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It's all in your point of view. Local photographer Bill Rodgers makes the familiar look new with a change of perspective

## "Food hugs" are feeding bodies and nurturing souls

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—What began as a way to sell some extra lasagna has become an ongoing labor of love for Weinhard Café owner Mandi Wendt, and a blessing to the recipients of her generosity.

Every Friday, for the past several years, Wendt has been preparing take-and-bake meals for sale. This idea was created in 2017 when Wendt made too much lasagna for a fundraiser in memory of an employee who had recently passed away.

"Not knowing how many people to expect, I made about 20 too many lasagnas. I didn't want the already prepped ingredients to go to waste, so we bought some aluminum pans and said, well, if it doesn't sell, we will have a full lasagna freezer.'

The extra meals were offered on Facebook, and to Wendt's surprise, they sold out within an hour. Thus, the Weinhard Café was launched into the Friday takeand-bake business.

When indoor dining closed in March because of the COVID-19 shutdown, Wendt had to furlough four employees, and she was pretty anxious about the restaurant's future.

She was able to switch gears, thanks to the take and bake meals.

"We had disposable pans, and some recipes already worked out, and put the menu into place for the first week, with the hopes of maybe selling 20 meals for the entire week," said Wendt.

"The community blew me away with their response.'

Wendt was selling 20 meals a day and could barely keep up with demand, and she was able to bring her employees back to work.

Then she reached out to Vicki Zoller, Administrator of the All Things Dayton Facebook page, for help in getting community members to nominate people in need to receive cost-free family-style meals.

Wendt said she was a little worried about simply giving food away, given the current economic climate; however, the thought of families who may be in need bothered her more.

She said Zoller accepted the request and began organizing the effort.

After the first few months, she said it became harder to identify people in need, and it was decided to cast the net more widely.

Small business owners, school district staff, hospital employees, and many others, have been recipients of Wendt's generosity.

Carol Anderson received a "food hug" from the



Mandi Wendt owner of the Weinhard Café and 14year employee Jennifer Villaro in the Weinhard Café

cafe shortly after her husband passed away in February, she said it gave her a warm feeling to think somebody cared.

Jennifer Lingo, a swing shift charge nurse in the Booker Rest Home, was also a recipient of Wendt's generosity when she and other Booker Rest Home staff received "food hugs" at the end of July.

"Having a food and beverage background, I was blown away and deeply touched by such a large undertaking and immense gift. This community is so amazing, and it only makes me want to give back more," Lingo said

To date, Wendt has donated 70 take-and-bake meals with money from her own pocket. She has been able to provide many more meals thanks to individual donations and a grant from the Dayton-Columbia County Fund.

The Dayton-Columbia County Fund (DCCF) joined Wendt's efforts early on, with a grant for \$7,000 so that four restaurants; Chief Springs Fire and Irons, My Dad's Place, Fiesta En Jalisco, and the Weinhard Café could provide 40 family-style meals, each week, to people in need.

Although the funds from the DCCF grant has been dispersed, Wendt is still accepting individual donations with the following pledge:

"If they give \$100, I will add \$100 on top of that,"

Donations can be dropped off at the café at 258 East Main Street.

### **Washington State Penitentiary addresses** coronavirus outbreak

The outbreak contained to a single unit, neighboring units testing negative

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Washington State Penitentiary is experiencing a COVID-19 outbreak in one of the housing units. In response to the outbreak, officials have developed a plan to keep inmates and staff

As of Tuesday, the prison had 121 confirmed COVID cases, with 53 of those cases currently active. The facility houses a total of 2,284 incarcerated individuals. Ten Washington State Penitentiary (WSP) employees have tested positive.

The coronavirus outbreak began in late July when an inmate began displaying symptoms consistent with COVID-19. The housing unit was placed on quarantine, and incarcerated individuals who tested positive were further isolated. The facility has placed surrounding units, Units 8 and 10, on separate movement to prevent intermingling and spreading the virus further.

'Across the enterprise, the Department has developed and continues to update its screening, testing and infection protocols to address changes and adapt to the Department of Health (DOH) and Centers for Disease Control guidance,' said Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC) Communications Director Janelle Gutherie in an email.

Beginning in March, DOC reduced the number of inter-facility transfers by 75 percent and now requires all new intakes to be tested and housed separately from the general population for at least 14 days, regardless of whether incarcerated individuals show symptoms or not.

The department now requires all incarcerated individuals and staff to wear face masks, as well as appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE), handwashing, and social distancing.

Washington State DOC has increased access to hand sanitizer across its facilities and has changed the flow of traffic for staff entering and exiting each building. Any person entering a DOC facility must be screened, including a series of questions and a temperature check.

Starting August 24, DOC will begin serial testing all staff. The facility also holds meetings with the Local Family Council (LFC) to discuss events within the prison's walls, including COVID procedures, entertainment, and education, among other topics. The next meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2020. For more information on the LFC's meeting, visit www. doc.wa.gov/family/council-wsp.htm.

For up-to-date information on procedures and coronavirus response, visit https://doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/default.htm.

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## **TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE**

### NEWS BRIEFS

### **BLM INCREASES FIRE RESTRICTIONS ORDER IN EASTERN WASHINGTON**

### THE TIMES

SPOKANE—The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Spokane District has increased fire restrictions on public lands administered by the BLM and the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) in eastern Washington. The fire restrictions order has been modified to prohibit discharging a firearm, except while engaged in a lawful hunt under state, federal, or tribal law and regulations. The building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire of any type, including charcoal briquette fires is also now prohibited.

The temporary ban will take effect August 21, 2020, at 12:01 a.m. in the following counties: Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima.

The new restrictions are expected to be in effect until fire conditions change. The agency is encouraging target shooters to visit local private and public target range facilities during this time.

In addition to prohibiting target shooting and campfires, restrictions on the use of off-road vehicles, and smoking are still in effect. A complete, modified fire restriction order is attached to this release and can be found online at https://www.blm. gov/press-release/blm-issues-fire-restrictions-order-eastern-washington-1.

### **CORRECTION**

Wednesday

Sunny

How

formed?

Areas of Smoke

are

Myen thunderstorm

Aug. 26, 1949

anemometer

**Weather Trivia** 

clouds produce rapidly rotating

**Weather History** 

made landfall at Delray Beach.

Winds reached 153 mph at the

Jupiter Lighthouse before the

hurricane caused 45 million

dollars damage to crops. The

Georgia and South Carolina

coast resulting in another two

hurricane also caught

million dollars damage.

failed.

In the Aug. 20 Times article "New mother daughter duo to take over at Snapdragon Floral and Gifts" it was incorrectly stated that Tony Auckerman's name is Bill.

Touchet Valley Weather

**Thursday** 

Sunny

tornadoes 🕥

A hurricane

The

### **WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFERS FREE HOME DELIVERED MEALS**

WAITSBURG-Waitsburg School District is excited to announce that it will be serving meals free of charge for all enrolled students!

Starting September 8th, WSD Nutritional Services will begin making home deliveries of meals. Drivers will be making meal deliveries Monday through Thursday coinciding with our 2020-21 school calendar. Thursday deliveries will include meals for both Thursday and Friday, there are no deliveries on Fri-

If you would like to sign up to have meals delivered please contact Susan Wildy at swildey@waitsburgsd.

Note: If you reside outside of Waitsburg School District boundaries, you may make arrangements to pick up your meals by contacting Susan Wildey at the above email address.

### FEMA ANNOUNCES LOST **WAGES GRANT FOR WASHINGTON**

WASHINGTON-FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor approved Washington for a FEMA grant under the Lost Wages Assistance program. FEMA's grant funding will allow Washington to provide \$300 per week—on top of their regular unemployment benefit—to those unemployed due to COVID-19. FEMA will work with Washington Gov. Jay Inslee to implement a system to make this funding available to Washington residents.

On Aug. 8, 2020, President Trump made available up to \$44 billion from FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund to provide financial assistance to Americans who have lost wages due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To learn more about FEMA's lost wages supplemental payment assistance, visit: https://www.fema. gov/fact-sheet/fema-lost-wages-supplemental-payment-assistance.

Monday

Partly Cloudy

High: 78 Low: 49

Precipitation . . . . . . . . . . . . 0.00"

Normal precipitation . . . . . . . 0.13"

Departure from normal .....-0.13"

Average temperature .......... 78.4°

Average normal temperature . . . . 73.3°

Departure from normal .....+5.1°

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Moonset

Next Day

12:18 a.m.

1:08 a.m.

2:06 a.m.

3:09 a.m.

4:16 a.m.

5:23 a.m.

3 blocks south

of Melrose St.

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Saturday

Sunny

High: 88 Low: 53

Low

68

67

65

62

57

Normals

88/60

88/60

87/60

87/60

87/59

86/59

86/59

Sunrise

6:07 a.m.

6:08 a.m.

6:09 a.m.

6:10 a.m.

6:12 a.m.

6:13 a.m.

6:14 a.m.

Sunday

Partly Cloudy

High: 79 Low: 51

**Local Almanac Last Week** 

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0.00"

0.00"

0.00"

0.00'

0.00"

0.00'

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Sunset

7:41 p.m.

7:39 p.m.

7:37 p.m.

7:35 p.m.

7:34 p.m.

7:32 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

Sun

9am - 5pm

Moonrise

3:26 p.m.

4:31 p.m.

5:28 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

6:53 p.m.

7:24 p.m.

7:50 p.m.

Friday

Sunny

101

93

90

90

90

88

Day

Wednesday

Thursday

Saturday

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Friday

High: 88 Low: 56 High: 89 Low: 57

Day

Tuesday

Thursday

Saturday

Friday

Sunday

Monday

Full

Last

9/10

Wednesday

Aug. 26, 2020

**Tuesday** 

Sunny

High: 95 Low: 70

New

First

9/23

### THE AUG. 4 PRIMARY **ELECTION WAS CERTIFIED ON AUG. 21**

Multi-county for Superior Court judge: Number of votes, percentage of votes:

Commissioner

Columbia County Commissioner #2

Mike Talbott

151 votes, 26.26%

Marty Hall 422 votes, 73.39%

Multi-county primary for Superior Court judge: Number of votes, percentage of votes:

**Judicial Precinct Result** Brooke J. Burns

361 votes, 21.34% G. Scott Marinella 1,187 votes, 70.15% R. Victor Bottomly 141votes, 8.33% Write-Ins

23 votes, 30.18% Total Votes 1,692

### **Multi-County Results**

Brooke I. Burns 4,753 votes, 50.74% G. Scott Marinella 3,150 votes, 33.63% R. Victor Bottomly 1,434 votes, 15.31% Write-ins 30 votes, 0.32%

**Total votes** 

9,367, 100%

Number of precincts 13 Number of registered voters 2713 Total ballots counted 1773 Ballots left to count 173 Voter turnout 65.35% Certification date 08/18/2020

### **DAYTON COUNTY AUDITOR OFFERS TIPS TO ENSURE BALLOT EFFECTIVENESS**

### THE TIMES

DAYTON—On Monday County Auditor Anne Higgins offered some tips to voters to make sure ballots are received in a timely fashion and are counted in

Higgins said 34 mail-in ballots from the Aug. 4 primary election were not counted because they were delivered too late.

Higgins said, as long as ballots are postmarked by or before the date of the election, they will be counted even if received after the election date.

If people have concerns about slower than usual mail delivery service by the US Post Office, ballots can be dropped off in secure ballot boxes provided at the county courthouse, Starbuck City Hall, or inside the County Auditor's Office.

Higgins said her office received complaints that some voters did not receive their ballots. In that case, people should come to her office, and she will print one for them.

"I'm a great hoop jumper. Whatever it takes to get it done, I will get it done," she said.

### Relax with a smile as we wash your car! **OPEN DURING** Mon-Fri CONSTRUCTION 7:30am - 5:30pm **Detour Route:** Sat Down Ash St. 8am - 5pm

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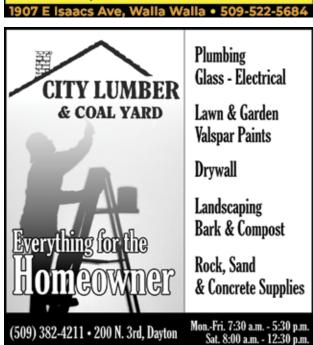
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### **SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE CERTIFIES PRIMARY WITH HISTORIC TURNOUT**

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—On Aug. 21, the Office of the Secretary of State certified Washington's Aug. 4 Primary Election, in which more than 2.51 million people — or 54.44% of all registered voters in Washington — cast their ballots. The turnout rate is the highest on record for a Primary since 1964 when over 840,000 people voted, representing a 56.06% turnout.

"It's gratifying to see that voters are excited, engaged, and eager to exercise their right to vote and make their voices heard," said Assistant Secretary of State Mark Neary. "We look forward to serving the people of Washington state and conducting another safe, secure, and accessible election this fall."

Ballots for the Nov. 3 General Election will be sent to voters no later than Oct. 16. The Office of the Secretary of State encourages people to visit VoteWA.gov to check and update their voter registration records or register to vote. Online and mail-in voter registrations must be received by Oct. 26 to participate in the 2020 General Election. After Oct. 26, new registrations or changes must be done in person at a county elections office or voting center.

## **TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE**

## Prescott School District prepares for online start

### By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

PRESCOTT—Prescott School District is finishing plans for the upcoming online school year. The district will begin distributing Chromebook laptops to students the first week of September. Superintendent Justin Bradford said details are still being finalized, and he anticipates K-6 grades will have appointments with teachers to receive any needed materials and information about the online courses. 7-12 grade students will also be scheduling appointments to meet with teachers and gather materials and information.

Students with special needs will have the opportunity to be on campus for extra support and services. Bradford said that the school is also exploring options for younger students to be on campus for needed support, but they are unsure of how that would work.

Since a good portion of Prescott's curriculum is already online, Bradford said the teachers wouldn't be deviating much from the standard curriculum, but the district is exploring supplemental class material.

Students will have virtual access to a school counselor, something the school has not been able to offer for many years. There will also be an online music program, supplemented with YouTube videos and other materials.

Superintendent Bradford anticipates sending detailed information to parents towards the end of the last week of August. The first day of virtual school will be September 8.

## **Public Invited to Port** of Columbia Broadband **Information Meeting**

### THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Port of Columbia will hold a Zoom meeting on Monday, August 31, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. to share information about their proposed broadband project in the City of Dayton and some adjacent outlying areas. Attendees will hear a presentation on the project, be able to ask questions, and will also be asked to fill out a short survey regarding their current service.

The Port contracted with PocketiNet, a Walla Walla-based company, to conduct a broadband feasibility study that was completed in February of this year.

'Port Commissioners hoped to be able to hold a public meeting to share information about the study in person, but the pandemic has made that impossible," stated Jennie Dickinson, executive director of the Port of Columbia.

In addition to hearing a presentation on the Port's proposed project, attendees will hear from Scott Hutsell, a Lincoln County Commissioner who also serves as the chair of the Public Works Board, a state funding agency that provides infrastructure funds to communities; Diana Ruchert, the manager of the Port of Garfield where a community broadband project is currently under construction; and Steve Mantle of Innov8 Ag Solutions who will speak to some of the ways the agricultural industry is using broadband to improve production.

The attendee survey will be available during the Zoom meeting via a link in the chat room, but can also be taken ahead of time by visiting the Port's website at www.portofcolumbia.org.

The Port of Columbia's mission is to maximize public resources and private investment to create jobs, provide infrastructure, and maintain and improve the economic vitality of Columbia County and its communities.

To join the Broadband Information Meeting via Zoom, go to www.bit.ly/Port-Zoom just before 6:00 pm on August 31 or you can join by phone by calling 1-253-215-8782 with Meeting ID: 891 686 9076 and Password: 655824

## **Waitsburg School Board report**

### By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG-The Waitsburg School Board met Thursday, Aug. 20, via Zoom call. Representative Skyler Rude attended the meeting.

Principal Stephanie Wooderchak shared documents on class schedules in grades six and up. She also shared an online staff schedule that laid out the periods, virtual office hours, and more. Wooderchak reported that the teachers have written letters for the parents that explain their virtual classrooms, attendance plans, assignment days, and more.

The school has begun student registration. A limited number groups are allowed in the registration area at one time, and all individuals entering the building must be screened. Wooderchak said the process has been a little slow but has gone smoothly so far.

There will be no fall sports for the Dayton/Waitsburg combine. Superintendent Mark Pickel was hopeful that sports would begin during the second season of the Washington Interscholastic Athletic Associations (WIAA) 2020-21 modified sports schedule, which starts in late December.

Facilities, maintenance, and transportation supervisor Colter Mohney reported that the HVAC systems had been serviced, and everything went fairly smoothly. There was an issue with one of the units near the elementary office, and the maintenance

crew repaired the problem. He also said he met with the school's insurance agent, and the school received satisfactory marks all around.

Mohney also reported that there had been interest in properties that the school owns- two lots on Coppei Ave and the annex building near the high school. According to Mohney, it would cost more money to repair the annex building than it would to sell it. The building has lead paint and other expensive, unhealthy problems.

Superintendent Pickel reported that middle and high school students would have their school laptops by the end of next week. Laptops will be distributed to elementary students during the first week of school.

The school has entered a contract with Apex Learning for an online schooling option for students in grades 6-12. Pickel told the board that the vendors that they were looking at for elementary classes had made policy changes that don't align with Waitsburg Schools. Many of the vendors have a minimum student enrollment that is higher than the number of students enrolled in the district. He has since met with Market Square Education, based out of Woodinville, Wash., and that model is looking promising.

In the first week of September, the district will have a soft-start. That week will reflect a parent/teacher conference model so parents and caregivers can ask teachers any questions, get to know the teacher, and the computer software.

During the new business portion of the meeting, the board reviewed and voted on six salary schedules, including certificated and classified supplemental salary schedules, business manager, business manager assistant and transportation salary schedules.

Susan Wildey, food services supervisor, presented a plan for a community eligibility program (CEP) that would provide meals for students during the school year. Wildey reported the free meal program she put together following the emergency closure had received lots of positive feedback. She felt strongly that providing meals for students would be one of the better ways to support the school community and families. The school would be reimbursed for a large portion of the funds used for meals, and the program would be valid for four years, with ways for the district to discontinue the program without repercussions. The board voted to approve the CEP.

The board approved a \$4,000 transfer to the transportation fund, as well as a \$7,500 transfer to the Capital Projects fund. These

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Church 504 Main

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 11 a.m.

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Waitsburg

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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

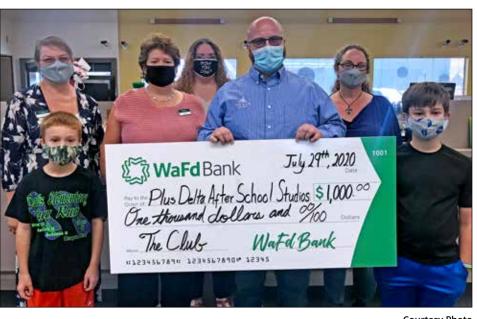
604 Main St

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:00 a.m Each Sunday 337-8898 Rev. Matthew Wyatt

transfers are standard each year.

The meeting adjourned following the first readings of five pol-



Jim Pearson, The Club's Director (center), with his children in tow, and staff from the Dayton Branch of Washington Federal Bank.

### **DAYTON SENIOR ROUND** TABLE LUNCH MENU

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

Thursday, August 27

Spaghetti Mixed vegetables Salad Garlic Bread Peaches / Milk

Tuesday, September 1 To be announced

### **Washington Federal Foundation Gives** \$1,000 to The Club

THE TIMES

DAYTON-Washington Federal Foundation, the charitable giving arm of Washington Federal Bank, gifted \$1,000 to The Club in Dayton. This money will be included in The Club's operations fund to be used for day-to-day operations. This is Washington Federal Foundation's first financial contribution to The Club.

"We are thrilled to have received another generous contribution from a business with ties to Dayton and the Touchet Valley. The staff at Washington Federal spearheaded the effort to make this donation happen, and I am so thankful for their thoughtfulness and generosity," said The Club's Director, Jim

### WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

Fruit

Tuesday, September 1 Lasagna Italian blend vegetables Coleslaw Garlic bread



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## **NEWS & COMMENTAR**





### LETTERS

Why I will vote Frances Chvatal

As a woman, I will vote for Frances Chvatal because she knows what it feels like to have to fight for equal opportunity, for respect, and for the right to be who and what she is.

As a person of color, I will vote Frances Chvatal because she has shown compassion for our community. She recognizes that we have different struggles, and that we have the equal right to work towards our American dream.

As a working mother, I will vote for Frances Chvatal because she knows what it means to have to leave the home every day in order to provide for her family. She knows how hard it is to be everything to everyone all

As a community leader, I will vote for Frances Chvatal because she is the only candidate for state representative who came to me to learn what my community of College Place needs from her, should she

Letter to the Editor

I am writing in support of Mike Mitchell for Superior Court Judge, Position 1. It is imperative for our community to elect a judge with depth and breadth of quality legal experience.

Mike has been on both sides of almost every fence the court straddles. He understands each side's arguments and positions having made them as an attorney during the last 42 years. This includes criminal law (both prosecutorial and defense), civil litigation, family law, estate planning and probate, business formation, juvenile law and dependencies, and real estate litigation.

Mike currently serves as Superior Court Commissioner (8 years) and Judge Pro Tem (since early 2000s). These appointments were made by sitting be elected.

As a nurse, Frances dedicated her career to caring for people she did not know and to comforting families during difficult times. Frances did not suddenly start to care about our lives when she needed us. Klicker might have name recognition, thanks to the family he was born into, but he has not shown that he wants to represent me- a woman, a Latina, a mother, or a person who has had to work for every opportunity to prosper.

Your vote is precious, do not waste it on a politician who only cares what you can do for them. No matter who you are, where you came from, or where you want to go, Frances will dedicate her time as the 16th Legislative District Representative working for

Norma L. Hernandez College Place

Superior Court Judges. Mike's selection was driven by his substantial court experience, reputation for fairness, common sense, and integrity. He has earned the respect of Judges and fellow attorneys in our county and across Washington State.

In addition to Mike's multi-faceted private law practice, he also serves as a Mediator (15 years) and Arbitrator (15 years). He was an early advocate of alternative dispute resolution to settle family law cases and high asset divorce cases. He is respected for resolving complex cases of which judges later told him they believed were unresolvable.

Due to the coronavirus, the Court has a backlog of cases which require rescheduling. Mike's vast experience will shorten his learning curve enabling him to efficiently manage this unprecedented, challenging Letter to the Editor

My daughter, Jenny Mayberry, is running for Walla Walla County commissioner.

Jenny is very honest, intelligent, purposeful and

has the drive needed to get things done. I know for a fact that she is passionate about work-

ing hard for ALL the people and she will do it with a commitment to excellence and open mindedness.

Jenny PROUDLY supports Farmers, Small Businesses, Law-Enforcement and Fire/EMS. Jenny loves Walla Walla County and loves the United States of

That is why I am voting for my daughter!

Won't you join me in voting for Jenny Mayberry, Walla Walla County Commissioner!

Scott Rasley Retired Wildlife Conflict Biologist Wa. St. Dept of Fish and Wildlife

case load.

I trust Mike to serve our citizens with an openmind, listening to all sides before making a final decision. I trust Mike to draw upon his diverse legal experience to arrive at fair and just decisions. I trust Mike will offer a level playing field for every case he adjudicates. I trust Mike is unequivocally the most qualified candidate for Walla Walla County Superior Court Judge.

Please join me in voting for Mike on November 3. I encourage readers to learn more about Mike at mikemitchellforjudge.com.

Debbie Frol

Walla Walla



### Wedding Announcement

After eight years together, Chris Carter and Clint Atteberry have made it official! The couple was married on August 8, 2020 in a ceremony attended by a small group of family and friends in Dayton, WA. The wedding was officiated by Ordained Minister, Gordon Farley and a private reception followed.

## Cheers!

Note on a subscription renewal letter: I love The Times. Thanks for keeping my home-

town paper alive. Thank you, Linda Herbert

### BIRTHDAYS

August 27: Brian Richards, Bonnie Brookshire, Amy Farley, Tom Mock, Kippy Counts, Steve Gusse, Shannon Bloor, Justin Gagnon, Ashley Witt, Michelle Gouge, Eric Mahoney, Shannon Wertz, Troy Crowfoot, Shannon Wertz.

August 28: Michelle Donavon, Jerome Baumann, Daniel Harshman, Shelby Janovich, Robert White.

August 29: Debby Nordheim, Howie Smith, Rick Peck, Ryan Meier, Ivan Keve, Lori Hickman, Hanna Mock, Eddie Hernandez.

August 30: Lee Bergstrom, Jake Harshman, Tristan Michael Dunn, Chance McDaniel, Kendra Smith.

August 31: Tim Quigg, Tammie Witt, Dara Roberts, Marshall and Maverick Counts, Mark Leroue, Jr.

Sept. 1: Leslie Yancey, Allison Huwe, Janis Huwe, Todd Hawkins, Ronald William Winnett, Travis Roberts, David Mahoney, Mathew Witt, Donna Thomas, Mrs. L.O. Gardner.

**Sept. 2:** Bob Wright, Marjorie Lowe, Kirk Huwe, Sherry Cook, Jordan Ely, Darlene Damm.

### A PROUD TRADITION

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

The Times publishes news and information about Walla Walla and Columbia counties and their communities. We have offices located in both Waitsburg and Dayton.

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## **GOP** senator from Washington, dies at 92

☐ lade Gorton who served as a U.S. Senator from Washington state from 1981 to 1987, and again from 1989 to 2001, has died on Aug.19 in Seattle. He was 92. He had a 40-year career representing Washington state as a centrist Republican. He served in the state legislature, as the state attorney general and a three term U.S. senator.

Mr. Gorton was born in Chicago, Ill to the New England family that started the well-known frozen fish company. He served in the Army near the end of World War II and later the Air Force after college. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Dartmouth College in 1950 and received a law degree from Columbia University in 1953

He moved to Seattle in 1956 where he entered into Republican politics. Two years later, he was elected to the state legislature, where he served for 10 years. He later served three terms as state attorney general. Gorton was known for his aggressive consumer-protection battles as attorney general and for going to federal court to end SeaWorld's capture of orcas in Puget Sound. In the 1970s, he was among the first Republican officeholders to call on President

Slade Gorton

Richard M. Nixon to resign for his role in the Watergate scandal. After leaving the U.S. Senate, he served on the 9/11 Commission and on the National Commission on Federal Election Reform, as well as numerous civic boards and campaigns.

Democratic Sen. Patty Murray (Wash.), who overlapped with Mr. Gorton in the Senate, said they didn't always agree, but still worked together to strengthen clean-up efforts at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Washington state, toughen pipeline safety standards and expand health care for children.

Throughout his career in both Washingtons, Slade defied convenient labels and stood on principle-we need more leaders in our country like Slade," said Mur-

Mr. Gorton was instrumental in Seattle having a professional baseball team, suing Major League Baseball in the 1970s to force it to bring a team to the city. In 1991 he arranged a deal to have Nintendo's owner and local investors buy the Mariners to keep the team in Seattle.

His wife of  $5\bar{5}$  years, the former Sally Clark, died in 2013. Survivors include three children and several grandchildren.

## Slade Gorton, patrician | Dayton School Board report

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton School Board met Wednesday, August 19, for a regularly scheduled meeting. As the district prepares to welcome students back to in-person classes, they are adjusting their protocols and procedures to stay aligned with the Department of Health recommendations.

Principal Kristina Brown began her report by thanking the school board for being patient with staff and administration as they prepare for the school's opening. The district is anticipating a 'Red and Gold' schedule. Students will rotate class periods throughout the week to ensure a safe, socially distanced learning experi-

Brown said that she had asked teachers to prepare a distance-learning plan by August 25, to be ready if the district has to move to a distance learning model at any point in the year. As of Wednesday, the district had 13 students registered for full-time distance learning. Students enrolled in the distance learning model will likely take courses through Apex Learning and will take classes that align with the school's required credits. The school is developing a safe plan to help distance-learning students with educational resources.

Superintendent Guy Strot reported that he was very impressed with how the teachers and staff are preparing for the school's reopening. Strot also requested teachers to have a distance-learning plan in place to be prepared for a closure.

The school will be doing a staggered start for its students. Day one, Tuesday, will be the first day for first, sixth, and ninth grades. Second, third, seventh, and tenth grades will start on Wednesday, and fourth, fifth, eighth and eleventh, twelfth grades will be on Thursday. Friday, all students will come back at once. Detailed schedules have been sent out to parents and caregivers.

Strot gave the board an update from the second community input meeting from earlier in the month. Thirty-five participants called into the Zoom meeting and voiced questions and concerns about teachers passing papers out and how to keep the kids safe. Strot said that participants brought up some great points that he had not thought of, and he was working with the appropriate committees to address the concerns.

Custodial and maintenance staff are currently moving hard-to-disinfect furniture, like the cloth chairs in the commons, to storage.

Paula Moisio reported that there had not been many changes to the Dayton School District's budget, but she said she was pleased with the way things were starting. She informed the board that there is a lot of funding that is up in the air right now, like transportation-related funds.

The board accepted Ag-Link's bid to provide oil and fuel to the Dayton School District. The board also approved a future surplus supply sale. The meeting adjourned after the action items were voted on.



Waitsburg community members given the opportunity to express concerns to Walla Walla Sheriff's **Department** 

### By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Walla Walla County Sheriff Mark Crider, Undersheriff Joe Klundt, and fifteen Waitsburg community members met in a virtual meeting on Tuesday, August 25, to discuss recent suspected criminal activity in the city.

Matthew Wyatt, who lives in the neighborhood where Skylar I. Glasby was arrested earlier this month on unlawful imprisonment and domestic violence charges, said now, more than ever, he fears for the safety of his family, and his community. Glasby was released earlier this week on a \$2,500 bail.

Wyatt also noted that he and his wife, Krystal, have received multiple, verified death threats, and had an incident where an individual was held at gunpoint in his yard for at least 20 minutes. The incident was not connected to the arrests that were made earlier this month but, is part of a series of events that has left the couple feeling unsafe in their own home.

Community members in attendance described drug transactions witnessed in front of their homes, at the fairgrounds and the school athletic fields. It was expressed by several attendees that the current uptick in crime and drug activity seems significantly different than in the past.

Many of the community's issues were connected with the renters at the fairgrounds, who have since vacated. City Councilman Jim Romine clarified that the city manager has been given explicit instructions that the fairgrounds R.V. area is only available for short-term rentals in the future. Only visitors' passing through,' like hunters, fairground event participants, City-contracted construction workers, or other temporary renters will be considered. The campsites will be available to visitors on a week-by-week basis only.

A resident near the fairgrounds spoke about a textchat neighborhood watch that has been monitoring the situation at the fairgrounds, going as far as getting photos of cars that had been 'rattle can' painted, license plates, and more. Crider said he 'wholeheartedly' endorsed the idea of a neighborhood watch, saying that it not only made people feel safer, but it also provided credible information needed to build a case against the individuals engaged in the suspicious activity. Former Councilmember, Kate Hockersmith asked if the sheriff's office should be notified if neighborhood watch groups are formed and Cryder said it was not necessary.

Sheriff Crider assured the call attendees that the

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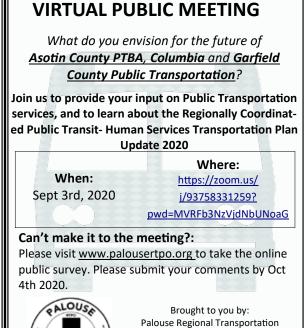
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actions taken so far have been the correct actions. Reporting suspicious activity, providing descriptions of cars, persons, and license plates (if able to obtain safely) provide details to build a case. Citizens should never take unnecessary risks in an effort to do the sheriff's job.

Crider said that the office sends three deputies out at once and they are spread thin over the county, making it difficult to respond to calls if they are not in the area. To ensure the quickest response, dispatch may contact other law enforcement departments, including Columbia County, to respond to an emergency if they are closer.

Sheriff Crider assured the call attendees that his office is very aware of the activities in Waitsburg, and encouraged everyone to continue reporting suspicious activity, giving as detailed information as safely possible- a description of a person, or a car (make, model, color), a description of the event, and where it took place. If there is an immediate emergency, dial 9-1-1. The Walla Walla County Non-Emergency line is (509) 524-1960.

Information can be reported to Undersheriff Joe Klundt at jklundt@county.walla-walla.wa.us.



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SIGNED THIS 22nd day of July, 2020, at Walla Walla, Washington, by:

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

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Case No. 20-4-00152-36 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030) In Re the Estate of FELIX S. DURAN Deceased.

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## LIFESTYLES

## Columbia County Public Transportation goes "XL"

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

avid Ocampo, General Manager at Columbia County Public Transportation (CCPT), is proud of what the agency has done over the years, but even prouder of the way it has found its niche during COVID-19. And now, to add to its unique role in the community, CCPT has added two new "XL Hybrid" vehicles to its fleet. XL stands for "extra large."

"Before COVID, on a really busy day, we were putting as much as 5,000 miles a month on a transit bus," Ocampo said. "We were running twelve round trips a day. Now we're doing four or five."

Nevertheless, CCPT has been able to run continuously, without interruption, as an essential service to the community. They can carry no more than five passengers in a bus at one time under current restric-

tions. The pandemic situation has forced CCPT to look at downsizing its fleet and running even more efficiently than before. Thus, the new hybrids, which replace two diesel buses.

Purchased with special grant funds from Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), each efficient hybrid is outfitted with a generator, located behind the transmission and in front of the rear axle. While running on longer trips, the generator charges the onboard battery, which takes over on shorter trips. "It translates to 25 percent less fuel consumption," said Ocampo. That also means a smaller carbon footprint. And they never have to be plugged in.

Currently, CCPT carries eight transit buses and seven carpool—or rideshare—vans. Of the eight buses, only a few are used at any one time. Of the seven rideshare vans, only three are currently being used, due to the reduction in demand by patrons working from home.

Along with the addition of the new hybrid vehicles, two of CCPT's larger, 14-passenger buses will be traded in for smaller vehicles for in-town use in Dayton. In contrast to current shuttles, which feature a wheelchair lift at the rear, the new buses will feature a lift and wheelchair station located at the front, with room for eight additional passengers.

Once a vehicle has reached its service limit, it can be declared surplus by the CCPT Board and listed for sale on the website www.publicsurplus.com. Ocampo has been surprised, at times, by the response. "One guy drove 300 miles to buy one," he said. The money is deposited back into CCPT's operational funds, which are primarily derived from state grants.



David Ocampo



Photos by Mike Ferrians

CCPT has added to its fleet with two new "XL Hybrid" vehicles.

CCPT continues to have a consistent base of customers, despite—or because of—COVID-19. While other Washington State agencies closed down for a month to save money, CCPT has remained open.

"I was amazed at the amount of help there's been to make sure everyone in the community is being taken care of," Ocampo said. "The seniors, the special needs, people who just need the service."

He's proud of the food delivery service that has been one of the high marks in CCPT's critical role during the pandemic. Food delivered from Blue Mountain Action Council (BMAC) is assembled by BMAC and National Guard troops at Columbia County Fairgrounds each Tuesday. CCPT then loads around 33 food packages and delivers them around Dayton and Starbuck. On Thursdays, CCPT delivers additional food to Starbuck for senior meals.

The agency is now operating with a skeleton crew, said Ocampo, so the need for volunteers to help deliver food is urgent. The food is assembled in boxes, which can be hefty. Nevertheless, they have the process down to a science and can complete the Dayton deliveries in about an hour. If you're interested in helping deliver food, please contact CCPT at (509) 382-2181.

# Whistling through the 'Wallouse'

Rock talk with an utterly amateur petrologist

By Terry Lawhead | THE TIMES

There are so many ways to appreciate the beauty of the wheat harvest. Each is a function of who you are—maybe a member of a farming family, perhaps a local person who respects what goes into the hard work of growing wheat, maybe an artist attempting to capture the beautiful landscape. Or maybe just a visitor stunned by the incredible views of fields and hills of our region at different times of the day. Maybe a bit of all those things.

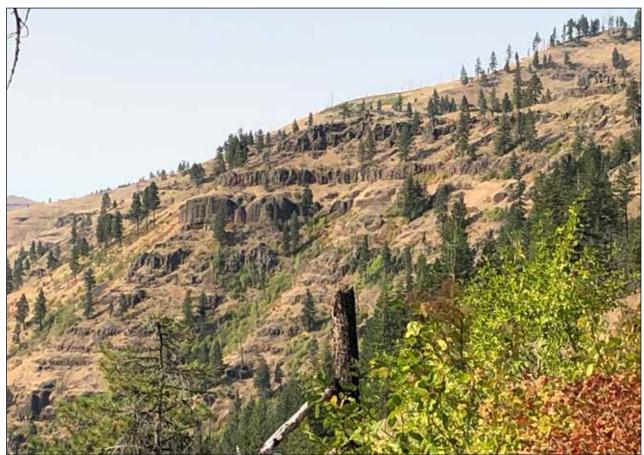
Although it may never quite get the kind of admiration the fertile soil and rolling hills of wheat get, I also like the basalt underneath it all.

Full disclosure: the miraculously famous fertile soil endlessly flowing beautifully throughout the seasons of the Palouse can, rarely but sometimes, be a bit monotonous. I can be hungry for a vista of rocks. Any rocks. Seeing a bump of basalt outcrop on a wheat field slope can feel a bit thrilling. A wall of basalt in a road cut can make me slow down to observe, whistling happily. A hilltop view of the dramatic canyons and peaks of the Blues near Waitsburg/Dayton from any of the many steep winding roads leaving the valley and splintering upward—Payne Hollow, Coppei Creek, Whiskey Creek, Robinette Mountain—mixing forests, fields, dramatic vertical dikes, shoulders and debris flow, make me grateful to be where I am.

A real downside for an utterly amateur petrologist is that much of the impossibly immense basalt fields beneath us are not easily visible. We only get glimpses from the outcrops, the walls, the uplifted arches, and the photogenic columns. The more one delves into the history of geology, using science and some imagination, the more compelling it can become.

Of course, the subject of basalt can be perceived as reasonably dull if one isn't already predisposed to enjoying rock structures and how they produce the foundation for...well, everything we do on the surface.

Our unique basalt underpinnings connect up to real true-blue marvels, including the Missoula Floods, the paths of local creeks and rivers, our region's wheat and grape productivity, and the thousands of years of the windblown ash and fine particles of soil that create the remarkable deep loess of the Palouse. Or, as Waitsburg photographer Bill Rodgers calls it around here, the Wallouse. He distinguishes the two different regions of the Lower Snake River Basin based on his perspectives as a landscape photographer, amateur



Terry Lawhead

Basalt giving the hillside texture at Grand Coulee in eastern Washington.

geographer, and retired geologist.

My children used to groan with boredom whenever we drove through the Channeled Scablands, and I would repeatedly stop and point out, with dad enthusiasm, landforms caused by the floods. I remain a scabland dork whenever I get to visit the area, though, forcinated by all of it

fascinated by all of it.

Arriving in the northern Palouse in the 1970s, I immediately considered the landscape as a second home, and my love for it has never changed. I was young and worked for wheat farmers, hay producers, and loggers. There is a word "topophilia," expressing one's preference for a particular place because it makes one feel at home. I moved away for many years, but finally returning and driving up in a U-Haul from the south, I came into the Wallouse and burst into tears. I had underestimated my homesickness for this countryside.

If you are hiking the steep canyons of the Grand Ronde, Tucannon (look for the huge glacial erratics—boulders deposited in the Lower Tucannon by ice chunks during the Missoula Floods), John Day, Umatilla, and Walla Walla Rivers you may get to see metamorphic and igneous rocks 145-million years old buried by the unimaginable floods of basaltic lava flows. Time is an impossible concept when considering rocks of any age. Most of the basalt beneath us came from eruptions around 14.5 to 16-million years ago from fissures along the borders of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, generated by the same crazily dangerous mantle plume now called the Yellowstone Caldera steadily moving east with tectonic plate activities.

In my imagination, I try to size the entire mass below us but always fail. Some scientist came up with a figure of 48,800 cubic miles (a cube, 37-miles long along each edge) of solid basalt beneath our corner of North America, a block of rock that we are only offered glimpses in the wheat fields and canyon slopes. If we imagined removing the topsoil we could sense the magnitude easily and see the innumerable intricate faults and broad folds—some generating massive hills, plains, and valleys—that ripple outward from the original ancient fissures and shaped by tectonics but, without the lovely earth, it would quickly be as unbearable as standing on the moon.

One last anecdote may be known by many, Steptoe Butte is the thousand-foot tip of a major mountain, composed of 400-million-year-old quartzite and related to Rocky Mountain uplifting, inundated by lava which solidified into basalt as it cooled. A lot of basalt down there! Kinda cool.

There's so much interesting information about the history of the deposition of the glamorous and unique loess soil, and I encourage you to look it up if you have an interest. Also, for anybody wanting more about local geology, the books by Robert Carson and others on the Blue Mountains are beautiful and entertaining page-turners. Rodgers and other photographers, artists, and writers are wonderfully presented in these books. Customers enjoying coffee and sandwiches at Ten Ton Café in Waitsburg can find the books available for a look; then buy them from the Blue Mountain Land Trust (www.BMLT.org). They are keepers and open your eyes and hearts to our region.

## **SPORTS**

## MLB American League Leaders

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L. Lynn	TEX	1.59	K. Lewis	SEA	.368	R. Dobnak	MIN	5	J. Abreu	CHW	11
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Dylan Moore	78	16	22	5	10	7	.282	.364	.902	+0.8
Kyle Seager	103	16	30	5	23	14	.291	.377	.892	+0.5
Austin Nola	84	12	25	4	16	4	.298	.344	.868	+0.6
J.P. Crawford	108	16	24	0	6	14	.222	.315	.583	+0.3
Evan White	91	7	13	5	15	7	.143	.210	.562	-0.3
Shed Long Jr.	96	7	16	1	5	9	.167	.238	.488	-0.5
D. Vogelbach	53	3	5	2	4	11	.094	.250	.476	-0.6
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### **STANDINGS**

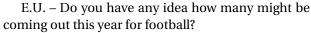
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## An interview with Troy Larsen

Changes to seasons and sports programs for local high school sports discussed

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

Head football coach Troy Larsen was kind enough to talk to me this past Sunday evening about the upcoming high school sports year. What follows is part of our conversation.



T.L. – I do not. We didn't have spring football, so usually, that's a barometer. And then I get to see all the freshmen that are coming up. We missed out on all of that, and without school, I wasn't able to have my spring meeting with all the kids. We are kind of sitting here up in the air. It would be nice to know.

E.U. – How many did you have last year?

T.L. – We were up and around thirty-two to thirty-seven at different times. We had a good group last year. Graduated eight seniors, so I'm expecting we will have at least thirty out this year.

E.U. – Yeah, I thought things started to come together for you late in the season. T.L. - Yeah, we started playing so much better and started to figure it out. So, I mean, this is just a gut blow. The kids were so excited about spring football, and it

never happened. E.U. - Does the Safe/Start phase we are in have anything to do with when football can be played and what it is going to look like?

T.L. – No. The State of WIAA (Washington Interscholastic Activities Association) executive committee came to some conclusions a couple of weeks ago, and they went to a four-season year. The first season was supposed to start in September.

That would have been like cross-country, diving, and maybe competitive cheerleading. A couple of the sports like slow-pitch softball got moved back to season three. Football and volleyball got moved back to season three. There is nothing in season one that would have been the normal fall sports. Season two will be basketball and wrestling, and those will start in January. They get January and February for their season. Season three will be football, volleyball, cross-country. That will begin in March and April. But because football is a different sport with contact, we can start practicing February 17 if our county is in phase three.

E.U. - Has there been any talk of playing without fans depending on restrictions from the State's Safe/Start program?

T.L. - We have not heard any of that to this point yet. So far, they just put together the seasons if we can get to phase three by the end of September. There is a no coaching period now through September 27; starting September 28, they might allow offseason practices. So like spring football, our summer programs might be able to have a November/December season. It would end on December 30. It would be September 28 to November 30 could be an offseason coaching period, but again you've got to get to phase three.

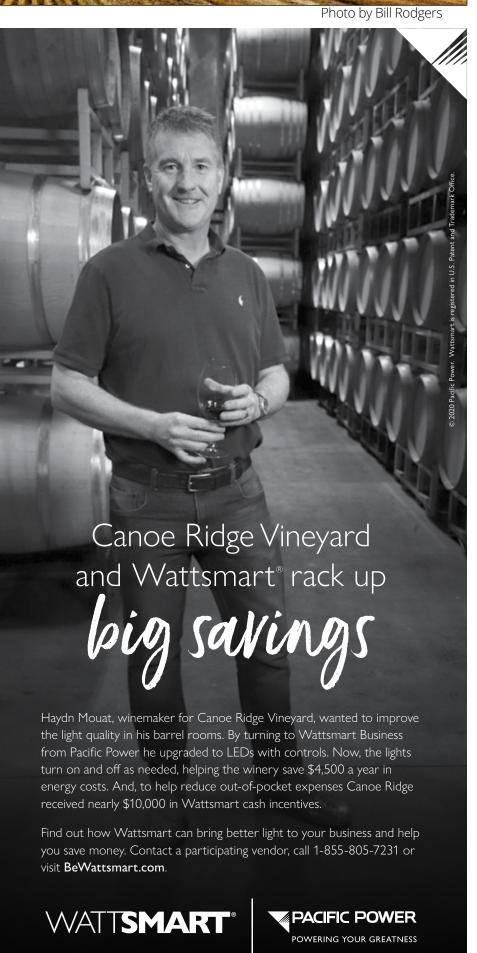
E.U. – Have you spoken with any of the coaches from the other schools about

T.L. - No. What we've done so far is because of the shortened season. It typically would be seventy percent of the season. You figure you would wipe out your pre-season games and go just for the league games, and we would probably get six or seven games. All that still needs to be figured out.

E.U. - You would still have games against teams from the local counties (Walla Walla, Columbia), correct?

T.L. – Yeah, the way it is set up right now is Tri-Cities/Yakima are the other two counties where our other teams are from, and they are way worse off than we are. Everybody is a little different based on what phase they are in.





## **LIFESTYLES**

## Gardener's Grove: What not to do

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

ardening is inherently humbling. Perhaps this is because a gardener is an architect and a janitor, literally in the dirt with earwigs and ants crawling alongside as one attempts to render a masterpiece.

Anytime I invite someone into my garden, I lead with a disclaimer. "Mistakes have been

made," I say, "good plants have died here." Most recently, we said goodbye to a tomato plant. It's fallen over three times now. The fruits that have come off it tend to have rotten spots and represent an excess that is more demanding than helpful at this time. Out and off it goes. If you're keeping track, we're down to one cherry tomato plant, one patio tomato,

and one beefsteak, which is more than enough for

someone who "doesn't like tomatoes."

One goes out, two come in. Now that word is out about my agricultural adventures and proclivity for plants, unexpected vegetation of all kinds have made their way into my care. Next year, I'll know to leave some room in the garden for the ones I never planned to plant.

Embrace seed saving. Don't buy the same seeds over and over again if you don't have to. For sunflowers, use a sachet to protect and capture seeds. The sheer quality of the material allows in light and nutrients without the pesky birds getting their beaks in there. The drawstring makes for easy installation and collection.



Here's a bit of advice I intend to take myself. Why? Well, because someone (I) had no idea that I was watching perfectly lovely sweet corn come and go without ever tasting it. It didn't look ready at all until it was too late. It was only because one of the stalks started to droop and look a little malnourished that I took a chance at trying it at all. Shucks. Turns out it was a starchy mess. At least there'll be plenty of corn seed kernels for next year's crop.

At my house, seed packets live in an odd-shaped box sitting upright like recipe cards. They are stored in the same order as they are planted in the garden rows, so details about any plant can be found quickly. (And so I could listlessly flip through them, admiring their pictures as I waited for their counterparts in the ground to grow.) All the seeds I'm collecting from my garden, however, are scattered to the wind. Ziplock baggies strewn about with permanent marker scrawl-

A better idea is to store seeds in a tackle box, or bead storage box with many compartments. It might be a good idea to create a catalog to accompany the box so that other relevant information such as planting depth, or ideal soil conditions, can be wrangled into one place.



Photos by Brianna Wray

Left: Sunflower seed saving is simple with sachets. Say that five times fast. Sachet purchased from Joann Fabrics. Above: Use a bead box or fishing tackle box to store seeds for next season.

No glove, no love. I've all but given up on gardening gloves. I tried heavy duty rose gardening gloves that went up to the elbow; they got holes in the finger seams within two uses. I tried those cute ones with little leaves printed on them, also to no avail.

It's as though mulch is designed to breach regular gardening gloves and dispense microscopic splinters. Oh no. Catch me outside with construction glovessomething with rhino lining that closes up tight around the wrist. If you're in the hardware store wondering where all the size smalls went, I bought them all. Trust me, they've been put to good use!

### Watermelon grow challenge update:

Dayton museums

The Dayton Historic Depot and the Boldman

House Museum are re-opening. Starting Wednes-

day, August 26, the Depot will be open from 10 a.m.

until 5 p.m. The Boldman House Museum will be

open Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. until 1

and employees, the museum will be managing

visits a bit differently. For a tour of either muse-

um, call (509)382-2026 for an appointment. Due

to tight quarters in the buildings, only one social

group will be admitted at a time, and masks are

required. Once inside, you will be provided with a

self-guided tour and a docent will be available to

answer your questions. They hope to see you soon.

To accommodate health concerns of the guests

p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

We started with seven large fruits, but it seems

only one fruit per vine is surviving.

Of our two Ali Baba watermelon plants, the unrestricted one has grown several, while the barstool trellis experiment plant has only one fruit nestled between the legs of the stool.

I downloaded an infographic watermelon ripeness guide, but it doesn't help with the specific melons I'm growing. Instead, I used the "sproingy thump" method and picked one to try. It was sweet and juicy. They have a lot of seeds in there. Maybe next year I'll try a seedless variety.



### Pumpkin grow challenge update:

After months and weeks, I finally have something to show. Three little pumpkin sprouts have been transplanted to the furthest rows in the garden, affectionately known as "the back forty."

### **Instagram/Facebook community:**

I started @green\_thumb\_black as a place to dump all the photos and lessons learned in the dirt without overcrowding my everyday feed, but it's turned into one of my favorite things. Virtually connecting and learning from other cultivators is a true delight.

People say I have a green thumb, but it's still magic to me. And I've had just as much head-scratching confusion and plant deaths as successes. There are so many factors to consider: soil amendments, nutrients, sunlight, water, watering techniques, etc. It really helps to have a community of growers to reach out to in the (very likely) event that something goes awry.

We've grown, not just flowers and vegetables, but also friends and fellowship! Special thanks to Susan Tarver, who recently shared her garden progress. She's got pumpkins climbing neighboring plants' trellises, proving that mine aren't the only unwieldy ones.

Thanks to Noelle Croteau at Dusty Britches Farm for sharing her bounty and expertise. Speaking of expertise, it was only thanks to Bill Rodgers' corn skills that I realized after posting my corn experience that it wasn't so much premature as it was past its prime. There's always more to learn!

## Washington Museums reopening safely

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Gov. Jay Inslee today announced and updated guidance as part of Washington's Safe Start phased reopening plan.

"We have worked with stakeholders for weeks and sometimes months to arrive at these guidelines. We continue to balance the need for activities that contribute to physical, mental, and emotional well-being with the steps needed to control the virus. Our ability to reopen depends on every Washingtonian doing their part to ensure fewer, shorter, and safer interactions," said Inslee.

These guidelines allow museums in Phase 2 counties to operate as long as they meet certain requirements. Museums in Phase 3 counties would be required to lower occupancy.

Museums are permitted to operate, provided all requirements are met. The museum must adopt a written procedure for operation that is at least as strict as the state's safety and health requirements.

"This has come not a moment too soon. Many of our museums were on the brink of disaster," said Karen Hanan, Executive Director of the Washington State Arts Commission (ArtsWA). "Because of social distancing requirements, the arts and culture sector has been severely impacted by the pandemic. Many in our sector will be among the last to fully reopen. With a safety plan in place, museums and galleries will be ready to open their doors."

In April, Hanan put out a call to museum leaders across the state who represented the wide diversity of the sector. The mission was to devise safe reopening plans for museums applicable to Phases 2 and 3. The sector responded immediately, and the resulting working group began writing a safety plan that all museums and galleries could use.

Museums in all phases are working to ensure strict adherence to all measures established by the Governor's guidance, the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) Coronavirus (COVID-19) Prevention: General Requirements and Prevention Ideas for Workplaces, and the Washington State Department of Health Workplace and Employer Resources & Recommendations (DOH). Stay up to date on industry guidance from the American Alliance of Mu-

### American Alliance of Museums Preparing to Reopen

### American Alliance of Museums Considerations for Museum Reopening

- All patrons over the age of 2 must wear cloth face coverings in accordance with the order from Washington State Secretary of Health.
- Museums may operate exhibits and galleries; total capacity is limited to 25 percent. Individual rooms shall be monitored periodically to ensure they are not

above 25 percent capacity.

- All exhibits that allow touching surfaces must be signed with "No Touching" or employ touchless alternatives such as touchless tools or touch keys that can be cleaned, disinfected, and reused.
- Utilize online or phone reservation systems with timed ticketing, if possible, to allow prepay and to limit interactions. In the absence of time ticketing, use staggered entry to control capacity limits.
  - Galleries must allow for a one-way traffic-flow of patrons through the facility.
- Regularly sanitize countertops, doorknobs, other common surfaces, cash registers, kiosks, and other frequently touched surfaces, including employee used equipment.
- Install signage to discourage group congregation, or to limit numbers of people in a certain area.
  - Provide hand sanitizer to patrons.
    - Ensure restrooms are frequently cleaned and appropriately sanitized throughout the day.
    - Food and beverage services must conform to all Phase 2 dine-in food service guidelines. Gift shops must conform to all Phase 2 retail guidelines.
      - No events allowed.

### Phase 3

- Same guidelines as Phase 2 but capacity now allowed at 50%.
- Food and beverage services must conform to all Phase 3 dine-in food service guidelines. Gift shops must conform to all Phase 3 retail guidelines.
- Events allowed limited to the current participant limit for social gatherings in Phase 3.

In addition to the agreed-upon statewide reopening plan, individual museums, art galleries, and interpretive centers are adopting their plans specific to their organizations.

"Our communities need their museums to ground and connect them, to provide meaningful education opportunities, access and are for our children, and in times of social upheaval to help bring people together to create shared understandings and common community goals," said Keni Sturgeon, Executive Director of the Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center. "It is a positive step forward that our state's museums can now safely reopen and re-engage with communities who so need that right now."

Gov. Inslee's original press release can be found here: https://www.governor. wa.gov/news-media/inslee-issues-guidance-museums-bowling-and-agritourism-updates-guidance-outdoor

The full list of guidelines can be found here: https://www.governor.wa.gov/ sites/default/files/COVID19%20Phase%202%20and%203%20Museums%20 Guidance.pdf?utm\_medium=email&utm\_source=govdelivery

## **LIFESTYLES**

## First free "Little Library" installed by the Friends of the Dayton **Memorial Library**



DAYTON—The Friends of the Dayton Memorial Library have installed their first free Little Library in the courtyard of the Historic Dayton Depot Museum.

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

Books for children and adults stocked in the Little Library are provided by the Friends of the Library. The books come from donation and from library books which have not sold in their book sales.

People who take a book can also leave a book. The main goal is to get books into the hands of the public and let them travel among readers instead of being stored or discarded.

Free Little Libraries are planned for Starbuck, Lyons Ferry, and The Last Resort.

The mission of the Friends of the Dayton Memorial Library is to support the Columbia County Rural Library District, its patrons, staff, to support library and community outreach programs, services and facilities; to enrich the lives of Columbia County residents by advocating the use of the Dayton Memorial Library through fundraising efforts which include book sales, gifts, memorials, and endowments. For more information visit the website at friendsdml.org.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

### **Ten Years Ago**

### **September 15, 2011**

[Headline] Daytonites: You Own It, You Fix It. Council wants households to pay for "side sewer"

Waitsburg resident Jane Butler, age 90, has deep family roots in the Touchet Valley through her husband, Bob. Butler has lived in town for about 50 years, non-consecutively, and is being honored for her family history with the Pioneer of the Year award from the Waitsburg Historical Society. "I feel honored," Butler said of the award.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Kovach of Bellevue, Wash. and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beaudry of Post Falls, Idaho, announce the engagement of their daughter Jillian Evona Beaudry to Dane C. Henze, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Henze of Aberdeen, Wash.

### **Twenty-Five Years Ago**

### August 31, 1995

It was a sad tune when, some time ago, this newspaper informed readers that they were out of luck finding someone to give piano lessons in Waitsburg. Now, the music has changed. Beginning September 5, Charlotte Eaton of Dayton plans to be in Waitsburg one day a week to give piano lessons. She plans to teach both children and adults, from beginner to more advanced.

It appears the business of growth management in Waitsburg is back, what with members of the City Council meeting last week—for the first time in months—with county planners to talk about reviving work on the city's Growth Management Plan. The last word was that county planners were going to "get back" with city leaders about how to proceed.

### **Fifty Years Ago September 10, 1970**

### [Photo caption] One young lady took home an armful of awards from the livestock judging at the Southeastern Washington Fair was Terri Conover of Waitsburg. This fine Hereford steer was the champion of the show as well as the champion sale steer. In addition, Terri was a winner in the Fitting and Showing competition. It was a great weekend for this Wait-Hi sophomore.

Don Minnick, dean of Student Services at Walla Walla Community College, was featured speaker as the Waitsburg Lions Club opened its set of fall meetings last Tuesday.

Spec. 4 Larry Bunton received a 2 1/2" deep wound in his hip last week while serving in Vietnam. He is confined to a hospital there, and in a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Villard Thomas of Waitsburg, reported that he was able to be up and about. He was wounded on August 24, and his letter indicated that he would rejoin his company in about 3-4 weeks. This is the third time that Bunton has been

Wheat growers will have two new varieties to consider when they start drilling soft white winter wheat this fall. They are Paha—a soft white winter club wheat, and Luke—a semihard soft white common winter wheat.

### **Seventy-Five Years Ago September 17, 1945**

Wayne McCoy, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A.M. McCoy, left Wednesday morning for Madison, Wsc. where he will enter the State University and take the four-year course in structural engineering.

G.M. Lloyd, local democratic wheel-horse, went to Spokane last Thursday, where he met the Gov. Cox special train and accompanied it to Walla Walla Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. M.B. Buroker returned home Tuesday from Starbuck, where they have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. C.F. Actor, and family during the past week.

### One Hundred Years Ago **September 14, 1920**

Ceremonies for the marking of the Lewis and Clark and Clark Trail will be held October 10 in all communities located on the original. Markers are being installed in each town by the American Pioneer Trails Association from Astoria, Oregon, to the mouth of the Missouri, near St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Penner and Mrs. and Mrs. Dick Young returned Monday evening from a few days fishing trip.

Marvin Barnes chopped his thumb so severely with an axe last Saturday that it was necessary to have it amputated at St. Mary Hospital.

### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

### **September 20, 1895**

It is now, apparently, an assured fact that Waitsburg will be lighted by electricity before another carpet of snow covers the earth.

It is no longer fashionable to turn your trousers up at the bottom. That fashion was too foolish to last long.

William Mitchell last Wednesday sold his city residence on Coppei Avenue to Mrs. N. B. Denny, who takes possession immediately. Consider-

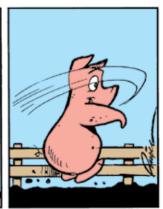
The residence of Ben Hunt, Jr. in Huntsville was destroyed by fire last Tuesday, about one o'clock. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it was well underway when discovered. By well-directed efforts and furniture downstairs was saved, but nothing from upstairs could be reached.

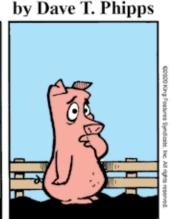
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**Amber Waves** 

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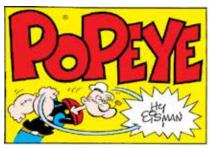




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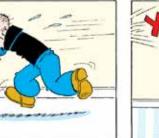


















## **FUN & GAMES**

### **Super** Crossword

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### TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

## **Creamy Cauliflower** Egg Salad

nother one I didn't make, and probably won't as it has sour cream, but it got 5 stars. Some of the reviews mentioned adding bacon and cheese, and more seasonings. I'm sure like most salads, you can make it to your own liking. Even fresh tomatoes would be good in it or beside it.

I think it would make a good sandwich also, with fresh broccoli

sprouts.



### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 large head cauliflower, cut into small chunks
- 4 ea hard boiled eggs (or more to taste) chopped
- 1 c. creamy salad dressing (such as Miracle Whip)
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 4 ea green onions, chopped
- 1/4 c. sour cream
- 2 Tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 1 tsp white sugar
- 1 pinch salt and grown black pepper to taste.

### **DIRECTIONS:**

Place cauliflower into a microwave-safe bowl, cover, and cook in microwave oven until tender, about 7 minutes (less if you don't use the whole head). Uncover and cool for 5 minutes

Stir eggs, creamy salad dressing, celery, green onions, sour cream, apple cider vinegar, sugar, salt, and black pepper in a bowl until thoroughly combined. Mix cauliflower into dressing. Chill at least 1 hour before serving.

### **MY NOTES:**

If you make it, please share if you did anything different.

How do you make your hard boiled eggs? I boil them for 10 minutes, then cover the pan, turn off the heat, and let them sit for another 10 minutes (or until I remember them). Then rinse with cold water. They never get over done and rubbery—in my opinion.



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# Coreopsis

Also known as "tickseed" or "tickweed," this perennial herb is native to almost all of North America. It does very well against drought and diseases, and fertilizing is not needed. It grows to about 12 inches tall, with bright yellow flowers that attract bees and butterflies all summer long. After the first hard frost, cut the plants down to soil level and cover with a 1-inch layer of mulch to protect the plant over the winter. - Brenda Weaver

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## Weekly **SUDOKU**

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### by Linda Thistle

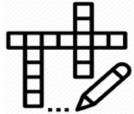
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### **PARTICIPANTS IN 2020 SHERWOOD TRUST COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

### THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Sherwood Trust is convening a group of community-minded leaders of all experience levels for its 2020 Community Leadership program. The program begins in September and culminates in the summer of 2021 with a collaborative project.

This year, the program will be online, with 45 people participating. Meet the 2020 Community Leadership program participants below.

Alayna Brinton, Ali Rodgers, Alicia Western, Amy Watkins, Ana Aguilar, Anastasia Curtis, Angie Peters, April Martinez, Candi Walmsley, Catalina Garza, Chris Hyland, Christian Moreno, Cia Cortinas, Daniel Solis, Dewann Bach, Eiledon McClellan, Elisha Pritchett, Elizabeth Chamberlain, Gavin Osegueda, Groover Snell, Jacqueline Lonning, Jamie Van Wormer, Jim Pearson, Jose Vera, Karen Carman, Katelyn Reseck, Laura Dixson, Linda Scott, Lucia Ramirez, Lynda Oosterhuis, Madison Richardson, Magnus Frederickson, Maria Garcia, Mary Kennedy, Matthew Nelson, Michael Woolson, Nadine Stecklein, Rey Cooley, Rhonda Gould, Shelly Rasmussen, Steve Lenz, Tamara Paul, Tim Sullivan, Toluwanim Oyefeso, Tracev Edwards

Trainers will be Becky Waggoner-Schwartz and Christian Velasquez-Rivera.

The Community Leadership Program has for 16 years strengthened local leadership and community-building abilities with a hands-on, interactive program to develop leadership and community-building skills for Walla Walla Valley residents. In collaboration with Rural Development Initiatives Inc. (RDI) in Eugene, Oregon, this skill-based learning program focuses on developing community and organizational leadership skills of people in the Walla Walla Valley. There is no cost to participants.

Sherwood Trust's Community Leadership program is open to all Walla Walla Valley residents regardless of leadership experience. "COVID has exposed deep systemic inequalities, particularly racial inequality," said Sherwood Trust Program Director Julia Leavitt, "now more than ever, we need to work together for the common good. I look forward to learning from this group of local leaders. We have a group of people who are talented as well as diverse in many ways, including leadership and life experience, age, race, gender, and more."

Sherwood Trust is a private, placed-based foundation that supports capacity-building to ensure that everyone in the Walla Walla Valley has a sense of belonging and contributes to a thriving region. Founded in 1991 to continue the legacy of Donald and Virginia Sherwood's efforts to make the Walla Walla Valley a better place, it has invested more than \$32 million to strengthen nonprofits and improve communities here.

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### **Progress made on the Rattlesnake** Fire, in the Pomeroy Ranger District

THE TIMES

PENDLETON—On Monday morning, the Northern Rockies Incident Management Team (IMT) 3, took command of the 400-acre Rattlesnake Fire, located approximately 20 miles south of Pomerov.

Firefighters initiated suppression efforts on Sunday afternoon. A twelve-person crew was transported to the fire by helicopter to begin building containment lines along the southwestern edge of the fire. Two helicopters supported ground resources by dropping water on the fire to slow the spread and cool down hot

Fire behavior was low to moderate on Sunday evening with the most activity in the southeast and northwest edges of the fire.

When first reported on Wed. Aug. 19, the blaze was burning in grass, brush, and timber with downed trees, a quarter-mile south of the Panjab campground in the Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness.

By Tuesday, Aug. 25, the fire had grown to 400 acres, upslope toward the south between two steep ridges within the 2006 Columbia Complex fire scar.

Resources have been stretched thin due to a large number of fires across the region due to lightning strikes, according to Darcy Weseman, Umatilla National Forest Public Affairs Officer.

Initially, one firefighter was monitoring the fire from a lookout across the Tucannon drainage. Crews also patrolled the area to identify potential containment features such as ridgelines or roads, for a suppression strategy.

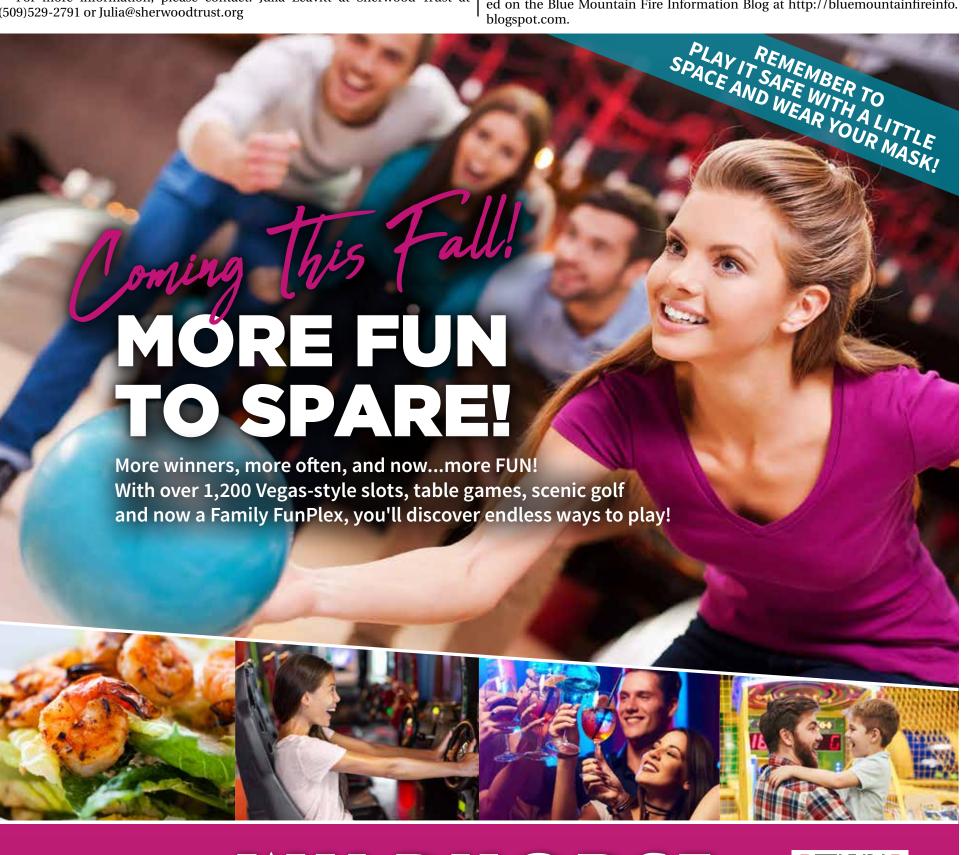
Weseman said access was difficult due to the steep, rugged terrain and also because of flood damage to roads within the Tucannon watershed.

The Pomeroy Ranger District began to actively engage the fire on Saturday, using two helicopters to drop water to slow the spread and cool down hot spots. At the same time, contractors with heavy equipment, and local forest engineers turned their attention to repairing the approach to the Little Tucannon Bridge, on Forest Service Road (FSR) 47, and FSR 47, which had been damaged in the February Flood. Work on the bridge has been completed, and work on opening the road up to the Panjab campground is underway. A twenty-person crew will hike into the fire when the road has been restored.

The U.S. Forest Service has implemented a temporary road and trail closure surrounding the fire for public safety.

Fire officials are warning the public that current fire danger remains at HIGH, and Public Use Restriction involving chain saw use is in effect. Hot and dry conditions are expected to persist throughout the week.

For more information regarding restrictions, contact the Umatilla National Forest information hotline at (807) 958-9663. The latest fire information is posted on the Blue Mountain Fire Information Blog at http://bluemountainfireinfo. blogspot.com.







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