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Kate Hockersmith

Left: A photograph from the House Collection capturing a snowball fight outside the Capitol in 1923, a tradition for House and Senate Pages.

Right: A young John Hockersmith standing tall in front of the Capitol as he, like many area students, visited Washington D.C. to learn about our democracy.

## Where is the District 2 fire chief?

THE TIMES

This past week, it has been noticed that the newly hired fire chief for Columbia-Walla Walla (CCWW) County Fire District 2 has been missing. Waitsburg residents have noticed an increase in activity at the local fire station on Main St. since Michael Moynihan joined Fire District 2.

The new Chief made a good first impression on local building owners who are aware of the fire-fighting vulnerabilities of 120-year-old commercial buildings that share walls. The sight of new volunteers and multiple training sessions, reported on by *The Times*, has increased confidence that the Fire Department is working to stay current on recruitment and training.

This past week the white District Chief truck has not been parked in its now-familiar space in front of the station. The Chief, who made a point of reaching out to residents, has not been seen at the station or out in the community.

Persons connected to the District reached out anonymously to inform *The Times* that Moynihan had been put on administrative leave and would not be back. *The Times* was not able to contact Moynihan for this article.

*The Times* reached out to the District to find out the current status of the recent hire. Commissioner Jake Long said there would be no comment ahead of the upcoming Commissioners' meeting.

Commissioner Randy Charles stated he was not included in deciding to place the new Chief on administrative leave and had no information. He is expecting to learn the full story at the Jan. 13 Commissioners' meeting. Charles encourages any concerned residents to attend the Zoom call meeting this month and every month.

"I think the more the public attends our meetings and the city council meetings, the healthier it is. Things should be transparent and above board," said Charles about overall public involvement in official meetings. "I know it's hard right now. It's not perfect, it never is. We do Zoom, City Council has conference calls, but citizen involvement is very important."



Lane Gwinn

## One woman's story about her journey with COVID-19

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Elizabeth Jagelski is known for being a vivacious, musically gifted person with a kind heart. She has contributed her directorial expertise to six of the Touchet Valley Art Council (TVAC) theater productions and her acting skills 13 times. She is also a devoted music teacher at Berney Elementary in Walla Walla.

To say she has not been herself lately would be putting it mildly. She, her 72-year-old husband, Tom, and her 89-year-old father, Juan Arebalos, have all been infected with, treated for, and survived COVID-19.

The week before Thanksgiving, Tom had some business to do in Walla Walla. Jagelski said he wore his mask inside and used the sanitizer provided to customers. Even so, five days later, he was experiencing "excruciating" back pain and felt "awful," going to bed earlier than usual that evening.

The following day, he went to the Columbia County Family Clinic in Dayton, where he tested positive for COVID-19. He was prescribed cough medication and sent home to quarantine.

Five days later, Jagelski took her father from the upstairs living room to the bathroom downstairs when his legs gave out. He has been cared for in the family home since suffering a stroke in 2019.

"We were able to get him to bed that evening," she said. "The next day, we took him to the hospital to be checked. We knew it was either COVID-19 or maybe another stroke. We weren't sure, but there was a drastic physical change."

He was diagnosed with COVID-19 at Dayton General Hospital, admitted, placed on oxygen, and treated with dexamethasone, hydroxychloroquine, and a blood thinner.

Jagelski said she was working in her classroom at Berney Elementary at the end of the first week in December when a feeling of fatigue and "brain fog" washed over her.

"It was the weirdest mental sensation," she said. "Brain fog feels like you aren't sure if you are awake, imagining, or dreaming. You can't concentrate."

Her husband was out of quarantine and with her when this happened, and he had to drive them home. When they got home, she said she walked down the driveway to get the mail but couldn't catch her breath.

"I kept stopping while bending over and trying to get some air," she said. "The only experience I have had like this was when I was little and swimming. I would hold my breath underwater too long and would come up gasping for air."

She said she went to bed feeling "awful." The next morning, she went to the emergency room at Dayton General Hospital, where she tested positive for COVID-19 and was diagnosed with pneumonia.



Michael Luce

Elizabeth Jagelski in the role of Mother at the Liberty Theater production of Christmas Story.

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# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

## NEWS BRIEFS

### PURSUIT ENDS IN ARREST NEAR WAITSBURG

Joseph A. Abbott was booked into Walla Walla County Jail last week

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—A Walla Walla man was arrested last week near Waitsburg after leading law enforcement on a chase from Columbia County.

On January 7, 2021, at approximately 7:30 p.m., Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office responded to the 500 block of Bolles Road, near Waitsburg, to assist the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and Washington State Patrol in locating a suspect that fled on foot from a stolen vehicle.

The suspect, Joseph A. Abbott, 25, of Walla Walla, led law enforcement officers on a pursuit through Columbia County before crashing the stolen vehicle near Waitsburg. According to the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office, Abbott attempted to flee up a creek but was snuffed out by Walla Walla Police Department's K-9 Farel.

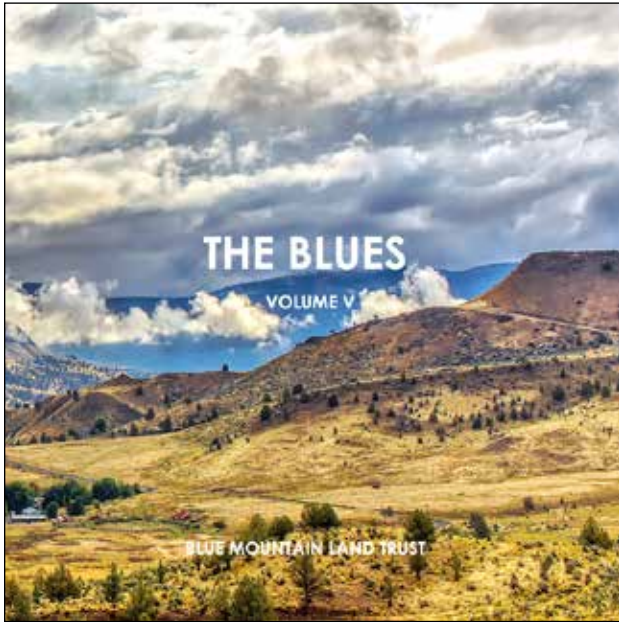
Abbott was booked into the Walla Walla County Jail for investigation of possession of a stolen vehicle, driving with a suspended license (third degree), eluding a law enforcement vessel (watercraft), and a Department of Corrections violation.

### PUBLIC URGED TO ATTEND UPCOMING FIRE, CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg community members are encouraged to attend this month's Columbia-Walla Walla County Fire District 2 Fire Commissioners meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Call information is available by emailing [clerkfire2@hotmail.com](mailto:clerkfire2@hotmail.com).

Fire Commissioner meetings are typically held on the third Wednesdays each month, at 7 p.m.

The Waitsburg City Council also meets the third Wednesday of the month, at 7 p.m., via conference call. Call-in information is available at [www.cityofwaitsburg.com](http://www.cityofwaitsburg.com).



Courtesy photo

### BMLT OFFERS THE BLUES V

THE TIMES

*The Blues V, John Day Country* by the Blue Mountain Land Trust is the fifth book in their series area landscape photography. The edition features dramatic landscapes of the John Day River Basin and surrounding areas. Volume Five contains 30 images of the mountains, canyons, lakes, rivers, prairies, ranches, and the gorgeous John Day Formation, which contributes so significantly to many of the unique landscapes of this magnificent chunk of geography—featuring photography by Bill Rodgers and Seattle photographer, Mark Hussein.

The fabulous book is available for order at Blue Mountain Land Trust store webpage <https://bmlt.org/store>.

### PEOPLE AGE 70 AND OLDER NEXT IN LINE FOR COVID-19 SHOTS

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—At a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, the Columbia County Health Department released new information from the Washington Dept. of Health for vaccination phases. There has been a change regarding which group is next in line to be vaccinated, after vaccinations for healthcare workers, first responders, who are at high risk, residents in long-term facilities, and other workers in healthcare settings.

The Dayton General Hospital Vaccination Team has decided that our first focus will be to vaccinate individuals that are over the age of 70," said Stephanie Carpenter, Chief Operating Officer for CCHS.

According to the new guidance from DOH, Phase B1 is all people over the age of 70, and all people 50 years of age and older who live in multigenerational households are next in line.

This will be followed by Phase B2 for people who are high-risk critical workers, 50 years and older, who work in certain congregate care settings.

Phase B3 is for people 16 years and older with two or more comorbidities or underlying conditions.

Phase B4 is for high-risk critical workers under the age of 50, who work in certain congregate settings.

The vaccine phases and detailed information about them are posted on the Columbia County Public Health Department website at <http://www.columbia.co.gov/506/COVID-19>.

People are encouraged to call the Public Health Department to be placed on the waiting list at 382-2181.

### WSSRA SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE STUDENTS

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Washington State School Retirees Association is currently accepting applications for three scholarships.

The Robert J. Handy and Washington State School Retirees Foundation scholarships are available to high school seniors who are seeing a career in the field of education. This includes teacher, counselor, speech therapist, occupational therapist, or psychologist careers.

The Neil D. Prescott Student Teaching/Internship Scholarships are available to college students who are planning on student teaching during the 2021-22 school year. Candidates must be a graduate of a Washington high school, presently enrolled in a college of education anywhere, pursuing a career in the field of education.

Applications are due March 1, 2021. Visit [www.wssra.org](http://www.wssra.org) for further scholarship information and submission information.

### "UNDERSTANDING YOUR GRIEF" SERIES AT WALLA WALLA HOSPICE

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

A safe, comfortable space is being prepared for those who are grieving a loved one at Walla Walla Hospice. Following the writings and journals of Dr. Alan Wolfelt, "Understanding Your Grief" is the first ten-week long grief support group of the year.

For two and a half months, individuals grieving a lost loved one will have the chance to understand the "ten essential touchstones to healing your heart, which include dispelling the misconceptions of grief, exploring your feelings of loss, and understanding the six needs of mourning. The group will be led by licensed social workers and spiritual support counselors (often called chaplains).

The support group will begin January 19, from 5:30 p.m.- 7 p.m., and will continue each Tuesday for the next ten weeks. The meetings will be held via Zoom call in order to keep all group members safe.

The group will be closed to new participants starting the second week.

"That way, we can create a safe, intimate space for people to share and communicate," said Brad McMasters, WW Hospice Community Outreach Coordinator. "The groups are usually less than ten, but if we have more than that, there is a possibility of a second group or just waiting until the next group."

Walla Walla Hospice offers the class to the service region, which encompasses Walla Walla, Columbia, and northeast Umatilla County, however, McMasters said that the online classes make it easier to accommodate people who live out of the service area who have struggled with grief, such as children of Hospice patients.

In order to get supplies and connectivity information to participants ahead of time, pre-registration is required. Interested individuals can email [info@wwhospice.org](mailto:info@wwhospice.org) or call (509) 525-5561.

Walla Walla Hospice continues to offer its Tuesday afternoon drop-in Solace support group, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. each week.

### Touchet Valley Weather Jan. 13, 2021

**Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
Rain Likely	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy
High: 50 Low: 28	High: 45 Low: 30	High: 43 Low: 31	High: 45 Low: 33	High: 46 Low: 31	High: 45 Low: 32	High: 43 Low: 27

**Weather Trivia**  
 What type of clouds do thunderstorms develop from?  
 ?  
 Answer: Cumulonimbus clouds.

**Local Almanac Last Week**

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	56	38	39/29	0.01"	0.18"
Wednesday	58	41	39/29	0.03"	0.63"
Thursday	46	36	39/29	0.10"	-0.45"
Friday	37	30	40/29	0.04"	40.9°
Saturday	44	35	40/29	Trace	Average normal temperature
Sunday	44	30	40/30	0.00"	34.4°
Monday	50	28	40/30	Trace	+6.5°

Data as reported from Walla Walla

**Sun/Moon Chart This Week**

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
New 1/13	Wednesday	7:32 a.m.	4:32 p.m.	8:18 a.m.	5:07 p.m.	
	Thursday	7:31 a.m.	4:33 p.m.	8:59 a.m.	6:19 p.m.	
	Friday	7:31 a.m.	4:34 p.m.	9:31 a.m.	7:30 p.m.	
First 1/20	Saturday	7:30 a.m.	4:36 p.m.	9:57 a.m.	8:39 p.m.	
	Sunday	7:29 a.m.	4:37 p.m.	10:19 a.m.	9:46 p.m.	
	Monday	7:29 a.m.	4:38 p.m.	10:38 a.m.	10:50 p.m.	
	Tuesday	7:28 a.m.	4:40 p.m.	10:57 a.m.	11:53 p.m.	

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# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

## Inside the Sheriff's Office during the COVID-19 pandemic

Property crime down, new hires coming soon

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Columbia County Sheriff Joe Helm's overarching goal is to get back to the fundamental basics of law enforcement; through proper staffing, handling calls appropriately, providing deputies with the proper equipment, and establishing a good relationship between his office and members of the community.

When Helm took office on Jan. 1, 2019, he began to implement his goals and ideas and was well into it, early in 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic struck, and social distancing guidelines began hampering his efforts.

"Zoom is great but doesn't compensate for face-to-face interactions in a good prosocial environment," he said.

One of the most significant impacts has been the inability to provide the deputies with the type of hands-on training they need. Deputies now only have access to modified, online training, which is not ideal.

Helm said social distancing guidelines have also affected the Search and Rescue training program.

During the summer months, his office coordinated with the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office to organize a core group of volunteers. Unfortunately, the volunteers have not been able to complete their competency certification because of social distancing guidelines.

Another problem that can be laid at the door of the pandemic is his office's inability to extradite inmates back to the county because the busing system for inmates is not operational.

"If they are arrested in another state, or part of the state, we have to go to where they are to pick them up," he said.

Helm said he wanted to build on efforts, begun in 2019, to establish a better rapport between the Sheriff's Office and people in the community. A successful Citizens Academy was held in 2019 but had to be canceled in 2020 along with Na-

tional Night Out because of social distancing rules.

"We want to be involved. So, we try to be involved with the schools. We try to be involved in sports programs, and education type things for the community."

Having a school resource officer on-site at the Dayton schools has been a top priority for Helm. He said he had been working with the Public Health Department and school officials to identify sources for funding. Still, progress has been slow, mainly because of the uncertainty about whether students can be taught in their classrooms during the pandemic.

When asked how the COVID-19 situation is impacting Dayton's crime rate, Helm said property crime inside Dayton city limits has fallen, mainly because people are staying home. However, the property crime rate is still a factor for outlying areas.

The crime rate, in general, is following the national trend. Deputies are responding to an uptick in mental health, domestic abuse, and juvenile related calls.

The biggest problem, locally, is still drug and alcohol use, from which most criminal activity stems, he said.

Helm said being involved in community organizations, like the Coalition for Youth and Families (CYF), helps deter youth from alcohol and drug use.

The county will be better served when two patrol deputies are hired, he said. The Civil Service Commission has just provided him with a certified list of three qualified candidates for his consideration.

Right now, deputies are working on-call and overtime to cover the hours between 3:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., a situation that will change with two more patrol deputies on board.

The Sheriff's Office is currently without a Chief Deputy. Helm said it is possible one of the three candidates will meet the qualifications for that position.

Helm intends to work on strengthening the reserve deputy program after the office is fully staffed.

He said volunteers are always welcome at the



Joe Helm has been the Columbia County Sheriff since Jan. 1, 2019.

Sheriff's Office.

"We will take any and all volunteers that are willing to help out. Our community gets the best service by proper training, the proper number of deputies, and volunteers, working together, to make it possible," Helm said.

## FEBRUARY GOODIE BAGS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

Photos by Beka Compton

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church has been handing out monthly goodie bags to Waitsburg kids. January's bag included gloves, coloring pages, and craft kits. The next bag giveaway is tentatively scheduled for February 2, 2021.



## Community Calendar

### Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

#### Waitsburg City Council:

Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.  
Call-in information available at [www.cityofwaitsburg.com/government-1](http://www.cityofwaitsburg.com/government-1)

#### Waitsburg School Board:

Third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m.  
Zoom meeting information is available at <https://www.waitsburgsd.org/o/waitsburg-school-district/page/school-board--272>

#### Waitsburg Celebration Days:

January 25 at 7 p.m.  
<https://tinyurl.com/y4dhnmba>

#### Walla Walla County Commissioners

Every Monday and Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.  
Call-in information is available at [https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020\\_agendas.php](https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020_agendas.php)

### Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

#### Board of Columbia County Commissioners

First and second Monday of each month at 9 a.m.  
Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

#### Dayton City Council

Second Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m.  
Call-in information available at <https://www.daytonwa.com/54-inside-city-hall/city-council>

#### Dayton School Board

Third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m.  
Zoom call information can be found at <https://www.daytonsd.org/page/school-board>

### Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

Fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

### Coalition for Youth & Families

Fourth Wednesday monthly at 3 p.m.  
<https://coalitionforyouthandfamilies.org/get-involved>

### Columbia County Rural Library District Special Meeting—Budget workshop

November 10 at 6 p.m.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

### DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

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

#### Thursday, January 14

Salisbury steak  
Mashed potatoes & gravy  
Pickled beets  
Salad, wheat bread  
Cookie, milk/juice

#### Tuesday, January 19

Spaghetti  
Green beans  
Caesar salad  
Garlic bread  
Fresh fruit, milk

### WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

#### Tuesday, January 19

BBQ chicken  
Vegetable (chef's choice)  
Potato salad  
Bread  
Fruit  
Cookie

### WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

#### Thursday, January 14

B: Long John  
L: Strawhat  
Cucumbers  
Peaches

#### Friday, January 15

B: Biscuit & gravy  
L: Ham and potato  
casserole  
Roll  
Steamed broccoli  
Oranges

#### Monday, January 18

No School- MLK Day

#### Tuesday, January 19

B: Cook's choice  
L: Chicken crisritos  
Spanish rice  
Cucumbers  
Pineapple



*Church Directory*

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**Waitsburg Presbyterian Church**  
504 Main  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
337-6589  
Pastor Stan Hughes

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**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

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**Waitsburg Christian Church**  
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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Each Sunday  
337-8898  
Rev. Matthew Wyatt

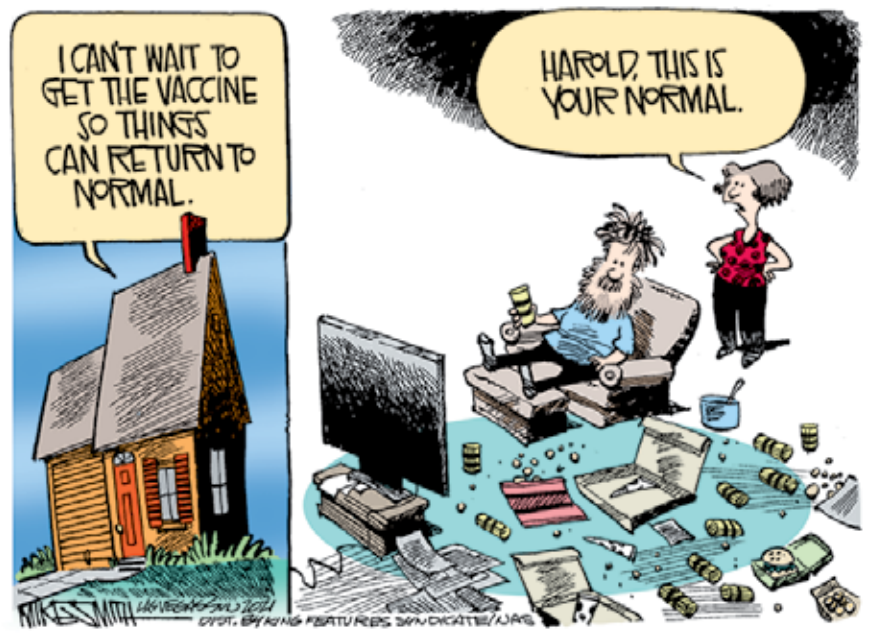
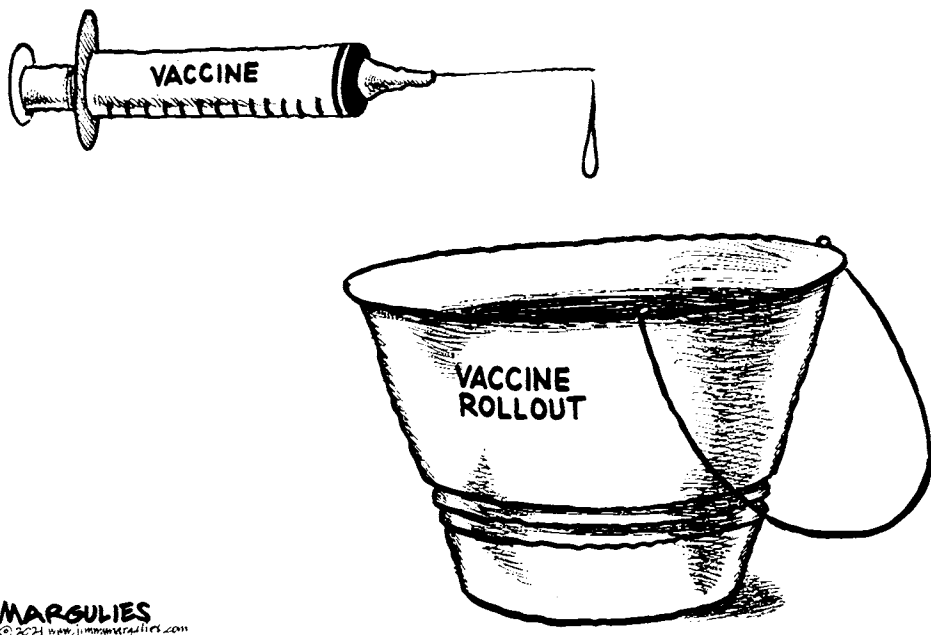


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# NEWS & COMMENTARY



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## FROM THE PUBLISHER

## The critical role of journalism

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

Over the last four years, there has been an increased narrative that the mainstream media and print journalism are purveyors of ‘fake news.’ The news media has repeatedly been presented as “the enemy of the people” by our president; when, in fact, it is one of the most essential and critical elements of our success as a democracy. The Constitution protects and encourages the free press. Without this protection, the press would not be able to alert citizens to government abuses and corruption.

As a locally published paper, *The Times* works under specific laws ensuring our commitment to presenting factual accounts. The courts regulate print media through libel and slander laws that protect the public from false information presented as fact.

These laws do not cover a newspaper’s commen-

tary pieces, offered to provide opinion and perspectives on issues. There is a difference between commentary decrying perceived election fraud and a news story, which uncovers fraud or debunks allegations of fraud by using irrefutable facts. An opinion piece reflects the writer’s thoughts on a subject. Commentary is meant to be thought-provoking, not to be news.

So, how does information published in newspapers differ from posts on social media?

Posts online are not held to the same legal standards as print journalism, and there are rarely, if any, consequences for libelous or slanderous content. Photos and videos are posted and reposted without any proof they are accurate depictions of real events. Once a post has gone viral, the damage has been done, and strong beliefs have been created.

*The Times* stopped publishing commentary, other than letters to the editor and occasional letters from the editor or publisher. It did not seem necessary to contribute more opinions when there is so much available on cable T.V., Facebook, and other social media sites. It has become a profitable industry. Indeed, more profitable than print journalism.

After the events that took place on January 6 at the United States Capitol building, I wanted to take the opportunity to stress how important a free press is during times of chaos and violence. Reporters and photographers put themselves at risk on January 6 as they were surrounded by protesters and physically assaulted to prevent their reporting. One of the most chilling photographs from that day was by Stefani Reynolds of Bloomberg News showing the words

“MURDER THE MEDIA” carved into the Capitol door.

Still, journalists have provided an accurate and transparent accounting of the unrest, including the activities of protesters, victims, bystanders, and police. Reporting that came out of that event has given us a clear and disturbing view of the events of January 6. This was not a protest to express a view. It was a violent attack of the Capitol to overturn an election by threatening the safety of members of Congress and the Vice President of the United States.

Much can be said about the effect of social media and conspiracy theories on this event. Shouts from rioters claiming the election was stolen, calls to hang Pence or Pelosi, and the sentiment that the country must be taken back are found on social media. They have been posted frequently and most disturbingly by people in power. This is the way conspiracy theories take hold and become beliefs. This is why the framers of the Constitution protected a free press. A free press that is regulated by the courts to ensure statements are accurate depictions of real events. This does not apply to social media posts, where there is no dynamic that forces authenticity.

*The Times* is a local weekly newspaper committed to serving our community. We take our work seriously and know that it is essential to keep our readership’s trust by keeping true to journalistic norms and standards. In this, we are not unique; daily and weekly papers are necessary to the success of democracy. Thanks to all our readers and contributors for all their support.

## LETTERS

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Waitsburg Parents,

We want you to know that we are thinking of you every day. We thank the reporting from the Waitsburg Times which helped us do that. We have copied the pictures the paper published of each of your elementary children, and every week are stapling a photo to each bulletin. This past Sunday we encouraged this week’s prayer be for 2nd graders and their families.

A number of our congregation, out of health concerns, are viewing our messages online. They all are receiving our bulletins by mail, including the photo of a child to pray for as well.

These are tough times. Through them, may grace be multiplied to you all!

Stan Hughes, Pastor

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

## WWCSO

**January 5**

A burglary/theft from a local storage unit was reported. Waitsburg

A vehicle prowl was reported in the county. Walla Walla County

**January 8**

Unknown subject stole a bike from property. Walla Walla County

Found property. Burbank

Attempted theft 2 report. Waitsburg

Theft of property was reported in the county. Burbank

Threats via text message. College Place

A male broke the cell phone screen belonging to the mother of his children. Burbank

**January 9**

A theft of equipment was reported in the county. Prescott

Vehicle prowl with theft at Rooks Park. Walla Walla County

An individual was extorting a male for money to prevent a video of him doing sexual acts being released online. Walla Walla

A male called 911 making false statements about a crime he was going to commit to get an expedited law enforcement response. Waitsburg

**January 11**

An abandoned vehicle was towed. Walla Walla County

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## Dozier, Klicker officially sworn into office

*COVID-19 restrictions have many lawmakers working and being sworn in from their offices*

THE TIMES

Republican Mark Klicker was officially sworn into office as a member of the Washington State House of Representatives to serve the 16th Legislative District on Friday, January 8, 2021.

"I am very humbled and honored to serve the people of the 16th District," said Klicker, in a release. "These are challenging and unique times in the state. We need to come together on both sides of the aisle to find solutions that help everyone, and get Washington moving forward again."

As he begins his term in the legislature, Klicker will serve on four committees: Rural Development, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Committee, the Transportation Committee, and Rules, and the Environment and Energy Committee as the assistant ranking member.

The 16th District stretches from Prosser to Dayton and includes cities not limited to Walla Walla, Benton City, and Pasco.

Along with many other lawmakers, Washington State Senator Perry Dozier was sworn into office last week ahead of session, from his own office.

"I'm excited to be here," Dozier said in a release. "There's so much we can accomplish for small busi-



Courtesy photo

Washington State House Representative serving the 16th Legislative District, Mark Klicker

ness, for agriculture, for the people of Southeast Washington. We face enormous short-term challenges in rebuilding our economy after our COVID shutdown, everything from making sure unemployment benefits are delivered on time to staving off the impact of business-tax increases.

"But it's what comes next that is most important. Creating a sound business climate, promoting educational opportunities from preschool to college, and



Courtesy photo

Washington State Senator, Perry Dozier

ensuring that state government spends responsibly and wisely. In the 16th District, partisanship has never been more important than getting the job done, and I am honored that the people of my district have elected me to carry on the tradition."

Dozier has been assigned to the Senate committees on Human Services, Reentry and Rehabilitation, Early Learning and K-12 Education, and Financial Institutions and Insurance.

## SBA and Treasury announce PPP Re-opening; issue new guidance

THE TIMES

WASHINGTON —The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), in consultation with the Treasury Department, announced today that the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) would re-open the week of January 11 for new borrowers and certain existing PPP borrowers. To promote access to capital, initially, only community financial institutions will be able to make First Draw PPP Loans on Monday, January 11, and Second Draw PPP Loans on Wednesday, January 13. The PPP will open to all participating lenders shortly after that. Updated PPP guidance outlining Program changes to enhance its effectiveness and accessibility was released on January 6 under the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Non-Profits, and Venues Act.

This round of the PPP continues to prioritize millions of Americans employed by small businesses by authorizing up to \$284 billion toward job retention and certain other expenses through March 31, 2021, and allowing some existing PPP borrowers to apply for a Second Draw PPP Loan.

"The historically successful Paycheck Protection Program served as an economic lifeline to millions of small businesses and their employees when they needed it most," said Administrator Jovita Carranza. "Today's guidance builds on the success of the program and adapts to the changing needs of small business owners by providing targeted relief and a simpler forgiveness process to ensure their path to recovery."

"The Paycheck Protection Program has successfully provided 5.2 million loans worth \$525 billion to America's small businesses, supporting more than 51 million jobs," said Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin. "This updated guidance enhances the PPP's targeted relief to small businesses most impacted by COVID-19.

We are committed to implementing this round of PPP quickly to continue supporting American small businesses and their workers."

### Key PPP updates include:

- PPP borrowers can set their PPP loan covered period to be any length between 8 and 24 weeks that best meet their business needs;
- PPP loans will cover additional expenses, including operations expenditures, property damage costs, supplier costs, and worker protection expenditures;
- The Program's eligibility is expanded to include 501(c)(6)s, housing cooperatives, direct marketing organizations, among other types of organizations;
- The PPP provides greater flexibility for seasonal employees;
- Certain existing PPP borrowers can request to modify their First Draw PPP Loan amount; and
- Certain existing PPP borrowers are now eligible to apply for a Second Draw PPP Loan.
- A borrower is generally eligible for a Second Draw PPP Loan if the borrower:
  - Previously received a First Draw PPP Loan and will or has used the full amount only for authorized uses;
  - Has no more than 300 employees; and
  - Can demonstrate at least a 25% reduction in gross receipts between comparable quarters in 2019 and 2020.

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### Help Wanted: Garden Assistant

The Boldman House Museum seeks a part-time, seasonal Garden Assistant. See the job description and application instructions on our website, [daytonhistoricdepot.org/employment](http://daytonhistoricdepot.org/employment).

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**January 16:** Colleen McCoy, Patty White and Rueben Stokes.

**January 17:** Anna and Anthony Reese, Bret and Bethany Moser, Kimmie Hamann, Zane Johnson, Dan Beckley, John Janovich, Tyler Woodworth, Eric Rich, Sheena Henze, Jeff Schulke, Jim Davison, and Jon Jensen.

**January 18:** Kelley Foust, Jason Thomas, Jennifer Low, Rowena Farrens and Arlene Hopkins.

**January 19:** Bob Deal, Lynda Hogan, Debbie Rubio, David Webber, Reina Bruce and Clint Reser.

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NO: 20-4-00245-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
RCW 11.40.030  
In re the Estate of: JOHN DUANE REDFIELD, a/k/a JACK DUANE REDFIELD, 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.  
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: December 31, 2020.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA**  
In the Matter of the Estate of James W. Cramp Deceased  
NO. 20-4-00243-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
RCW 11.40.030  
The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four 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 decedent's probate and non-probate assets.  
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: December 31, 2020.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA**  
NO. 20 4 00248 30  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
In Re the Estate of MARGARET A. WALT 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 stated below a copy of the claim and filing of the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. 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.  
Personal Representative: JONATHAN S. WALTERS  
Date of First Publication: December 31, 2020  
/s/ JONATHAN S. WALTERS  
Personal Representative of the Estate of MARGARET A. WALTERS  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY**  
NO. 20 4 01323 06  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Estate of DAVID C. COULTER, 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 attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of the first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA**  
No. 20-4-00235-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
In Re the Estate of GENIDAA. PURCELL, 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 stated below a copy of the claim and filing of the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. 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.  
Personal Representative: MARIA L. MEDLEY  
Date of First Publication: January 7th, 2021  
/s/ MARIA L. MEDLEY  
Personal Representative of the Estate of GENIDAA. PURCELL  
Attorney for the Personal Representative and address for mailing and service: Steven C. Frol  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA**  
No. 20-4-00235-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
In Re the Estate of GENIDAA. PURCELL, 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 stated below a copy of the claim and filing of the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. 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.  
Personal Representative: MARIA L. MEDLEY  
Date of First Publication: January 7th, 2021  
/s/ MARIA L. MEDLEY  
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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 stated below a copy of the claim and filing of the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. 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.  
Personal Representative: MARIA L. MEDLEY  
Date of First Publication: January 7th, 2021  
/s/ MARIA L. MEDLEY  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA**  
Case No. 21-4-00001-36  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)  
In Re the Estate of JAN-MARIE ELLIOTT, Deceased.  
The Personal Representatives named below have been appointed and have qualified as Personal Representatives 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 Representatives or the Personal Representatives' attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representatives served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.  
Date of filing copy of Notice to Creditors: 01/05/2021  
Date of First Publication: 01/14/2021  
/s/ WILLIAM K. FLETCHER  
/s/ KOREY D. FLETCHER  
Personal Representatives R. Gary Ponti  
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Attorneys at Law  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
Three River Short Plat and Variance  
The City of Dayton hereby gives notice that an application(s) has been received and found complete for the following project: Three River Short Plat and Variance. Comments relative to the approval and conditioning of this application are requested. Approval of the Variance application requires a public hearing and final decision by the Hearing Examiner; approval of the Short Plat application requires final approval by the Director. Appeals to the approval/denial of the Variance are made to the Planning Commission; appeals to the approval/denial of the Short Plat application are made to the Hearing Examiner. This notice will be published in the paper of record and distributed to surrounding property owners. A public hearing for the Variance application will be scheduled and advertised at a later date.  
Project name: Three River Short Plat and Variance  
Project location: 107 S. 7th St., Dayton, WA 99328  
Project description: The proposal requests a short subdivision and a variance to accommodate the desired lot dimensions. DMC 11-03.030 outlines the minimum lot dimensions within the Urban Residential zone as 50' wide by 100' deep. The application received proposes to subdivide the parent parcel into four separate lots with varying lot dimensions, where the depth of all four lots is less than the required 100'. The application proposes subdividing the three existing duplexes onto individual lots, and creating a fourth lot for potential future development.  
Permits/approvals required—Variance; Preliminary and Final Short Plat  
Comment period dates: Written comments relative to the review, approval, or denial of the Variance and Short Plat application may be submitted until Feb. 11, 2021 at 4:00 pm. Comments relative to the review, approval, or denial of the Variance application may also be submitted during the public hearing (to be advertised at a later date).  
Application materials may be reviewed at Dayton City Hall between the hours of 7:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday. Written comments may be submitted in person or via email.  
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withdraw the DNS. If the DNS is retained, it will be final after the expiration of the comment deadline.  
Responsible official—Meagan Hayes, CFM  
Position—Director of Planning and Community Development  
Phone—509-382-2361  
Email – [info@daytonwa.com](mailto:info@daytonwa.com)  
Comment period end date—January 28, 2021 at 4:00 pm  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA**  
No. 21 4 00005 36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
In Re the Estate of MARY K. STOCKDALE, 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 stated below a copy of the claim and filing of the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. 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.  
Personal Representative: TAMMY LISTAK  
Date of First Publication: January 14, 2021  
/s/TAMMY LISTAK  
Personal Representative of the Estate of MARY K. STOCKDALE  
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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**  
Three River Variance  
Description of proposal—The proposal requests a short subdivision and a variance to accommodate the desired lot dimensions. DMC 11-03.030 outlines the minimum lot dimensions within the Urban Residential zone as 50' wide by 100' deep. The application received proposes to subdivide the parent parcel into four separate lots with varying lot dimensions, where the depth of all four lots is less than the required 100'. The application proposes subdividing the three existing duplexes onto individual lots, and creating a fourth lot for potential future development.  
Location of proposal—107 South 7th Street, Dayton, Washington 99328  
Lead Agency—City of Dayton, Washington  
The lead agency for this proposal has determined that this project does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.450. This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.  
This Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2). The City will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issue. Comments must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. by the closing of the comment deadline if they are intended to alter the DNS. The Responsible Official will reconsider the DNS based on timely comments and may retain, modify, or, if significant adverse impacts are likely,

effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.  
Date of First Publication  
January 14, 2021  
Personal Representative: Rusann M. Brooks  
Attorney for the Personal Representative:  
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WSBA# 47821  
Address for Mailing or Service  
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P.O. Box 182  
Dayton, WA 99328  
Court of Probate  
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Columbia County Superior Court  
Cause Number  
20-4-00032-7  
Dated this 9th day of January, 2020.  
GRAVIS LAW, PLLC  
/s/Matthew R. Johnson,  
WSBA #47821  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA**  
NO: 21-4-00006-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
In re the Estate of: PATRICIA ANN BINGHAM, 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.  
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: January 14, 2021.  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
In and for COLUMBIA County  
No. 20-4-00032-7  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
RCW § 11.28.240  
In the Matter of the Estate of: SHIRLEY J. NETTLETON, 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.  
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Ordinance No. 471, adopted on August 7, 2018, is an interim ordinance regarding the maximum density of mobile/manufactured home parks and other residential uses in the Burbank Residential (BR) zoning

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# Harris signs RC car deals for the second year

As he enters into his third year of racing, Koby Harris will represent three racing companies

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg's favorite remote-control car racer has signed yet another racing contract as he heads into his third year on the track.

Koby Harris, a senior at Waitsburg High School, signed a progressive deal with Tekno RC, an RC car parts company known throughout the industry for its proven car body styles and parts. A progressive deal means that as Harris' racing career continues to excel, he will be offered better promotional deals as long as he wishes to represent the company. Last year, Harris signed a contract in January and added on an agreement with MKS Racing. As the 2021 season ramps up, Harris said that he signed an additional contract with AKA Tires for a total of three brands to represent this season.

The terms of Harris' contracts are simple: 'keep racing using our parts.' Harris has fitted each of his two RC cars with tires, shocks, and other tough-as-nails racing parts from Tekno RC, AKA Tires, and MKS Racing to give him the winner's edge. In exchange, Harris represents the companies by donning logos on his cars, wearing team apparel, and sharing information with other racers.

So far, Harris has enjoyed his end of the contract, traveling to tracks that included one in Lynden, Wash., and one in Post Falls, Ida., as he raced on the Northwest Championship Tour (NCT) schedule, and looks forward to yet another year of racing.

Harris said that the RC car industry felt the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, as the NCT schedule was pushed back nearly four months before they were able to start. Face masks and physical distancing were among the many safety measures taken to keep racers safe. He anticipates a 'nearly normal' schedule this year but

said that all safety measures would remain in place.

"They (NCT) put on a great season, considering all they had to work with," Harris said.

One of the highlights of the season according to Harris, was when he was offered to race a car that belonged to another Tekno racer during one of the championship races. He won the race and brought home the Northwest Championship Tour title. Last year, there were 75 racers and more than 170 entries at the NCT.

It's not too late to get involved: If you're interested in joining a racing club, Harris suggests taking to Facebook to find RC clubs near you, like the XTreme Racing Club in Walla Walla, which meets at a track located off Myra Road. He also noted that reaching out to experienced racers is an excellent way to get quality cars and parts, as many racers are rebuilding cars in the off-season and may be willing to sell parts for lower prices.

If you'd like to keep up with the 2021 Northwest Championship Tour series, follow them on Facebook by searching Northwest Championship Tour.



Courtesy of Koby Harris

Harris with just a few of the awards he won while racing on the Northwest Championship Tour in 2020.

## CHATS WITH MIKE

# The show must go on: Patti Jo Amerein

What happens in Vegas doesn't always stay in Vegas

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

Patti Jo Amerein lives a relatively quiet life in rural Columbia County. She rides dressage, keeps chickens, and teaches Pilates. But in the 1980s and 90s she lived another life as a Las Vegas show dancer. The stories she tells about those years didn't stay in Vegas. For someone who met and worked with Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Sammie Davis, Jr. (the "Rat Pack"), that's saying something.



Patti Jo Amerein enjoys horse riding, local theater, teaching Pilates and living rural.

It started at age three when Amerein's mother sent her and her sister to tap dancing classes. From there, she studied ballet and jazz. Before she graduated from Western High School in Las Vegas, she was getting noticed for her talent and skill.

"I have always thought of myself predominantly as a jazz dancer," she said.

One day her teacher told her about a show taking place at the Flamingo Hilton Hotel.

"I didn't want to do Vegas shows," she said. "I dreamed of going to New York and doing musical theater on Broadway."

But seeing an opportunity there, she asked her mother about it.

"I was only 17, and you had to be 18. She said no. Then she asked me how much it paid. I said \$375 a week. She said yes. So, I went and lied about my age."

She got a part and did the show. That was followed by a four-month show called *City Lights* with a cast of 40. That show was still running when a friend told her she needed to dance in "*Jubilee!*" Held at what was then the MGM Grand (now Bally's), this was a brand-new show at the time and would go on to become the longest-running show in Las Vegas, ultimately closing in 2016. Amerein auditioned and was hired. Barely out of high school, she was already in the greatest show in town.

"Bob Mackie was the costume designer," Amerein

said. "He designed wardrobe for a lot of famous actresses, so no expense was spared. The show cost \$10 million to produce. Every costume was custom-cut for you, including shoes. They used genuine Austrian rhinestones on everything and real ostrich feathers. It was an amazing experience."

Each two-hour show ran twice nightly—six days a week, including three on Saturday. Monday was the only day off. Amerein danced in this show for two years. Dressing rooms were below the stage in the basement.

"You climbed two sets of stairs—maybe 40 of them—just to get to the stage," she said. Then you climbed up to whatever tier you were supposed to be on for that number, carrying as much as 120 pounds of costuming and headgear. As soon as the curtain came down, you got the hell out of there and ran back down the stairs for costume change. It's a game for the young."

The years that followed saw Amerein performing at London's Palladium Theater for the annual *Royal Variety Performance* and in Japan with her troupe for a show called *A Touch of Vegas* which lasted six months. She was one of three lead dancers there.

Back in Vegas, she signed on with the popular *Folies Bergere*, a French cabaret-style show held at the Tropicana. She stayed in that show for 12 years, where she worked as a dance trainer and line captain. And it was during that time she began raising a family.

"I had never wanted to keep dancing past my thirties," she said. "I had kids, and I was getting interested in horsemanship." So, in 1997 at the age of 34, Amerein mustered out of the dancing world.

It's clear she had an amazing 17-year career dancing. Ultimately, Vegas' loss is our gain. She has taught dance in Dayton and helped to choreograph many shows at our own Liberty Theater.

This story wouldn't be complete without the "Sammie Davis incident."

"I signed on to do a number with him for a TV performance," she recounted. "He needed four dancers. He was singing a song about the features of a beautiful woman. Each of us was picked to represent one of her features—her eyes, her smile, etc. I was picked for my smile. We decided to play a joke at the dress rehearsal. I was eating black licorice and decided to stick a piece on my front tooth so it would look like I was missing a tooth. So, in rehearsal, he comes to the part about her smile, and I turned to Sammie and gave him a big smile. He saw my tooth and cracked up, laughing. Of course, we had to do another take. That night the director called and said, 'We're letting you go. Professionals don't do that kind of thing.' Well, I cried myself to sleep."

"But the next morning, he called again and said, 'Mr. Davis would like you to come back.'"

Ah, yes. The show must go on.



Above: Patti Jo in 1984, during the *Jubilee!* years.

Below: Every costume for *Jubilee!* was custom-cut and custom-made, right down to the shoes.

Right: A poster announcing *Jubilee!* — the biggest show in Las Vegas.





# SPORTS & LEGALS

## NFL Division round preview

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

Due to the Seahawks upset last week, Green Bay will host the Rams instead of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Los Angeles Rams had three key players injured last week. John Wolford is day to day with a neck injury, defensive tackle Aaron Donald is expected to play despite a rib injury, and Cooper Kupp should play with bursitis in his knee. Again, the question is, who will be the Rams starting quarterback. Will it be Jared Goff, recovering from recent thumb surgery, or John Wolford, who didn't make it out of the first quarter last week? Despite the Rams' injuries at quarterback, their elite defense makes this a difficult game for Green Bay. At age thirty-seven, Aaron Rodgers is still one of the top quarterbacks in the league. He led the NFL in touchdowns with forty-eight and threw only five interceptions on the year. Expect a low scoring game with Green Bay coming out on top.



The other big upset last week has the Cleveland Browns facing the Kansas City Chiefs. The Browns won their first playoff game in twenty-six years after beating the Steelers in Pittsburgh. It is likely their last playoff-win this season. The Browns' schedule outside of their division was weak this year. Coming into the 2020 season, Cleveland's strength of schedule was 29th out of 32 teams. By contrast, Kansas City has had wins over the Ravens, Bills, Buccaneers, and Saints all on the road.

Tampa Bay travels to New Orleans this week in what will be billed as Brees vs. Brady. Drew Brees is now 42-years old, and Tom Brady is 43, so this is likely the last time you will see these quarterbacks face each other. It's because of that matchup that this is the Sunday night game. New Orleans is getting healthy at the right time. Michael Thomas and Deonte Harris are back at wide receiver, and top running back Alvin Kamala is now off the COVID-19 list. Brees himself is now a month removed from having eleven broken ribs and a punctured lung. For Brady, it was another good year. He finished tied for second with Russell Wilson with forty touchdowns and was third in total yards passing with 4,633. The Buccaneers have now won the last five games in a row. However, two of those wins were against the Atlanta Falcons. Four of the five Buccaneers losses on the season have come to playoff teams, and two of those were against the Saints. Brady has thrown five interceptions against the Saints this season and will have to do better than that to have a chance to win this game. Expect the Saints to pull away in the second half.

That leaves the best game of this round of the playoffs—the Baltimore Ravens vs. the Buffalo Bills. Josh Allen had a breakout season for the Bills this year, his third in the NFL. He set career marks for completions, yards, touchdowns, and completion percentage. Except for Zack Moss, who is out for the season with an ankle injury at running back, the Bills are at full strength. The Ravens are led by Lamar Jackson, also in his third year in the NFL. Jackson took a bit of a step back this year, throwing ten fewer touchdowns than last year. He still managed over one thousand yards rushing for the second year in a row to go with 2,757 yards passing. The Ravens as a team are also healthy, so this should be an excellent game to watch with two twenty-four-year-old quarterbacks with different styles battling it out. A slight edge goes to Buffalo since they are playing at home.

### NFL POSTSEASON GAMES AND PICKS

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Sat	1:35PM	FOX	Los Angeles Rams	Green Bay	Green Bay
	5:15PM	NBC	Baltimore	Buffalo	Buffalo
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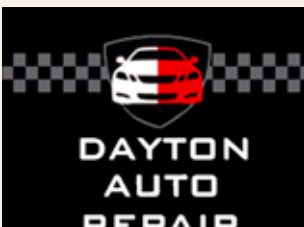
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## Routines, rituals and Shabbat dinner

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES



I am confident that Daniel and I, like most people (and dogs), have daily routines. Ours usually start with Daniel making his tea while I let Mugsy out the back door to bark at the squirrels he perceives to be in our neighbor's tree. Then I feed Mugsy and make my coffee. With those rituals out of the way, Daniel usually starts our morning conversation with, "what are we eating tonight?" My response is typically an eye-roll, followed by "can I have my coffee first?" He then heads off to his music studio, and I have my reading and coffee time.

Currently, we have about six iterations of pork in our refrigerator, so last Friday, it seemed like a rhetorical question, knowing a pork dinner was likely. Then I remembered I had bought and butchered a chicken the day before to experiment with my new sous vide machine. Since I had extra bones and wingtips, carrots, a "use it or dump it" stage onion, and a few celery leaves still in our garden, I was able to make a small batch of chicken stock. I made the executive decision, chicken for dinner.

I'm not sure why, but I wanted a typical Shabbat dinner, including some of the traditions and rituals. In the Jewish religion, the Sabbath (Shabbat) starts Friday night at sundown and ends Saturday night at sundown. I set the table with our better dishes and wine glasses, my Shabbat candles, and the embroidered bread

cover I bought in Israel; some rituals are not only calming and familiar, but they look pretty.

The traditional plan for a Shabbat dinner starts Friday morning by baking the Challah, a rich egg bread. You need to start early because this bread takes time (which I have) and patience (which I don't). The bread has to rise three times, be braided, rise again, then baked for 45 minutes. Although it looked great, I thought it was too dense, Daniel's diagnosis: no patience, it needed to proof longer, but it was a valiant effort.

A typical Shabbat dinner usually begins with chicken soup and either roast chicken or brisket. The stock I made the previous day was not enough for soup, so I added some cans of stock with various herbs and vegetables to make it more palatable. Since I skew to the less traditional, I decided to morph it into the Greek Avgolemono soup (chicken soup, rice, lots of lemon, egg, and parsley). It won't win any gold medals, but it helped disguise the canned broth taste.

I roasted the chicken with potatoes, onions, added roasted brussels sprouts opened a good bottle of wine, *voila*, dinner. There was calm, probably attributable to the wine we drank while we cooked and then had with dinner. My need for the ritual Shabbat dinner was filled!

Today, being damp and grey, I figured some leftover soup would make a soothing lunch. Wow! Not calming! The lemon took over; my cheeks are still parched. The Challah made good toast the next day. Right now, it's in the oven, becoming what I hope will be a tasty bread pudding. As expected, there is no leftover wine.

I am now on a quest to perfect my Challah baking skills. I have numerous recipes to read through, and hopefully, I will find one that doesn't require patience as the main ingredient. Meanwhile, I am happy to revert to the tradition of Daniel cooking dinner, and I assume it'll be pork tonight.

## Tech Talk: Internet speed test

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

Happy New Year, Techies! Auld lang syne and all that jazz. Welcome to 2021. If getting the most out of what you already pay for is on your resolutions list, then let's have a look at our internet service providers (ISPs).



Internet speed is measured in megabits per second (Mbps). One megabit is equal to 1,024 kilobits. This conversion means 1.0 Mbps is more than 1,000 times faster than 1.0 kilobits per second (Kbps).

Internet speed is calculated with the formula:

File Size in Megabytes / (Download Speed in Megabits / 8) = Time in Seconds.

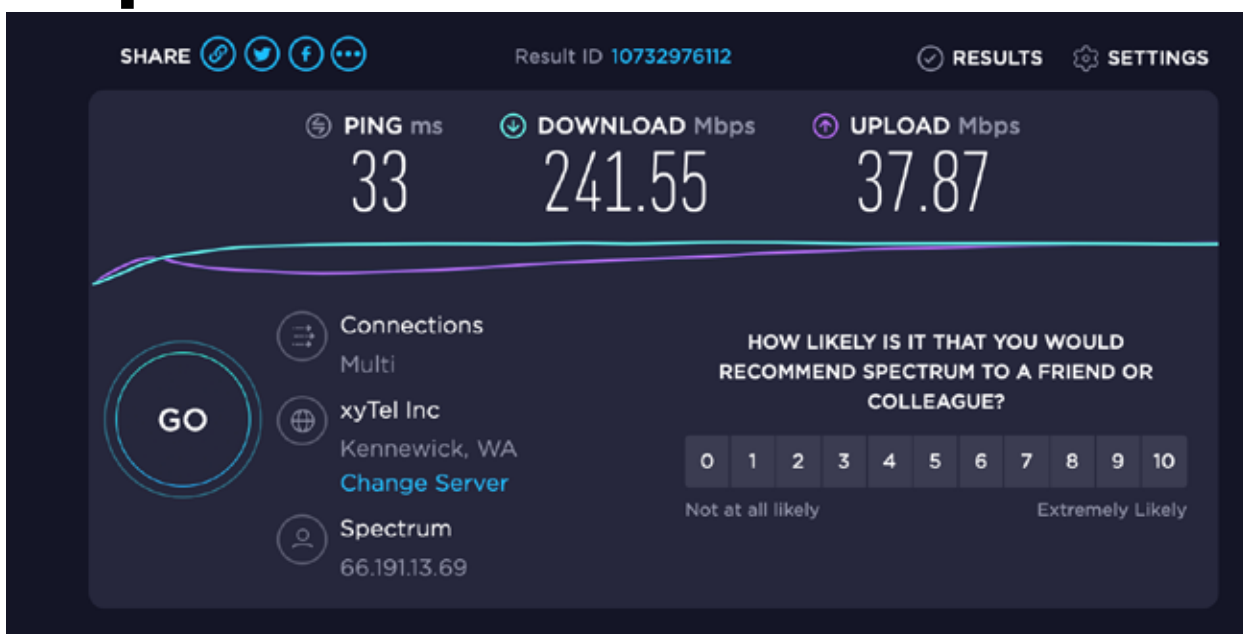
A 15 Megabyte file, downloading at 10 Megabits per second: 15 / (10/8) = 12 seconds.

ISPs frequently use the terms bandwidth and speed interchangeably when, in fact, there is a subtle difference between them. Bandwidth is the maximum amount of data that can be transmitted over an internet connection, as measured in megabits per second (Mbps).

Speed is the rate at which data can be downloaded (or uploaded) to a given device using that internet connection, also measured in megabits per second.

Think of it this way: data is traveling over the internet cable like water in a pipe. Bandwidth is the width of that pipe—essentially, the maximum volume of water (data) that can pass through at once. Meanwhile, speed is the number of megabits per second that can be downloaded by a given device using your home network. Speed is more accurately called "throughput," meaning the rate at which data is "put through" to your laptop/phone/etc.

So, if you're finding your connections failing or lagging, consider yourself a plumber. Do you need a bigger pipe or a plunger?



To test your internet speed, well, of course, there's an app for that. Speedtest.net, also known as Speedtest by Ookla, is a web service that provides free analysis of Internet access performance metrics, such as connection data rate and latency through any web browser. Ookla is a web testing and network diagnostics company founded in 2006 and based in Seattle, Wash. Ookla also offers free native apps for Android, iOS, Windows, Mac, Chrome, and AppleTV.

Spectrum users have access to a portal that offers speed tests with one click. AT&T and other big-name companies have their own as well. But how much speed does one really need? The answer depends upon the number of devices regularly used (don't forget to count Bluray disc players, smart TVs, computers, tablets with service, in addition to each cell phone). Five to forty Mbps is more than sufficient to stream a standard-definition video or have a video chat on one device. It'll take 40-100 Mbps to stream high-definition video, download large files or enjoy online multiplayer game spaces. If you're really into gaming with multiple screens and all the fixin's, or

you prefer a multimedia experience streaming a movie on TV while Googling the cast of that movie on your phone, with a recipe for dinner pulled up on your tablet, etc., 100-500 Mbps will be the ideal range.

### Compare Your Results

Ookla's other outstanding feature is the speed test global index, which shares a running ranking of the fastest internet the world over.

At the time of publication, the fastest internet in the world was in Singapore, where they clocked an average download speed of 241.10 Mbps, followed by Hong Kong (SAR), whose download speed is 222.92 Mbps, and Thailand at 213.14 Mbps.

The United States was down in the rankings at number 11 with a download rate of 170.88 Mbps. The internet's increasing importance in education, tracking our medical health, finances, and other essential data has made this public utility a hot commodity.

Sources: [broadbandnow.com](http://broadbandnow.com), <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Speedtest.net>

## Where There's Food, Eat It

The Walla Walla-based bbq food truck has earned my recommendation

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Once a month, my husband and I try to make a point to go into Walla Walla without our kiddo. Our "evening out" typically consists of a strategically-planned grocery trip followed up by a quick bite to eat, so we lean toward casual dining.

With dining restrictions in place, "date night" also means we either stop and eat outdoors or eat in the car. This 2020 twist has given us the perfect excuse to check out local food trucks, and we were intrigued by the "WTF, Eat It" name.

Where There's Food, Eat It is a little BBQ food truck that hangs out in downtown Walla Walla, outside The Finch Hotel during the day, and by the airport at Burwood Brewing on the weekends. From the start, I knew I would be pleased. The smells surrounding the truck seemed to form a barrier against the bone-chilling fog and winter chill that had settled in. The truck has been surprisingly busy each time we've been, but the wait has been minimal. They have a "buzzer" system (sanitized in between customers, of course) that allows you to wait in the warmth of your car or around the fire if you're at Burwood, while you wait for your food. Both times we have visited, the wait was roughly 10 minutes. The menu is always changing, but repeat menu items include the WTF Chicken, Hipster Poutine, and Black Truffle Mac.

Poutine is one of my favorite comfort foods, so I was instantly drawn to the Hipster Poutine. Fresh-cut garlic fries topped with pork belly, manchego cheese,



Beka Compton

The "Hipster Poutine" is, so far, my favorite item on the WTF Eat It menu.

brown mushroom gravy, green onions, and a cider-balsamic drizzle.

The pork belly was great. The skin was crisp and crunchy, the meat was juicy and tender, bursting with flavor. The salty notes of the pork belly enhanced the earthiness of the mushroom gravy. When eaten with a piece of the manchego cheese, it was a sweet, salty, earthy flavor that captured the "hipster" bit in the name.



Courtesy Photo

The WTF Chicken sandwich, with a wonderful peach-habanero sauce.

The hand-cut garlic fries would be a great side by themselves. They are made in small batches, finished with just a touch of garlic. I am usually pretty heavy-handed with garlic; however, this poutine had a lot going on and only needed the hint of garlic the fries provided as they folded in seamlessly with the gravy, pork belly, and manchego cheese. The Hipster Poutine earned my recommendation!

My husband, Ray, tried the WTF Chicken sandwich the last time we went. Pulled chicken, crispy skin, a pickle, and mango habanero sauce all piled on a truck bun.

The pulled chicken was yummy, tender, and juicy. Ray was nice enough to share a bite of his sandwich, and that

lone bite contained a punch of sweet, slightly spicy peach habanero sauce, tender chicken, and a huge crunch from the crispy skin placed on top. This sandwich was so flavorful and complete that it was the first time in seven years I have seen Ray even try a pickle (let alone eat the whole thing), which I suppose is a testament in itself.

Where There's Food, Eat It captures the essence of what a food truck should be; a fun little play on acronyms, easy-to-eat food, and a glowing atmosphere. They've earned my stamp of approval, and I can't wait to try them again this spring when the weather warms up, and we can enjoy eating at picnic tables again.

Check them out on Facebook by searching "Where There's Food, Eat It" to find out where they are parked and their specials.



# FUN & GAMES

## Vital skills

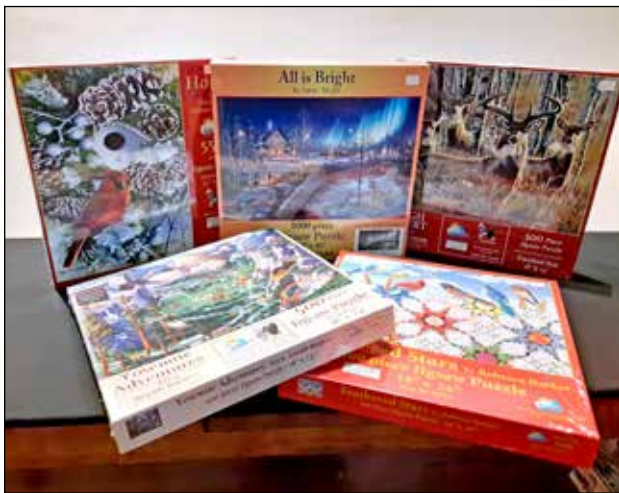
On Tuesday, Students in Nicole Abel's Animal Science class learned how to check vital signs on their dogs. Abel's two dogs also volunteered for the class activity. Wildlife Management students worked on making custom fishing rods.



Photos by Nicole Abel



## Puzzling art at Wenaha



Wenaha Gallery

*Wenaha Gallery art event shares puzzles, collects canned goods*

### THE TIMES

DAYTON—In celebration of January, a month known for inclement weather, the Wenaha Gallery is featuring fine art jigsaw puzzles as their 3D Art Event.

The gallery has puzzles big and small—ranging from 35 pieces to 1,000 pieces, which feature wild turkeys, a train landscape from the Colorado mountains, to a field of green clover. The gallery's framer, Savannah Henderson, says she recommends the 300-piece

dog breed puzzle, as it is harder than it looks, but 'immensely satisfying' to complete.

In addition to the puzzle event, the Wenaha Gallery will be holding their annual Canned Food Drive, with all proceeds benefiting the Dayton Community Food bank. Through January 31, for every non-perishable food item people bring in, they receive \$2 off their next custom framing order, up to 20 percent off total. Gallery owner Pat Harri and her late husband, Ed, started this more years ago than she can remember, as a way of infusing January with some light and joy and hope.

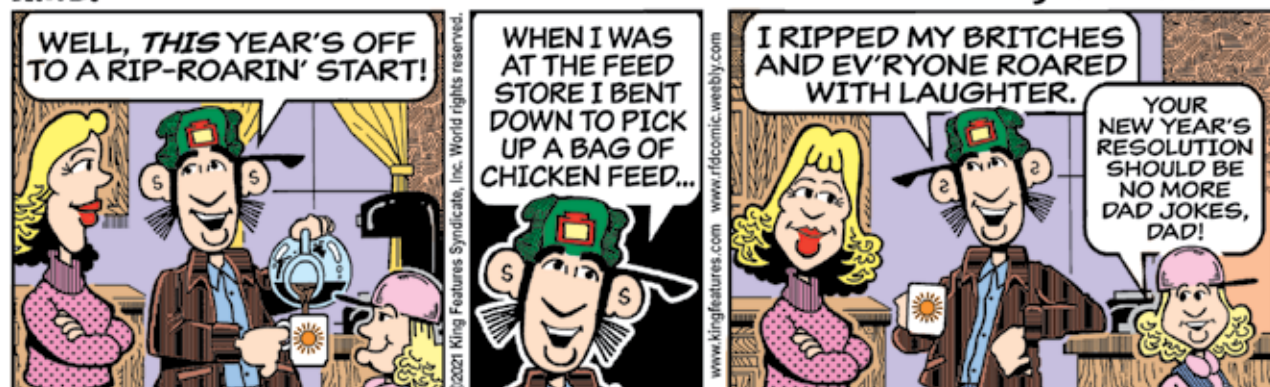
### Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas



### R.F.D.



by Mike Marland

## PIONEER PORTRAITS

### Ten Years Ago

January 13, 2011

[Photo caption] Jeff Jenkins, a Columbia County Sheriff's deputy, displays drug paraphernalia at Dayton schools last week.



After Claudia Nysoe and her husband, Dain, moved back to Dayton two years ago, she told him the position of Chamber of Commerce director seemed like the most interesting job in town. So when Lisa Ronnberg announced in December that she would leave the chamber to join the Columbia County's Public Works department, Nysoe applied for it, and late last week, she got it.

When faced with the question, "what is my patriotic role as a U.S. citizen?" the first obligation that popped into the head of the Waitsburg middle schooler was the duty to vote and participate in her country's democracy, which she'll be able to do when she turns 18 in about four years. It should be noted that Baker became the second winner in a row from the Waitsburg School District. Last year, Emma Philbrook, who was in 6th grade at the time, won the same award for her essay encouraging her readers to honor American troops overseas.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 18, 1996

For the first time, 520 wheat farmers in Walla Walla County will have to repay money they received in government subsidies last year. A total of about \$3.7 million must be repaid by July 1 in Walla Walla county alone. A total of \$4.2 million in subsidies was given, but not all of it has to be repaid.

Writing and speaking are not the only ways to communicate, as students in the Preston Hall language arts class will demonstrate on Wednesday, Jan. 24, using sign language to "sing" a song.

Mike Mayberry, transportation manager of Skagit Gardens, a nursery in Mount Vernon, Wash., recently received the statewide Young Member of the Year award from the Washington State Nursery and Landscape Association.

Dawn Blair and Travis Martin were married Nov. 18, 1995, at a small family gathering in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, at the Colonial Wedding House.

### Fifty Years Ago

January 28, 1971

The utility bills, i.e., water, sewage, and garbage, which will be mailed out on February 1st of this year, will show an increase in rates since the Ordinance recently passed by the City Council became effective as of January 1. The sewer charges will now be \$1.75, an increase of 25 cents, and the garbage pickup charges have been raised to \$1.50 from \$1.25. Water rates remain the same.

Waitsburg City Council went on record at its last meeting in opposition to the proposed closing of Lewis and Clark Trail State Park. For budget purposes, the State of Washington has proposed to have it open only on weekends.

Miss Terry Leslie, physical education instructor in the local school system, suffered torn knee ligaments in a ski accident this past weekend.

### Seventy-Five Years Ago

February 1, 1946

Ernest Mikkelsen was named president of the Racing Association at a reorganization meeting held Tuesday evening at the Commercial Club room.

To raise money for room games and indoor activities, the students of the first grade at Central School are presenting a demonstration of folk-dancing and music by a rhythm band on February 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brunson of Cove, Ore. are the parents of a daughter born January 25. She is the 24th great-grandchild of Mrs. Lida Conover.

### One Hundred Years Ago

February 11, 1921

A masquerade dancing party was given at the Mr. Zuger country home on Wednesday evening of last week. Those who were there report a good old country dance with plenty of good things to eat.

Thursday evening Hays McCoy was host to a number of his young friends, the occasion being his tenth birthday as it was also two of his guests, Dorothea Kanz and Carol Ramseur. Those present were Carol Ramseur, Dorothea Kanz, James Tucker, Clyde Wiseman, Rita Ogden, Thelma Tucker, Gwendolyn Ramseur, Bernadine Wiseman, Kerneiw Williams, Hubert Harris, Velma Starr, Chester Stonecipher, Bobby McCoy, and Harvey Stonecipher.

### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

February 7, 1896

The Oregonian says that the Portland Flour Mills has secured half a million bushels of wheat at 65 cents.

A large number of his friends tendered J.H. Marrow a farewell reception in the way of a surprise party on Saturday evening.

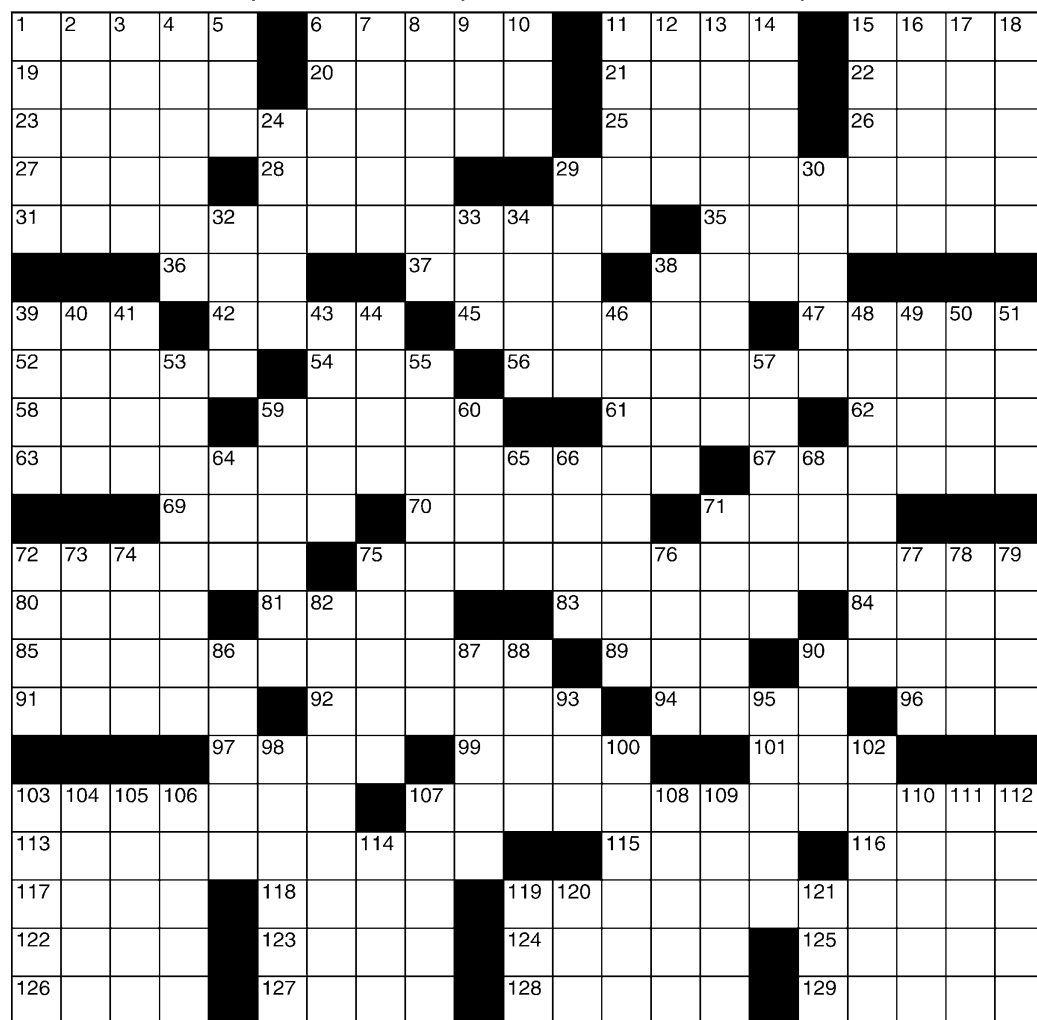
There has been just a ripple of excitement in the Burg this week on account of the school board's action in expelling four pupils from the public school. The pupils were expelled because of insubordination and defiance, and the board expresses determination to have discipline in the school at all hazards.



# PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

## Super Crossword MULTITUDINOUS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Little rascal
  - 6 Mosque officiants
  - 11 Go for a dip
  - 15 Spill the secret
  - 19 Shinbone
  - 20 Local theaters, in slang
  - 21 Had on
  - 22 Go very fast
  - 23 City in which quadrennial games take place
  - 25 Gumbo vegetable
  - 26 R&B singer James
  - 27 Japanese soup paste
  - 28 Fit — queen
  - 29 Sea cargo weight unit
  - 31 Statistic associated with plane riders
  - 35 Threatens to topple
  - 36 Brouhaha
  - 37 Ken is one
  - 38 Viking 1 landing site
  - 39 Fleecy boot brand
  - 42 Guesses at LGA
  - 45 Instructive example
  - 47 "Siddhartha" author
  - 52 Gotten larger
  - 54 UNLV part
  - 56 1977 Triple Crown horse
  - 58 "— & Stitch"
  - 59 Stinging hits
  - 61 TV's Arnaz
  - 62 Not iffy
  - 63 Whitewater transport
  - 67 Vassals
  - 69 Tongue-lash
  - 70 See
  - 71 With 117-Across, Goldie of "Laugh-In"
  - 72 Unit of pressure
  - 75 It surrounds the South
  - 80 Twin of Jacob
  - 81 Secy., e.g.
  - 83 Oozes
  - 84 Jazzy Fitzgerald
  - 85 Pile of trash
  - 89 Enervate
  - 90 Sacred song
  - 91 Muscle twitch
  - 92 Arthurian wizard
  - 94 "Encore!"
  - 96 "Science Guy" of TV
  - 97 Pupil setting
  - 99 Arthurian wife
  - 101 Add- (annexes)
  - 103 Reviewer of tax returns
  - 107 Disney World roller coaster
  - 113 Moniker for a 1970s sitcom family
  - 115 Go up
  - 116 With 118-Across, bite-size Nabisco cookie
  - 117 With 70-Across, Taj Mahal locale
  - 118 See
  - 116-Across
  - 119 Statement about the end of each of nine answers in this puzzle
  - 122 Meyers of "Late Night"
  - 123 Ball field coverer
  - 124 Candid
  - 125 Cara of "Fame" fame
  - 126 Canadian fuel brand
  - 127 Gin flavorer
  - 128 Burrito topper
  - 129 Winona of "Beetlejuice"
  - 40 Smile widely
  - 41 Club game
  - 43 Assuage
  - 44 Bygone Swedish car
  - 46 Smileys' opposites
  - 48 Inherent natures
  - 49 Slimy garden pest
  - 50 Dried up, old-style
  - 51 Rams' partners
  - 53 Some babes in the woods
  - 55 Sharp, broken-off piece
  - 57 Purple blooms
  - 59 Colonel Klink's camp
  - 60 Mail status
  - 64 — carte
  - 65 Nutrition stat
  - 66 Ventilates
  - 68 "Sands of — Jima"
  - 71 Big African beast, briefly
  - 72 Tinkertoy bits
  - 73 PDQ cousin
  - 74 Gilbert of "The Talk"
  - 75 Fire remains
  - 76 Join (with)
  - 77 Zest
  - 78 Join (with)
  - 79 Identify
  - 82 Between urban and country
  - 86 Friendly relationship
  - 87 Letter before beth
  - 88 — colada
  - 90 "21 Grams" actor Sean
  - 93 Cage, to his pals
  - 95 City WNW of Paris
  - 98 R2-D2 and others
  - 100 Skin-related
  - 102 "Our Lady" of churches
  - 103 Humiliate
  - 104 Beseeches
  - 105 Pub missiles
  - 106 Boise setting
  - 107 Brand of mouthwash
  - 108 Outward expressions
  - 109 Port of Japan
  - 110 Felt sickly
  - 111 Words after two or hole
  - 112 Stuff in gunpowder
  - 114 Successor of Claudius I
  - 119 Provisos
  - 120 Refrain bit
  - 121 Title for Ringo Starr as of 2018



## MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

### Tarte Tatine As American as...

While the country I love feels painfully divided, I have been focusing on what unites us, and to my mind, food has always been the great unifier. Our nation's rich diversity makes it hard to define a truly American cuisine, but perhaps nothing has come to represent us quite like the humble Apple Pie. I am sure many of you already have a tried-and-true recipe, possibly passed down over generations, for this quintessential American dessert. So, I thought I would bring you something a little different.



Luke Chavez

While Tarte Tatine originates from France, as do many pastry delights, the combination of dark caramel and apples seem tailored to the American palate. Because the tart is baked upside down and then flipped out to serve, the crust remains perfectly crisp while the apples meld with the caramel.

#### INGREDIENTS:

##### For the crust:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour, plus extra for rolling
- ¼ cup sugar
- Pinch of salt
- ½ cup (one stick) chilled butter cut into 12 pieces
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 to 4 tablespoons ice water

##### For the Filling:

- 1 to 4 lbs firm baking apples (Braeburn, Granny Smith, or Golden Delicious) peeled, cored, and quartered lengthwise. Don't worry about browning, as they will turn dark as they caramelize in the bake.
- 6 tablespoons soft butter
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar

#### DIRECTIONS:

**Prepare Crust:** Mix dry ingredients in a bowl. Use a pastry cutter to cut in the butter until pea-sized and evenly distributed. In a small bowl, mix the egg yolk and 2 tablespoons of ice water with a fork. Pour mixture into the flour and blend. Add more ice water, a tablespoon at a time, until the dough just starts to form together. Turn dough out onto a floured surface and lightly knead a few times to form a smooth ball. Wrap in plastic and chill for at least an hour.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

**Filling:** Place a 9-inch cast-iron skillet over medium heat. Add the butter and sugar, gently swirling the pan as the butter melts. As the sugar melts to a golden color, start stirring gently with a wooden spoon. Keep an eye on the pan, and don't let the sugar burn. Keep stirring until the caramel is dark amber brown and bubbling. Takes 10 to 15 minutes. Take off heat.

While the pan cools, cut the apple quarters in half lengthwise and begin arranging in concentric circles starting from the outer edge. Place the apples peeled side down, pressing gently into the caramel. Fill gaps with smaller pieces. Apples should resemble a flower and be packed tight as they will shrink during baking. Remember, the bottom will become the top.

Roll the crust into a circle about 11 inches in diameter and place over the apples. Tuck the edges under, pressing between the pan and the apples. Make four small vent cuts.

Bake for 35-45 minutes. The crust should be golden brown with filling bubbling around the sides.

When done, remove from oven and allow to cool for 5 minutes. Place a serving platter upside down on top, then carefully and quickly flip the platter and the pan over, releasing the tart. If any apples are stuck in the pan, use a spatula to retrieve them and arrange them on the tart.

Serve with whipped cream, vanilla ice cream, or crème fraîche.

#### MY NOTES:

Using this as a starting point, there are endless ways to make this recipe your own. For added luxury scrape a whole vanilla pod into the butter and sugar while making the caramel. You could also play with spices, perhaps a pinch of nutmeg or cardamom for a twist on classic apple pie spice. A sprinkle of lavender or fancy sea salt would pair beautifully with the caramel.

For an adults-only treat, try mixing a little Calvados or Bourbon into fresh whip cream and serving a generous dollop on top.

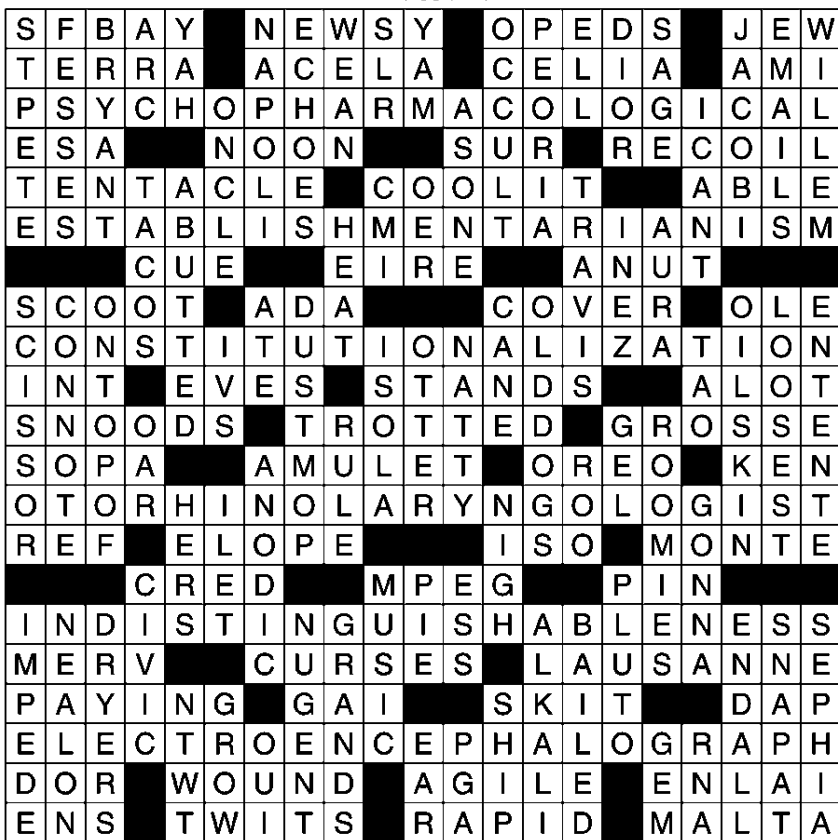
I am a little old fashioned and prefer using a manual pastry cutter when making my crust, but you could use a food processor if you prefer. Puff Pastry would also be a lovely crust choice. Try using your favorite crust recipe, or even (gasp) store-bought in a pinch.

Enjoy and consider sharing a slice with your neighbor who voted for the other guy.

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

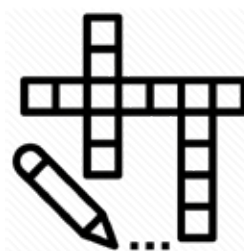
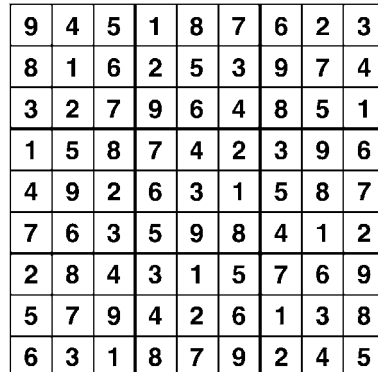
#### Super Crossword

##### Answers



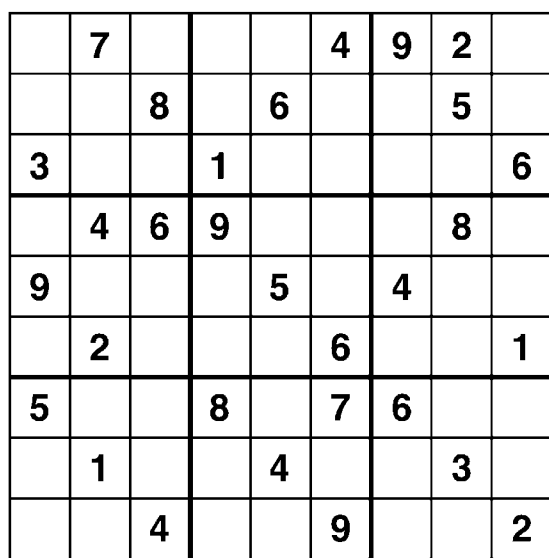
#### Weekly SUDOKU

##### Answer



## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

#### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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

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# THE LAST PAGE

## POSITIVE - FROM PAGE 1

She needed to be hospitalized. "I wanted to be close to my father, but the doctor there told me there was no room for me in Dayton."

Instead, she was transferred by ambulance to the COVID-19 care unit at Providence St. Mary's Hospital in Walla Walla. Her husband saw her off at the hospital with a small overnight bag of personal items.

"I wanted to cry, but not make him worry," she said. In her room on the fourth floor, nursing staff, garbed in full protective gear, began the process of monitoring her vital signs.

She said, "The mask, gown, and air hose connected to a pack attached to their backs looked just like something out of a science fiction movie."

Like her father, Jagelski was placed on oxygen and treated with dexamethasone, hydroxychloroquine, and a blood thinner.

She doesn't remember the first eight to twelve hours in the hospital. "I just remember waking up, throat and chest hurting and feeling my body working hard to breathe," she said.

"This isn't good for all three of us. The odds are against us." The worries began: Will I walk out of the hospital? What happens if I don't? Will my father survive? Who will take care of him if I don't live? What if my husband has a relapse? What if I never see my loved ones again? Who will tell my students? "In the hospital, you are alone."

She said it was terrifying when she realized the comfort she might have had from family and friends visiting her was not going to happen, and if not for the kind attention from the hospital staff, she would have felt completely alone. "The staff made me feel like I was their only patient."

Could this have been prevented? When the COVID-19 pandemic first began, Jagelski said the three began staying at home. They canceled vacations and trips to see family, and became more vigilant as the numbers of positive cases rose.

"We became more guarded, cleaning surfaces, washing our hands, wearing our masks, and avoiding groups. We have stayed home, and we only went out for groceries, or on a drive to change our scenery," she said. "When we shop, I always wipe down the wheels of my father's wheelchairs, wheel him away from people, who don't give us six-feet of space, and we disinfect our hands, door handles, and anything that could be cleaned."

Why did they survive when so many others have not?

One doctor told her their survival could be because they had been eating well, working to lose weight and because none of them have hypertension or diabetes. "We can't prove it, but it is something to think about," she said.

Also, the support she received from fellow music teachers; Denise Hurst, Lori Parnicky, Stefanie Flerchinger, and Marybeth Norby, who did her school lesson plans, along with the well wishes and prayers from the staff at Berney Elementary, and from family and friends, kept her spirits up.

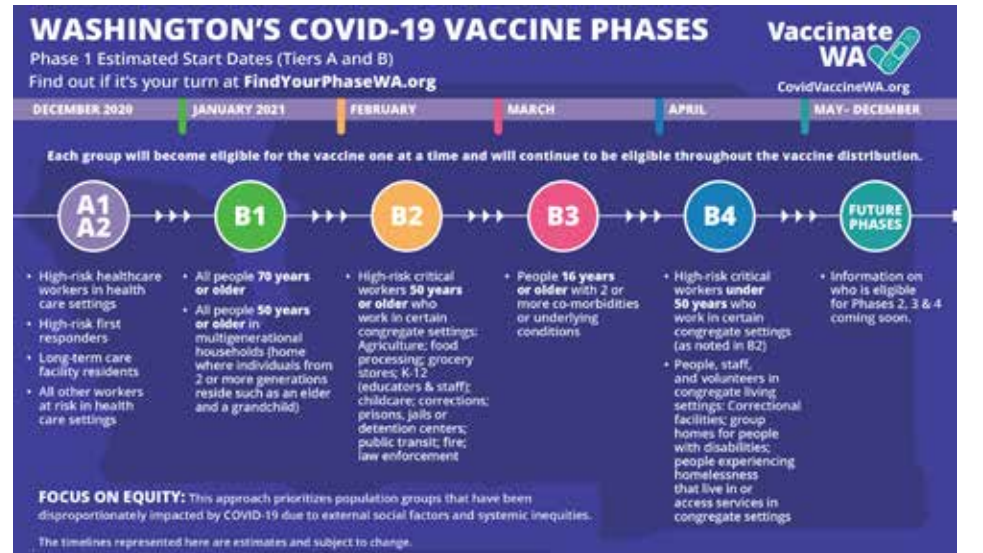
Plus, she simply made up her mind not to die. "I have too many people that are counting on me," she said.

How are they feeling now? The three of them are back at home but are experiencing bouts of exhaustion, requiring frequent periods of rest and more sleep. Her father is having difficulty regaining his strength, and her husband just "looks tired," she said.

Jagelski said the family is looking forward to the future.

This year Elizabeth and Tom will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary, Juan's 90th birthday, and daughter Meagan's 40th birthday. Jagelski said she is grateful they are still here to enjoy their children and their grandchildren.

And we will get to see Elizabeth in another TVAC production, sometime in the future.



# Gardener's Grove: Lucky bamboo

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

PLANTAE KINGDOM—Our garden beds have been tucked in with dry leaves to overwinter in a frosty slumber. Next season's plantings are but a dream.

In the interim, let us look around the indoor landscape and learn about one of the most commonly found houseplants: the lucky bamboo or *Dracaena sanderiana*.

Its stalks rise like an art deco skyscraper, bright green and vertically inclined. At the top, a lucky bamboo is leafy and can be coiled.

*Dracaena sanderiana* is a species of flowering plant in the family Asparagaceae. It is named after the German-English gardener Henry Frederick Conrad Sander (1847–1920). Though the plant is commonly marketed as "lucky bamboo," it is not bamboo at all. The stem is fleshy, which distinguishes it from bamboo.

Common names include Sander's dracaena, ribbon dracaena, lucky bamboo, curly bamboo, Chinese water bamboo, Goddess of Mercy's plant, Belgian evergreen, and ribbon plant. Although the word bamboo occurs in several of this plant's common names, *D. sanderiana* is of an entirely different taxonomic order from true bamboos—though it is worth noting that this plant and true bamboos both fall under the monocot clade. So, they're more like cousins than siblings. Despite several of its common names that suggest it originates in China or Belgium, it is a native African species. *Dracaena sanderiana* is often confused with *Dracaena braunii*, a plant from coastal West Africa with flowers five times shorter than those of *D. sanderiana*.

Where does the luck come in? Some say when presented as a gift, the bamboo is imbued with luck, and



Courtesy photos

Left: *Dracaena sanderiana* or Lucky bamboo woven into a vase shape.

Right: True bamboo of the moro variety, emerges from the ground in sharp spear points.

the number of stalks determines the type of blessing being bestowed. Two stalks are sent as an expression of love and are said to double your luck. Three stalks represent happiness, wealth, and longevity. Five stalks positively impact one's wealth. Six stalks represent good luck and wealth.

Lucky bamboo is a great way to practice tree shaping, which is an art form that uses living plants to create structures and forms. As they grow, stalks can be twisted and woven into intricate patterns and coils.

*Dracaena sanderiana* has a lifespan of one to five years at a max height of 39 inches.

If planted in the ground, it loses its bamboo-like look and fills in with a leaf. It prefers bright, well-ven-

tilated areas, but scattered light or semi-shade. Lucky bamboo is a perennial, so cuttings can be made year-round.

Unlike *Dracaena sanderiana*, true bamboo is not always a lucky plant, as it can be dangerous. As it grows, bamboo sends out shoots five to six feet laterally and then straight up. The shoots grow at an angle like spears and are no fun for a bare foot to happen upon.

Hence the lucky bamboo is a more popular plant for indoors and outdoors.

Sources: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dracaena\\_sanderiana](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dracaena_sanderiana), thespruce.com

## LEGAL NOTICES (Cont.)

district. This ordinance was adopted under RCW 36.70A.390 and it enacted a maximum density of 4 dwelling units per acre for all single-family residential uses, including mobile/manufactured home parks. This ordinance was renewed by Ordinances 480, 483, and 484 and expires on February 3, 2021. The purpose of this public hearing is to consider whether to renew the interim zoning regulations prior to their expiration on February 3.

Finalizing the proposed changes to the zoning ordinance was delayed by the events of 2020. Renewing the interim ordinance at this time will allow the County to finish preparation of final amendment proposals and conduct required public outreach, environmental review, and public hearings on this project. This work is ongoing and opportunities for public participation are tentatively scheduled for February through April 2021.

Written comments regarding the renewal of the interim zoning regulations may be submitted prior to and at the hearing on January 25. This is the final opportunity to comment on the extension (renewal) of this ordinance; written comments on this proposed procedural

action are not expected to be accepted after the public hearing is closed on January 25. However, comments will be allowed separately through any Comprehensive Plan or Development Regulation amendment process that results from the work plan contained in the interim ordinance.

Those participating at said hearing may testify for or against the proposed ordinance which would extend the existing interim regulations. Remote public participation and testimony will be allowed via Cisco Webex and telephone (see call-in information below). Limited participation and testimony at a remote location is available for those who are unable to testify by Cisco Webex or Telephone by contacting the Clerk of the Board at 509-524-2505 in advance of the hearing.

Send written comments to one of the following addresses:  
Board of County Commissioners  
c/o Walla Walla County Community Development Department  
310 W. Poplar Street, Suite 200; Walla Walla, WA 99362  
commdev@co.walla-walla.wa.us  
PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

Monday, January 25, 2021 at 11:00 AM

Any citizen may participate in the hearing by attending through the following options:

Call in 1-408-418-9388 access code: 146 784 0290

Meeting link: <https://wwco.webex.com/wwco/j.p?MTID=m6ef6c0710e4eb57be4e10ce0cc827a38>

FOR MORE INFORMATION: For more information regarding this meeting, please contact Lauren Prentice, Director, at 509-524-2620 or commdev@co.walla-walla.wa.us.

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