closed
 - 73 Jay of NBC
 - 74 Biblical verb
 - 77 Belittling frat brother
 - 78 Circus venue
 - 79 Touchy
 - 81 Bohemianism
 - 82 Meanders
 - 83 Question's opp.
 - 84 Turndowns
 - 85 Like Brutus
 - 89 Prince — von
 - 91 Go along with
 - 92 Christie's cry
 - 93 — many words
 - 95 Coloring stuff
 - 96 Camera —
 - 97 Ones toeing the line
 - 98 Tag anew
 - 100 In the habit of
 - 103 Crossed a ford
 - 104 Get by
 - 105 Like a charged atom
 - 106 Cyclical, at the beach
 - 107 — tai (drink)
 - 110 "The — the limit!"
 - 111 Markey of Tarzan films
 - 112 Nixing mark
 - 113 Stalin's land
 - 115 See 43-Down
 - 117 English dramatist
 - 118 Lyrical verse
 - 119 Bruin
 - 120 Peru's
 - 121 Campaigned



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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Best Bread Pudding w/ Vanilla Sauce



I wasn't sure what I was going to put in this week. Needless to say we could use some comfort food and this falls into that category. I have fond memories of bread pudding. Gramma Yonkie made it often and it was mentioned by several at her funeral. She saved any old cookies, dry donuts, stale bread, and it would go into the bread pudding. Always there was cinnamon and raisins, but each one took on a different flavor.

I haven't made it yet, but I think I will buy some French bread, cut it thick, and toast it well.

In my opinion, this would make a great breakfast food, lots of milk and eggs. Since we have a lot of frozen blueberries, I will add them.

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 eggs beaten
- 1 1/2 c. white sugar
- 2 Tbsp light brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 c. butter, melted
- 3 c. whole milk
- 10 slices hearty Farmhouse-style bread, toasted and cut into cubes
- 1 c. raisins

Sauce

- 1/2 c. light brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp all purpose flour
- 1 pinch cinnamon
- 1 egg
- 2 Tbsp butter, melted
- 1 1/4 c. milk
- 1 pinch salt
- 1 Tbsp vanilla extract

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease a 2 quart baking dish
 In a mixing bowl,** whisk eggs, white sugar, 2 tablespoons of brown sugar, cinnamon, melted butter and 3 cups of milk together. Gently stir in the bread cubes and raisins. Lightly spoon the mixture into the prepared baking dish.
 Bake in the preheated oven until browned and set in the middle, about 50 to 55 minutes, cover the dish with foil after 30 minutes to prevent excess browning. Let the pudding stand for 10 minutes before serving.

For the sauce, whisk 1/2 c. brown sugar, the flour, a pinch of cinnamon, 1 egg, 2 tablespoons of melted butter, 1 1/4 c. whole milk and salt together in a heavy saucepan until smooth. Heat over medium heat, whisking constantly until thickened and the sauce coats the back of a spoon, 10 to 12 minutes. Stir in the vanilla extract. Pour sauce over warm bread pudding or serve on the side.

MY NOTES:

**I'm sure one will need a large pan to mix it all in, I don't see a mixing bowl having enough space for 10 cups of bread cubes. It was noted that one could use heavy cream, or 2% milk.

Also, I didn't type out every amount of ingredients in the directions as they were already listed above. If you have any questions ask.

From AllRecipes.com

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

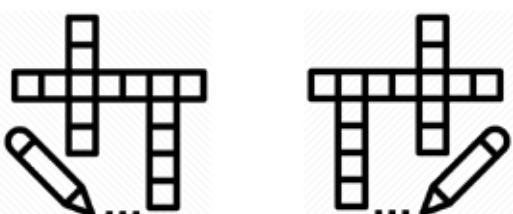
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

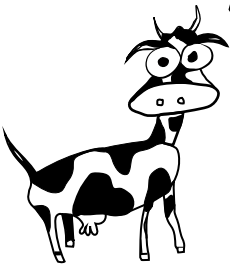
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
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an agreeable cowboy

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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DIFFICULTY: ★
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Super Crossword

Answers

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Go Figure!

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Weekly SUDOKU

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THE LAST PAGE

Columbia County 4-H Robotics Club placed fifth in combined league competitions

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Jeanne Walter, Coach of the FIRST Tech Challenge and Columbia County 4-H leader, said the 4-H Robotics Club will be focused on fundraising activities during the 2020-21 school year. The Club will need to pay for new robot parts, controllers, a 3-D printer, and state and national registration fees, so they can continue to compete in local, state, and national robotic competitions.

To help offset costs, there will be an 'Egg Your Yard' fundraiser for Easter Sunday. For twenty dollars the Club will hide forty candy filled eggs in your Dayton or Waitsburg yard the evening before, or on Easter morning.

Walter said the 4-H Robotic Club competed in their first FIRST Tech Challenges in the Tri-Cities in November, December and January.

Walter said Phineas Kerr, Balian Walter and Josh Reser had to design, build, program, and operate a robot to compete in the head-to-head challenge.

They competed against other twelve to eighteen-year-olds in their league, first against the other eight teams in their league, and then with a combined league of fifteen teams.

Walters said the 'Space Gatos', as they call themselves, came in fourth in their league and fifth in the combined league and won the Collins Award for both leagues. The Collins Aerospace Innovate Award celebrates a team that thinks outside the box and has the inventiveness, ingenuity, and creativity to make their design come to life.

This year's FIRST Tech Challenge was to build a capstone, move the robot autonomously to pick up blocks and stack them along with the capstone, and maneuver and park the robot, while three other robots were competing on the field.

"Every year the challenge is different," Walter said.

"The team is continuously rebuilding the robot to work better, faster and gain more points as they learn more," said Walter.

There are specific rules for placing blocks and capstones. The scores are cumulative for the whole season and the teams get bonus points for challenges like building the highest skyscraper.

Each competition lasts two and a half minutes and has alliances of two teams each, one red and one blue, playing on a 12 ft. x 12 ft. field.

Walter said their robot was "very consistent" at the FIRST Tech Challenge.

"It was required to pick up blocks, place them on a huge foundation, and move the foundation. They were also required to maneuver and pivot to avoid other robots, go under the alliance bridge, park, and not get stuck on arena items," she said. "The robot had a 30-second autonomous period and the rest was controlled by a student-programmed controller to operate the robot and the robot's claw. Another student was a human helper that placed blocks and capstone for the robot to pick up."

Walter said the competitions help youth learn about team work and solving problems in real time. It also builds their confidence through public speaking and promotion efforts, along with learning about programming and designing and building robots.

"These are great kids. It was an honor to coach them and they did fantastic, their rookie year," she said.

Walters wants youth to know membership in the 4-H Robotics Club is open to students in the Waitsburg and Dayton area.

Information about the FIRST Tech Challenge is online at: firstinspires.org



Courtesy Photo

Left to right: Phineas Kerr, Balian Walter, and Josh Reser made up one of the youngest and smallest teams in the nation to compete at the FIRST Tech Challenge this year. The thirteen-year-olds placed fifth for the whole season after competing against other teams in two leagues.

For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) is an international non-profit organization that operates FIRST Robotics Competition, FIRST LEGO League, FIRST LEGO League Jr., FIRST LEGO League Jr. Discovery Edition, and FIRST Tech Challenge competitions. It was established in 1989 to develop ways to inspire students in engineering and technology fields.

HEALTH OFFICIALS CONFIRM FIRST TWO WALLA WALLA COUNTY CASES OF COVID-19

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla County health officials confirmed on Saturday, March 21 that a local resident had tested positive for COVID-19. The Walla Walla County man in his 40s. On, Tuesday, March 23, a second local resident tested positive for COVID-19. The Walla Walla County woman is in her 20s. Both residents will remain under home isolation for fourteen days until they are fever free for 72-hours.

"We want the community to know that we are doing a thorough investigation, instructing each case and contact to stay home under isolation, and we are calling them daily for monitoring purposes," said Meghan DeBolt, Director.

If you are sick and plan to seek care, please call before going in for care so arrangements can be made to prevent exposing others. For urgent medical needs, call 911. Residents can also call the COVID-19 hotline at (509) 524-2647.

SENIOR MEALS CURBSIDE DELIVERY



Lane Gwinn

Richard Clark from Walla Walla Senior Center is out in front of Waitsburg Presbyterian Church delivering a meal to Phil Monfort. Clark will be distributing senior meals on Tuesdays during this time of social-distancing.

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