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Columbia County fights back against 'government transparency advocate'

Prosecutor confident with county's decision not to settle suit outside of court.

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Columbia County is just one of many Washington government entities that received a Public Record Request from self-proclaimed 'government transparency advocate' Eric Hood.

The state Public Records Act requires that state and local agencies disclose all records to the public unless the law specifically exempts them. Agencies must reply to requests within five business days to give an estimate of when records will be available and later provide a log to explain any redactions or exemptions. Agencies are allowed to charge for the actual cost of providing records.

According to documents filed on March 8, 2022, in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Hood sent an email to the Columbia County Auditor, Anne Higgins, on January 20, 2019, that read: I heard the county was recently audited by the state auditor. May I have all records the county got from the auditor and all records of the county's response to the auditor to the audit report?

The same day, Hood received an emailed response including the 2017 Accountability and Financial/Federal audit performed by the Washington State Auditor's Office. The county's responses to the state auditor were also included. Hood confirmed he had received the documents but had not had a chance to read them. He asked if the auditor would be sending additional documents. Without an additional Public Records request, the answer was no.

Less than 12 months later, Hood filed a complaint about violations of the Public Records Act, to which Columbia County filed an answer, asserting that all responsive documents had been provided.

Columbia County Prosecutor Dale Slack told *The Times* that the county will be fighting back against Hood, with the case being heard in Franklin County Superior Court.

When asked if Columbia County had considered offering a settlement, Slack said that he did not feel like there was any reasonable settlement.

"Our position is that Anne answered the request as it was written," Slack explained. "If he claims that he was owed other documents, that was not what our reading of his request was. Any settlement that we would enter into would be what we call in the legal world a nuisance settlement."

He said a nuisance settlement pays someone to leave them, the county, alone.

"The commissioners and I would be making a settlement to make someone go away, when we don't think we did anything wrong," Slack said.

He estimated that the county's legal fees are upwards of \$20,000, adding that a similar amount was considered as a settlement in discussions at the outset of the case.

"We would rather spend that money to have the truth come out than give it to him," Slack added.

To date, Hood has been awarded an estimated \$820,000 from cases involving the Public Records Act. His first lawsuit was against the South Whidbey School District in 2012. In an interview in 2021 to the Ever-

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Fire hydrants, Park & Rec focus of March Council meeting

New councilmembers push for clarification on agenda items.

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg City Council met for its regular meeting on March 23, 2022. Councilmembers Jim Romine and Jillian Henze were unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Marty Dunn, Councilmembers Kevin House, Court Ruppenthal, and Randy Charles were present. Twelve community members attended the meeting.

After holding a brief public hearing, the council voted to vacate a defunct alleyway and give ownership to Paul and Karen Gregutt, who own the adjacent property. The alley has no utilities attached and provides no income or purpose for the city. There was no input from citizens regarding the vacation, and the council vote was unanimous.

The council approved payment to Don Jackson Excavation for \$58,398.56 for the 2nd Street Culvert Project.

City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe presented the council with two bids for the splash pad project, tentatively scheduled to break ground in May. He estimated that the project, including parts and construction, would total roughly \$104,000. When budgeting for the pad, the city had initially set aside \$50,000 from the general fund and an additional \$40,000 from the municipal capital improvements fund to cover the project's cost.

"Past performances of Municipal Capital Improvements have trended above budget estimates, so any additional cost should be able to be covered through the general fund or Municipal Capital improvements," Hinchliffe shared in a memo to the council members on March 18 of this year. He noted that original estimates have continued to increase due to abnormally high inflation, coupled with other unspecified price increase factors, which have led to a 'relatively high' budget for the project.

Based out of Walla Walla, ESF Solutions was the lowest bidder, totaling \$69,048.25 for the civil scope of work, excluding taxes, around \$5,600. Owner Aaron Grimm included a \$7,650.00 add-on for irrigation restoration and sod placement.

During the review of bids, councilmember Ruppenthal raised questions regarding plumbing, gravel, and fill work. The cost of gravel was not included in the ESF Solutions bid. Hinchliffe said it was included in the company's grading, excavation, and subgrade prep estimate, and the bid was accepted.

Council members approved an agreement between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and the City of Waitsburg for the Shorelands-Shoreline Master Program periodic review. This review happens every eight years. The project is funded by the Department of Ecology for \$11,200, with the agreement expiring on June 30, 2023. The council

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

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

April 2: Dan Butler, Bill Butler, Kay Hawks, Sandra Nogle, Dawn Hinchliffe, Cassandra Leid, Jacob Smith and Bonnie Jones.

April 3: Donna Knotts, Deanna Huffman Tipton, Terry McCoy and Mary Beth Reese.

April 4: Tanner Patton, Carly Mary Jean Pearson, Dan Hofer, Jack Murphy, and Tarah McCaw.

April 5: David Smith, Ray Jeremiah, Frank Williams, Frances Allion, Susan Syferd, Jessica Meier and Rob Fry.

April 6: Dane Kiefel.



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BEST OF THE 2021 MOVIE CRUSH ON APRIL 16

Gesa offers movie lovers a full menu

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WALLA WALLA—Gesa Power House Theatre presents the Best of the 2021 Walla Walla Movie Crush on Saturday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m.

Last July, the 5th Annual Walla Walla Movie Crush festival of short cinema presented 117 short films over three days. The “Best of” event features most of the 2021 award winners and will be an excellent introduction to the annual festival.

Similar in format to the full festival, the evening will feature three blocks of films with short breaks in between to stretch and grab a drink from the bar.

The 6th Annual Walla Walla Movie Crush returns to Gesa Power House Theatre July 15-17, 2022.

The Power House Movie Series presents award-winning festival favorites, feature-length narratives, documentaries, and undiscovered gems, paired with exclusive content from the movie makers themselves – most often in conversation with Gesa Power House Theatre Director of Film Programming, Warren Etheredge.

Reserved seating tickets (\$15 adult, \$10 students) are available online at www.phtww.org or by calling the box office at 509-529-6500. Gesa Power House Theatre is located at 111 N. 6th Avenue in downtown Walla Walla.

The line-up for the Power House Movies Series continues:

All Sorts (comedy)
 Wednesday, March 30

The Automat (documentary)
 Wednesday, April 6

Thin Skin (drama)
 Friday, April 15 (live Q&A with director Charles Mudede)

Best of 2021 Movie Crush (selected shorts)
 Saturday, April 16

Seattle Jewish Film Festival (selected shorts)
 Wednesday, April 27

Charm Circle (documentary)
 Wednesday, June 1

Cat Daddies (documentary)
 Wednesday, June 29

All Ages Show (local documentary)
 Wednesday, July 6

WALLA WALLA COUNTY ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Due to reduced demand, Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH) and local health care partners will decrease the number of vaccine clinics offered at the Providence Southgate campus.


Beginning Wednesday, March 30, clinics will transition from Friday and Saturday to every Wednesday. Clinics will only be for those ages 12 years and older, except on the last Wednesday of every month, which will be Family Day. On Family Day, anyone five years and older will be able to get a vaccine.

All vaccine clinics will run from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Everyone interested in scheduling an appointment at Providence Southgate should visit the Walla Walla County COVID website for the most up-to-date links and schedule.

The COVID testing site at Providence Southgate will not change its hours of operation. The site will be open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone needing a COVID test can find testing appointments and locations at <https://www.covidwwc.com/testing>.

Residents without Internet/computer access can call the DCH helpline (509) 524-2647 and leave their name, date of birth, phone number, and a message stating that they need assistance scheduling an appointment.

Walla Walla DCH encourages all residents to visit the County COVID website or text COVIDWW to 888777 for information on upcoming vaccination clinics.



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ASKING PORT TO SUPPORT TOURISM, SMALL BUSINESS, AND THE TRAIL

To the editor,

Countless hours have been spent by numerous Touchet Valley Trail supporters and the Stakeholder Committee in work on the planning process of the Touchet Valley Trail. That planning process included much time spent evaluating any community concerns and wishes and incorporating as many ideas as possible into the Trail plan.

The investment of hours, time and money was made because of the proven economic and health benefits of a trail.

Small, rural downtowns survive on the largesse and support of their community and residents spending money in local businesses. Community support must extend to having tourism infrastructure that brings visitor dollars to town. Trail and outdoor activities have been proven to bring increased economic vitality to their adjacent communities and businesses.

Waitsburg businesses already experience bicycle and pedestrian tourism; there is a need for more infrastructure to ensure economic success.

Personally, having managed a Waitsburg overnight rental for 7 years- it was amazing how many brought bicycles or rode in from Walla Walla on their bikes. Almost 70% of renters were bicyclists and wanted routes and destinations; Dayton was a planned part of the visit.

It is important to have transportation plans that are not just highways for cars and trucks. Since 1960, when our own Senator Magnuson was involved in supporting funding for alternate transportation, State and Federal Governments have included trails in transportation planning. It is not a new concept and trails are connecting states and communities across the U.S.

Let's bring state and federal tax dollars back to our communities for local use on the Touchet Valley Trail project. Let's provide our communities with the health, safety and economic benefits of a Trail that connects our two downtowns. The Trail is most impactful with interesting, desirable and needed destinations.

The Port of Columbia has a successful history of providing economic development opportunities to the City of Dayton and Columbia County. It's efforts have, in the past, been much appreciated by many entities, businesses, and community members. Continuing that work is vital to economic success in Dayton and Columbia County.

I, and many others, are asking the Port of Columbia Commissioners for continued support of the Touchet Valley Trail Project.

Joy Smith
 Waitsburg, Wash.



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William Roger Smith

March 24, 1927 - August 27, 2020

With great sadness, the Family of William Roger Smith, better known as Bill, Billy Fish, GP Bill or Uncle Peoples, age 93, passed away, August 27, 2020, at Booker Rest Home in Dayton, Washington.

Bill was born March 24, 1927, at Emanuel Hospital in Portland, Oregon to William Winfield Smith and Pauline Meidinger Smith. When Bill was 3 years old Jacqueline Smith, his sister, made the family complete in Payette, Idaho. The family moved to Prescott, Washington about 1933. Bill's father and uncle operated the Prescott Creamery. Bill's job at the Creamery was to wrap butter, test cream and render lard. His family also had a large chicken farm that supplied many dozens of eggs to local bakeries. The family always had chicken dinner on Sunday's.

In March of 1945, Bill was called to duty for the Navy, during his senior year at Prescott High School. He sailed overseas on the USS New Jersey, as a replacement in the Amphibious Division in the Marshall Islands in the South Pacific. When the first A-Bomb fell, everyone on board was issued 3 cans of beer. He was among a crew of 100 that secured the beaches afterwards by sinking US landing craft equipment or placing it under protective covers. Bill was discharged in July 1946. He enrolled in Dairy Manufacturing Studies and Chemistry at Washington State University to learn how to make ice cream. He studied at WSU until 1947.

On November 16, 1950, Bill enlisted back into the Navy during the Korean War. This time he served as a Boiler Technician on board the USS Higbee. While in the Navy, Bill was awarded the Korean Service Medal, the China Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, The Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. Bill was honorably discharged on September 15, 1954.



William Roger Smith

After Bill's discharge, he distributed fuel for Western Farmers of Walla Walla before working at Washington State Penitentiary.

On February 8, 1958, Bill and Sharren Rose Dingee were married in Prescott, Washington. Together, they bought a house in Walla Walla, Washington. Their oldest son, Mark Allen Smith was born January 16, 1959, in Walla Walla, Washington. Then on January 9, 1962, their youngest son, Dean Scot Smith was also born in Walla Walla, Washington. Bill and Sharren then bought the old Clyde Brown house in Prescott. On August 5, 1968, Bill's wife of 10 years, Sharren Rose Smith died in Richland, Washington. On June 8, 1975, Bill married Sharon Hurst in Dayton, Washington.

Bill retired from Washington State Penitentiary after 25 years.

Bill leaves behind his wife, his son, Dean Scot Smith (Darla) of Prescott, Washington, His Grand-daughter, Kimberly Jean Smith (Michael McFadden) of Prescott, Washington, his sister in-law Ardis Eichler (Charlie) of College Place, Washington, and the many nieces and nephews.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents William and Pauline Smith, his sister Jacqueline Halfhide, his first wife Sharren Rose Smith, his son Mark Allen Smith.

Bill can be remembered for his caring and gentle nature. He was the type of person that always put other people in front of himself. He was a loving father, grandfather and uncle.



Bill's interests were attending the USS Higbee ship reunions, family history, watching and feeding the wildlife in his front yard and going to the Tuxedo for his much-needed coffee and talking and with people.

He was a member of the American Legion, the Tin Can Sailors National Association of Destroyer Veterans, Walla Walla Elks Club, and the Prescott Alumni Association. He was also involved with the Cub Scouts.

There will be a graveside service for family and friends at Blue Mountain Memorial Gardens on April 2, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Friends and family are welcome to join the family in Prescott at the Tuxedo Bar and Grill after the graveside.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Walla Walla Veterans Home or the Prescott Alumni Association.

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approved the scope of work and budget proposal from the Watershed Company, which will guide the city through the review steps. Further details regarding the agreement can be viewed on the city's website.

Councilmember Charles expressed concern about the proposed agreement between the City of Waitsburg and Anderson Perry & Associates relating to the GIS Mapping services. The city added an amendment to include fire hydrant flow and pressure testing of all hydrants in the city. The testing would cost an estimated \$150 per hydrant. Initially the city and CWWFD2 discussed having the district provide the service. This would just be for hydrant checks to insure they are operational.

Charles said he did not have issue with the entire amendment. However, the plan Hinchliffe presented dividing the city into four quadrants, with one quadrant tested each year, did not meet National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) requirements. Should the city's ISO ratings (water system's fire suppression capabilities) fall below NFPA standards, it could impact homeowner insurance rates in the City of Waitsburg and public safety.

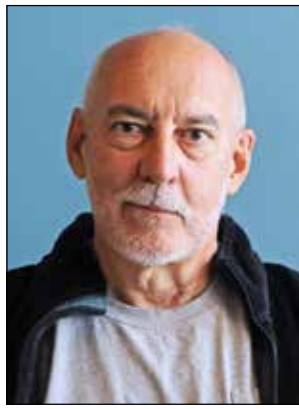
Charles said, "There is a requirement that a water system is tested for its pressure and flow every five years. That doesn't mean that every hydrant in the city needs to be tested, but it must be done in a fashion where there are enough hydrants tested to ensure the entirety of the water system has enough flow for fire suppression."

He asked for language stating hydrant flow and pressure testing of the Waitsburg City water system to be in accordance with NFPA 291 to be added to the amendment. The NFPA recommends annual water flow testing and marking of hydrants.

NFPA standards require an annual functionality check for each hydrant. This involves opening the valve and letting water flow briefly, checking the drain valve, clearing gravel and other debris, and basic maintenance.

Since the amendment is only one line and does not specify what service Anderson Perry would be providing, Charles requested more information be provided.

He also requested Anderson Perry provide testing reports to be kept on file by the fire district and



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Councilmember Randy Charles

Waitsburg City Hall.

Charles clarified that there is a difference between pressure and function checks and flushing, which must be done accordingly. During pressure checks under the NFPA guidance, one hydrant would be checked in a specified area, while another hydrant is opened to see if the water pressure remains stable and adequate.

Fire Commissioner Ashley Strickland disagreed with Charles, and felt the amendment was sufficient. The amendment states that each hydrant would be pressure and flow tested this year and then the city would take on the testing in quadrants, annually. It did not specify whether the firm would complete hydrant checks. These would then have to be one annually by the city.

After some back and forth between the commissioner and councilmember, Charles requested representatives from Anderson Perry come to the next meeting to clarify services. Discussion regarding hydrant flushing and testing was tabled until the councilmembers could explore needs more in-depth.

Park and Recreation District (P&R) commissioner Leroy Cunningham approached the council with an update and to voice some requests and concerns.

Cunningham said it is required by law to have a dedicated office space and requested the use of the upper floor of the library building for the P&R office. He said the district would apply for funding to make necessary repairs and seek ADA-related grants to extend the chairlift to the second level. If the city were to agree, P&R would also need the library's Board of Trustees' approval. The new lift installed at the library does not have the capability to extend to the second floor, according to the Friends of the Library.

Next, Cunningham discussed the pool and referred to the leak report and a recent assessment from Cortner Architectural that estimated \$850,000-\$1m to build a new pool facility. This estimate includes parking, a new changing and shower facility as well as replacing the pool. The Cortner report is available to view online at www.cityof-waitsburg.org.

Cunningham said P&R would like to take over the pool's management and explore replacing or relocating the pool or repurposing the current site for another use. He said the district would make a formal request later.

He then referred to the district's mission state-



ment, saying that there were three words that were the guiding principles: communicate, cooperate, and collaborate.

He read a letter from the district previously sent to the city, asking the city to waive rental fees for the Lions Club building for a one-year period.

The Waitsburg P&R district was created in 2018 and has been unable to successfully pass a levy for funding. Cunningham said he did not expect a levy to pass soon. The Waitsburg School District passed a levy in February, and he did not think residents would want additional taxes without a solid direction from the district.

Cunningham said that the district had not received a response to the letter from the mayor or the council. After discovering that councilmembers had not received the letter, he questioned why it had not been shared. He said it set up a trust issue between the district and the city.

"When we have something like we have going on, that we don't have a home, and we send a request letter out, and we don't get any feedback, it really makes me think badly of the city council and the mayor," Cunningham said. "Like, what do you guys think we are? We are trying to do a job, and you won't even acknowledge us?"

He went on to question who decided to keep the council out of the loop and reiterated that the lack of communication sowed distrust.

Dunn said an agreement with P&R to maintain entities such as the fairgrounds would not be viable due to the district's lack of funding.

Bart Baxter, P&R Commissioner, clarified that they did not want to maintain but rather manage entities like the fairgrounds. The district would oversee events or activities until P&R can get sufficient funding. Baxter said this could prove to the city's residents that the district is capable of functioning.

By the end of the discussion, it was agreed that the district and the city council liaisons, Ruppenthal and Henze, need to meet and discuss their plans, with the liaisons reporting back to the council.

The meeting was adjourned after the approval of bills.

Lunches

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Friday, April 1

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Each Sunday
337-8898
Rev. Cameron Hedges

SPORTS



Karen Huwe

Lucas VanHoose drives at Wine Valley

DW Golf

Wednesday March 23, the golf team played at the Wine Valley Golf Course. It was a 9 holes par 36 course. Caleb Barron and Cayle Davis shot 53 to lead DW players. Theo Anderson was close behind with 56.

Wine Valley is a tough course for any golfer, particularly beginners. Caleb, Cayle and Theo played steady golf, not allowing themselves to get in trouble. The rest are learning course management and really showed improvement throughout the round.

"Claudia Benavides made some outstanding shots today," stated Coach McGhan.

The majority of the DW team have only been golfing for three weeks and are finding that golfing on different courses in successive days present a new set of challenges.



Karen Huwe

PRESCOTT TRACK TEAM



Eric Umphrey

From Left to Right: Coach Ryan Anderson, Pedro Reyes, Noel Valle, Taylor Heffington, Coach Jeff Farrants, Salvador Ayala, Zach Foster, Morgan Lindsey. Not Pictured Violet Beckmon, Mauricio Osorio.



DW Softball

The DW softball team played a doubleheader at Cle Elum on Saturday, March 26. Coach Carly Benavides stated that the team struggled with pitching in the first game as well as making a few fielding errors. Wolfpack lost the game 15-0 with Megan Forney getting the only hit for DW. Kylee Henry and Lila Hutchens shared pitching duties.

DW had a great start in the second game until pitcher Kameryn Tupling got hurt in the 4th inning. Tupling getting hurt kind of took the wind out of our sails, reported the coach. Maddy Gallardo relieved Tupling at pitching in the 5th inning. The Wolfpack had four hits in the game with Forney having two hits.

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3-year subscription: \$105

Out of County

1-year subscription: \$45
2-year subscription: \$85
3-year subscription: \$120

CALENDAR

Community Calendar



Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

Waitsburg City Council
Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

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 Commercial Club

Last Thursday of each month
March 31, 12:00 p.m.
Ten Ton Coffee, 216 Main Street, Waitsburg
Zoom info available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

Waitsburg Gun Club

TBA-General Membership / Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

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



Friends of the Weller Public Library

4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m.
Weller Public Library,
212 Main Street, Waitsburg

Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Meeting

First and third Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Lions Club, Waitsburg Fairgrounds
For more information email: waitsburgpr@proton-mail.com

Weller Library Book Club

Third Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
at Weller Public Library

Waitsburg Celebration Days Meeting

TBA
Location to be announced

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

Board of Columbia County Commissioners

First and second Monday of each month at 9 a.m.
Board of Columbia County Commissioners work session meetings Second and fourth Tuesday 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. at the Dayton High School auditorium

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

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

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Every month on the Third Monday at 7:00 PM
Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

Dayton Memorial Library

Discovery Kids
Every Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting - Online

Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon
Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5598153650>



Starbuck City Council

Second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Starbuck City Hall



Events, Film, Performance, Live Music

WAITSBURG

Commercial Club

Annual Awards Dinner
April 12 at American 35

Eagles Dinner

April 8

Mythical / Movable

Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam
Upcoming Jams
(All Jams - 7:00PM)

3/25 at 7:00 p.m.

Big Red Barn
Lower Waitsburg Road

4/1 at 7:00 p.m.

Big Red Barn
Lower Waitsburg Road

4/8 at 7:00 p.m. Big Red Barn
Lower Waitsburg Road
For more information email
Kate Hockersmith at TVAMP1@charter.net



Open Mic Night - Solo Players

Royal Block
222 Main Street, Waitsburg
First Thursday in April
For more info: Paul Gregutt
paulgwine@me.com

DAYTON

Dayton Memorial Library

Friends Book Sale, Delany Building at the Dayton Memorial Library
April 1-2, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
April 3, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Gardening workshops

April 4, 12- 1 p.m. (Full)
April 18 6-7 p.m.

Computer skills classes

April 6, 12- 2 p.m.
April 9, 9 - 11 a.m.
April 25, 12 - 2 p.m.

Book signing with Carla Giger, author of Starbuck: The Little Town that Could
Dayton Historic Depot
April 9, 2 - 3 p.m.

Mobile Market

Free Food Distribution
Homestreet Bank, Dayton
April 13
11 a.m.- 1 p.m.



Home Street Bank

427 E. Main Street.
Dayton, WA 99328

Wednesday, April 13th
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Drive-Thru event up to 250 families

WALLA WALLA

Gesa Powerhouse Theater

The Automat (documentary)
Wednesday, April 6



Understanding Your Grief

Session 1
Walla Walla Community Hospice
April 12
5:30pm.
In-person and online

Fort Walla Walla Museum

Open House
April 2, 10 a.m.

VIRTUAL



Blue Mountain Land Trust Presents the Wild & Scenic Film Festival
Wild & Scenic Film Festival- Currents of Hope
Thursday, April 14th
Virtual lobby opens at 6:00 p.m. -
Films start at 6:30 p.m.
Tickets start at just \$25
www.bmlt.org/wild2022

PRESCOTT

Frog Hollow Band at The Tux
April 16, 8 p.m.



WE'RE HIRING!



SERVERS & KITCHEN STAFF

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY, BUT MUST BE 21+ YEARS OLD

PICK UP AN APPLICATION AT 128 MAIN ST

or call Judy at 503-804-2369 for more information

Waitsburg School District

Positions Available Now



PARA EDUCATOR (7 hrs./day)

The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for Para Educator position primarily for secondary age students for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Position may resume with the 2022-23 school year depending on evaluation of performance and budget consideration. Must hold an AA degree or equivalent.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (8 hrs./day)

The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for Administrative Assistant in the Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year. Preferred: Experience working in a school setting. Experience with customer service. Accounting experience. Experience with school data system-Skyward/Qmlativ. Willingness to be trained as duties require.

MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL TEACHER

Certificated Middle School Teacher - The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for middle level teacher for the 2022-2023 school year; applicant must hold an 'Elementary Education' endorsement or 'Middle Level - Primary' endorsement. The teacher will be expected to teach primarily middle school level core subjects such as ELA, Reading, Social Studies, and Math as well as possible middle level elective course(s) during the 2022-2023 school year with the understanding that schedule changes may occur as the needs of our students evolve.

Please direct middle school position questions and inquiries to Stephanie Wooderchak, Secondary Principal at 509-337-6351 or email: swooderchak@waitsburgsd.org

PK-12 SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for PK-12 Special Education Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Applicants must possess and maintain required teaching certificate with appropriate endorsements. Please direct questions and inquiries to Mark Pickel, Superintendent at 509-337-6301 or email: mpickel@waitsburgsd.org

SUBSTITUTES

Waitsburg School District has immediate openings for substitute teachers, substitute office staff, substitute classroom para-educators, substitute school bus drivers and substitute food service assistants. Application materials are available online at www.waitsburgsd.org or by calling the District Office at (509) 337-6301.

Positions are open until filled.
Waitsburg School District is an E.O.E.

LEGALS & NEWS

PRESCOTT, STARBUCK SUPERINTENDENTS RESPOND TO QUOTE THAT THEY ARE NON-CERTIFIED.

THE TIMES

PRESCOTT—After the recent administrative restructuring at the Dayton School District, an attendee at the March 16 Dayton School Board meeting suggested the district hire a non-certified superintendent. As an example, she offered that the Prescott and Starbuck school districts have non-certified superintendents.

“That is incorrect on both accounts,” Prescott School District (PSD) Superintendent Justin Bradford clarified. “I’m not sure where they got that information or quite what they meant.”



Justin Bradford

Bradford was hired as superintendent for the PSD in 2020 and said he holds a BA in Political Science, an MA in Educational Leadership, a teaching credential in Special Education, and principal certification.

“In Washington Public School, the superintendent position is the only one with no requirements, and it is the only position that school boards actually hire,” Bradford shared with *The Times*. “All other hires are just approvals based on the superintendent’s recommendation.”

Bradford said that most superintendents of Washington Public Schools are certified teachers and administrators. They have gone to the necessary schools, completed an approved certification program, and hold at least a BA or BS degree, but most have an MA or MS degree, with some holding doctorate degrees. He noted that

some have a Superintendent Certification, and while it isn’t a state requirement, Washington public school districts can require it.

Gerry Grubbs, Starbuck School District Superintendent, said that he holds a bachelor’s degree from Linfield College, where he also received his Social Studies teaching certificate. He later attended Heritage College, where he received his principal certification. Currently, he is in a two-year WSU Field-Based Superintendent program, which he will finish in April.

Both Bradford and Grubbs said that occasionally districts would hire professionals, including, engineers, lawyers, or accountants when a particular need arises. However, superintendents are generally educators.

Bradford said that hiring a superintendent without a background in education may save money, but navigating the challenges of a superintendent’s position could be extremely difficult for someone with no experience.



Gerry Grubb

WALLA WALLA EMERGENCY DISPATCH ADOPTS *WHAT3WORDS* TO HELP 9-1-1 CALLERS PINPOINT THEIR LOCATION

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Anyone familiar with trying to get an *uber* to find the exact location for pick-up, knows that some locations are harder than others to find. You may have the right address but on the opposite side of the building. Or you are on a road where there are no visible addresses. Frustrating when arranging a ride, dangerous in times of emergencies.

Walla Walla Emergency Services Communications (WESCOM) has partnered with a global address system called *what3words*, which helps users pinpoint their location anywhere in the world. In an emergency, the system enables people to quickly report their location to dispatchers, who can direct responders to exactly where needed.

what3words is an easy way to refer to a specific place. Every 10-foot square on the globe has been assigned a unique combination of three words, forming a *what3words* address. For example, vote.dreams.awards will take you to the Pioneer Park Bandstand, and the entrance of the Walla Walla Senior Center is identified with the three words gather.guess.gets.

When an emergency occurs in a location that’s unknown or difficult to describe, 9-1-1 callers can give dispatchers their *what3words* address from the *what3words* app, which is available for iOS and Android. People who do not have the app installed will be sent a link by a dispatcher to the mobile version of the site at us.findme.w3w.co. They can then open the app in a mobile browser and read the three words on their screen.

To help local first responders find you more easily in an emergency, WESCOM is encouraging Valley residents to download the *what3words* app. The app works offline, making it especially useful in remote areas that might have a poor internet connection. All the app requires to display your *what3words* address is a GPS signal.

The service also can be accessed manually on an online map. Check it out and find your *what3words* address at what3words.com.

The Times found its three-word address by using the app on an iPhone. The *what3words* app claims the three words are assigned by a mathematical algorithm in local languages. Languages can be selected by the user. Our address at the newspaper office is bonkers.cone.photographs. Bonkers?



LEGAL NOTICES

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

No. 21 4 00277 36
PROBATE NOTICE OF CREDITORS

In Re the Estate of MARTIN J. HUIE, 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: SUSAN L. HUIE
Date of First Publication: March 17, 2022
/s/ SUSAN L. HUIE,
Personal Representative of the Estate of MARTIN J. HUIE
Attorney for the Personal Representative and address for mailing and service:
Steven C. Frol
Minnick-Hayner, P.S.
P.O. Box 1757
249 West Alder
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Publish:
The Times
March 17, 24, 31, 2022
3-17-a

Library Board Special Meeting

The Columbia County Library will be holding a special meeting on Monday, April 4, 2022, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Delany building. This will be to approve the Minutes from the previous board meeting. The meeting can also be accessed via the Zoom link on the library’s website.
The Times
March 31, 2022
3-31-c

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 22-4-00052-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of: ROBERT C. PHELPS, 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: March 24, 2022.

/s/ Lora L. Linn
Personal Representative
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Courtney Lawless, WSBA #57415

Basalt Legal PLLC
6½ N. Second Avenue,
Suite 200
Walla Walla, WA 99362
509-529-0630
Court of probate proceedings and cause number:
Walla Walla County Superior Court,
Cause No. 22-4-00052-36
The Times
March 24, 31, April 7, 2022
3-24-a

City of Dayton Public Works EQUIPMENT SURPLUS.

The City Council of Dayton, Washington, voted and approved the Public Works Department no longer can utilize the City owned property hereby described as:
1.) 1967 Hough Payloader #03319 Model #H30 340-202-u
2.) 1959 Gallion Grader #118-h-02250
3.) 1984 Chevy Blazer 4 X 4 Vin #1G8ED18JXEF192393
4.) Mark Right paint sprayer SN#52083
5.) Unimasco Mobile Paint Sprayer SN#9500 and declares each item as surplus. The above items will be sold through publicsurplus.com. For additional information please contact the City of Dayton @ 509-382-2361.
The Times
March 31, 2022
3-31-f

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

No. 22 4 00054 36
PROBATE NOTICE OF CREDITORS

In Re the Estate of CHARLES D. LENFESTY, 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: ALAN H. ASHMORE
Date of First Publication: March 24, 2022
/s/ ALAN H. ASHMORE,
Personal Representative of the Estate of CHARLES D. LENFESTY
Attorney for the Personal Representative and address for mailing and service:
Steven C. Frol Minnick-Hayner, P.S.
P.O. Box 1757
249 West Alder
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number:
Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No.: 22 4 00054 36
Publish:
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March 24, 31, April 7, 2022
3-24-b

ORDINANCE SUMMARY BY TITLE ONLY FOR PUBLICATION PURPOSES ORDINANCE NUMBER 1989

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON AMENDING SECTION 5-2.04 OF THE DAYTON MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDING THE ADOPTING THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES
The full text of Ordinance 1989, adopted the 9th day of March, 2022, is available for examination at the City Clerk’s Office, 111 S. 1st St., Dayton, WA during normal business hours. The full text of the ordinance will be mailed upon request.
By: /s/ Zac Weatherford, Mayor
Attest: /s/ Deb Hays, City Clerk
Approved as to from: /s/ Quinn Plant, City Attorney
Published: 3/31/2022
The Times
March 31, 2022
3-31-a

ORDINANCE SUMMARY BY TITLE ONLY FOR PUBLICATION PURPOSES ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-1988

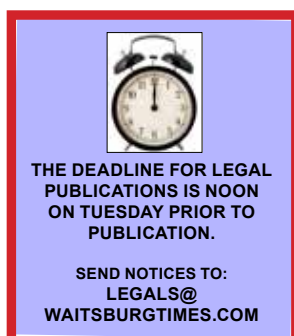
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PORTION OF THE 2021 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON.
The full text of Ordinance 1988 adopted the 15th day of December 2021, is available for examination at the Dayton City Hall, 111 South 1st Street, Dayton, WA during normal business hours, Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Full text of the Ordinance shall be mailed upon request.
By: /s/ Zac Weatherford, Mayor
Attest: /s/ Debra Hays, Interim City Clerk
Approved as to from: /s/ Quinn Plant, City Attorney
Published:
The Times
March 31, 2022
3-31-b

ORDINANCE SUMMARY BY TITLE ONLY FOR PUBLICATION PURPOSES ORDINANCE NO. 1990

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON, AMENDING ORDINANCES 1960-A, 1896, 1905 and 1931; SECTION 06 OF TITLE 1 CHAPTER 2 OF THE DAYTON MUNICIPAL CODE, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, MEETING LOCATION AND TIME. SECTION 1. AMENDMENT SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.
The full text of Ordinance 1990 adopted the 24th day of March, 2022, is available for examination at the City Clerk’s Office, 111 S. 1st St., Dayton, WA during normal business hours, Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Full text of the Ordinance shall be mailed upon request.
By: /s/ Zac Weatherford, Mayor or Attest: /s/ Debra M Hays, Interim City Clerk Approved as to form: /s/ Quinn Plant, City Attorney
Published:
The Times
March 31, 2022
3-31-d

ORDINANCE SUMMARY BY TITLE ONLY FOR PUBLICATION PURPOSES ORDINANCE NO. 1991

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON, AMENDING ORDINANCES 1934, 1872 AND 1918, SECTION 04 OF TITLE 1 CHAPTER 2 OF THE DAYTON MUNICIPAL CODE, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS. SECTION 1. AMEND. SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.
The full text of Ordinance 1991 adopted the 24th day of March, 2022, is available for examination at the City Clerk’s Office, 111 S. 1st St., Dayton, WA during normal business hours, Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Full text of the Ordinance shall be mailed upon request.
By: /s/ Zac Weatherford, Mayor or Attest: /s/ Debra M Hays, Interim City Clerk Approved as to form: /s/ Quinn Plant, City Attorney
Published:
The Times
March 31, 2022
3-31-e



For the lovers of cars

An opportunity for car enthusiasts to add to their library

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The latest Art Event at Wenaha Gallery is a tribute to the late co-owner of the gallery, Ed Harri. His wife Pat continues to as sole owner of the Dayton gallery.

Harri grew up in Dayton and saw a much different Dayton than we see today. One of these differences was Pool's car dealership, located at the corner of Front and Main Streets.

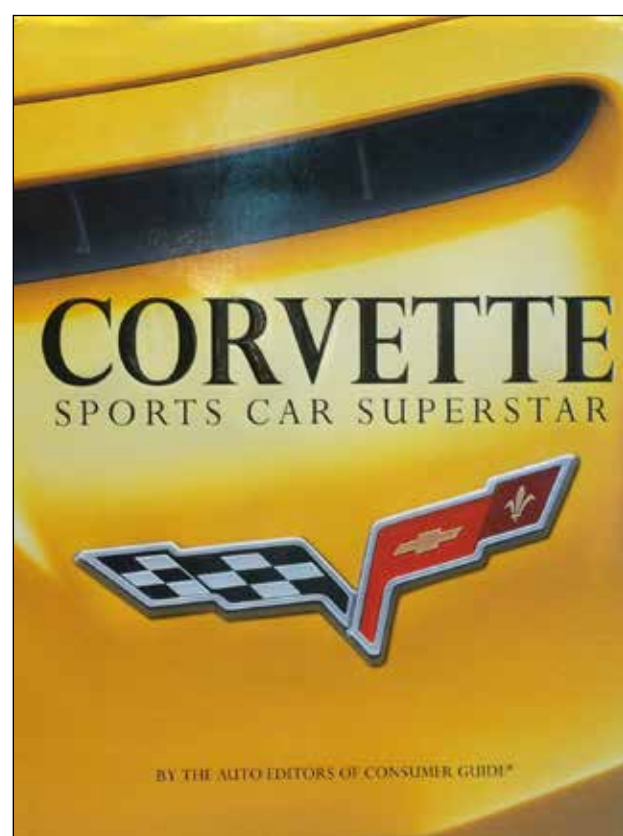
Ed would stop at Pool's to look at cars and talk to the dealers on his way to and from school. All his life, he found going to car dealerships relaxing. When he was a law student in Salem, Pat recalls that he would walk among the cars just to relax and de-stress. He didn't have to buy the cars; he just wanted

to be around them. An avid reader and questioner, the young Ed often knew more about the cars than the dealers at Pool's did.

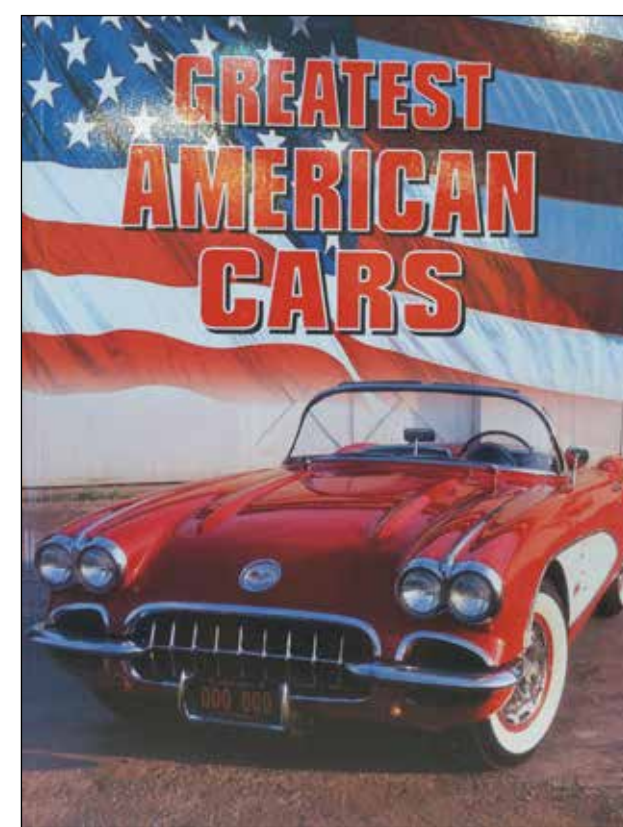
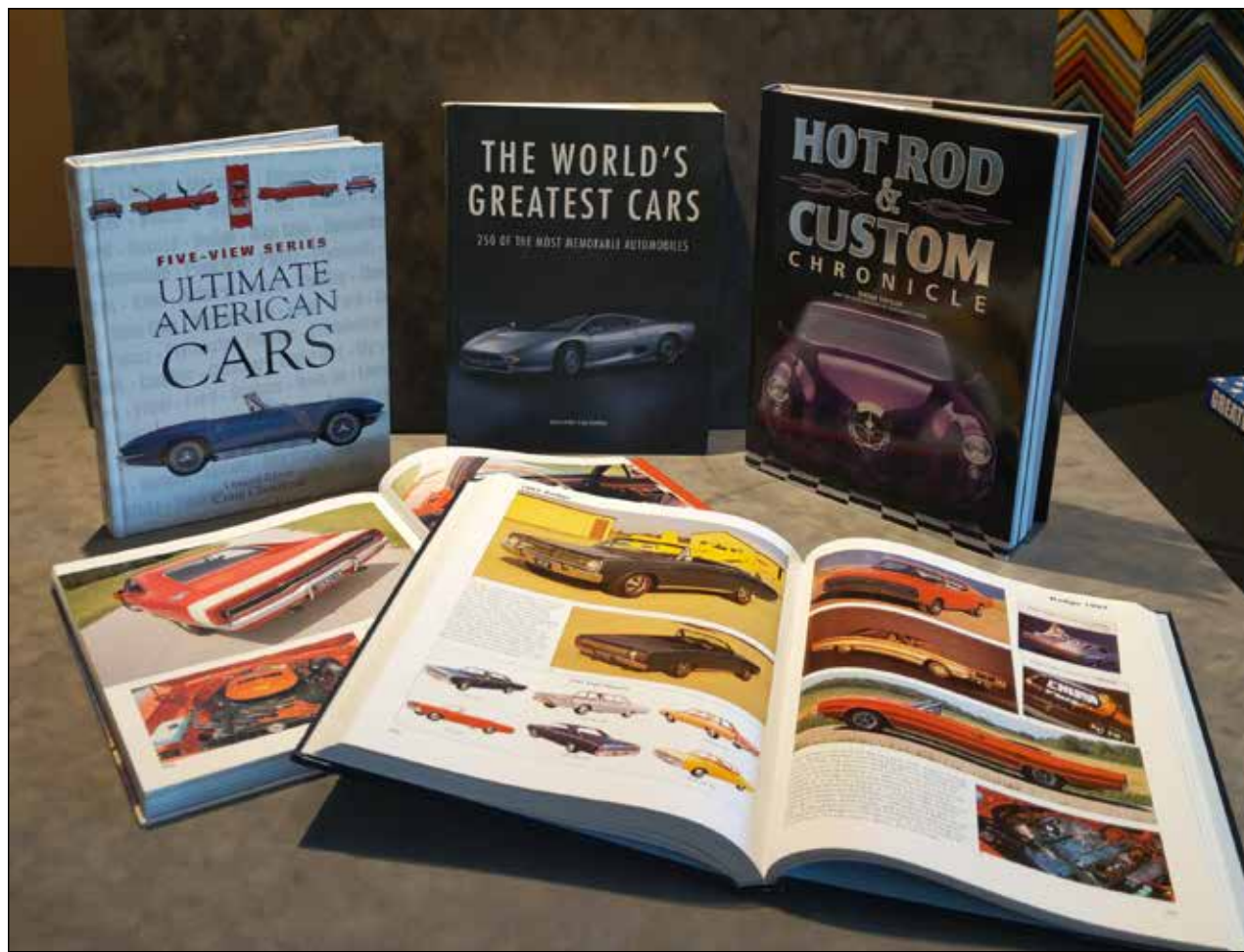
When Harri passed away in March 2020, he left behind an extensive collection of car-related items, including die-cast collector cars, assembled model car kits (as a child, he put together more than 600 model cars), unassembled kits, promotional car brochures from the 1950s and 60s, and an extensive library of coffee-table books on classic cars of the 1950s through the 1970s.

This latter is the focus of the Art Event, which runs from March 29 through April 25, and we are calling it the Ed Harri Classic Car Book Collection. Pat is making available the many, many volumes in Ed's collection with the hope that they will find their way into the homes of enthusiasts who, like Ed, appreciate the design and beauty of Corvettes, Cadillacs, Camaros, Porsches, muscle cars, and more.

The gallery is located at 219 E. Main, Dayton, and is open Monday-Friday from 9-5.



Submitted photos



Masks off, Lipstick On, Fingers Crossed

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

Happily and reluctantly, I have shed my mask, knowing that this is most likely a temporary reprieve. The virus is thriving in Europe and Asia, so I assume we will eventually be inundated and back to masking. It may be a brief interlude, but it's nice to show my face and dig out the old dried-up lipsticks again. I need to remember to watch my facial expressions; my smirks can now be seen by all.

This week I will be back in L.A. and will plan to maintain a selective social distancing policy. I will keep my distance with people I don't like, while with friends, for sure; no distance, just big hugs.

Also, close huddles planning strategy on the tennis courts because there will be tennis. It's sunny and in the mid to high 70s this week. Other plans include sushi, interspersed with visits with doctors, dentists, and clients, oh my.

Planning is not one of my strengths. My routine for travel is to make sure I have transportation to and from my destination and a place to stay. Other than that, let the adventures begin. Unfortunately, I may need to tweak my system.



Vicki Selfie
Vicki and her sister, Phyllis at an outdoor lunch in L.A.



I realized I planned my dentist appointment for a tooth extraction for a few hours before a business dinner, a dinner with my clients, and my boss. And I won't even have a mask to hide my swollen and numb face.

It is not just in travel; I need to hone my planning system in the garden too. Lacking patience, I rushed planting my radishes, and of course, they froze. After replanting them, Daniel texted to let me know it was raining heavily and the seeds have probably washed away. I will have to do a third planting of the radishes when I return from Los Angeles. I also planted Walla Walla sweets, which are hopefully still in my garden, instead of washed away and growing in a neighbor's yard down the street.

Daniel has decided not to plant anything until May. Even a poor planner knows that vegetables can be planted earlier than that. So, when he isn't looking, I planted some seeds in "his planters." When those planters are lush with disorganized vegetables, I am sure he will take credit for their growth. Then he will blame the wind because they're not growing in neat rows.

In my system, waiting to plant until May doesn't seem logical to me, but then logic is not one of my strong suits. However, since our tarragon is rapidly sprouting up, thyme is already usable, and the chard, arugula, and sage are greening and spreading, I may be on to something. Of course, I have learned that oregano will thrive through most anything, including being planted in the snow.

I never had any genuine interest in gardening until moving to Waitsburg. Now, it's almost becoming a mini obsession, albeit without planning. I admit I am starting to get excited now that spring looks like it's around the corner.

I don't have the planning skills or patience to slowly start seeds under grow lights or diagram a garden scape. I admire those who do and have happily been the recipient of many plants lovingly started by friends in past seasons. Two years ago, I contributed dirt; last year, we cooked and pickled homegrown vegetables for our patient friends. Gifting is especially satisfying. No planning required.

Wine of the Week

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

Peter William 2018 Robin's Red

This Rogue Valley blend is roughly half Tempranillo and half Syrah, much the same as the winery's 'Extravagance' reserve at a lower price. It's focused and sharp, with punchy raspberry and black cherry fruit. The tannins are ripe and full, and there's good balance throughout. This wine is sealed with a screwcap, so no worries about a bad cork. As with all screwcap wines, it will show best with a little extra breathing time, or you may simply decant it into a clean pitcher.

150 cases; 14.1%; \$24

<https://peterwilliamvineyard.com/product/robins-red-2018/>



SLACK - FROM PAGE 1 ett Herald, Hood said his first lawsuit was personal and can not disclose the

case under the terms of the settlement. It was from this experience that Hood appears to have made PRA violation his mission. He has filed over 100 PRA lawsuits against school districts, hospital districts, counties, cities, and colleges. Hood claims his intention is to make agencies follow the law protecting government transparency. Ironically, many of the litigants claim to have fulfilled the requests but settled to save taxpayer money. The terms of these settlements often are excluded from PRA requests.

Slack said that in the early filings of the suit, he had contacted the other counties who received the same request, did the same thing, and received the same suit. The county prosecutors were talking about trying to fight Hood as a joint entity, however, their legislative bodies decided they would rather settle than take the matter to court.

"I want to make it clear that I think the PRA is a great thing," Slack said. "It is very valuable. I think governments can run roughshod over people if they are not subject to accountability and response to the people they serve, but, this particular lawsuit and its reasons for it has nothing to do with what the PRA was intended to do. It's just somebody with a money-making scheme who is doing well at it apparently."

FUN & GAMES

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



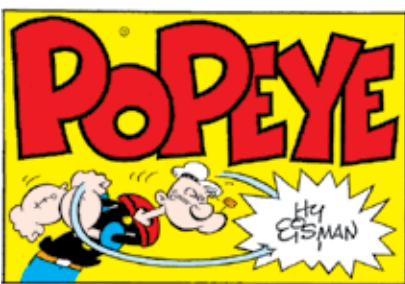
LAFF-A-DAY



"I'd appreciate it, Peters, if you didn't return my woodworking tools during office hours!"

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Touchet Valley Weather

March 30, 2022

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Mostly Cloudy
High: 58 Low: 36	High: 56 Low: 35	High: 60 Low: 40	High: 61 Low: 38	High: 63 Low: 40	High: 59 Low: 37	High: 57 Low: 33

Weather Trivia

How many cloud droplets does it take to make a raindrop?
 ANSWER: It takes about one million droplets to provide enough water for one raindrop.

Weather History

March 30, 1987 - A storm spread heavy snow across the Ohio Valley and lower Great Lakes region. Cleveland received 16 inches of snow in 24 hours, their second highest total of record. Winds gusting to 50 mph created 8-12 foot waves on Lake Huron.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	64	47	58/39	Trace	0.02"
Wednesday	65	42	58/39	Trace	0.53"
Thursday	61	38	58/39	0.00"	-0.51"
Friday	60	42	58/40	0.00"	53.6°
Saturday	67	42	58/40	0.00"	48.9°
Sunday	63	45	59/40	0.00"	+4.7°
Monday	66	48	59/40	0.02"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:36 a.m.	7:19 p.m.	6:24 a.m.	5:42 p.m.
Thursday	6:34 a.m.	7:20 p.m.	6:44 a.m.	6:54 p.m.
Friday	6:32 a.m.	7:21 p.m.	7:03 a.m.	8:05 p.m.
Saturday	6:30 a.m.	7:23 p.m.	7:21 a.m.	9:14 p.m.
Sunday	6:28 a.m.	7:24 p.m.	7:42 a.m.	10:23 p.m.
Monday	6:26 a.m.	7:25 p.m.	8:05 a.m.	11:31 p.m.
Tuesday	6:25 a.m.	7:27 p.m.	8:32 a.m.	Next Day

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

March 29, 2012



[Photo Caption] Six students from Waitsburg High School band and chorus went to Southeast Washington Music Educators' Honor Band and Chorus on Monday, March 12, in Colfax. Waitsburg's six students were Cheyenne Frohreich, Meara Baker and Emma Philbrook from the band and Garrison Marin, Jared Brown and Hannah Helms from chorus. Prescott and Dayton high schools also brought students, as well as about a dozen other schools from Asotin to Connell.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

April 3, 1997



[Photo Caption] Twenty-month-old Madeline Blodgett, daughter of Joanne Blodgett, Waitsburg, was giving her mother some egg-ceptionally cute photo opportunities at the Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday. The annual event was held in Preston Park, which showed little sign of flood damage.

Fifty Years Ago

March 30, 1972

Koinonia Club held their March meeting at the home of Mrs. Walt Warehime with Mrs. Lester Callahan assisting. Plans were discussed for the float to be entered in the Days of Real Sport parade. Mrs. McKnight from the Decorator Center in Walla Walla presented newest decorating ideas for updating older homes as well as new homes. She showed samples of the newest wallpaper, tiles and carpeting as well as tips on antiques furniture. The door prize was won by Mrs. Pete Huwe.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

April 4, 1947

O. E. Harris has been transferred from the Pasco Potlatch yards to the Waitsburg office and took over his duties here Wednesday. Mr. Stofer has returned to Dayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Peters are the parents of a girl born at St. Mary Hospital this week. Co-workers of Mr. Peters at the Waitsburg Welding Works presented him with a gift and refreshments of pop-sicles.

J. H. Gill is having a new home built on Sixth Street by Land Bros.

New students enrolled at Touchet Valley Airport are Bernard Donnelly, Jim Hansen, Roy Weaver and Sam Wills.

One Hundred Years Ago

March 31, 1922

Mrs. Anna Jackson of Dayton with the assistance of Mrs. Chandler and the Dayton team of Pythian Sisters instituted a lodge here Tuesday afternoon, March 21st and in the evening the ritualistic work was given.

Ed Buroker has purchased four lots at the corner of Coppei Avenue and East Eighth Street, of the Abbey estate, and we understand will move his dwelling, now located east of the N. P. tracks on East Sixth, thereon.

William Wardrip of this city and Miss Lillie Freeburn of Dayton were quietly married by Judge Wilbur at the courthouse in Walla Walla, Saturday afternoon March 25, at 2 p. m. The newly married couple returned to this city Monday. They have rented the C. A. Smith cottage at the end of West Sixth Street, where they will go to housekeeping.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

April 2, 1897

Mullinix Brothers are repairing the bicycle track in their grove on Preston Avenue this week. They are improving on some of the sharp turns and grading up some of the low places. It is their intention to issue permits to ride to each individual at a nominal price instead of renting the track to the bicycle club.

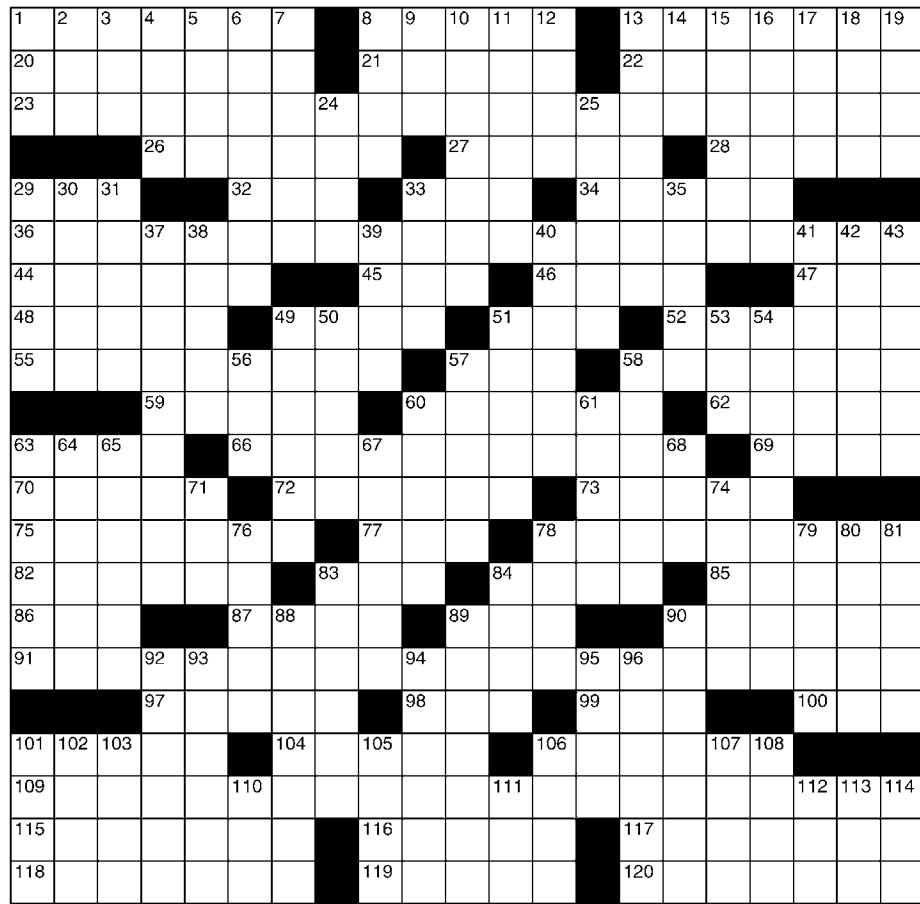
Uncle John Moorhead last Sunday while under the influence of liquor, fell down several steps breaking a bone in his leg - as he is 80 this fall may go pretty hard with him.

Many thanks to Miss Josie Parker and Stella Duncan for the handsome bouquet of wild flowers which were left at out office one day last week.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword LOBBY GROUP

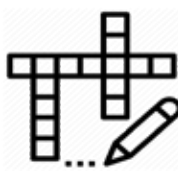
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 - 13 Gave a prize to
 - 20 Big name in cassette tapes, once
 - 21 Bad booze
 - 22 "Wouldn't it Be —" ("My Fair Lady" song)
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 26 Came after that
 - 27 Violin master
 - 28 Library no-no
 - 29 Aflame
 - 32 "Every day — new day"
 - 33 ET's craft
 - 34 Brief tussle
 - 36 Riddle, part 2
 - 44 Not wholly
 - 45 "Cool" moola amount
 - 46 Bottom
 - 47 Pro-school gp.
 - 48 "Hi, Don Ho!"
 - 49 Tease in fun
 - 51 Store window info: Abbr.
 - 52 Smear all over
 - 55 Riddle, part 3
 - 57 — bah (big wheel: Var.)
 - 58 Reach as far as
 - 59 "On the Beach" novelist
 - 60 Jimmy Shute
 - 62 More furtive
 - 63 "Uncle Moses" novelist
 - 66 Riddle, part 4
 - 69 Gen — (millennials)
 - 70 Rental for relocation
 - 72 Flip out
 - 73 Feudal toilers
 - 75 Novelty
 - 77 Miniver's title
 - 78 Riddle, part 5
 - 82 Moon of Neptune
 - 83 Be the victor
 - 84 Sci-fi sage
 - 85 Lasso part
 - 86 Suffix with east
 - 87 "Oh, really?"
 - 89 Country singer
 - 90 Charge to run a promo
 - 91 End of the riddle
 - 97 Firebug's crime
 - 98 Possible reply to "Are you sure?"
 - 99 "That's the guy!"
 - 100 Calendar spans: Abbr.
 - 101 Tehran native
 - 104 Candle parts
 - 106 Dominion
 - 109 Riddle's answer
 - 115 Barbuda's partner island
 - 116 — two (a few)
 - 117 Books filled with maps
 - 118 Most sharp
 - 119 Space of "3 Women"
 - 120 Pedicure target
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Pal, to Pierre
 - 2 Dict. lookup
 - 3 Thurman of "Kill Bill"
 - 4 Ear feature
 - 5 Make — for it (take off)
 - 6 Tautness
 - 7 Alibi, e.g.
 - 8 Like many horse hooves
 - 9 Reaction to a punch
 - 10 Optimistic
 - 11 Leopardlike animal
 - 12 — McAn (big name in footwear)
 - 13 Format of AP Radio Network
 - 14 "Alas!"
 - 15 Lemmon/Wilder comedy
 - 16 Take hold again, as a plant
 - 17 Three, in Munich
 - 18 Yale alumni
 - 19 Bit of force
 - 24 Try, as a case
 - 25 Turkish VIPs of old
 - 29 Wash gently against, as the shore
 - 30 Novelist
 - 31 Dice toss
 - 33 Infantry division
 - 35 1990s fitness fad
 - 37 Tom Cruise's role in "Mission: Impossible"
 - 38 Get — start (not begin on time)
 - 39 "Sure, put me down for it"
 - 40 Not in the country
 - 41 Neck and neck, scorewise
 - 42 Fix at the vet's
 - 43 Eva, Magda and Zsa Zsa
 - 49 Objects
 - 50 Middle name of Emerson
 - 51 Rhino's pair
 - 53 Canon camera series
 - 54 Under oath legally
 - 56 Roman 106
 - 57 Odists, e.g.
 - 58 Swiss canton or its capital
 - 60 Reject rudely
 - 61 Lay new turf on
 - 63 Her niece is Dorothy Gale
 - 64 Shepherd once of "The View"
 - 65 Sounding like a crow
 - 67 Bad blood
 - 68 Prefix with cuspid
 - 71 Zodiac feline
 - 74 Italian handbag brand
 - 76 Pouty states
 - 78 Shed feathers
 - 79 Composer Carmichael
 - 80 On the move
 - 81 Many minors
 - 83 Hot dog, informally
 - 84 Rural assent to a woman
 - 88 Feline in competitions
 - 89 Ailment with red spots
 - 90 Confess about
 - 92 Submit, as homework
 - 93 Emergency room sorting
 - 94 Waikiki wear
 - 95 "Alas!"
 - 96 Bites lightly
 - 101 "Out of Africa" writer
 - 102 Bit of Viking writing
 - 103 Poker post
 - 105 Corp. money handlers
 - 106 "Climb — Mountain"
 - 107 Make mad
 - 108 Israeli statesman
 - 110 Frat letters
 - 111 Calendar spans: Abbr.
 - 112 Onetime foe of the USSR
 - 113 Waikiki wear
 - 114 Immigrants' class, in brief



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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

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MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

Hollandaise Sauce and a Spring Eggs Benedict

With the warmer days and the first flowers blooming, my mind has turned to planning some springtime entertaining. A decadent weekend brunch with friends, full of lively conversation, and hopefully a mimosa or two, is a favorite daytime option. Here, my recipe for a classic hollandaise sauce is poured over a seasonal variation of eggs benedict, featuring cured salmon and fresh asparagus in place of the Canadian bacon.



Ingredients:

For the Hollandaise:

- 4 egg yolks
- 1 tablespoon fresh squeezed lemon juice
- ½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted
- Pinch of cayenne or paprika
- Pinch of salt

For the Eggs Benedict:

- 1 bunch fresh asparagus
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 English muffins, split
- 8 eggs
- 2 teaspoons white vinegar
- 8 oz thin sliced salmon lox
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper
- Fresh tarragon, minced, for garnish

Directions:

Make the Hollandaise. Place a saucepan of water over medium heat and bring to a simmer. In a metal mixing bowl, vigorously whisk the egg yolks with the lemon juice until the mixture has thickened and doubled in volume. Next, place the bowl over the saucepan, turning the temperature down to keep water just barely at a simmer. The water should not touch the bottom of the bowl. Continue to whisk rapidly, being careful to not let the eggs get too hot, or they will scramble. Now, slowly pour in the melted butter, in a steady stream, while continuing to whisk, until the sauce has doubled in volume. Sauce should be velvety smooth, and a thick pourable consistency. If sauce is too thick, whisk in warm water in tablespoon additions. Take off heat and whisk in the salt and cayenne. Taste and adjust seasoning. Cover and set aside in a warm spot.

Prepare the ingredients for the benedicts. Bring a pot of salted water to a boil. Break off the tough ends of the asparagus, then cut spears in half, making about 3-inch segments. Toss asparagus in the boiling water and blanch for 3 minutes. Drain and rinse under cold water. Asparagus should still have a crunch to them. Heat olive oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Add asparagus and sauté until heated through and edges start to lightly brown, about 4 minutes. Take off heat and season with salt and pepper. While asparagus is cooking, toast the English muffin halves, and keep warm on a plate.

Meanwhile, fill a high sided skillet halfway with water and the white vinegar. Set over moderate heat and bring to a slow boil. Stir water rapidly clockwise, to create a little whirlpool. Gently break one egg into the water, being careful to keep white and yolk intact. Repeat with the remaining eggs. Reduce heat to maintain gentle simmer, and poach eggs for 3 ½ minutes, until the whites are set, and the yolks are still soft. Remove eggs with a slotted spoon and drain on a plate lined with a paper towel.

Now assemble the benedicts. Arrange asparagus spears over half of the English muffin halves, then slices of lox over the other half. Place a poached egg on top of each, seasoning with a dash of salt. Then spoon hollandaise sauce over each, allowing sauce to cover egg and drip down sides. Sauce can be gently reheated, whisking the entire time, before serving over a gentle steam if needed. Garnish tops with a pinch of cayenne and a sprinkle of the tarragon. Serve one of each, asparagus and salmon, to each guest.

Notes:

While cooking, do not leave sauce over simmering water unattended, as this could cause the sauce to "break" or separate. Do not panic if your sauce breaks. Quickly take the bowl off heat, then rapidly whisk in a few tablespoons of cold water, until texture smooths out. Be patient and keep whisking, adding more water as needed, until the sauce is saved. Return bowl to the pot of simmering water to reheat.

Hollandaise is one of the five classic "mother sauces" of French cuisine, so named because they are used as the base for countless other sauces and variations. A crucial step in the formal training of professional chefs, mastering these sauces can also help build kitchen confidence for home cooks.

Best known in America as a key component of eggs Benedict, hollandaise also makes a gorgeous sauce to serve with seasonal vegetable side dishes, such as asparagus, or with poached fish entrées. Fresh herbs or a spoonful of Dijon can be whisked in for added flavor. Bon Appetit!

Super Crossword

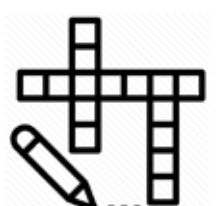
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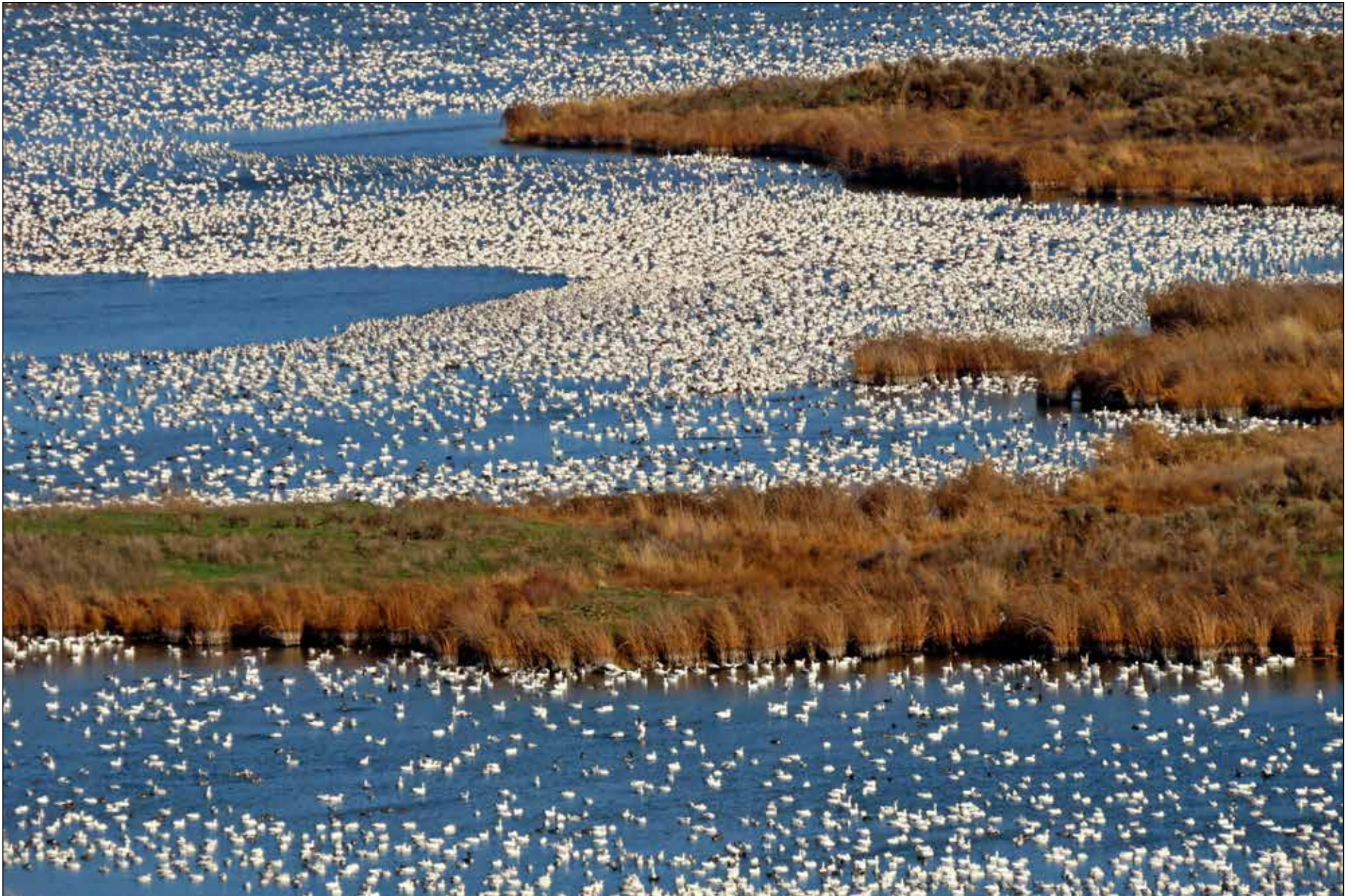
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Around the Valley: with Karen Huwe



Photos by Karen Huwe

A little beyond the valley you can see over a thousand sandhill cranes at the Columbia National Wildlife Refuge outside of Othello, Washington. At Royal Lake, thousands of snow geese are on the water where a female ready to lay eggs will feed for up to eighteen hours a day on cattails and aquatic vegetation.



Parts of the Columbia NWR are closed from February 1 to April 30 so the sandhill cranes will not be disturbed. The cranes feed in fields of waste corn in the early mornings and early evenings to gather and store fat energy so they can continue their flight to Alaska. When not feeding they gather at places like Marsh Unit 1 which is near water and closed to hikers. If you like seeing birds in their habitat, take a road trip. You will also see swans, pelicans, ducks and numerous smaller birds.



These sandhill cranes are at least 200 yards away in the closed area of the Columbia NWR

Commercial Club Community Service Awards dinner on April 12

WAITSBURG—Commercial club invites members, friends, and family to honor community members and experience one of Waitsburg's newest restaurants on April 12. After two years of being shut down by COVID-19, the annual Waitsburg Commercial Club Community Service Awards dinner will recognize hard-working community members at the American 35, 128 Main Street.

"We are so excited to be working towards hosting the commercial club as our very first event," said Tom Bennett, who, along with his wife, Judy, owns the former Anchor Bar building. "We are very excited to support the Commercial Club and have them as our first (customer)."

The evening begins at 6 p.m., and over three hours, the club will present three years of service awards to 2020, 2021, and 2022 honorees.

Joy Smith, interim President of the Waitsburg Commercial Club, said that Commercial Club leadership decided to add two awards to the program this year. The first will recognize the volunteerism

of Walt Gobel and his wife, Gwen, to the community of Waitsburg, over the years.

Gobel served as mayor for six years and volunteered significantly at Waitsburg Celebration Days. Both Gwen and Walt served as co-chairs for the Main Street Parade, managing upwards of 100 entries each year.

Smith said the second award acknowledges "special circumstance," however, details about the new honor remain under lock and key until the night of April 12.

"It's important to celebrate all these categories and the people and businesses who make Waitsburg 'wonderful' and one-of-a-kind. It's a small thank you for immense contributions," Smith said. "And it is important to learn from their good work- that we as a community commend not condemn; that we celebrate not critique. And the annual awards recognition, while it is a small way to show our appreciation, reminds us that, as individuals, we need to say, 'thank you' more often."

When Tom Baker, the keeper of all things Commercial Club, turned over the historical records to Smith, she found the list of past awards dating back to 1962. That year, Ernest Kison earned the first Citizen of the Year title.

"Historically, this proves us a grateful community and organization which recognizes and appreciates our heroes," Smith said. "It's a great tradition to continue."

The 2022 event is dedicated to the memory of Walt Gobel, who passed away in March 2020.

The dinner menu includes artisan, wood-fired pizza, salad, wine, beer, and nonalcoholic beverages. Entertainment will be provided by Walla Walla DJ. Tickets may be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/ms2ppkzt>. This is a 21-and-older event.



Lane Hill

Vanessa Vails won 2019 Employee of the Year at the last Service Awards Dinner.