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Columbia County Health Department is asking for a variance from the state to move into COVID-19 Phase II

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—On Friday May 1 Governor Jay Inslee announced a four-phase plan for reopening businesses in Washington state. That announcement included an opportunity for ten smaller, rural counties to apply for a variance to reopen certain businesses a few weeks earlier than other counties, and Columbia County is on that list.



On Monday, Columbia County Public Health Director Martha Lanman presented the criteria needed to comply with requirements to apply for a variance to the Board of County Commissioners.

The Columbia County Board of Health recommends the variance application and Columbia County Health Officer Dr. Larry Jecha has submitted the letter certifying the county's proactive role in keeping cases of COVID-19 to only one, and recommending the application, she said.

Lanman said she has also received a letter from Columbia County Health System CEO Shane McGuire certifying adequate hospital bed capacity exists to treat COVID-19 patients.

She said the county is able to make COVID-19 testing available to everyone in the county who has symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

The county can also fulfill a requirement to house people in isolation or in quarantine who do not have a home, or wish to isolate or quarantine outside the home, she said.

Lanman said plans are also in place to provide case management services to people who contract COVID-19 and for people in isolation and quarantine, in the event of an outbreak.

Also, the capability exists to respond, rapidly, to an outbreak in congregate settings. A congregate setting is an environment where a number of people reside, meet or gather in close proximity for either a limited or extended period of time, for example, assisted living, retail or workplaces.

Columbia County Emergency Management Services Director Ashley Strickland told the commissioners the county is in possession of adequate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to cover a possible outbreak of COVID-19.

The Board of County Commissioners gave their approval for the variance application.

Lanman said she will submit the necessary documents to the state Department of Health this week, and then await guidance and approval of the opening date of Phase II from the state Dept. of Health and Governor Inslee.

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Lane Gwinn

Dayton Main Street businesses look forward to putting out their open signs again

COVID-19 cases in Walla Walla County expected to rise sharply

18 percent of Tyson workers test positive, plant set to reopen

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The COVID-19 outbreak in our area has risen sharply over the past week, with 92 confirmed cases in Walla Walla County as of May 5 at 11 a.m. This is an increase of 35 cases from April 27.

Walla Walla County experienced the first loss of life to the virus, when it was reported that a hospitalized local man passed away on May 4. He was in his late 70s with underlying health conditions.

The Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. plant in Wallula, WA is among many other agribusiness plants across the country who are seeing spikes of the infection. With 1,273 workers tested, and 253 total positives, that brings the infection rate of the Tyson workforce to 18 percent.

Ten individuals who tested positive reside in Walla Walla County, with the bulk of the workers residing in Benton and Franklin and Umatilla counties.

In a joint press release, Tyson and the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH) announced the plant will resume limited production at the

RISING SHARPLY - PAGE 5

Emergency rooms seeing fewer patients statewide

COVID-19 concerns a possible reason

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

Visits to the emergency rooms have declined in Walla Walla county and across Washington since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

"Overall, the number of people coming to the Emergency Department are down significantly. On an average, pre-pandemic day, the Providence St. Mary Medical Center Emergency Department sees between 80 and 100 patients. Currently, it is seeing from 40 to 50," said Kathleen Obenland, Director of Communications for Providence.

"A concerning trend we are seeing are people with serious medical emergencies, such as stroke or heart attack, delaying calling 911 or coming in for care. This can have tragic consequences."

Visits to emergency departments in Washington state as a whole were down nearly 40 percent in April, compared to last year.

Providence's Emergency Department Medical Director, Dr. Tony Billingsley, notes that this is an issue locally as he has seen fewer heart attack and stroke

patients since the crisis began.

"People should definitely come in if they are having concerning symptoms. If you have something minor that can wait or that you can see your doctor for, or that you can do over a telehealth visit, that's great. But if you are having chest pain, or if you are having signs of a stroke, or if you are having trouble breathing you still need to come to the ER," Billingsley said.

He stresses that the hospital is safe to visit and that "in the ER particularly, but in the hospital in general, we are aggressively separating potential COVID-19 cases from non-COVID-19 cases - we have an entire separate section of the ER that is dedicated to treating patients with fever or symptoms that are suspicious of COVID-19, and rooms that are entirely dedicated for other cases. We have put a lot of processes in place to prevent the mixing of those patients. It's safe, without a doubt."

DOH advises people not to wait to get medical care when they need it and to call 911 for the following situations; choking, severe chest pain or pressure, or a seizure that lasts three to five minutes.

Also seek care for problems like trouble breathing, fainting, an unusual or bad headache (especially if it started suddenly), severe pain anywhere on the body, severe allergic reaction, a high fever with head-

ache and stiff neck or one that does not get better with medicine, a poisoning or overdose, and suicidal thoughts.

If you are not sure what to do, call your health care provider for advice. You may be advised to go to the emergency room, or it may be something an urgent care clinic can help with.

Billingsley also observed that "We have definitely seen fewer motor vehicle collisions, and I think that is because fewer people are out driving."

"We are still seeing a pretty steady stream of injuries and that's because people are outside doing things, or they are doing their home projects and get cut. Or their kids are outside riding bikes when they would normally be in school, and they crash their bikes," he added.

DOH officials are also concerned that people who have lost their jobs and health insurance may avoid going to the emergency room over cost concerns.

For those who do not have or have lost healthcare coverage can go to WAhealthplanfinder.org to see what coverage they may be are eligible for.

Avoiding needed health care doesn't keep you or the community safe. If you are having an emergency, call 911 or go to the emergency room.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

WALLA WALLA POLICE SEEK PERSON OF INTEREST IN ARSON INVESTIGATION

WALLA WALLA—On April 7 at around 5:20 a.m., Walla Walla Fire Department responded to a house fire in the 900 block of W. Alder Street. After further investigation, this fire was determined to be an arson. Police have obtained a picture of a person of interest and are requesting help from the public for identification.

BIG HEARTS FOR SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM LAUNCHED IN DAYTON

DAYTON—The City of Dayton, Dayton Chamber of Commerce and the Port of Columbia launched a promotional campaign called “Big Hearts for Small Business” on Monday, May 4. The campaign was developed to help Columbia County small businesses who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and to encourage residents to love where they live by shopping locally.

The campaign kicked off this past Monday on social media. The Dayton Chamber will continue to share posts on its Facebook and Instagram pages every day of the week. Each day has a theme—such as Take Out Tuesday or Fix It Friday—with a list of suggested businesses to shop that day. The City and Port will also share contributors’ posts on their social media sites. Readers who post, like, or share a photo or comment about their purchase will be entered into a weekly drawing with a chance to win up to \$50 in Dayton Dollars. Dayton Dollars can be spent at any Columbia County businesses and redeemed for cash by the businesses at the Chamber office.

Details about the campaign can be found at choosecolumbiacountywa.com and on the Chamber’s Facebook page.

SHERWOOD TRUST SEEKS NONPROFIT APPLICATIONS FOR 2020 GENERAL SUPPORT GRANTS

WALLA WALLA—The Sherwood Trust’s 2020 general operating grants are now open for applications to qualified Walla Walla Valley nonprofits. Up to 20 local nonprofits are eligible for awards up to \$20,000, for a total local investment of \$400,000. The 2020 operating grants will replace the foundation’s Core grant cycle for this year, according to Sherwood Trust CEO Brian Hunt. Feedback from nonprofit leaders helped frame the general grant guidelines, he said.

“Our 2020 grant cycle is different,” said Board President Chuck Fulton. “These are challenging times for many nonprofits, and we want to be able to respond accordingly.” The 2020 grants focus on operational support for nonprofits and are on a faster timetable to ensure critical funding is quickly available.

“Our Valley’s nonprofit community is being severely impacted by Covid-19 virus,” said Hunt. “This pandemic exposes community vulnerabilities and brings a greater urgency for the critical services these organizations provide here.”

Grant applications are open now online at sherwoodtrust.org and must be completed before 12 noon Friday, May 15. No late applications will be considered. Grant awards will be announced early in June.

Grant criteria is based on an organization’s alignment with Sherwood Trust’s mission, the financial and strategic resilience of the organization, and the impact of the pandemic on an organization’s clients, programs, staff and operation.

Sherwood Trust is a private, place-based foundation that supports capacity-building to ensure that everyone in the Walla Walla Valley has a sense of belonging and contributes to a thriving region. For more information, visit www.sherwoodtrust.org.

PUBLIC LANDS TO OPEN FOR SOME FISHING HUNTING AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

OLYMPIA—Governor Jay Inslee, Kelly Sussewind, director of the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, Don Hoch, director of the Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission, and Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz on April 30, announced plans to partially reopen some fishing, hunting, and outdoor recreation opportunities in Washington starting Tuesday, May 5.

“We’ve had so many people doing their part to stay home, and we’re seeing results. We’re now at a point where we will soon be able to begin welcoming people back outdoors,” said Kelly Sussewind, WDFW director. “I’m asking people to take what they’ve learned these past few weeks and continue putting these measures into play as you fish, hunt, and enjoy your local wildlife area. We’re happy to reopen these opportunities, and we need you to continue working with us to stay safe.”

For more details on what’s open and guidelines for #ResponsibleRecreation, please have a look at these links:

WDFW to open some recreational fishing and hunting: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/news/wdfw-open-some-recreational-fishing-and-hunting-starting-tuesday-may-5>

State recreation lands to reopen May 5 for local day-use only: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/news/state-recreation-lands-reopen-may-5-local-day-use-only>

Reopening state lands, fishing, and hunting; social distancing guidelines: <https://medium.com/@wdfw/frequently-asked-questions-reopening-state-lands-fishing-and-hunting-967a6726fe26>

COLUMBIA REA PARTNERS WITH PROVIDENCE ST. MARY FOUNDATION TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY’S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

WALLA WALLA—Columbia REA will donate \$10,000 to the Providence St. Mary Foundation for the ongoing response to the coronavirus outbreak. The donation will help fund the continuation of the Community Health Worker program, which is part of the Population Health service line operated by Providence St. Mary Medical Center/Providence Medical Group.

Community Health Workers (CHWs) are able to link participants to services such as food banks, heating assistance during winter, legal aid and transportation arrangements to/from medical appointments, and connections to food, housing and mental health services.

Recently, the focus of the program has shifted to the battle against the coronavirus. Working closely with the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health, the Population Health team has made over 4,000 outreach calls in the last six weeks to check on physical symptoms and mental health, and to create and maintain a registry of COVID-19 positive and pending cases. In addition, workers are visiting community shelters weekly, doing symptom checks and hand hygiene education.

“Columbia REA has always had a commitment to Community, and we have supported the Foundation previously with the Regional Cancer Center” says Columbia REA CEO Scott Peters. “We are very proud to partner once again with the Providence St. Mary Medical Center Foundation during this strange and unprecedented time. We value what the Foundation does, and we are pleased that they will be able to use these funds to keep this important program going for the foreseeable future.”

WALLA WALLA COMMUNITY HOSPICE TO HOST WEBINAR

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla Community Hospice has transitioned what was to have been a live presentation at the Gesa Power House into an online event. The Live Well—Die Well Webinar will be presented on Thursday, May 7th from 6 - 8 p.m. Guest presenter Kimberly C. Paul is the author of “Bridging the Gap: Life Lessons from the Dying,” a TEDx presenter on end-of-life planning, and the creator and host of the “Death by Design” podcast.

Walla Walla Community Hospice will host Paul through an online webinar. Paul will share her wisdom and perspective on all things end-of-life. After her presentation, a panel of local end-of-life care and planning professionals will be available to help Paul answer questions and offer resources to help people design and live their best lives, even at the end of life.








To register, visit the Hospice website, wwhospice.org, select ‘Live Well—Die Well’. Those who register online will receive an email with directions to log into the event and will also be placed into a drawing. Twenty people will win a copy of Paul’s book, “Bridging the Gap.” There will also be an opportunity to join a four-week online book club with Paul.

Attendees are encouraged to visit www.deathbydesign.com/bridging-the-gap/ and to view her TEDx talk. For more information, email brad@wwhospice.org or call (509) 525-5561.


Touchet Valley Weather

May 6, 2020

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

						
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Showers Likely	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Few Showers	Few Showers
High: 64 Low: 39	High: 68 Low: 44	High: 74 Low: 49	High: 79 Low: 51	High: 77 Low: 53	High: 74 Low: 46	High: 69 Low: 41

Weather Trivia

What is *ombrophobia*?

 Answer: Ombrophobia is the fear of rain.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	
Tuesday	74	44	65/44	0.00"	Precipitation 0.49"
Wednesday	73	48	66/44	0.02"	Normal precipitation 0.45"
Thursday	65	48	66/44	0.13"	Departure from normal +0.04"
Friday	70	38	66/45	0.00"	Average temperature 56.4°
Saturday	78	44	67/45	0.34"	Average normal temperature 55.4°
Sunday	60	43	67/45	Trace	Departure from normal +1.0°
Monday	68	37	67/45	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Weather History

May 6, 1988 - A major storm brought high winds to the western half of the country. A wind gust of 74 mph at Pueblo, Colo. broke the May record that city established just four days earlier. Winds in the Arapahoe Ski Basin area of Colorado reached 85 mph.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	5:31 a.m.	8:08 p.m.	7:26 p.m.	5:27 a.m.
Thursday	5:30 a.m.	8:09 p.m.	8:47 p.m.	5:56 a.m.
Friday	5:28 a.m.	8:11 p.m.	10:06 p.m.	6:31 a.m.
Saturday	5:27 a.m.	8:12 p.m.	11:17 p.m.	7:12 a.m.
Sunday	5:26 a.m.	8:13 p.m.	Prev Day	8:01 a.m.
Monday	5:24 a.m.	8:14 p.m.	12:20 a.m.	8:58 a.m.
Tuesday	5:23 a.m.	8:16 p.m.	1:11 a.m.	10:00 a.m.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

Day use at W. T. Wooten Wildlife Area begins on May 5

Fish stocked in Spring, Blue, Rainbow and Deer Lake.

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Kari Dingman, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife assistant manager for the Wooten Wildlife Area said all State Lands will be reopened to the public for Day Use, only, on May 5.

“Locally that will mean the Wooten Wildlife Area will be open for fishing in the lakes and for Day Use activities,” she said.

She said the access roads to Spring, Blue, Rainbow, and Deer Lake, were not damaged by the February flood and the lakes have been stocked with fish.

However, repairs have not been completed on Tucannon Road and the road will be closed at the turn-off to the Tucannon Hatchery.

Dingman is hoping people will behave responsibly with regard to social distancing while enjoying recreation in the Wooten Wildlife Area.

She is concerned about the rising number of cases of COVID-19 in the Tri Cities. Tri-Citians are 80 percent of all the recreationists in the Wooten Wildlife Area, she said.

“The weekend prior to the State Lands being shut down, the campgrounds were completely full with people camping in large groups and on top of each other, and they were crowding around the lakes shoulder to shoulder to fish,” Dingman said. “There was little or no social distancing occurring anywhere on the Tucannon

that weekend.”

“If people choose not to obey the social distancing guidelines, especially on the Tucannon, there is a good chance the area will be shut back down to the public,” she said.

“People will be allowed to fish, hike, pick mushrooms, look for shed antlers, birdwatch, or any outdoor activity they can do, during the day,” she said.

Dingman said no camping will be allowed at any of the State parks, yet.

“I have not heard anything about the U.S. Forest Service reopening their designated campgrounds, but their lands are still open for recreating and dispersed camping,” she said.

Dispersed camping is where people can basically pull off the road, anywhere they want, and set up camp. Dispersed campsites do not have outhouses, picnic tables, or fire rings in them and people do not have to pay to use them. Dispersed camping is never allowed in the Wooten Wildlife Area, she said.

Dingman is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Wooten Wildlife Area. She had been directed to telework from home since the end of March and returned to the Wooten Wildlife Area on May 4 and May 5, to reopen the road and lakes for the public to access the area.

Visitors, anglers, and hunters should only venture out well-prepared. Expect limited access to restrooms as staff reopen facilities at wildlife areas and water access sites. WDFW is also recommending that people bring their own hand washing supplies, toilet paper, and a face mask, and be prepared to change plans if sites appear congested.

WAITSBURG SCHOOL'S KINDERGARTEN AND PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION PACKETS AVAILABLE MAY 18TH

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg Elementary will hold Kindergarten and Preschool registration for the Fall of 2020 on Monday, May 18th. There will be a drive thru station to pick-up registration packets from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The registration drive thru will be in the bus zone at the elementary school building. There will be another drive thru

for drop-off of registration packets from 8:00 a.m. to noon on Monday, June 8th.

All children who turn five, on or before, August 31 and live within the Waitsburg School District boundaries are eligible to register for Kindergarten for the Fall of 2020. All children who turn three, on or before, August 31 and live within the Waitsburg School District boundaries are eligible to register for Preschool for the Fall of 2020.

A current immunization record and an official state birth certificate will be needed to register. Official Washington State birth certificates can be obtained at your local public health office.

If you are not able to register your child on the registration day, or if you have any questions, please contact Hannah Cole in the elementary office at hcole@waitsburgsd.org.

Rapid testing platform for COVID-19 fully funded through community support

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—In less than a week, private citizens, cities, agencies and fire departments in the Walla Walla area stepped up to donate over \$174,000 through the Providence St. Mary Foundation to make rapid testing for COVID-19 available in this community.

As hospitals across the nation grapple with the economic pressures from the pandemic, it is becoming increasingly difficult to generate the operating revenue needed to invest in technologies and equipment. The hospital's foundation is playing a big role in strengthening Providence St. Mary's local response by funding direct patient and caregiver support, key equipment and other needs.

Funding for the rapid testing platform, Cepheid GeneXpert, came from a blend of private philanthropic gifts and support from local governments. The equipment, when fully functional, will produce test results in approximately 45-minutes, drastically reducing the days it takes now to ship and process tests.

Dr. Richard Simon and Deberah Simon launched fundraising efforts with a \$50,000 generous leadership pledge. Susan Monahan and Mark Brucks of Walla Walla were among the first to join the Simons with a \$50,000 leadership gift. Susan and Mark have lived in Walla Walla since 2008 and are involved with many organizations in town as volunteers and supporters. They care deeply for Walla Walla and viewed this as a way to make a difference in improving the quality of life and healthcare for the community.

Shortly after, local cities, agencies and fire departments also pledged donations. They include the Port of Walla Walla, \$30,000; City of Walla Walla \$20,000; City of College Place, \$5,000; Fire District 4, \$2,500; Fire District 4 Auxiliary, \$1,000; and the Walla Walla County community contributions fund, \$20,000.

They joined individual donors Bruce and Kay Barga, Dr. Chris and Chandra Hall, Dr. Glyn and Rachel Marsh, Drs. Kay and Richard Henderson, Dr. James and Mary Harri, Solemn Cellars, Walla Walla Valley Honda and an anonymous donor to fully fund the Cepheid unit.

A shortage of supplies continues to be the limiting factor. As a result, the rapid test will initially be applied to hospitalized patients.



Courtesy photo

According to Providence St. Mary Laboratory Director, David Jansen, the Cepheid GeneXpert testing platform, when fully functional, will produce test results in approximately 45-minutes, drastically reducing the days it takes now to ship and process tests.

For a time, Providence St. Mary and the outpatient clinics will use a combination of Cepheid and other out-of-area options to process tests. The long-term goal once supplies are available is to make rapid testing available to anyone who requires it.

“This is not the first time our community has stepped up to support our local hospital and it won't be the last”, says Lindsey Oldridge, Chief Philanthropy Officer. “We are amazed at the outpouring of support and how quickly people came forward asking to help. The platform was fully funded in a matter of days through a whirlwind of generosity. We look forward to putting those funds immediately to work by bringing rapid testing to our Valley.”

Providence St. Mary Foundation is continuing to identify emerging priorities to strengthen non-profit healthcare during the pandemic and beyond.

Dayton School District breakfast & lunch delivery times

Meals will be delivered by school bus to the following locations: (Times are approximate)

Bus #1

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

Bus #2

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

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

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



Waitsburg Schools Meal Drop off

WAITSBURG—Starting April 20, Waitsburg School District will be delivering meals to your home. Please visit www.waitsburgsd.org to sign up.

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

Dayton Senior Center
403 E. Patit St.
12 p.m.
Drive up only

Thurs., May 7

Lasagna

Salad

Fruit Cocktail

Tues., May 12

Baked fish

Rice pilaf

Sunset gelatin

WAITSBURG SENIOR LUNCH MENU

Waitsburg Senior Center
504 Main Street

Tues., May 12

Meatloaf

Mashed potatoes

MOW: Salad

Church Directory

St. Mark Catholic Church

405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg
Mass Sunday 5 p.m.
382-2311

Father Bob Turner

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

504 Main
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
337-6589

Rev. Bret Moser

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COMMENTARY & NEWS



A LETTER FROM THE COLUMBIA COUNTY LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Dear Editor:

While the COVID-19 pandemic is constantly evolving, we will continue to respond as quickly as possible using data and current recommendations from public health and government leaders in our on-going commitment to keeping our staff and patrons safe and healthy. Working in collaboration with other libraries across Washington State we have had to adapt to a new reality, develop new and innovative ways to continue to deliver library services, and implement procedures for staff to work remotely, all while continuing to ensure that we follow all of the guidelines and protocols set forth by our leaders.

While the long-term impacts of COVID-19 on daily life remain uncertain, I am hopeful that we can soon reopen your library with safety measures in place. In anticipation of reopening our doors to our community, a multi-phased plan has been put in place that will allow us to resume in-person library services efficiently and safely for patrons and staff. In the words of many of our leaders, reopening will require the turning of a dial, rather than flipping of a switch.

Each phase is expected to last between one and four weeks but please note that dates and duration are all subject to change based on recommendations from health and safety authorities as well as our access to supplies. The general phases are:

Phase 0: Stay-Home Order in Place - Library Closed
Only essential staff in building; expand digital ser-

vices; offer digital cards; quarantine all returns

Phase 1: Stay-Home Order Lifted - Library Remains Closed

Staff return, but library remains closed; work on plans to implement curbside services (books, laptops for unemployment, wifi hotspots, resources bags); prepare building for limited services (remove furniture, deep cleaning of quarantined materials)

Phase 2: Social Distancing in Place - Curbside Services

Events and programs remain canceled; begin interlibrary loans; implement curbside services

Phase 3: Library open to public with limited services

Open to the public for limited services; designate hours for vulnerable populations; continue to enforce physical distancing

Phase 4: Library open to public with full service

Resuming operations in a multi-phased manner will help to ensure that we can continue to provide library services without unnecessary additional interruptions. We will continue to adapt and adjust, while practicing the highest level of responsibility to our community and employees.

Please monitor our website and our social media accounts for updates: daytonml.org

Respectfully,
Dusty Waltner

WWCSO

February 24

An abandoned vehicle was towed from Cemetery Road, Dixie, WA.

April 20

A woman was arrested for possession of a stolen motor vehicle at an address on Blacksnake Ridge Road, Walla Walla County, WA.

April 28

Deputies investigated a single vehicle collision with injuries to the driver and passenger in the 4000 block of Cottonwood Road, Walla Walla, WA.

April 29

Vehicle was located in the ditch in the 2900 block of Old Milton Hwy, no one around and unable to contact any RO or driver.

Fight occurred in C-Tank between two inmates at 300 W. Alder Street. One inmate is seen on video footage instigating the fight. The other inmate is seen only protecting himself throughout the duration of the fight.

An adult female was assaulted by her husband at an address on Columbia Way, Wallula, WA.

May 1

Deputies took a report of stolen items at an address in the 2000 block of Lyons Ferry Road in Prescott, WA. The burglary occurred sometime over the last month.

BIRTHDAYS

May 7: Jake Kibler, Richard Ford, Herb Mettler, Brayden Wood, JoAn Fiala, Rose Rinell, Fred Knudsen, Patty Baker, Lydia Rose Roberts, Della Mae and Daisy Rae Rowson.

May 8: Kay Wright, Bonnie Tower, Dean Done, Cathy Williams, Tony Witt, Monika Page and Lindsey Roberts.

May 9: Donald Duncan, Patrick Manyak, Valerie Hamann, Dan Havens, Cody Havens.

May 10: Walter Vennum, Mary Davis, Kristin Mock, Peggy Hall, and Justin Zuger.

May 11: Evelyn Ladd, Vance Price, Donna Hempel, Lynda Patton, Liv Leid, Ronald Leinbach and Melissa Ferrians.

May 12: Katy Leid, Erin Dutton, Kazmira Grende, Jonathan Abbey.

May 13: Lola Spirotas, Terry Bloor, Kevin Moormann, Jack Gawith and Lavina Meyer.

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16TH DISTRICT STATE SENATE CANDIDATE CALLS FOR MORE TESTING AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT

To the Editor:

I send my condolences to all the individuals who have tested positive at the Tyson Fresh Meat Plant and my wishes for their healthy recovery. Thank you to Walla Walla County Department of Community Health and Benton-Franklin Health District for your collaboration to address this issue and assist affected workers. I appreciate the ongoing work of local health care providers to assist the more than 790 individuals with confirmed cases across our district.

This development at Tyson underscores how critical it is to follow the safety guidelines issued by the Center for Disease Control and Washington State Department of Health. Tyson disregarded those safety provisions until it was too late to prevent a widespread outbreak that put the 1,400 employees, their family members, and our communities at risk. It didn't have to happen this way, and we must ensure it does not happen again in our district or our state.

To be able to protect our essential workers now

and to help reopen our economy in the future, we need our state to help employers and our communities source personal protective equipment, accelerate testing and contact tracing, and ensure compliance with safety guidelines. Together, we can keep our communities and our economy healthy.

As of April 29, there had been 134 positive COVID-19 cases at the Tyson plant. The new cases announced on April 30 bring the total confirmed cases to 190. Many more cases are pending. Individuals affected live in Benton, Franklin, and Walla Walla Counties. One Tyson worker, Guadalupe Olivera, died from COVID-19 on April 20. The plant announced on April 23 that it would close for widespread testing and cleaning in coordination with Walla Walla County Department of Community Health.

Danielle Garbe Reser is Democratic candidate for the Washington State Senate in LD 16 based in Walla Walla.

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beef facility on Tuesday, May 5.

Only Tyson employees who tested negative for the virus will be able to return to work, those who tested positive will return to work once they have met the criteria outlined by the CDC. Employees who have not been tested yet will be unable to return to work, and all new hires will be tested prior to starting work. "The health and safety of our team members is our top priority," said Shane Miller, senior vice president and general manager beef enterprise.

Additional protective measures that follow CDC and OSHA's guidance at the plant include the following:

- The use of infrared thermometers to check the temperature of team members before they enter company facilities.
- Supplying of protective facial coverings to every team member and requiring they are utilized.
- Required use of face shields for team members where workstation barriers can't physically be implemented.
- Wellness checks to screen for symptoms, such as coughing and shortness of breath.
- Additional dedicated social distance monitors stationed throughout the facility during all shifts to ensure team members are adhering to safety protocols and social distancing requirements.

In addition to the outbreak at the Tyson plant, a press release dated May 4, 2020 from Walla Walla DCH states that they "are receiving reports of COVID-19 parties occurring in our community, where noninfected people mingle with an infected person in an effort to catch the virus." DCH Director, Megan DeBolt, stated that in her investigative team's efforts in

contact tracing cases were identified where infected individuals had contact with multiple people who may have been involved in these "COVID -19 parties".

In a phone call with Walla Walla Police Chief Scott Bieber stated that he is looking into the matter. "We are waiting to hear back from the Health Department for names and phone numbers, once we get names and phone numbers we're going to do some follow up investigation with some of the people who tested positive. If there were some intentional violations, we will send those over to the city attorney and ask they be summoned in on criminal charges for violating the Governor's orders."

In a follow-up email Bieber wrote that he had spoken with DeBolt Tuesday. "After some follow up on their part, she was able to determine that the people in question attended a birthday party where they were unintentionally exposed to COVID. It was NOT a COVID-19 party to try to get infected - just an inadvertent exposure. Although, they shouldn't have really even been attending a birthday party."

"I think it's fairly reckless of them," he added, in regard to the partygoers. DCH officials strongly recommend the public remain vigilant with physical distancing to limit community transmission of the virus.

They advise the public to "Stay at least six feet from other people, do not gather in groups, and cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when you must go out in public."

If you are sick and plan to seek care, please call before going in for care so arrangements can be made to prevent exposing others. For urgent medical needs, call 911. For non-urgent needs and questions, you can call 211 or our COVID-19 hotline at (509) 524-2647.

Inslee issues additional clarification of limits on elective surgeries and procedures

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—On April 30, Gov. Jay Inslee announced additional guidance for the existing order on limiting non-urgent medical procedures.

The Governor's 'Stay Safe, Stay Home' proclamation ensured appropriate surge capacity and personal protective equipment (PPE) in hospitals and other health care facilities to manage an influx of COVID-19 patients.

This new guidance provides clarification on what type of non-urgent surgeries are permitted under the order.

"Washingtonians have taken the threat of COVID-19 seriously, and that includes our doctors and nurses. But there are some much needed procedures that aren't being performed that should be, and we need to make sure that everyone gets the care they need during this time," Inslee said.

All services considered to be "emergent" or "urgent" for which delay would result in worsening a life-threatening or debilitating prognosis are allowed.



Courtesy photo

Gov. Jay Inslee

The Proclamation limits, "healthcare services, procedures, and surgeries that, if delayed, are not anticipated to cause harm to the patient within the next three months..."

The Proclamation does not provide a definition of "harm." To clarify, the Governor leaves assessment of harm up to the individual clinician.

In order to assess harm, clinicians should consider if a patient's illness or injury is: causing significant pain, significant dysfunction in their daily life or work, and whether leaving them untreated could make them more vulnerable to COVID-19. Clinicians should also weigh these factors:

- Expected advancement of disease process
- Possibility that delay results in more complex future surgery or treatment
- Increased loss of function

- Continuing or worsening of significant or severe pain
- Deterioration of the patient's condition or overall health
- Delay would be expected to result in a less-positive ultimate medical or surgical outcome
- Non-surgical alternatives are not available or appropriate per current standards of care
- A patient's co-morbidities are risk factors if inflicted with COVID-19 after procedure is performed

Examples of procedures to delay, include, "most joint replacements, most cataract and lens surgeries, non-urgent cardiac procedures, cosmetic procedures, some endoscopy and some interventional radiology services."

Furthermore, diagnostic imaging, diagnostic procedures or testing should continue in all settings if disease is suspected.

Outpatient clinic visits, both in hospital-based clinics and other outpatient clinic settings are permitted.

CCHS officials working to repair financial damage caused by COVID-19 challenges

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON--Columbia County Health System officials are working to shore up the system's finances, which have been negatively impacted due to preparations required for a possible COVID-19 surge.

There has been a loss of revenue from a decrease in clinic visits and fewer inpatient and outpatient therapies that depend on lab tests, x rays and other imaging services.

In spite of that, CCHS Controller Tom Meyers had some good news to report to the Hospital District Board of Commissioners in April.

He said the Columbia County Health System has received a much-needed infusion of cash through a \$142,857 award from the state Health Care Authority, and an early dispersal of funds from the Day Estate amounting to \$87,048. Those coupled with good business collections in January and February, have contributed to a positive bottom line in March.

Additionally, days of operational cash on hand rose from 13 in February to 31 in March, he said.

While the news was good for March there will be financial challenges going forward.

"We know we are in a downward slope in the coming months," Meyers said.

"We are working a lot of angles, on the funding side of this, every which way we possibly can," said CCHS CEO Shane McGuire.

McGuire said the Health System administrators engage with state legislators every week to see what can be done to stop the bleed.

In April CCHS received a \$654,993 award from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. This was part of the initial 30 million distributed out of the 100 million set aside for hospitals from the first federal stimulus package, McGuire said.

More funding is expected out of that package, but how much won't be known until it lands in the bank, he said.

McGuire said a \$122,000 payment received in April from Proshare, a Medicaid supplemental payment program, for the nursing facility is also helpful.

Finance Manager Matt Minor said long-standing negotiations with Molina Healthcare have been fruitful. The CCHS Revenue Team will be able to reprocess any swing bed claims received within the last 24 months. Swing bed care is one of the biggest revenue-generating services for CCHS.

"We expect to receive \$500,000 for those claims," Minor said.

Administrators have also pursued a loan from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). The almost five-million-dollar loan will be used strictly as an emergency fund, according to Minor.

The loan comes with interest deferred after a year has passed, but it should be paid off by then, Minor said.

"We don't want to be dipping into it unless we absolutely have to because we know it is a loan," he said.

McGuire agreed, "All they are doing is fronting the money based on the previous year's business."

He reminded the commissioners it took almost a year to pay CMS the \$800,000 that was owed by the Health System, in 2019.

Small Business Administration loans through the federal stimulus package are also being considered, although it is up in the air whether health systems meet SBA requirements, said McGuire. Banner Bank officials have said CCHS would be first in line to apply for the next round of funding, when the portal opened on April 27.

Health System administrators are also working to recoup some of the losses through FEMA's COVID-19 emergency fund.

During their meeting, the Board of Commissioners approved a three-year contract, not to exceed \$30,000, between the Health District and Hagerty Consulting. Hagerty Consulting is an emergency management consulting firm, which will work with CCHS to prepare a claim and work through the process with FEMA.

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Small business development center offers strategies for small business owners

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Judy Jones an advisor from the Walla Walla Small Business Development Center met with Port of Columbia Director, Jennie Dickinson and local business owners in a Town Hall meeting on April 21. The purpose was to provide strategies to help business owners “survive and thrive” during the non-essential business shutdown, due to the COVID-19 challenge.

Jones said the time is now for small business owners to take a hard look at some strategies for staying afloat.

She said the most important thing small business owners can do is to find ways to increase cash flow, enough for a six-month period of time. This is important in order to be prepared for the effects of a possible surge in COVID-19, during the fall and winter months.

“With that understood we want to start planning and developing our response, now, and then you will have a better opportunity to hang in there. We encourage you to hope for the best, but you have to plan for the worst-case scenario, because we really don’t know how long things will last,” she said.

Jones said Washington State Governor Jay Inslee will roll out a phased plan for reopening business, but not all businesses will reopen right away.

“Again, prepare for at least six months. Get that number stuck in your head, because it is critical to ramping your business back up, and turning it around,” Jones said.

Jones offered some strategies for weathering the storm.

“I always ask what will you do in the first ten days of reopening your doors? Hopefully, you have thought about that already, but we are encouraging you to do a ten, twenty, thirty, and forty-day plan,” she said.

“With that, we want you to think more holistically about what small things can be done,” she said.

First of all, eliminate any expenses that are not essential, and liquidate as much as possible.

“You can triage expenses,” Jones said. “Talk to your creditors and get as much furlough as possible. Contact landlords and see if you can get reduced rent or abatements. Extend, defer, or lower payments.

Reduce the amount of inventory your business carries.

“This is where most businesses are holding way too much inventory. Start there and assess that inventory, and what you can sell down, or you can discount, quickly,” she said.

Explore different marketing and sales techniques, like online sales. Look at offering discounts. Create some specials for clients.

“Community engagement and giveaways are really great ways to reintroduce your business and gain new clients,” she said.

Explore selling to untapped channels, like grocery stores.

When it is time to reopen, Jones suggests introducing the most profitable services first, phasing in the others slowly over a period of time. This can be “chun-



Courtesy Photo

Judy Jones, Washington Small Business Development Center business advisor, Walla Walla.

ked” into ten-day sections, she said.

Jones also discussed the Small Business Administration’s Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

She said the first federal stimulus package contained \$20 million in Economic Injury Disaster Loans through the SBA, which is now over.

But Jones said there will be more money in the second stimulus package for the Paycheck Protection Program, which paid out \$1 million in loans in the first phase.

She said the promise from the SBA is that if business owners applied through a lender for the PPP before the closing date, their applications will be honored.

Jones talked about lending sources and utilizing alternative lending sources to apply for the PPP because they are also SBA partners. She mentioned Mercy Core and Craft 3, and national sources like Google, Intuit, PayPal, or Square.

“You can go to their websites and their portals are open to take the PPP application. They are not third-party lenders. They are assisting the SBA with processing, like brick and mortar banks. They have to adhere to the same guidelines and offer the same percent loans.

She said local banks are a good choice, as are state banks.

“We always encourage people to apply locally first. If you can work with your own bank it’s going to be better,” Jones said.

Additional sources of revenue include lines of credit and credit cards. She said the SBA has also put forth a tax credit.

Jones said if you have already applied for PPP or are planning to do so for the next round of funding, the best thing to do now is to lay your employees off and move them to unemployment.

She said the Employment Security Department has just begun accepting applications for unemployment from people like business owners, artists and contractors.

“I encourage people to do that because you have a home to take care of and other expenses,” she said.

Jones encouraged people to move quickly when the portals opened to apply for the PPP in the second round of stimulus funding

Jones said she is available for private counseling and help putting a response plan in place.

“Hang in there. Let’s get a plan going. Let’s get ahead of it, as much as we possibly can,” Jones said. “If we can do that then we have a great possibility of turning your business around and helping you to reopen your doors.”

Jones can be reached by phone at: (509) 525-0850 or online at: Judy.Jones@wsbdc.org.

Presentations and classes are also available to small business owners. Information is on the Walla Walla Small Business Development Center website at: wwsbdc.org.

LEGAL NOTICES

The Walla Walla County Conservation District (WWCCD) is issuing an Invitation to Bid on the McCaw Restoration Phase C Construction Project.

The project is located on the Touchet River approximately 2 miles west of Waitsburg. Major elements of this project include installing a series of large woody debris and engineered log jams in Touchet River. In-stream work window begins August 1, 2020 and concludes September 30, 2020.

Proposals will be for materials labor, equipment and appurtenant items required as per project plans and specifications. Bids must be guaranteed for 60 days from Project Award Date.

The complete bid packet is available at the WWCCD office, materials will be on a flash drive or hard copy. Given the current stay home restrictions, the USDA Service Center is closed for visitors. Please contact Lisa directly to arrange pick-up/drop-off of bid documents. (509)956-3762.

Proposals will include a statement of qualifications and the elements of which will be used to verify the bid. A 5% Bid Guarantee or equivalent will be required. The project will follow Davis-Bacon wage determinations (Prevailing Wages required). Project Time Line:

Event	Time	Date
A. Invitation to Bid Advertised		May 7 and 14, 2020
B. Complete Bid Packet available	1 p.m.	May 11, 2020
C. Pre-bid meeting and site visit	9 a.m.	May 15, 2020
D. Proposals due no later than	3 p.m.	May 19, 2020
E. Bid Opening	3:05 p.m.	May 19, 2020
F. Project Awarded By	10 a.m.	May 22, 2020
G. Contract Signed By		May 26, 2020
H. Project Start Date		July 20, 2020
I. Project Completion Date		December 31, 2020

WWCCD retains the right to reject any and all bids and to waive minor irregularities in the bidding process. Bids must be received at the WWCCD office by the designated date and time.

For questions, please contact Lisa Stearns at (509)956-3762. Walla Walla County Conservation District, 325 North 13th Ave., Walla Walla, WA. 99362

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THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
No. 20-4-00062-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS PURSUANT TO RCW 11.40.303 Presented to WSDSHS
In re the Estate of: PATRICIA LOUISE TERTMAN,
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The personal representatives named below have been appointed 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 to their attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court.
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Attorney for Personal Representatives: Janelle M. Carman
Address for Mailing or Service: 6 East Alder Street, Suite 418 Walla Walla, Washington 99362

Court of Probate Proceedings: Superior Court of Walla Walla County
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SSN: Redacted
Respectfully Submitted this 4th day of May, 2020 by: /s/ Janelle Carman, WSBA #31537
Attorney for Personal Representative
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THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
No. 20-4-00065-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS Presented to WSDSHS
In re the Estate of: ADRIENNE ELIZABETH BAILEY,
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
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PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The City of Waitsburg, 147 Main Street, Waitsburg, Washington 99361, is seeking coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology’s Construction

Stormwater NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit.

The proposed project, Taggart Road Vicinity Water Line and Taggart Road Extension, is located within Taggart Road and Highway 12 in the City of Waitsburg, in Walla Walla County, Washington.

This project is approximately 3.8 acres of soil disturbance for installing new 6- and 8-inch water mains, as well as paving Taggart Road, north of Highway 12.

Any persons desiring to present their views to the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding this application, or interested in Ecology’s action on this application, may notify Ecology in writing no later than 30 days of the last date of publication of this notice.

Ecology reviews public comments and considers whether discharges from this project would cause a measurable change in receiving water quality, and, if so, whether the project is necessary and in the overriding public interest according to Tier II antidegradation requirements under WAC 173-201A-320.

Comments can be submitted to: Department of Ecology
Attn: Water Quality Program, Construction Stormwater
P.O. Box 47696, Olympia, WA 98504-7696

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The deadline for legal publications is noon on Tuesday prior to publication. Send notices to: legals@waitsburgtimes.com

None other, my mother—a Mother's Day tribute

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

This was actually the title of an “essay” assigned to my sister for Mother's Day when she was in 4th grade. My mother treasured this master literary work, it was the only childhood memento that she saved from any of us. None of our homemade cards, shell art, lariats or wood carvings made at camp were found among her treasures, just this paper.

The title aptly suited my mother. She was a superstar; I miss her every day. She was a good sport, had a wicked sense of humor, could hold a grudge better than any ten people I know, good cook, great hostess, patient mother, amazing grandmother, daughter and sister, a more than patient wife (usually), and more adventurous than I realized when I was young. She had an eye for style and workmanship, trusted friend, and was a skilled bridge and mah jongg player.

A child of the depression, her “stock up” mentality was borne from a childhood without money. To help our pantry with plenty of backup food, she shopped coupons. In Los Angeles, the stores gave double coupons—i.e., if you had a 50 cent off sugar coupon you saved a dollar. At any one time, we could have up to 30 pounds of sugar in the house, and my mother didn't bake!

Coffee, was also a big sale item, as was mayonnaise, mustard, canned anything, waxed paper, and toilet paper. We cleaned out my parent's house around 2003. I am still using her Cut-Rite waxed paper and Reynolds wrap foil (turns out I should've kept the toilet paper as well).

She bought a few canned hams for a party which she stashed in various places in the house. The one in the linen closet exploded. We cleaned ham off walls, floors and washed linens for days.

She loved to take pictures but was a terrible photographer. We were the first on the block to have a Super-8 movie camera, which she proudly toted in our new camera bag on a field trip to the Bronx Zoo with my sister's 4th grade class. She wondered, “was film left in the camera?” she looked through the lens, we have a close up of her eyeball.

She hated driving. It took her three attempts to pass the driving test and get her license. My brother (10 at the time), suggested she put a note in the newspaper



Courtesy photo

Between the two of them, they couldn't figure out how to use the new camera.

arms, screaming, “Wait for me, wait for me!” Needless to say, the car didn't wait, the neighbors were too stunned to do anything. Luckily, the car made a sharp left turn at the bottom of the driveway and circled into our other car parked on the street. My brother had good instincts about that warning.

Our house was always full, a cousin from New York came for a week visit, he stayed three years, my brother's friend's parents moved to Israel, he stayed with us to finish the school year. My sister's friend moved from Tucson to Los Angeles, she stayed with us for 6 months. My mother's theme song should have been “If I knew you were coming, I'd a baked a cake.”

Mother's Day is coming, thank you for indulging my “walk” down memory lane. I am lucky to have a so many wonderful memories. Happy Mother's Day to all of the Moms, a social distance hug to all!

warning people to beware when she's on the road. She would make five right turns to avoid making a left turn.

While living in Tucson, the neighbors watched in “shock and awe” when she pulled up our short hilly driveway, then exited the car with packages in tow, but forgot to put the car in Park. There was my mother, sprinting down the hill with grocery bags in her

The Cookie Chronicles

Chapter Six – Storming The Beach! (On The Road Part Two)

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

Having hunkered down in our peaceful Nye Beach cabin after an exhausting first day on the road, we awoke to a bright winter sunrise and the sound of waves crashing on the shore below. The beach, which had been cloaked in darkness when we arrived, now beckoned irresistibly.

We'd already decided to spend an extra night here, so a wide open play day awaited. As soon as we gazed out the living room windows at the unbroken expanse of ocean, sky and sand that spread out from here to infinity, we knew we'd made the right decision.

Cookie knew something was in the air as soon as she stepped outside to do her morning business. I mean this literally, for this is a dog with a very fine nose. She had never in her life smelled salt water, seashells, rotting kelp, driftwood or the myriad mixed aromas of the seashore. In her world things were definitely looking up.

Looking down, we could see that our cabin sat on the edge of a very steep bluff. A rickety wooden stairway led down to the beach, a vast, flat expanse of sand dotted with driftwood. A number of the locals were already out and about, many with dogs, and everyone seemed to be having a fine time. An old Bob Dylan tune popped into my head... “if dogs run free, why can't we?”

There were no vehicles on the beach, which is always a plus—just dogs and people, birds and waves, and after a pot of coffee we bundled up and headed out. Cookie was on her leash, which turned out to be a good move on our part. The stairs were not only steep, they were also slippery, and there were a lot of them, punctuated with short landings and the occasional

bench.

Cookie doesn't generally trust stairs. One or two steps is about all she's ever had to deal with. This was more like one or two hundred, and she had to be picked up and carried for the first part of the descent.

Mr. B was with us of course, but we soon realized that at any moment he might slip from Cookie's mouth and fall through an opening and be lost forever mid-bluff in a tangle of underbrush. We grabbed him—disaster averted—and made our way down, the dog now thoroughly discomfited.

When we finally reached the bottom, I tossed the ball out onto the sand, unleashed Cookie, and off she went. It's impossible to over-state the sheer delight that a first exposure to a great, wide beach brings to a pup-dog. She tore across the sand, yipping and sniffing, grabbed the ball and waited impatiently as we carefully navigated the tumble of rocks, weeds, rivulets and driftwood at the base of the steps.

I'd brought along the ball throwing tool du jour – a Chuck-it – and quickly realized that outside of the confines of our home court, here we had truly found the wide open spaces for which the West is famous. I could throw that ball as far as possible, with no worries about breaking a window or getting stuck at the top of a tree. And so I did.

This led to one of those indelible moments in the life of a dog that will forever bring a chuckle. Cookie, reveling in her unbridled freedom, chased Mr. B across the endless sand, grabbed the ball and – without breaking her stride—spun around and sped back to us. At this moment her excitement overran all boundaries. Everything let go, and a stream of poo pellets exploded out from her backside like Tootsie Rolls in a candy factory. It was a veritable Lewis & Clark trail of poo. She could have followed it home in the dark.

Once we stopped laughing, we cleaned up the remains, tossed Mr. B around until Cookie wore herself out, watched the shore birds, met a few other dogs

and then made our way back up the stairs to our cabin.

The rest of the day passed pleasantly. The cozy Nye Beach community offered plenty of convenient walking and shopping options, most of them dog friendly. An afternoon return to the beach was, without question, mandatory. Toss in snacks, regular meals, some music time and the calming sound of the endless waves, and it would be almost impossible to design a better day in the life of a dog – or her humans. And so our second day on the road wrapped up quietly in the comfort of our cabin, with more adventures to come once we hit the road again the next morning.



Karen Gregutt

“A day at the beach, happy and free”

Unsolicited legal advice from Emma

Don't do crimes!

By Emma Philbrook | THE TIMES

At the time of this writing, I've finished one three-hour nightmare of a final and have three more such finals in my future. By the time you read this, I'll be done with three and have one left to finish. (And if anybody needs me for anything over the weekend, ask someone else. I'll be asleep.)

Seeing as it's getting so close to crunch time, I figured this week's unsolicited advice would do double-duty as a review session. That's right, folks: it's time for some unsolicited legal advice. (Disclaimer: I'm still pretty new at this. Please be patient.) (Additional disclaimer; especially for my friends in the legal profession: this is satire. I am joking. Take a deep breath and keep reading and please don't sue me.)

The first rule of suing people is not to do it if you don't have to. Seriously. It's expensive, stressful, and time-consuming, much like law school. Unlike law school, however, you'll alienate people and are unlikely to come out ahead financially and—actually, strike that. Suing people is exactly like going to law school.

Don't do crimes. Any of them. Not unless you're trying to avert a worse crime. Even then you should probably still try to come up with a different plan.

The courthouses in the state are going to be closed for the next month-and-change. If you need to make a court appearance, it will likely have to be done via video. The consensus among judges I've spoken to is that getting out of bed and



putting actual clothes on will help your case. (This means you too, lawyers.)

When talking to a judge, use the phrase “Your Honor” as much as possible. Definitely try to get it into the first sentence of every reply to a question and then a couple other times in the body of the question just for good measure. Also, wait for them to ask you to cut it out with the “Your Honor” at least twice before actually cutting it out. No matter how irritated they sound the first time, they're probably just being polite. Two times is a better indicator that you're actually getting on their nerves. If you really want to be safe, wait until they threaten to hold you in contempt of court.

Make friends with nerds. You may need their services as expert witnesses someday.

Be friendly and honest in general. This reduces your odds of getting sued and generally makes life more enjoyable for all concerned.

The law is more than a big book of thou-shalt-nots. However, the big book of thou-shalt-nots is still important and is available for free on the internet. Washington's Big Book is called the RCW; the national one is the United States Code. A simple Google search should show you what you need to find.

Lawyers have access to a special lawyer internet that lets them look at all kinds of judicial decisions and cases. Those interested in their hometown's seedy history or the skeletons in their alma mater's closet should be warned not to go looking for what they don't want to find. Those who just want to enjoy a bit of legal drama and don't particularly care about the cases can find judicial decisions and transcripts on the website of nearly any high court in the country. (Sometimes they even have the case dockets, which is where the really juicy stuff hides.)

Anyway, I should probably get going on my actual studying. See you later!

NEWS & SPORTS

Waitsburg honors Class of 2020 with parades, banners and more

Waitsburg residents are determined to make senior year a special one for WHS students.

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

As high school graduation approaches, Waitsburg's Main Street is getting prepped for a dash of color and a few smiling faces. While the details for a socially-distanced graduation are still being ironed out, the community has been looking for ways to honor the Class of 2020.

Last month Senior Advisor, Matthew Wyatt, turned to Facebook to ask the community's help to raise funds for Main Street banners celebrating the seniors. In true Waitsburg fashion, the community rallied together to raise nearly \$2,000 in just a few days.

The fourteen Cardinal Red banners will be displayed on Main Street in lieu of

the Waitsburg Celebration Days banners typically displayed in the spring. Each banner will feature two seniors, one on each side.

Wyatt reached out to the senior students and their parents for photos. Some students were unable to get their senior pictures taken before the 'Stay Home, Stay Safe' order so Wyatt arranged a free mini-shoot for kids in need. Once all the photos were gathered, Wyatt turned the information over to *The Times* publisher, Lane Gwinn. Gwinn designed the banners, embracing the classic WHS colors, before sending them off to DiJulio Displays in Walla Walla, where they are being printed.

Currently, Waitsburg School District is working on finalizing a graduation ceremony that complies with all social distance recommendations and gathering restrictions, and prioritizes public health. The ceremony will immediately follow a Class of 2020 Parade through Waitsburg.

The banners are expected to take about two weeks before they are ready to be hung, but Wyatt is hopeful they will be up in time for graduation.



Its tee time at the Touchet Valley Golf Course

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Touchet Valley Golf Course will be opening May 5th to those players that have purchased annual greens fees. Tee times will be available between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The course will be open to everyone as soon as a system is developed that conforms to the Governor's guidelines. The following rules need to be adhered to and will be adjusted to comply with the Governor's four-phased "reopening" plan. The goal of the course is to provide fun and golf while minimizing physical touch to reduce risk.

Groups will be limited to 2 players (up to 4 players from the same household will be allowed)

Social distancing guidelines should be followed, please do not congregate on the golf course grounds, the cart shed area or the parking lot.

Tee times must be made in advance and made by phone. Please call the Touchet Valley Golf Course at (509)382-4851 between the hours of 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Check-in for golf will be in a designated space limited to one guest at a time

All golfers must provide contact information before playing golf (email or phone #)

Golf carts will be limited to one rider per golf cart, two riders are allowed from the same household

The clubhouse is closed and locked until further notice due to Covid-19 cleaning requirements

Annual Greens Fees can be purchased by contacting the Columbia Commissioner's office at (509) 382-4542, 311 East Main Street, Dayton, WA 99328. Adults annual greens fees are \$395, first timers and seniors 75+ are \$275

Guests are asked to pay with credit card (no cash) when the course is completely open

Additional guidelines outlining reduced touch rules will be posted at the course.


All rules may change at any time and will be posted at several locations on the course. Failure to adhere to the posted rules may result in revocation of golfing privileges and possibly course closure.



Courtesy photo Touchet Valley Golf Course located at 209 N. Pine St in Dayton.


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Phantom of the Uplands

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

I must admit I am my mother's son, and apparently that of her mother as well. Both enjoy collecting beautiful things to display, as well as saving practical materials that may be of use at some unknown (and inexplicable) point in time. I am not a collector, per se, but I am guilty of keeping things like useless wood scraps and old nails and bolts. And I just can't bring myself to discard antlers, handsome game hides or upland bird plumage.

Art is a recurring theme among my tales and reflections of venturing into our natural world. Whether wielding a fly-rod or chasing my setters across the autumn bunchgrass, the poetry of interaction with our ecosystem, and the brilliance of the autumn canvas, upland bird plumage and the rich colors of high mountain trout always provide fodder for my pen. I find the beauty in these things so significant that I feel responsible for somehow preserving the memories of fin and feather through practical application and admiration.

While I enjoy crafting varied upland bird displays and shadow boxes to perpetually capture experiences, a friend of mine takes the artistic side of the uplands to a new level.

I met Janet Marshman during my graduate school days at James Madison University's Edith J. Carrier Arboretum. I was a staff arborist and Janet arrived as a welcome volunteer. And it wasn't long before her talents turned up in our visitor center.



Brad Trumbo

Janet Marshman has been channeling her art through dramatic masks since 1983.

Channeling her creative side, Janet decided once upon a time to make a drama-style mask as a birthday present for her sister-in-law, an art teacher. Clearly impressed, she encouraged Janet to sell her masks. Running with the idea, Janet sold her first lot to an art gallery in Charlottesville, Virginia. That was 1983.

Upon learning of my hunting and fishing hobbies, Janet asked if I had anything furred or feathered that I could part with. And, given my tendency to hang on to such items, I returned with a variety of material from a whitetail deer and mountain goat hide to eastern fox squirrel tails and thought nothing more of it. Until the day Janet presented me with a shadow box containing a mask made largely of moose hide, tree bark, shelf fungi and lichens. Its natural beauty was so striking, the shadow box was one of the few "natural displays" that made the living room wall after I

got married.

When asked why she appreciates natural items like fungi, Janet replied "There is so much beauty in natural materials."



Brad Trumbo

Exquisite upland art showcasing the natural beauty and compliment of rooster pheasant plumage, lichens, grasses, tree bark, seed pods and other fur and feathers.

Fungi and lichens are among the common "fauna" I have noticed in Janet's masks over the years. But what draws her to these materials so readily?

"I love fungi, lichens, moss, and textures of bark. The colors are often muted and blend well with colors of feathers, but provide variation in texture to the mask."

While Janet's affinity to use natural materials has always spoken to me, her tastes and innovation dive far deeper and include mechanical and electronic items like sprockets, wires and mother boards, even digital camera parts used in honor of her husband, Frank, who once owned a camera repair service. Abstract, eclectic, organic.

She never took to creating art full time, but has sold at shows across the eastern U.S. from New Orleans to Philadelphia, and regularly donates to charitable causes. Interestingly, somewhere in there she took a 20-year hiatus to raise her family. An experience that she claims brought her "...visual maturity and creativity into bloom," and contributed to the depth and intricacy of her later pieces.

Janet has collaborated on costume design with the James Madison University dance theater. Her masks have been on display in various galleries and restaurants, as well as the Hirshhorn Museum in Washing-

ton D.C. She has even won a Halloween contest or two. But she doesn't stop there, keeping her fingers in photography, sculpture and mixed-media.

"I believe a true artist continues to grow in their art and see things differently. I don't believe in finding a niche and staying there." Janet says.

This past winter I sent Janet a few pheasant capes, only to unexpectedly have them partially returned in March, stunningly crafted in dramatic whimsy. Her use of lichens, rooster tail and body feathers, corn husks, dried brome, and river birch bark delivered multiple complex layers of the environment in such a way to compliment themselves to their utmost potential.



Brad Trumbo

A contemporary example from Janet's collection.

Clearly, I feel a bond with Janet's masks; she ties my passions to true artistic talent and conception. She captures my eternal desire to immortalize the memory of those who have blessed my home and table.

Additionally, Janet's creativity exemplifies the beauty and elegance of our natural world, cast in the glow of perfect complement between flora and fauna. Her masks emphasize the intrinsic value of the natural world to human existence and emotion, portrayed through the eyes of an esteemed artist and her theatrical design.

Online dealerships offer new buying solutions

Shop for and purchase a new vehicle from home with online car dealerships like Vroom and Carvana

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

Buying a new car is always exciting. Spending hours at the dealership, negotiating your heart out and signing a tree's worth of papers... not so exciting. There is a way around the showrooms and bargaining that is quickly gaining traction: online car dealerships like Vroom, Carvana, and True Car.

As a matter of fact, at least one car recently seen around Waitsburg was delivered earlier this year from the online car dealership Vroom. Albert Diaz and his wife, Brigid, of Waitsburg, recently purchased an electric BMW i3.

Diaz decided to shop online for a vehicle after he learned that his credit union offered special loan rates for vehicles purchased online. Once the couple was pre-approved for a car loan, they began the shopping process from the comfort of their home.

"We have purchased vehicles a number of ways, both private parties and dealers," Diaz said. "Online was a very different process." Each online car dealer varies a little, but Vroom offers a 'priced as marked' sales model. The upside to that; no haggling or negotiating. The price is as advertised. Diaz said he found the lack of negotiating to be a nice break in the car buying process.

"If you know what your budget is and what you want, and if you can find it...the rest is pretty straightforward." Once the paperwork was signed and finalized, Diaz said his new car was loaded on a truck travelling from California to Spokane and dropped off at his Main Street address.



Albert Diaz

Albert Diaz's electric BMW i3 connected to the new charging station at the Waitsburg City Shop.

Diaz said they knew they wanted to go with an electric car and were able to narrow down the search results based on what they wanted.

Like other on-line shopping Vroom and Carvana have search filters for body style, car color, trim, and add-on packages. Carvana has over 27,000 cars listed on its site, so it's recommended to have an idea in mind when you begin browsing.

Many online car dealerships offer a trial period. Vroom offers a seven-day trial for buyers to make sure the car is right for them. If within the trial period the buyer decides the car is not a good fit, they have the option to arrange for free pickup and keep shopping.



Albert Diaz

Albert Diaz's electric BMW i3 was delivered straight to Main Street, Waitsburg after he purchased the car from Vroom.

Not sure what to do about your old car or is it simply not selling on Craigslist? It may be worth checking out the selling/trade-in programs online dealerships offer. Carvana is able to make you an offer within two minutes, and Vroom doesn't take much longer.

The online dealerships are even adopting a 'touchless delivery' system to keep the public safe during the car buying process. Carvana is able to complete the delivery process over the phone while the delivery driver unloads and parks your new car for you.

As we learn to live through a pandemic, 2020 has become the year of the 'new normal'. Online car dealerships offer a safe, convenient solution to handle the old normal in a new way.

Mushroom picking is free with personal-use limits in the Blue Mountains National Forests

THE TIMES

JOHN DAY, PENDLETON, and BAKER CITY, Ore.— Personal-use mushroom picking is free and does not require a permit or payment under the legal limits, which authorizes an individual to harvest, possess, or transport less than a gallon in Oregon and less than five gallons in Washington. No commercial permits are available this year due to coronavirus

These free mushrooms are only available for personal consumption and cannot be sold, bartered, or given away.

Those seeking to pick more than the free personal-use limit are considered commercial gatherers.

At this time, all National Forest developed recreation sites – including campgrounds, trailhead facilities, picnic areas, rental cabins, Sno-Parks, and boat ramps – are temporarily closed to slow the spread of COVID-19. While many forest roads, trails, and areas remain open to the public, visitors are strongly urged to practice social distancing. Mushroom picking is not permitted in any botanical area, research area, or in other areas closed by the Forest Service, including developed recreation sites.

To help care for the land while picking mushrooms:

- Carry your mushrooms in a net bag, allowing mushrooms to spread their spores for future production.
- Give wild animals plenty of space, and leave

newborns alone.

- Practice “leave no trace” ethics, and take your trash home with you.
- Report any violations promptly to the Forest Service.

Many forest roads are still not accessible due to mud and snow. Traveling on wet mountain roads and terrain can be dangerous and cause illegal resource damage. Further, temporary road and area closures may still be in effect in last year’s wildfire areas where unsafe conditions, such as hazard trees, are still being mitigated. Contact your local Ranger District office for up-to-date information on road conditions and current closures.



Courtesy photo
Morel mushroom in its natural habitat.

Plan ahead, pack the “ten essentials,” and travel with others (at a safe social distance). Be sure to tell a friend or family member where you are going and when you expect to return.

Keep in mind that many wild mushroom varieties are poisonous. When in doubt, just throw it out! It is the responsibility of the picker to properly identify a mushroom and determine whether it is edible.

Mushroom pickers and hunters often contact National Forest offices to learn where prescribed burning occurred last year. A study from the University of Montana found Morel mushrooms often grow in abundance after a forest fire. For everyone’s convenience, the locations of prescribed burning in 2019 are now identified here: <https://tinyurl.com/y8we6ntg> for the Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests.

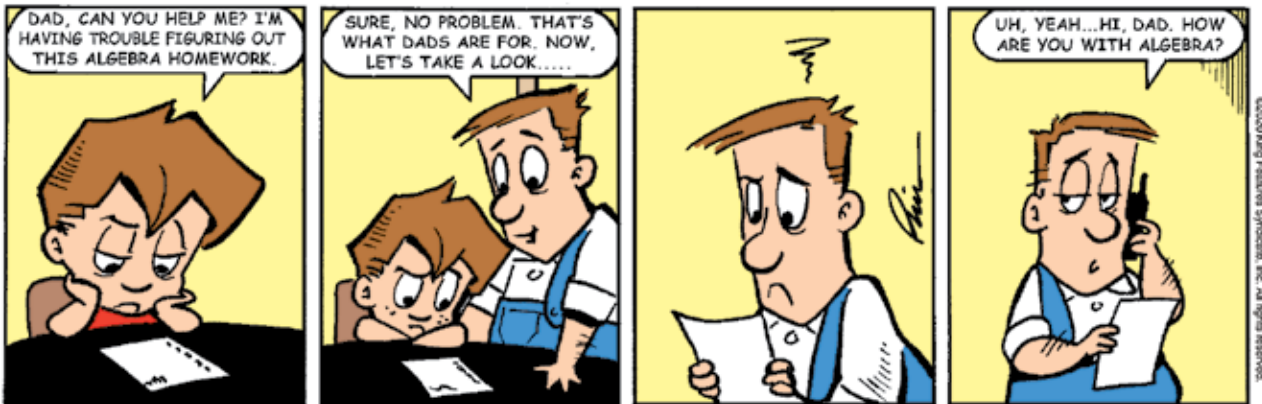
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



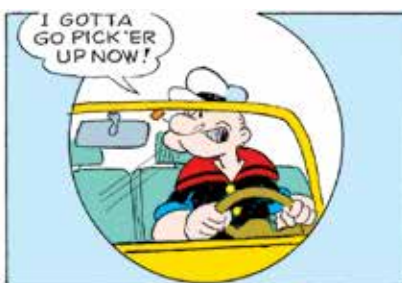
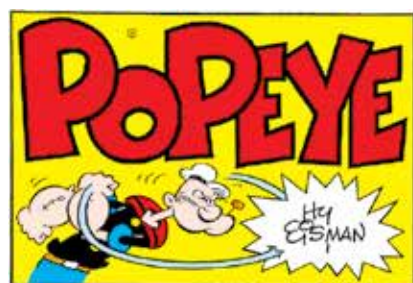
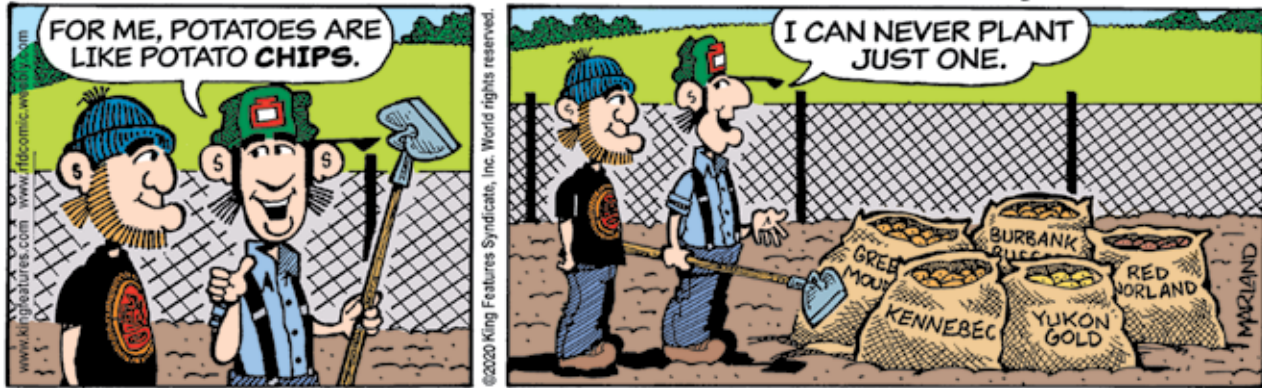
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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by Mike Marland



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago
May 12, 2011

[Photo credit] A member of the Atomic Bombshells burlesque dance group from Seattle entertains wine enthusiasts during Charles Smith’s spring release party on Saturday.

The weather in the Snake River area may still have rain and chill in the air, but the recreational boating and fishing season is underway. “The catfish are biting like crazy,” said Jim MacArthur, who runs the Lyons Ferry Marina on the Snake near Starbuck with his wife Angela.

[Photo credit] Val Woodworth and fellow Lions Club members prepare ribs for the annual Rib Feed at the Don Thomas Pavillion on the edge of the Fairgrounds Saturday. The event drew a crowd of 700 this year, up slightly from last year. The club prepared more than 900 pounds of ribs for the evening, which coincided with Spring Release weekend in the Walla Walla area. Rain came and went during the day, but the sun came out for part of the evening.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
May 4, 1995

The bowling center in Dayton has new owners, a new name and a whole new look. The changes are striking.

Here’s an off beat question: What would happen if Art Garfunkel, the falsetto voice in the 1960s soft rock duet of Simon & Garfunkel, stood for an hour on a Friday night outside the Plaza in Waitsburg, waiting for a taxicab? He’d probably have to sign some autographs, right? Wrong. Nobody would recognize him. And, that’s exactly what happened last weekend.

[Photo credit] Julie and Greg Post in the weaving studio at their Cedarose at Wolf Fork ranch on the North Touchet, southeast of Dayton. The Post family will hold an open house of their studio and business office on Sunday, May 7.

The Washington state building code has been certified as the first in the nation to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Builders benefit from the certification by the U. S. Justice Department because it ensures that construction which meets the state code also meets federal requirements of access for handicapped people.

Fifty Years Ago
May 14, 1970

Shake the moth balls out of your red Days of Real Sport shirt, diet over the weekend so that it will fit, and blossom out on Monday, May 18, for it will be “race week” in Waitsburg with the bang-tails running Saturday and Sunday.

Phil Monfort announced that he is cranking up his olde black engine for another go at the Days of Real Sport Parade on Saturday, May 23. Phil hooks up any young people in town who want to bring a wagon and be in the parade. Call Phil to get your youngster in the gala parade.

Miss Tammy Adams underwent an appendectomy in St. Mary Hospital Monday. Her brother Todd Adams had just returned from a stay of three weeks in the hospital with a broken arm.

Touchet Valley Home Ec will have a work day on Monday, May 18th at Dorothy May’s. Bring a sack lunch and things to make dippity flowers.

Seventy-Five Years Ago
May 1, 1945

Mrs. Miles Brunton was installed as president of the PTA Wednesday night. Henry Reimers is vice president; Mrs. Ralph Baim, secretary; and Mrs. Roy Danielson, treasurer.

Leslie Taylor of Cottonwood, Id. has been hired to replace Homer Reed as superintendent of schools.

Following the Choral Club concert Friday evening, the group enjoyed a party at the home of Mrs. W. C. Atkins. Margaret Klingeman, president, and Mildred Minnick, vice president, presided at the serving table.

One Hundred Years Ago
May 21, 1920

F. J. Aldrich Tuesday sold his half interest in 770 acres of the Kennedy farm in the Alto district to C. E. Enrich; consideration \$150 per acre.

Commencement week this year in Waitsburg will mark the graduation of 21 of Waitsburg’s best young people from the local high school; Eston Mock, Audrey Shaffer, Zella Walker, Carolyn Bickelhaupt, Grace Cline, Dwight Howell, Leon Sayers, Lester Wade, Wilfred Thalman, Ethel Michelsen, Loris Cox, Mabel Van Slyke, Myrtle Windust, Elsie Kinder, Mayne McKay, Laretia Loundagin, Louise Ramseur, Ernest Mikkelsen, Oliver Hobbs, Metha Harsh and Gordon Leid.

Mrs. T. S. Teeter and children left Sunday evening for several days’ visit with her mother, Mrs. S. A. Prim and brother James Prim and family at Effingham, Ills.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago
May 24, 1895

Wheat made another jump of 2 cents a bushel upward last Monday. May it continue to jump until it reaches the \$1.00 mark.

The obnoxious income tax law has been declared unconstitutional by the supreme court of the United States. That’s a great relief to us—how is it with you?

C. W. Wheeler left on Thursday evening for Goldendale. He took his hand satchel along for the purpose of bringing back a jersey cow.

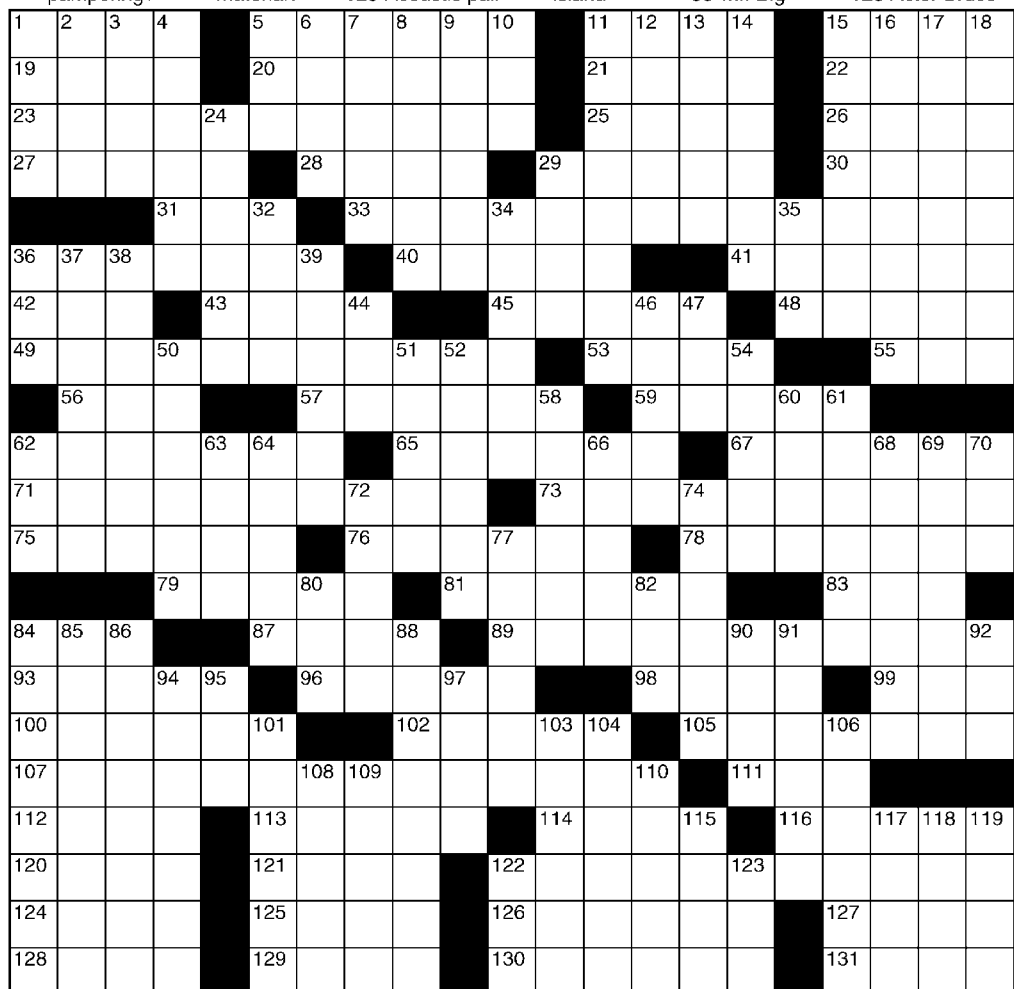
Last Saturday our town was so full of farmers that hitching places were scarce and at a premium. And the best of it all, everybody had money and our merchants enjoyed a splendid trade. Times are getting better—no doubt about that.

FUN & GAMES

Super Crossword

TWO-CHANNEL CONNECTION

- ACROSS**
- 1 Old Glory, for one
 5 Up in smoke
 11 Refluxes of tides
 15 Ankle-knee connector
 19 I, to Greeks
 20 "Speak up!"
 21 Ark captain
 22 Chipotle item
 23 "Great job, play more!?"
 25 Be sweet on
 26 Wilson of film
 27 One half of a 45
 28 Eat
 29 Stingy type
 30 Get a B, e.g.
 31 Mauna —
 33 Sharp rise in new findings?
 36 Napoleon's birthplace
 40 Gem, e.g.
 41 Writer — Jackson Braun
 42 — out (supplement)
 43 Ice melter
 45 — word (coinage for one occasion)
 48 Throbs
 49 Perpetual pampering?
- 53 Country singer Evans
 55 Born, to Gigi
 56 Gridiron gp.
 57 Repulsive
 59 Fiennes or Macchio
 62 Fishermen, often
 65 "Hear No Evil" star
 67 Really move on the dance floor
 71 Round of applause all for oneself?
 73 Company symbol on a container of breathing gas?
 75 Capital of Croatia
 76 Scrape the bottom of
 78 Flushes
 79 Antipasto bit
 81 Loved by
 83 "— Beso" (1962 hit)
 84 56-Across slats
 87 Old phone part
 89 Distinctive feature of blasting material?
- 93 Is on hold, say
 96 Spanish for "silver"
 98 Draft-eligible
 99 Item in a pod
 100 Congenital
 102 Bands of three
 105 Most morose
 107 Quaint theater where everyone hung out?
 111 Post-it note abbr.
 112 Soccer immortal
 113 Change formally
 114 Slugger Willie
 116 Evade artfully
 120 "Woe is me"
 121 — de foie gras
 122 Alternate title for this puzzle
 124 Madison Avenue prize
 125 Hens and cows
 126 Bright-shining
 127 Appellation
 128 Composer Jerome
 129 Acoustic pair
- 130 Pint-size
 131 Otherwise
- DOWN**
- 1 Small lies
 2 Actress Singer
 3 Just slightly
 4 Judges' mallets
 5 Bar drink
 6 Cherished
 7 Intelligible
 8 Hunky guy
 9 Most scant
 10 Before, to Kipling
 11 Spices up
 12 Idaho city
 13 Cake creator
 14 Singer Crow
 15 Cork up, as a bottle
 16 Maui native
 17 Emulate Tara Lipinski
 18 "Baloney!"
 24 Certain woodwind player
 29 Early hi-fi format
 32 Berry rich in antioxidants
 34 See eye to eye (with)
 35 Sis, say
 36 Frame of a cartoon
 37 Japanese island
 38 Calling the shots
 39 Nearly
 44 WJM anchor
 46 Pop singer Mariah
 47 Chunk of history
 50 Animal at "una corrida"
 51 East — (Asian nation)
 52 Spotted, as money
 54 Playwright Edward
 58 Ad catchphrase
 60 Little lake
 61 Texas — (poker game)
 62 Singer Scaggs
 63 Stunt legend Knievel
 64 Very zealous
 66 Put out
 68 Freaks out
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 70 Canon — Rebel
 72 Best possible
 74 Bad-pun responses
 77 Keep waiting
 80 Mr. Big
 82 However, briefly
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 86 "Babbitt" author Lewis
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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Asparagus Quiche

I made this a few days ago because I had some asparagus to use up, plus I had all the ingredients, except half and half, but used milk. I even had an unbaked (bought) pie crust in the freezer that needed to be used.



It is quick and easy. The listed amount says it is for two pie crusts but the milk and eggs, I found, fit nicely in a large pie pan. I didn't measure or weigh the asparagus, just used what I had, which was about right. I didn't use 10 slices of bacon for this one pie, but cut a third of a package and cooked it.

This would make a nice food gift for Mother's Day or that special person you love to let her know you appreciate her.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1# fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1/2 inch pieces
- 10 slices bacon
- 2 (8 inch) unbaked pie shells
- 1 egg white lightly beaten
- 4 eggs
- 1 1/2 c. half and half cream
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 c. shredded Swiss cheese

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place asparagus in a steamer over 1 inch of boiling water and cover. Cook until tender but still firm, about 2 to 6 minutes. Drain and cool.

Place bacon in a large deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Drain, crumble and set aside.

Brush pie shells with beaten egg white. Sprinkle crumbled bacon and chopped asparagus into pie shells.

In a bowl, beat together eggs, cream, nutmeg, salt and pepper. Sprinkle Swiss cheese over bacon and asparagus. Pour egg mixture on top of cheese.

Bake uncovered in preheated oven until firm. About 35-40 minutes. Let cool to room temperature before serving.

MY NOTES:

I added onions, however I tried cooking them with the bacon. The onions were done before the bacon which made me take the bacon out of the pan and finish cooking it.

We have these great microwave pans from Pampered Chef that I use for all my vegetables so I didn't steam them as suggested

Also, since you use a beaten egg white on top of the crust, you have an extra yolk, so I added it to the egg mixture.

The other suggestion I would pass on, is pat the asparagus dry. Between the onions and the asparagus, the quiche was a tad bit soft.

Like most quiches, it's easy to change ingredients, but do use the nutmeg. It adds a little something.

ENJOY!



Left: Publisher's mother, Eva Burline
 Right: Waitsburg Reporter's mom, Ann

Hi mom



Lifestyle guru's mom, Thilda with Zelon



Left: Advertising manager's mom, Evelyn Nadine
 Right: Dayton Editor's mother, Barbara

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Editor's mother, Maureen "Reen" with Graham

LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU ANSWERS: ONLINE

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

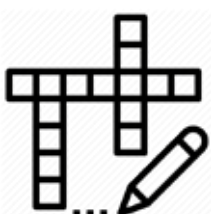
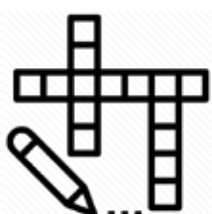
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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

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WASHINGTON'S PHASED APPROACH

Reopening Business and Modifying Physical Distancing Measures

	1 Phase 1	2 Phase 2	3 Phase 3	4 Phase 4
High-Risk Populations*	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Resume public interactions, with physical distancing
Recreation	Some outdoor recreation (hunting, fishing, golf, boating, hiking)	All outdoor recreation involving fewer than 5 people outside your household (camping, beaches, etc.)	- Outdoor group rec. sports activities (5-50 people) - Recreational facilities at <50% capacity (public pools, etc.)	Resume all recreational activity
Gatherings (social, spiritual)	- None - Drive in spiritual service with one household per vehicle	Gather with no more than 5 people outside your household per week	Allow gatherings with no more than 50 people	Allow gatherings with >50 people
Travel	Only essential travel	Limited non-essential travel within proximity of your home	Resume non-essential travel	Continue non-essential travel
Business/Employers	- Essential businesses open - Existing construction that meet agreed upon criteria - Landscaping - Automobile sales - Retail (curb-side pick-up orders only) - Car washes - Pet walkers	- Remaining manufacturing - New construction - In-home/domestic services (nannies, housecleaning, etc.) - Retail (in-store purchases allowed with restrictions) - Real estate - Professional services/office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged) - Hair and nail salons/Barbers - Housecleaning - Restaurants <50% capacity table size no larger than 5	- Restaurants <75% capacity/ table size no larger than 10 - Bars at <25% capacity - Indoor gyms at <50% capacity - Movie theaters at <50% capacity - Government (telework remains strongly encouraged) - Libraries - Museums - All other business activities not yet listed except for nightclubs and events with greater than 50 people	- Nightclubs - Concert venues - Large sporting events - Resume unrestricted staffing of worksites, but continue to practice physical distancing and good hygiene

* High-risk populations are currently defined by CDC as: persons 65 years of age and older; people of all ages with underlying medical conditions (particularly not well controlled) including people with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, people who have serious heart conditions, people who are immunocompromised, people with severe obesity, people with diabetes, people with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis, and people with liver disease; people who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.

New Democratic candidate for 16th Legislative District, position 2

THE TIMES

PASCO—Carly Coburn of Pasco, WA announced on Thursday, April 30th that she will be running as a Democrat for the 16th Legislative District, position 2, currently held by Representative Skyler Rude. Coburn is a community leader with a history of serving and standing up for marginalized residents of the 16th LD.



Carly Coburn

Coburn first moved to Eastern Washington in 2014 to College Place and moved to Pasco in September of 2015. She has been married for 11 years, and has an adorable chihuahua named Mimi, and a balcony garden she loves to spend time in. She chairs two Tri-Cities local non-profits, works with a volunteer collective for a Mutual Aid project, and is currently working for United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties, on temporary assignment as a Census Educator. Coburn also spends many hours volunteering for Local Political Organizations (LPOs).

Coburn believes that those elected to office are meant to represent and be a voice for those in their district. She said, "Being involved in the community I see where the needs of many are being overridden by the wants of just a few. I want to help raise up those in the 16th; better access to healthcare, better access to housing, and better access and resources for my fellow disabled siblings. I respectfully ask for your vote so I can show Olympia the indomitable spirit of Eastern Washington and the 16th Legislative District."

Innovia Foundation supports child care program in the Dayton School District

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Employees of the Columbia County Health System are being assisted with their childcare needs thanks to a \$12,500 award from Innovia Foundation, according to The Club's manager Jim Pearson.



Pearson said The Club, the Columbia County Health System, and the Dayton School District have coordinated the childcare program. Between twelve and fifteen youth, ages two through eleven, are being served by the program, which is located in the Dayton School District facilities.

The Club's Program Coordinator, Carrie Hennigar, the Club's Youth Development assistants, Anna Fortier and Rose Burris-Ramirez and some students from Dayton High School have each contributed twenty to thirty hours of their time to the program, each week.

"None of them had any guarantee of being paid for their time, but they all selflessly stepped forward without hesitation," Pearson said. "I am extremely proud of each of them, but I also felt strongly that they deserve to be paid for their time."

Pearson said he is grateful to Innovia Foundation, which is a key financial supporter of The Club and other local organizations. Innovia Foundation has its headquarters in Spokane.

"They have been instrumental in The Club's mission to provide quality after school and summer programs to the youth of our community, and this latest contribution further demonstrates their commitment to supporting important local efforts," Pearson said.

The childcare program is open to the children of First Responders, staff in the Sheriff's Office and essential health care workers. It became available shortly after the emergency school closures were announced in March.

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