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On Friday night All Wheels Weekend, adapted for the current COVID-19 restrictions, was kicked off with a cruise through Dayton streets. This year's

cruise has been named the "Cruise for Gene" dedicated to event chair Bette Lou Crothers' late husband Gene, who recently passed away.

## Negotiations stalled between the county and the city over Interlocal Agreement for noncontract services

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Board of County Commissioners on Monday announced the discontinuation of non-contracted services to the City of Dayton in the areas of Emergency Management, Dispatch and Law Enforcement for non-criminal and non-emergency calls. Non-contracted services include calls such as dog bites, abandoned vehicles, and city code violations.

The reason the County gives for the discontinuance is due to unresolved contract negotiations with the City. The County claims fees to the city have not been increased in 13 years and is requesting an increase to fees for certain County services as it looks to mitigate budget shortfalls.

The City issued a response to the County on Monday.

The Interlocal Agreement between the City and County for Law Enforcement and Dispatch Services was originally entered into in January 2007. At that time the City agreed to pay the County an annual fee of \$269,998 for services.

Only seven years ago, a mutually agreed upon Continuation of Services Agreement for Fiscal Year 2013 increased the annual fees, periodically, to \$337,428, according to City Administrator Trina Cole.

The City said a meeting to discuss the agreement took place in November 2017. At that meeting the City requested information about the cost of services being provided by the County under the agreement.

That information was not provided to the City and further requests were made in January and June of 2018.

When the County asked to renegotiate the agreement in May 2019, the City responded by pointing out the County had not provided the requested information necessary to understand the County's proposal that the City to pay 45 percent of the County's annual law enforcement budget, 35 percent of the County's annual dispatch budget, and 35 percent of the County's annual district court budget.

There are some areas of concern.

The City doesn't believe it should pay for services already funded by grants from the state of Washington. And the City doesn't believe it should be asked to pay a share of law enforcement services having no connection to the City. An example of this are matters relating to watercraft and/or aquatic safety.

"The City has requested data and additional information from Columbia County so that it may better evaluate the proposal. To date the City's request for data and additional information has gone largely unanswered. The City's desire to understand the service about which it is being asked to pay is sincere and appropriate."

"The City hopes the parties can engage in a meaningful and productive manner with regard to these requests in the interest of achieving successful negotiations."

The January 1, 2009 Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services between the City and County was set to renew in five-year increments beginning on January 1, 2019.

In their press release on Monday, the Board of County Commissioners stated they are hopeful that a new agreement for the contracting of services can be reached by the County and the City.

The County has promised no interruption in response to criminal complaints, active criminal calls, or emergency response pursuant to July 1, when the discontinuance takes place.

## Additional cases put Phase 3 in jeopardy for Walla Walla County

Benton, Franklin and Yakima Counties see alarming case increases

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla County's application for entry into Phase 3 appears to be in jeopardy (see story, page 5) due to Monday's announcement from health officials that twelve additional COVID-19 cases were reported since Friday, June 19th's total.

As of Tuesday, June 23, the county has 29 active cases all of whom are under home isolation. The county has had three deaths from the virus to date.

City of Walla Walla Development Services Director Elizabeth Chamberlain speaking as Liaison for Unified Command, remarked in a video shared to Facebook that the county is not yet at community transmission which means the virus is not currently spreading through unknown sources of infection.

The Walla Walla County Department of Community Health connected some of the new cases to travel outside the county and to travelers who have visited the county from outside the area. Both the city and county officials urge residents to take all precautions listed under phase 2 of the state's Safe Start plan.

Cases in Yakima, Benton, Franklin counties all continue to rise. Yakima Valley now has the highest per capita rate of COVID-19 cases on the West Coast and has

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## Columbia County reports seven cases of COVID-19

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Columbia County Public Health Department has reported nine positive cases of COVID-19, stemming from the same household. None of the nine people are over 60 years of age, but one of them has been hospitalized. Of the nine cases, two live in Benton County, where they are being managed by the Benton Franklin Public Health Department, according to Martha Lanman, the County Public Health Director.

There was an increase of testing by Columbia County Public Health staff after a man visited one of the local health clinics on June 15 and tested positive for COVID-19. Currently fifty people have been tested after contact tracing identified possible exposure from that one incidence.

Lanman said she reported the outbreak to the state Department of Health Communicable Disease Investigator, on June 18.

"I feel like it's a contained situation within the family," Lanman told the Columbia County Board of Health on Monday.

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# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

## NEWS BRIEFS

### FACE MASKS BECOME MANDATORY IN WASHINGTON STARTING FRIDAY

OLYMPIA—In a media update on Tuesday, June 23, Gov. Jay Inslee announced that facial coverings will be mandatory statewide, in all public places and will take effect this Friday, June 26. Inslee added that a willful violation of this order is a misdemeanor.

Inslee noted Washington State's recent rise in COVID-19 cases, particularly in Eastern Washington, as prompting the directive.

Inslee stressed using common sense regarding this mandate, noting that what type of mask you wear is up to you, and that you do not need to wear one when you are outdoors unless six feet of social distancing cannot be maintained.

Secretary Wiesman, Department of Health, reiterated that 20-40 percent of individuals who acquire the virus are asymptomatic, which highlights the need for facial covering use.

Exemptions include children under the age of two and for people who are deaf or have hearing loss.

### LIONS CLUB BBQ CANCELED

WAITSBURG—On Wednesday, June 17th the Waitsburg Lions Club Salmon BBQ committee met and determined the fate of the annual event for 2020. Originally scheduled for September 19th, the committee decided to cancel due to the uncertainties concerning large public events during the Coronavirus pandemic.

The second of the Lion's Club's two annual fundraisers, the Salmon BBQ's cancellation follows the cancellation of the Club's Rib Feed, which was to be held on March 20.

Ross Haman, the Club's outgoing president said the Salmon BBQ typically raises between eight and nine thousand dollars each year, with total sales including beer and wine sales, totaling approximately \$16,000.

Haman says, "All the money goes back to the community."

Haman says the Club does not yet have a plan for a different kind of fundraiser this year, they are still considering their options.

### 17 DAYTON, WAITSBURG AND PRESCOTT STUDENTS RECEIVE RASTY E. AND NONA F. KETCHERSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

#### THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Walla Walla Community College Foundation is pleased to announce the Rasty E. and Nona F. Ketcherside Scholarship recipients for 2020-2021. Thanks to the generosity of lifetime Waitsburg farmers Rasty and Nona Ketcherside, 17 Dayton and Prescott residents will have the opportunity to pursue their educational dreams at Walla Walla Community College this fall.

The recipients are: Marissa Barzo, Michelle Brooks, Shayla Currin, Drew Farley, Mackenzie Forney, Ezequiel Garcia, Kitty Lambert, Kylee Laughli, Kailyn Lewis, Cori Napier, Lillian Patterson, Chloe Pearson, Sergio Rivera, Kody Rooper, Emmanuel Sandoval, Jessica Stevens, Brandy Thurston.

The Rasty E. and Nona F. Ketcherside Scholarship was established in 2002 with a donation from their estate to help support students from the surrounding areas. Rasty and Nona dedicated their lives to farming and the gentle care of their land and the animals on their farm between Dixie and Waitsburg. Their lifelong care and concern for those around them extend to each of the 2020-2021 Ketcherside Scholarship recipients, who will receive a scholarship to attend Walla Walla Community College.

The WWCC Foundation exists to eliminate financial barriers to students' educational dreams. Raising, managing and granting financial support in order to assure student access, equity and educational excellence at Walla Walla Community College. Thanks to generous support from across our community, the WWCC Foundation is pleased to award more than \$600,000.00 in student scholarships and emergency assistance to hard-working WWCC students in 2020-2021.

### PROVIDENCE ST. MARY FOUNDATION GRANTS \$20,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

WALLA WALLA—In a move to support local healthcare workers during an uncertain, stressful and unpredictable time, Providence St. Mary Foundation has awarded \$20,000 in scholarships to locally-employed Providence St. Mary caregivers.

Thirteen applicants received awards to help pay for courses and degrees that are relevant to their current role or their professional development. Awardees include: Alanna Dodds, Mariah McQuown, Lorraine Tilstra, Doreen McCulloch, Brooklyn Scott, Sherri Greenwald, Lauren Mason, Amy Johnson, Guy Einig, Ashley Lintner, Deanne Bergh, Ashley Ramsey, and Marilu Meza-Quezada.

Deanne Bergh was also selected as the recipient of the Sister Rosalie Locati Scholarship because she exemplifies Providence's mission and core values. Bergh is pursuing her Masters of Science in Nursing through Bradley University with a goal of becoming a Family Nurse Practitioner. The special award was granted in honor of Sister Locati who retired from the Hospital's Mission Board after decades of service.

Scholarships are made possible through individual contributions to the Foundation's donor-restricted employee education fund.

### IN-PERSON SERVICES TO BEGIN AGAIN AT WAITSBURG PRESBYTERIAN

WAITSBURG—Pastor Stan Hughes of Waitsburg's Presbyterian Church announced that the church will welcome congregants back for worship in their sanctuary on Sunday, June 28 at 10 a.m.

Pastor Hughes met with the Session of Elders last week where the decision was made to begin meeting again in person.

"We will be ready to greet you in a safe and sanitary church building, with plenty of hand sanitizer, and the explicit reminder to maintain safe social distancing," said Pastor Hughes.

"Some of you may still be cautious about church gatherings. We understand that—and will fully respect the choices you make," he continued. Hughes cautioned any member of a high-risk group to weigh carefully their decision to attend, and encouraged anyone showing signs of any illness, or any person displaying a temperature of over 100.4 degrees to "please honor your fellow church members by staying home."

Other precautions and guidelines in place include providing facial coverings to be worn by all in attendance, encouraging those attending to wash their hands prior to leaving home and upon entry, and providing hand sanitizer at the entrance.

Additionally, Hughes notes that:

- The upper level handicapped access ramp facing Main Street will be the point entry for all attending. The "front door" of the facility faces 4th Street in Waitsburg. This will NOT be used as an entrance.

- Greeters will be outdoors at entrance before and during meeting times. They will ensure physical distancing during arrival and entering sanctuary. The seating areas will be marked for appropriate social distancing. During services, you will be asked to remain seated unless you need to use a hand washing stations or restroom.

- Leaving the service will be managed by persons designated to regulate flow and maintain proper separation while on church property.

- In addition to the two rest rooms, there is a hand washing sink in the sanctuary, all of which have an adequate supply of materials for hand washing upon arrival, or during the service.

- Weekly cleaning will include vacuuming of the carpets, and wiping with disinfectant the wood surfaces of the pews. Hand washing areas and restrooms have always, and will continue to be, cleaned in a manner to control disease transmission, including wiping all contact areas with disinfectant.

The Waitsburg Presbyterian Church is located at 504 Main Street.

### GENERAL OPERATING GRANTS ON OFFER FROM BMCF

WALLA WALLA—Nonprofit organizations addressing food and hunger, housing and homelessness, health and mental health and child and youth programs will be the focus for the Blue Mountain Community Foundation's (BMCF) general operating discretionary grants in 2020.








The online application opens July 1 at [www.bluemountainfoundation.org](http://www.bluemountainfoundation.org). BMCF will consider applications as they are received on a rolling basis. The goal is to award the initial grants in early August 2020.

Eligible applicants are tax-exempt 501(c)3 charitable organizations and public agencies in the counties of Columbia, Garfield and Walla Walla in Washington, and Umatilla in Oregon. Up to \$380,000 may be available over a 12-month period.

The purpose of the program is to support key service providers during the coronavirus pandemic. General operating grants are intended to be short-term bridge funds. Contact BMCF Grants Manager Greer Buchanan with questions at [bmcf@bluemountainfoundation.org](mailto:bmcf@bluemountainfoundation.org) or (509)529-4371.

### Touchet Valley Weather June 24, 2020

#### Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

						
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
Mostly Cloudy	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Few Showers	Mostly Sunny
High: 88 Low: 59	High: 86 Low: 64	High: 91 Low: 63	High: 84 Low: 56	High: 77 Low: 49	High: 76 Low: 48	High: 74 Low: 46

#### Weather Trivia

What was the deadliest tornado outbreak in the United States?

Answer: The outbreak that hit Missouri, Illinois and Indiana in 1925 claimed 747 lives.

#### Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	67	50	79/54	Trace	0.01"
Wednesday	75	51	79/54	0.00"	0.26"
Thursday	81	55	79/55	0.00"	-0.25"
Friday	87	56	80/55	0.00"	68.1°
Saturday	83	61	80/55	0.01"	67.3°
Sunday	80	59	81/55	0.00"	+0.8°
Monday	85	64	81/55	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

#### Weather History

June 24, 1924 - Six men at a rock quarry south of Winston-Salem, N.C. sought shelter from a thunderstorm. The structure chosen contained a quantity of dynamite. Lightning struck a nearby tree, causing the dynamite to explode, and the men were killed instantly.

#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
First 6/28	5:03 a.m.	8:48 p.m.	8:28 a.m.	11:45 p.m.
Thursday	5:03 a.m.	8:48 p.m.	9:42 a.m.	Next Day
Friday	5:03 a.m.	8:48 p.m.	10:57 a.m.	12:15 a.m.
Saturday	5:04 a.m.	8:48 p.m.	12:13 p.m.	12:42 a.m.
Sunday	5:04 a.m.	8:48 p.m.	1:29 p.m.	1:07 a.m.
Monday	5:05 a.m.	8:48 p.m.	2:45 p.m.	1:31 a.m.
Tuesday	5:05 a.m.	8:47 p.m.	4:02 p.m.	1:57 a.m.

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# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

## Prescott Pool getting ready to re-open

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

PRESCOTT—Prescott Pool Manager Kyra Hartley is a highly experienced lifeguard and swimming instructor and she recently stepped into the role of Pool Manager at the Prescott Pool.

A double major in business administration and psychology at the University of Puget Sound, she may need skills in both areas to manage the changeable situation for outdoor recreation this summer.

Hartley took steps this spring to get her lifeguards Red Cross re-certified by working with Walla Walla YMCA's Director of Aquatics and Safety Training Erika Miller. Hartley counts Miller as a former supervisor, swim coach and friend, and the two made plans to get this summer's lifeguard staff in the YMCA pool during its shut-down to get their credentials up to date.

One-third of Hartley's staff are returning employees and the others all have previous guarding experience.

With a total capacity listed at 150 people, the pool is permitted by Phase 3 guidelines to operate at 50 percent capacity or 75 people, but Hartley noted, "We decided to play it safe and keep it at 50 people."

Swimmers with a seasonal pool pass will be admitted entrance on a first-come, first-served basis, followed by those using day passes. Additionally, Hartley intends to thank the Prescott community for their ongoing support by holding a 'Prescott Day' each week, where the pool will be open only to those who reside in the Prescott area.

An announcement of season pass, daily pass prices, along with hours, guidelines and information about which day of the week will be 'Prescott Day' will be posted on the pool Facebook page once they have the all-clear to open.

Along with pandemic planning, a new coat of paint for the entire pool must be completed before the pool opens. Recent rainy days have interrupted the painting project, but Hartley encouragingly said, "We're getting really close!"

Longtime readers will know about Prescott's Joint Parks and Recreation Board who have been guiding the operation and maintenance of the pool since 1981 when the Prescott School District could no longer manage to finance the pool.

Originally built in 1958, the pool is primarily supported by funding voted for through an annual Maintenance and Operations levy. These yearly ballot measures require a supermajority of 60 percent 'yes' votes— last year's levy passed with 68.25 percent, providing \$123,000 in funding.

The Parks and Rec Board also seek and receive grants, including the Sherwood Trust's \$50,000 show of support in 2019, and a previous \$45,000, awarded by the Trust in 2016. Northwest Grain Growers provides free swim lesson to anyone living in the 99348 zip code.



Courtesy photo

Prescott's Joint Parks and Recreation and Prescott Pool Manager, Kyra Hartley are working hard to prepare the facility to re-open once Walla Walla County moves to phase 3 of the Safe Start plan.

## Waitsburg gains another nonagenarian—happy birthday Pat Largent!

By Pam Conover | THE TIMES

Pat Largent joins the ranks of the nonagenarian, a fancy word for 90, this month. Where the chronological age of 65 is in our culture is considered a senior citizen and 70 plus is considered by some accounts elderly, I am supposing Pat would be considered 'elderly.'

As I recently watched Pat, with her cane, stepping down the sidewalk in Waitsburg I began to recall times with Pat over the years. This amazing woman is someone for whom the word elderly just doesn't seem appropriate. Although widowed at a young age with children to raise, she worked in the kitchen at school and then at local nursing homes in the summer, is a faithful servant of the Lord, and is known for her delicious bread and cookies.

Pat is one eager to learn, and even adventure-some. We have traveled to Egypt, Israel, England and across the United States together. Something some may not have known about Pat—she is always willing to try something different; whether its wading through chest high waters in a pitch-black Hezekiah Tunnel, riding camels in Egypt, or the underground in London or visiting the Brighton Pier in England.

Pat will freely admit, she is the reason you have to arrive at the airport three hours early. Inevitably, Pat is the one pulled aside to be searched; in Walla Walla, Seattle, Louisville, London, Tel Aviv. (And this was before 911).

In Louisville before issuing her boarding pass, Pat was asked, "May I search your luggage?"

I said, "What if she says no?"

To which the attendant said, "There is always the Greyhound!"

Pat in no uncertain terms, let me know I needed to be quiet. Pat can speak up for herself.

I'm not certain what category Pat would be placed in the scheme of aging, but certainly not elderly, perhaps seasoned.

So along with other nonagenarians in the community, we celebrate Pat Largent's birthday, a life that has touched many, a life well lived.



Courtesy photo

Princely Pat Largent, left, sharing a "cutout photo op" with a royal Pam Conover, right, at Brighton Palace Pier.

## Voters will be given a second chance to help fund the Flood Control Zone District

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Board of Columbia County Commissioners has agreed to ask voters for help with funding the Flood Control Zone District (FCZD), again, this year.

Proposition 1, asking voters to approve a permanent general excess levy of \$0.10 per \$1,000 of assessed value to help fund the Flood Control Zone District, will go before voters again in the November General Election.

If passed, the levy will generate an estimated \$100,000 each year to be used by the FCZD for grant matches and a program which will include a sandbag program for public use.

Flood Control Zone District Administrator, Charles Eaton said the county sustained \$4.2 million in damages to infrastructure from the recent flood in February.

The County Road Fund can't be used for flood damage mitigation and matches for FEMA grants can only come from the FCZD, which currently has a zero balance, said Eaton.

The cost for removing woody and granular debris from the Touchet River at three areas of the Dayton levee and at the Star Bridge on South Touchet Road is estimated at \$291,000 and is the county's responsibility to do.

"That has to go through the Flood Control Zone District or from the commissioners themselves," Eaton said.

The county commissioners are hopeful the recent flood will motivate voters, and they will come through this time.

In November, 2019 voters were asked to approve a permanent general excess levy, with the same terms, to kick-start that program, but the proposition failed to gain a (65%) supermajority, to pass.



### BIRTHDAYS

**June 25:** Randy Pearson, Pat Allmon, Dan Estes, Margaret Monfort Shultz and Craig Adams.

**June 26:** Ava Jean Gagnon, Judy Mulhair, Michelle Benson Brooks, Norma Bessey, Toni Chavez and Shalyne Bentley.

**June 27:** Lisa Christensen, Sarah Monfort Torrens and Cameron Collins, Travis Eaton.

**June 28:** Kendra Roberts, Terry Dunn, Kathleen Walborn, Heather Ferguson, Jordyn Prince.

**June 29:** Wanda Mattice, Linda Herbert, Gia Fluharty.

**June 30:** Jeff Bartlow, Pete Kinder, Ralph Jones and Erin Mellish.

**July 1:** Gary Hofer, Ellen Atteberry, Scott Clayton and Lynn McCaw.



### DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

Dayton Senior Center  
403 E. Patit St.  
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Drive Up Only

**Thursday, June 25**  
Goulash  
Corn/ Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Peaches & pear/ Milk

**Tuesday, June 30**  
Taco salad  
w/ all the fixings  
Chips  
Spiced apples/ Milk

### WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

**Tues., June 30**  
Chicken & dumplings  
Vegetables (chef's choice)  
Coleslaw  
Fruit (chef's choice)  
Cookie

### Church Directory

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

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

Pastor Stan Hughes

Waitsburg Chapel

320 W. 2nd  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Bible Study  
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.  
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## ONLY JESUS CHRIST CAN CLEAR OUR MINDS OF HATE AND ANGER

Dear Editor:

Down through the ages whether in chains or cuffs character has been more important than color. Guilt from defying authority brings on bad consequences and defines character. In spite of being either free or prisoner the issue is not color.

We need to get our priorities straight by the Book or we get what we deserve. Sometimes it's death though not always.

Seventy years ago, at age 27, I was headed for Hell. Grace was offered to me and I accepted it. I am here to tell you to choose Grace and respect authority. Grace has no color bar; neither does Sin. Without respect for authority, in cahoots with prejudice, a person's good picture of himself distorts his character as to who he

is and his so-called love of others.

If we choose to defy authority by promoting violence and reaping community chaos nothing constructive gets accomplished. Nobody changes. Our fallen nature results in trashed streets, burned vehicles, broken storefronts and looting. It's not about who's right but what's right. Only Jesus Christ can clear our muddled minds and hearts from the haze of anger, hate, and greed that reside within. Ultimately, "when I point my finger at my neighbor", or at any of you, "three more are pointing back at me." It puts me (us) on the spot.

Sincerely,  
Phillip Monfort

## SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

Dear Editor:

Now is the time to make a big effort to rebuild our community by shopping small.

Waitsburg has 600 households. If every household, every month spent \$20 less out of town or on line and spent that \$20 with our local hometown merchants, it would amount to \$12000.00 in additional monies spent in Waitsburg, additional sales tax for our city services, and an opportunity to meet our neighbors.

Every dollar spent locally, circulates locally 7 times.

When you buy from your local small business neighbor, that proprietor pays her rent, city water bill, pays her employees, buys groceries, enjoys a coffee, dines out with local restaurants. Do you see that dollar zipping around town?

So, as we head to the new normal, make every effort to shop small, support locally and staycation small with trips throughout the local Walla Walla Valley.

Keep our local community economically healthy. And wash your hands!

Joy Marie Smith

## TRACY THOMPSON: FROM THE EDITOR

## We still need to decide about masks

Sixteen weeks into this pandemic and I'll admit, I've grown a little weary of the mask debate. Excuse me, cloth face covering discussion. It seems endless, and redundant, and far too enmeshed in emotions and political party. It's exhausting!

Do I choose to go to the trouble of sewing my own, having someone else make one for me, or buy some to wear when I go out and about these days?

Do I always remember to have it on my person when I stop into a grocery store, or pick up some take-out? Do I wear one at the home of friends? While seated at an outdoor table? If I make these choices, what are my reasons?

Alternatively, do I actively avoid wearing a mask, at any time, anywhere? Not at a busy grocery store, not in a meeting in an enclosed space, not when visiting someone with compromised immunity? If I choose not to wear a mask what are my reasons?

Currently, thirteen states and the District of Columbia have required the use of masks or face coverings in public settings. California's Governor Gavin Newsom did so just last week. Just like our country's current patchwork quilt of varying guidelines and health metrics for this virus, the varieties of mask requirements and efforts to enforce them are many. In Delaware, if you're 12 or under you're not required to wear one, in Hawaii, you could face a fine of \$5,000 or up to a year in prison if you're found guilty of not wearing one.

Washington State has a 'Guidance on Cloth Face Coverings' which is two pages long and includes a link on how to make a simple one. The document urges you to stay six feet away from others, to wash your hands, avoid touching your eyes, etc. and to avoid sick people.

On [coronavirus.wa.gov](https://coronavirus.wa.gov), there are bullseye-clear graphics, information on how to make a mask that allows others to see your lips as you speak (helpful to those who are hard of hearing), and a link to all the platforms where you can "tell the world why you wear a mask."

Those messages range from the simple, to the

deadly serious. On Twitter, @Allstarz\_Staff simply said "We definitely think safety is cool!"

@sheriantoinette, however, posted "COVID-19 is the worst disease process I've ever worked with in my 8 years as an ICU nurse. When they say "recovered" they don't tell you that that means you may need a lung transplant. Or that you may come back after d/c with a massive heart attack or stroke bc COVID makes your blood thick as hell. Or that you may have to be on oxygen for the rest of your life. COVID is designed to kill. We will run out of resources if we don't continue to flatten the curve. I'm exhausted."

Clearly, this discussion is exhausting because it is personal. Each individual's understanding of science and risk is different, just as each individual person's outlook on society, mutual aid and community are unique.

My own decisions are guided by the common-sense upbringing of my mom, who was an office nurse at the Cheney Clinic for 20 years. She was practical, straightforward and level-headed. My decisions are also guided by my experiences—talking to a friend who survived the virus, reading endless articles and news accounts. Another odd bit of spackle in my decision wall? A remarkable graphic on the *New York Times* website showing bright blue plumes of droplets advancing in pixelated computer animation as either a cough, sneeze or breath. One fact that crystallized the threat in my mind?

"In fact, researchers at M.I.T. studying coughs and sneezes observed particles from a cough traveling as far as 16 feet and those from a sneeze traveling as far as 26 feet." (from "This 3-D Simulation Shows Why Social Distancing Is So Important", NYTimes April 14, 2020)

Consider others, try to seek out some science, and make your own decisions. If you're brave, look at <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/04/14/science/coronavirus-transmission-cough-6-feet-actual.html>.

Tracy Thompson

## FACE MASKS ARE USEFUL IN SLOWING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to the letter sent to the editor a few weeks ago regarding face masks. I believe the writer is mistaken as to the efficacy of the masks. Community spread has increased, mostly as a result of relaxed "stay at home" orders and more public interaction. The more I read about the spread and the recent uptick in cases, the more I am convinced that masks in public places, although not a panacea, are useful in slowing down the spread of COVID-19.

The reason masks were not recommended at the start of the pandemic, was because it wasn't yet evident that the spread of the virus could happen through contact with people who were asymptomatic. That recommendation rapidly changed.

According to the Mayo Clinic - they recommend masks, because they stop the spread of the virus, masks should be worn in public places, where social distancing is difficult to maintain, even by Vice-Presidents.

JAMA - Journal of American Medical Association - also states that wearing masks will help stop the spread of COVID-19; "...they are a tool that can be used to prevent the spread of respiratory infection."

The CDC - has been on TV, radio and on their website, they advise people to wear cloth masks in public settings to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

I would like to support Waitsburg and Dayton businesses, however, I cannot support local businesses that are not enforcing rules that employees wear masks while working around food or in close proximity to others. I will support those who are in compliance, eat at home and shop for groceries in Walla Walla. I would rather drive 20 miles than risk becoming ill, or worse, pass the virus on to someone else.

Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi

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## Walla Walla County applies for a modified Phase 3

Information about the application likely to arrive just after this publication goes to print

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA— Walla Walla County Commissioners decided at a special meeting on Thursday, June 18 to apply for a modified Phase 3 of Governor Inslee's Safe Start plan.

Phase 3 of the state's plan allows outdoor recreational gatherings be limited to 50 or fewer people, the county's application modifies that to 25 or fewer people.

Travel in Phase 3 would allow all non-essential travel to resume, Walla Walla County is requesting a modification to allow essential travel and limited non-essential travel for Phase 1, 2, or 3 permissible activities.

At the time of the meeting, Walla Walla County did not fully meet the eligibility requirements to apply for Phase 3 of the plan. The county exceeded the requirement that limits new cases to under 15 over a two-week period. As of June 17th, the county had identified 17 new cases.

Meghan DeBolt, Department of Community Health (DCH) Director discussed

the efficient case and contact investigations the department is able to maintain, typically conducting each case evaluation within 24 hours, and reaching the patient's contacts within 48 hours. The DCH's collaborative efforts with Providence St. Mary Medical Center's Population Health program ensures that each patient is contacted once a day for a check in.

DeBolt reported that there were no further positive COVID cases at Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. since May 9, however, there were three cases linked to workers associated with FirstFruits and three cases to Blacktop Ranch.

Although both DeBolt and Dr. Larry Jecha were strongly in favor of asking citizens to wear cloth face coverings, Commissioner Greg Tompkins stated that his vote to approve the the application was contingent on there being no county directive for residents to wear masks.

Once submitted, the county anticipates a response from Washington State Secretary of Health John Wiesman within three to five business days. If approved by Secretary Wiesman, the modification would be based on Phase 3 guidelines. A full description of the requirements and listing of various business guidelines can be found on the Washington State Coronavirus Safe Start website.

Reopening guidance by phase for businesses and employees, including health and safety requirements, can be found on Governor Inslee's website.



## Denise Edwards

DECEMBER 1951—JUNE 2020

This week we lost a true friend who loved Waitsburg. Denise Edwards was described as a wonderful lady and a scooter riding, defender of all animals and children.

We will miss seeing Denise at the Waitsburg Grocery in the mornings and later in the evenings chatting and laughing with her friends in front of the hardware store.

*Friends are planning a celebration of Denise's life to be held at Preston Park. Date and time to be announced.*

## Waitsburg Christian Church to remain closed

Pastor Matthew Wyatt reaches out to the congregation, community.

When I spoke to the congregation as we went into Phase 2 in Walla Walla County, I said that we have been praying heavily over the direction of the church, when to reopen the building, and that it may feel that we are slower moving than other churches in our area.

This past week has been a mixture of emotions as the leadership of the church has continued to pray and ask God for answers. On Wednesday night we prayed over a June 28th opening for an outside service. That night was a night of restless sleep as I realized that I was rushing God's timing. We then talked about a July 5th outside service. Still, God was telling us that it was too soon for our church.

While speaking to members of the CDC, a head member of infectious disease at Providence Health, and many health care professionals, I felt at peace with God saying "Just wait." There are many new cases of COVID-19 that are rising in the surrounding areas. Yakima County ICU is filled. Benton and Franklin Counties are near max capacity. With this news, and with the prompting of God, our leadership team at WCC has decided not to open our building until we get a different word on what God wants and a grasp on what is happening around us.

I understand that this will cause some disappointment and maybe some frustration in some. As three months have gone by since we have joined together in worship, I understand that many are ready for a sense of normalcy. I am with you. I can't wait for the time we can join, hug, sing, and worship in person. And as churches start to reopen in our community and the surrounding communities, that disappointment may grow. I am in no way saying that other churches shouldn't open. That is not my business or my focus. I know that the churches around us are led by amazing men and women of God and they have been faithful

in praying about this. As for me, I have been called to be the spiritual leader of the Waitsburg Christian Church. That is my focus.

Our leadership team came to a unanimous decision on Thursday night that we feel God calling us to wait. To not set a date, but to wait on Him. As we move into Phase 3, we will re-evaluate what is happening around us. But we will not rush God. United we have decided that it's not time yet.

I want you all to know that we are not making this decision out of fear but out of love. We aren't focused on the pressures of man but on the calling and whispering of God. We made a decision in March that the only thing we want to spread is love. We have stuck by that and we will continue to stand by that. We are called to love our neighbor and with what is happening in the world around us, this is how we feel God is calling us to do just that.

Please remember that church has never been closed. We have now spread Global with our messages each Sunday. Many who have not come to church before this pandemic have committed their lives to Christ during this time. Also, please know that social distancing doesn't mean relationship distancing. Make that phone call, schedule that video conference. Invite someone to church within your home as long as it is safe.

Yes, it is disappointing and frustrating at times. Just know that we do not take this decision lightly. Pray for the leadership of this church. This is not an enviable position for our team as we make tough decisions based on where we believe God is calling us. These decisions are made out of love, with God's guidance, and with input from the health care professionals.

Church will continue online and we will update you on the future as we are led. Until we meet in person continue to pray for our leaders as we continue to pray for you.

I love you all dearly,

Pastor Matt Wyatt

## WWCSO

### May 26

Officers were dispatched to hit and run collision which had previously occurred at the Touchet Chevron gas station.

### June 15

Adult male reported his dog was shot at an address in the 400 block of Valley Drive. The person who shot the dog stated he shot the dog as it was on their property attacking their livestock. Burbank, WA.

### June 16

An individual reported theft of tools from construction site at the 800 block of Abbott Road, Walla Walla County.

A report of burglary and malicious mischief was reported at an address on Lake Road in Burbank, WA.

### June 17

Officer was dispatched to 373 W. Sunset Drive for threat calls. Report taken, Burbank, WA

### June 18

A theft of motor vehicle from an address on Harvey Shaw Road was reported in Prescott, WA

Subject violated conditions of release by receiving phone calls from inmates at the jail.

Officer was dispatched to the 7000 block of E. Highway 124 regarding a protection order violation., Prescott, WA.

A theft of packages was reported at an address on Ankeny Street, Walla Walla County.

### June 19

An abandoned vehicle was towed from Lower Waitsburg Road and Bergevin Springs Road. Walla Walla County.

A death investigation of an elderly female took place at an address on W. Seventh Street, Waitsburg, WA.

### June 20

A domestic dispute between adult family members was investigated at an address on Mill Creek Road, Walla Walla County.

Adult male was taken into custody at an address in the 800 block of Jantz Road, for violation of protection order and driving while license suspended in the third degree. Burbank, WA.

### June 21

A driver under the influence (DUI) wrecked onto residential property on Hanson Loop in Burbank, WA.

A building was entered and items, including four gas powered scooters, were stolen from an address on Detour Road, Walla Walla County.

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

#### IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

NO: 20-4-00103-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030

In re the Estate of:  
WALTER E.

LOEVENSTEIN II,  
Deceased.

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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### SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHELAN

#### NO. 20-4-00133-04 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re the matter of the Estate of:

GARY M. CARGILL,  
Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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Court of probate proceedings and cause number:

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SUPERIOR COURT  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

#### IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

NO: 20-4-00107-36  
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RCW 11.40.030

In re the Estate of:  
BETH LANE SANDERS,  
Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

#### IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

NO: 20-4-00068-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030

In re the Estate of:  
BETTY JEAN TURLEY,  
Deceased.

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### In the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the County of Walla Walla

Christian Flores,  
Case No. 19-3-00257-36  
Sergio Flores Sandoval,  
Respondent.

The State of Washington to Sergio Flores Sandoval  
You are hereby summoned to appear within 60 days of the date this petition for a dissolution of marriage summons is published, after June 18, 2020, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, Christian Flores, and serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address stated below; and in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the petition for a dissolution of marriage, which has been filed with the clerk of stated court. If you do not serve your written response within 60 days after the date this summons was served on you, exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a final order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final order until at least 90 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response on Christian Flores at 601 S. Kent St, Apt E204, Kennewick, WA 99336

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TAGGART ROAD VICINITY WATER LINE AND TAGGART ROAD EXTENSION

City of Waitsburg  
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The City of Waitsburg, Washington (herein called the "Owner"), invites bids for the construction of the Taggart Road Vicinity Water Line and Taggart Road Extension project. The work includes approximately 5,400 linear feet of 8-inch water line, 110 linear feet of 16-inch steel casing, 1,000 tons of hot mix asphalt, 440 cubic yards of crushed surfacing, fire hydrants, water valves, water service connections, restoration, and other associated work. Alternative work includes an additional 1,320 linear feet of 8inch water line, additional gate valves, fire hydrant, restoration, and other associated work.

Sealed bids for the described project will be received by the Owner at City Hall, 147 Main Street, Waitsburg, Washington 99361, until 2:00 p.m., local time, July 8, 2020 and then publicly opened and read aloud.

All work performed on the project will be subject to all requirements related to State Prevailing Wage Rates, EEO, and Washington State Contracting Laws, etc. All Contractors participating in the Work must be licensed in the State of Washington to conduct business. This project is funded in part through the Washington State Public Works Board program with state funds.

The contract time for all work shall be 60 working days.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc., 214 East Birch Street, Walla Walla, Washington 99362, (509) 529-9260, Adam SchmidtGall, P.E., aschmidtgall@andersonperry.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or at the other locations listed below.

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Each bid on the project must be submitted on the prescribed form and accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to the Owner in an amount not less than 5 percent of the amount bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish the necessary additional bonds for the faithful performance of the contract as prescribed in the contract documents.

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A pre-Bid conference will not be held for this project.

Owner: City of Waitsburg, Washington  
By: Martin Dunn  
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### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. 108 1st Ave South, Suite 202 Seattle, WA 98104  
Trustee Sale No.: WA-20-880655-RM Title Order No.: 8763209 Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 2019-03747 Parcel Number(s): 36-07-20-71-0512, 35889  
Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: HILLSTONE HOUSE WW, LLC, A WASHINGTON LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): Veristone Fund I, LLC Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: Quality Loan Service Corporation of Washington Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Veristone Capital, LLC I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 7/17/2020, at 10:00 AM, (sale postponed to 7/24/2020) At the main entrance to the Walla Walla county Courthouse, located at 315 W Main, Walla Walla, WA 99362 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of WALLA WALLA, State of Washington, to-wit: Beginning at the Southwesterly corner of Lot 9 in Block 5 of Shauble's Addition to the City of Walla Walla, per Plat recorded in Volume A of Plats at Page 25; Thence Easterly along the Southerly line of Lots 9 and 10 in said Block, 120 feet to the Southeasterly corner of said Lot 10; Thence Northerly, along the East line of said Lot 10, a distance of 60 feet; Then parallel to said Southerly line, 120 feet to the Westerly line of Lot 9; Thence Southerly along said Westerly line 60 feet, to THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Situated in the City and County of Walla Walla, State of Washington. More commonly known as: 401 N 4TH AVENUE, WALLA WALLA, WA 99362 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 5/24/2019, recorded 5/31/2019, under Instrument No. 2019-03747 records of WALLA WALLA County, Washington, from HILLSTONE HOUSE WW, LLC, A WASHINGTON LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, as grantor(s), to RECONVEYANCE PROFESSIONALS INC, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Veristone Fund I, LLC, as original beneficiary. II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust as

referenced in RCW 61.21.030(4) is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay the remaining balances due, including principal and interest, along with late charges and/or any accrued fees and costs as due pursuant to the terms of the loan documents on the maturity date of 11/27/2019, as specified in the promissory note dated 5/24/2019. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. IV. The sum owing on the matured obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: \$215,960.34. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. The sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 7/17/2020. (sale postponed to 7/24/2020) The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured prior to the foreclosure sale to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before the foreclosure sale the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the amount referenced in Paragraph IV, along with late charges, foreclosure fees and costs, any legal fees, and/or advances that have become due pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s) by both first class and certified mail proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee. The written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, or the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, where applicable, with said written Notice of Default, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such posting or service. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of 3/5/2020. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to any entitled party requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. SPECIAL NOTICE TO GUARANTOR CONCERNING LIABILITY FOR POTENTIAL DEFICIENCY JUDGMENT: Pursuant to RCW 61.24.042: (1) The guarantor may be liable for a deficiency judgment to the extent the sale price obtained at the trustee's sale is less than the debt secured by the deed of trust; (2) The guarantor has the same rights to reinstate the debt, cure the default, or repay the debt as is given to the grantor in order to avoid the trustee's sale; (3) The guarantor will have no right to redeem the property after the trustee's sale; (4) Subject to such longer periods as are provided in the Washington deed of trust act, chapter 61.24 RCW, any action brought to enforce a guaranty must be commenced within one year after the trustee's sale, or the last trustee's sale under any deed of trust granted to secure the same debt; and (5) In any action for a deficiency, the guarantor will have the right to establish the fair value of the

property as of the date of the trustee's sale, less prior liens and encumbrances, and to limit its liability for a deficiency to the difference between the debt and the greater of such fair value or the sale price paid at the trustee's sale, plus interest and costs. X. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's Sale. XI. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS – The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date of this notice to pursue mediation. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) or Web site: [http://www.df1.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post\\_purchase\\_counselors\\_foreclosure.html](http://www.df1.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchase_counselors_foreclosure.html) The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD> or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fo/index.searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dfc>

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# Walla Walla nurse travels to Harlem Hospital to help

*Skills and experience gained along with bonds of friendship*

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—A Walla Walla native and WA-HI graduate, Jenna Watts was just finishing up a nine-week traveling nurse stint at Harlem Hospital in New York City when she and I spoke a week ago.

“New York has a special place in my heart, my dad lives here, and I spent all of my summer’s here growing up,” she said.

The coronavirus crisis and Governor Cuomo’s appeals for doctors and nurses to help, resonated with her.

In early April, *The New York Times* reported that over 700 people were dying of the virus each day in New York City, with nearly 4,600 COVID-19 patients on ventilators. It became the world epicenter of the coronavirus outbreak.

A nurse at Providence St. Mary’s Hospital since graduating from Walla Walla Community College with her R.N. degree in 2017, Watt’s and the other St. Mary’s staff were experiencing a significant drop in patients. Providence Director of Communications Kathleen Obenland noted a 50% decline in ER patients in April. (*Times*, May 7)

In addition to the decline in ER visits, Washington state restricted elective surgeries and non urgent or life threatening procedures, further reducing the workload of hospital staff.

“People stopped going to the hospital, they were scared. The nursing staff was left with little to do, said Watts.

“When I heard that NY was getting hit so hard I kind of started wondering if I should come over and help, even if just for a few weeks. I just felt like I could put my nursing skills to better use.”

She was sitting on her couch at home when one of her nurse friends posted a link for a site that advertised the need for nurses in New York City.

“I clicked on the link, and it basically asked for two things, your name and a resume, and so I forwarded that and literally got a phone call 20 minutes later,” remarked Watts.

This early-April conversation quickly led to an April 19th flight to New York and a start date of April 21 at the 272-bed, public teaching hospital affiliated with Columbia University.

Fortunately, her sister had just moved into the home Watts shares with her 12-year-old daughter Payton, and her sister volunteered to handle the mail and take care of her pets in her absence.

Payton accompanied Watts to New York and moved in with Watts’ father who lives in Long Island, while there, Payton continued with her virtual sixth grade coursework.

Staying in touch with Payton worked out well, too, “I’ve been fortunate, Harlem has very much treated us like family, and I get every weekend off, because they know that I get to see my daughter on the weekend. They don’t make me work every weekend which is unheard of in nursing.”

Watts was able to find housing nearby at a ‘very nice’ five-bedroom apartment she shared with six other travel nurses.



Courtesy Photo

Jenna Watts (second from left) formed strong bonds of friendship with the people she met while working at Harlem Hospital.

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She arrived at Harlem Hospital on the tail end of the peak of the outbreak. “I got half a day of orientation, and then the next day we started taking patients.” On her first day, every patient she cared for had COVID. It was her first time working with an intubated patient, which she described as a powerful experience.

“When I first got here, there were more travel nurses than there were staff nurses. I bet there were easily 10-13 travel nurses just on my floor. There were hundreds of travel nurses in just my hospital.” By June 8 there were just three travel nurses remaining.

Watts had nothing but good things to say about working as a team amongst so many people new to each other. “You bond with the people who came to help, like you did, they left their homes and their families and friends to come to somewhere where they are not familiar—to just work and do what we do as nurses, take care of people. Even the staff nurses treat us as if we are part of them.”

As a single mom, she said she was definitely nervous about catching the coronavirus but noted that Harlem Hospital’s PPE experience was excellent. Each day she wore a new gown, new head and shoe coverings, an N95 mask, a surgical mask and a face shield. ‘the whole nine yards.’ “I feel like I’m more likely to catch it walking out and about in the streets than catching it at work.”

Financially, the crisis-pay Watts is receiving for this work will mean a lot for this 32-year-old. She said she realized with this opportunity, “I could pay off a lot of things, my car, my student loans, my credit cards and still have a savings.”

Traveling nurses work in short-term roles at hospitals where there are nursing shortages. Wages are typically higher than for staff nurses and can include paid housing, stipends and other incentives. Right now, with COVID-19, travel nurses are in high demand, however, according to an industry website, Nurse.Org, nurses who take on these difficult assignments need to be prepared to enter a “war-zone.” “I would say my nursing knowledge has increased tenfold in the short time I’ve been here. I had never worked with a vented patient, and I had never cared for a vented patient myself before working here.” Due to these new skills and experiences, Watts is looking into emergency medicine as a career choice.

She also gained an admiration for the staff nurses of Harlem Hospital. “The staff nurses? They are the true heroes, they were here at the beginning when there wasn’t any help and they were taking 8-10 patients themselves.” They even encouraged her to join the staff of the hospital, returning the admiration.

Watts also took part in a few Black Lives Matter gatherings, attending with the other nurses from her apartment. “It was such a humbling, beautiful experience, honestly. Seeing so many different types of people come together for the same cause is such a beautiful thing.”

Protestors and other citizens were wearing masks in New York City she said, and she hoped that Walla Walla’s take the virus very seriously: “I saw a lot of people die, and that is something I hope that I never have to experience again.”

Watts, with her daughter Payton, returned to her home in Walla Walla this week and has plans to enjoy the summer while looking for employment opportunities.



Courtesy Photo

The traveling nurse contingent at Harlem Hospital during Jenna Watts’ work there included people from Florida, Brazil, Illinois, Arkansas, Texas, New Jersey, and Walla Walla.

## Out and About: A glimpse at a new normal

*A recent trip to Lewiston, Idaho offered a glimpse as to what the new normal may be*

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

LEWISTON, Ida.—In our family, saying ‘Idaho is a world of its own’ is a long running joke. My sister moved to Lewiston almost four years ago and last weekend she got married at Hell’s Gate State Park. We never knew how much of its own world Idaho was in until we visited the state during a pandemic.

Washington has been in a four-phase reopening plan since the end of May with many counties still heavily restricted, Walla Walla County included. Ida-



Courtesy photo

My dad walking my little sister down the aisle. The park was green and well-kept. Color me impressed!

ho implemented a four-stage reopening plan, called Idaho Rebounds, however, they are about a month ahead of Washington, starting in early May.

Nez Perce County was in Stage Four while we were there and if it weren’t for the ‘Rock the Rebound’ billboards and the plexiglass shields at Albertsons I’m not sure I would have known there was a novel virus changing our lives.

Stage four of the Idaho Rebound plan allows large gatherings of 50 or more people, as well as allowing restaurant dining, bars and lounges to reopen with limited capacity. Movie theaters and other large venues were also reopened while enforcing distancing and extra sanitation measures.

Nez Perce County was basically back to pre-pandemic happenings, just adding face masks, extra sanitation of public spaces, and social distancing.

We arrived Thursday at the Red Lion Hotel and were instantly met with familiar signage reminding people to wash their hands, cover their sneezes, etc., just like we see here in Walla Walla County.

The concierge at the front desk (and every employee we saw from that moment on) was wearing a cloth face mask and had a huge bottle of hand sanitizer available. One thing I really appreciated at the front desk was the separate containers for clean and used pens. Like cell phones, people don’t really pause to consider who touched the shared pen before them, but the hotel staff did a wonderful job sanitizing each pen after it was used.

The hotel staff and my mother-in-law, Beth, were great about helping me unload 18 dozen cupcakes, a wedding cake, half of my wardrobe, and my daughter Gracie. The baked goods came down beautifully frosted the next morning, minus the vegan cupcakes whose buttercream frosting melted almost immediately in the heat. Talk about crying inside!

Friday morning was a whirlwind. My parents had their fifth-wheel camper at the wedding venue—Hell’s Gate State Park. I stranded my mother-in-law back at the hotel with my daughter, while I delivered cakes to the park, got my hair and makeup done and helped my parents set up for the wedding. I learned this weekend that a nearly three-year-old girl is not the best helper around 200 cupcakes, and that my mother-in-law is a saint with my child.

Hell’s Gate State Park is an absolute gem. Located in the south end of Lewiston, the waterfront park has tons of camper spaces, tent camping areas and cute little cabins for those who like to get away but still enjoy modern amenities like air conditioning.

My sister was able to get exclusive use of a large wooden gazebo that had power hookups, running water, and a great view of the river complete with a beach and swimming area.

My parents were very busy cooking up Hawaiian cuisine like huli huli chicken, Kahlua pork, the Hawaiian ‘sushi’ musubi (fried Spam, eggs, and rice rolled in seaweed) and nori maki. I can’t say much about the musubi because I, personally, don’t care for Spam... but the nori maki was amazing and makes me really excited for our upcoming trip to Hawaii.

The Hawaiian-themed wedding went off without a hitch. My sister looked beautiful with her hair pinned up, sporting her white dress and teal boots. Pastor

Matt Wyatt officiated the ceremony, marking a special moment in our family. Pastor Matt officiated my ceremony in 2018.

The dinner, dancing and drinks that took place afterwards were wonderful. Not only did I forget to take a picture, but I also refused to eat any cupcakes after the heartache they caused me, but I think they turned out well enough.

Between date changes, venue struggles, and travel restrictions, many of the original guests were unable to make it. There were roughly 100 people in attendance, many of them grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. The family my sister married into is very large and from the Moscow area, so a fair amount of his guests live nearby.

Even the honeymoon, which was supposed to be in Hawaii at a family condo, was changed due to travel restrictions.

The wedding aside, it was really interesting to get a glimpse of what our new Washington normal may look like. If you haven’t already, I recommend picking out some cute cotton fabric and getting some face masks made, because they are here to stay, along with social distancing while grocery shopping, and scrubbing with hand sanitizer. Now, to lay low and hang out at home for a bit!



Courtesy photo

Hell’s Gate State Park had great waterfront views. Healthy trees created great shaded areas for the guests.

# LIFESTYLES

## Livestock exhibitors hope for a sale solution

*The Walla Walla Fair board will meet again this week to discuss livestock sale opportunities*

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The cancellation of the Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days was met with both a sigh of relief and breath of frustration. Youth exhibitors, especially market animal exhibitors, are hopeful an alternative sales opportunity will be found.

Raising a market animal is expensive. Hogs, for example, are purchased in early to mid-March as weanlings. From the day the animal arrives, the 4-H or FFA member has to care for and work with their project.

FFA and 4-H members must purchase special high-quality feed that is formulated for weight gain. An average hog will eat between 700-900 pounds of feed by the time the animal is ready for market. Feed is typically sold in 50-pound bags for between \$18-22 each.

By the time a hog is ready to sell at the Walla Walla Fair an exhibitor is looking at hundreds, if not thousands of dollars invested in their animal. In 2018,

more than 150 exhibitors sold hogs at the fair, netting more than \$100,000 in sales.

The Walla Walla Fair saw over 315 animals go through the sale ring in 2018. Many more animals were exhibited in non-sale competitions including horses and dairy goats.

Market animal projects offer a unique opportunity for exhibitors to learn record keeping skills, as each animal must be thoroughly documented in order to sell. All vaccinations, medications, feeds, and veterinary expenses must be recorded.



Courtesy photo  
Waitsburg FFA member Grace Coulston after earning champion honors during market classes.

The Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days hosts between 140 and 160 FFA and 4-H clubs during the five-day fair over Labor Day weekend, with kids from Walla Walla, Asotin, Garfield and Columbia counties, as well as kids within the Milton-Freewater School District.

As a previous exhibitor, and a father of previous exhibitors, livestock director Darren Gobel understands how much time, effort and money goes into each market animal. As a businessman, he understands the difficulties the pandemic has presented.

"From an economic standpoint, it's tough. Some families can handle the hit, others can't," he said.

"It's tough on everyone," said Gobel. "We are going to do everything we can to make something happen."

Gobel said community members have submitted ideas to the fair board on how to handle an alternative sale and he is hopeful that a solution will be presented soon.

At a meeting earlier this month, the Walla Walla Fair Board of Directors discussed the possibility of a virtual livestock sale. In past years, the livestock sale has been put on by the Walla Walla Cattlemen's Association, and logistics are still uncertain. The fair board will meet on June 23 to further discuss ideas to keep the livestock sale moving forward.

## LEGAL NOTICES (Cont.)

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

NO: 20-4-00110-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030

In re the Estate of:  
ALEXINE JEANNETTE BEDARD LAZZARI,  
Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1) (c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication

of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

SOUTH 3RD STREET  
SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT  
City of Dayton  
111 South 1st Street  
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City of Dayton, Washington (herein called the "Owner"), invites bids for the construction of the South 3rd Street

Sidewalk Replacement project. The work includes replacement of approximately 1,800 square yards of cement concrete sidewalk, driveways, associated curb and gutter, and pedestrian ramps.

Sealed bids for the described project will be received by the office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 111 South 1st Street, Dayton, Washington, 99328 until 2:00 p.m., local time, July 16, 2020, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

Because the project is being paid for in part by federal funds, the Contractor will be subject to all federal and state requirements relating to the use of such funds (Davis Bacon Wage Rates, EEO, Washington State Contracting Laws, etc.). This project is being funded through the Federal Highway Administration.

The contract time for all work shall be 30 working days.

The Owner, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of

Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises as defined at 49 CFR Part 26 will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc., 214 East Birch Street, Walla Walla, Washington 99362, (509) 529-9260, Adam Schmidt Gall, P.E., aschmidtgall@andersonperry.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or at the other locations listed below.

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Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.andersonperry.com> under the Bid Docs link. The digital

Bidding Documents may be downloaded for a non-refundable payment of \$25.00 by inputting QuestCDN eBidDoc Number 7174750 on the website. Assistance with free QuestCDN membership registration, document downloading, and working with the digital Project information may be obtained at [www.QuestCDN.com](http://www.QuestCDN.com), at (952) 233-1632, or via e-mail at [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com). No paper sets will be provided for bidding purposes.

Each bid on the project must be submitted on the prescribed form and accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to the Owner in an amount not less than 5 percent of the amount bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish the necessary additional bonds for the faithful performance of the contract as prescribed in the contract documents.

The Owner may reject any bid not in compliance with all prescribed requirements, and may reject for good cause any and all bids upon finding that it is in the public interest to do so.

The Owner is an equal opportunity employer. Minority and women-owned businesses are encouraged to bid. Each

minority and womenowned business requesting plans should indicate that they are a minority firm at the time they request plans so they may be listed on the Planholders List as a minority.

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## My Pop's Tops

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

Oops! Happy belated Father's Day. I apologize, I missed the date. (Senioritus?). The title of this column was probably a fourth-grade assignment, one that I was happy to complete, because my Dad was the best! I miss him and Mom, every day. He was adamant that my brother, sister and I stayed in touch with one another. Thanks to Zoom, FaceTime and Houseparty, we see each more often than when we lived in the same state. One of the COVID benefits, we can see and visit with one another without battling traffic or airports. We just turn on the computer, the phone or an iPad and we can criticize, support and laugh with each other all we want.

My father was probably one of the most determined (stubborn) people I know. He had polio when he was 12. Because of the polio, he was told he would not be able to join the military when WWII broke out. He forged papers, enlisted in the Army Air Corps (now USAF). He was injured in an airplane accident, was medically discharged, and when he was able to walk without a cane, he tried to re-enlist. He was denied re-enlistment, and they cut his pension in half.

His parents and every aunt and uncle on both sides of his family died of heart disease before the age of 50. He lived to 74, and even though he had by-pass surgery twice, he could still humiliate me and men half his age on the racquet ball court until he was 70.

He refused to buy new cars, and, unfortunately, every used car he bought was a lemon. He had the worst sense of direction, and no use for maps. A challenging mix when moving our family across country—from New York to Tucson, AZ. It was



the summer of 1963, in our “new” used station wagon, loaded with three kids, an Airedale terrier, various bags of snacks, and dog food. On the roof of the car was our suction cup luggage rack, loaded with two footlockers and three suitcases all stacked and continuously sliding from the roof to the back window. We made numerous stops within the first hours of travel—to maneuver the suction cups to suck to the roof. I think we finally settled on bungee cord or ropes. I'm quite sure our trip was the inspiration for National Lampoon Vacation.

Our first stop was Washington, DC to sightsee and visit some family. We went through the same toll booth three times. The third time through, the toll booth attendant didn't have the heart to take our money and politely asked my father if he could give him some directions. Dad relented, took the help, and we finally made it to my aunt and uncle's house three hours late.

About three days into the trip, the car broke down in Ohio. You would think a used-car aficionado would have automotive skills, but no, not my father. When he went out to check under the hood, my mother warned us not to say a word about the used car, and don't ask “what's wrong?” Thankfully, my father did have a sense of humor. While we were being towed into town, he turned to my mother and said, “Well, at least we're moving west.”

He had many talents; DIY was not one of them. When he and my uncle wallpapered our kitchen, their system was to start at opposite ends of the room and meet in the middle. Unfortunately, my mother had picked a flowered pattern, the ultimate results were not pretty, but it was a good effort. Which is what he always told us, “best efforts.”

Thank you, Dad, for: drilling me with multiplication tables in 3rd grade, for making me read an article in the New York Times Sunday paper each week, and mostly, for teaching me to be independent. I have also learned—always buy new cars!

## Our hero persists... and conquers?

By Emma Philbrook | THE TIMES

Any adventurer will, at one point or another in their career, find themselves turning to philosophy. On some precarious mountain peak or vast barren plane or beat-up dorm mattress, the great mysteries of the human experience beset such people like roving predators.

“Why,” fretted our own intrepid adventurer, “did the airline reschedule our flight to last for fifteen hours, including two four-hour layovers? And that with an hour's drive after we land! One would have thought that the scarcity caused by this horrific plague would touch even the savage hearts of the airlines and draw forth an iota of pity for their scarce customers. And yet Pharaoh after ten plagues was still unmoved...”

“Honey,” groaned the intrepid adventurer's mother, “it's time to get up.”

“Time to get up? But I haven't even fallen asleep yet!”

“We need to be at the airport in two hours, and we still need to offer up your apartment key at the Temple of the Property Managers and return the sacred Ford Fusion safely to the Priests of Ground Transportation.”

They dressed hurriedly and left their lodgings with equal haste. As the intrepid adventurer scurried to the doors of the Temple of the Property Managers, brandishing her student identification before the One-Eyed Guardian of the Security Door, her mother frantically tried to bridle the Fusion. At last the adventurer gained entry and performed the proper rites, rushing through the muggy Midwestern barely-not-night to join her mother.

“The Curse is sated!” she cried. “We are saved!”

“Well, you're saved,” said her mother. “My credit

rating is on the line back at the Altar of the Ground Transportation Gods.”

The journey back to the airport was an uneventful one – suspiciously so, as a matter of fact.

“I wonder why the Fusion is giving us so little trouble this time,” muttered the intrepid adventurer. “Surely it couldn't have been so easy to tame.”

“Stop monologuing and help me find the rental-return parking lot,” her mother said with all the eloquence which accompanies an early hour and little sleep.

“There's a sign,” the adventurer replied.

But the only parking lot down the darkened road to which the sign pointed was labeled “Restricted Access.”

“Egads!” shouted her mother. “The Ground Transportation Priest has tricked us! We shall never return the Fusion in time to avoid a massive credit-card charge!”

“Let's keep looking,” the adventurer suggested nervously.

“I am looking, and there's nothing else!”

“We must have been pointed to this parking lot for a reason,” the adventurer said. “Perhaps – look, there, in the back!”

Behind several rows of employee vehicles, all but hidden, was the emblem of the Ground Transportation Gods hoisted upon a pole

“Oh, those horrible tricksters!” her mother cried out. “But we've outsmarted them at last. Good show, dear!”

“Be sure you note the mileage and the gas level,” said our intrepid adventurer, squinting at the row of cuneiform beneath the emblem.

“Oh, good catch. I didn't see that.”

The formerly bustling metropolis of South Bend International Airport was all but deserted now, the ravages of the plague and the general obscene ear-

liness of the hour being evident. They were greeted by a lone friendly native who by a welcome bit of native magic caused our intrepid adventurer's obviously-overweight suitcase to weigh in at just under the limit. The same friendly native, who evidently comprised the entirety of the airport's permanent population, saw them off at the gate and waved the little reflective baton things in front of the airplane while it was taking off.

The first of their layover ordeals took place in Detroit, which is not a bad place to have a four-hour layover given that there's room to spread out and clocks on most of the walls. After a jaunt to Salt Lake City, they employed all of their wiles to acquire portions of a life-giving but locally taboo beverage from a hidden Starbucks. This was perhaps the only means of enduring four hours of inaccurate legal commentary from the anchor on the news station playing in their gate.

“Of course manslaughter can be intentional!” fumed our intrepid adventurer as their final flight began to descend into Pasco. “In fact, so-called ‘involuntary manslaughter’ is more properly characterized as gross criminal negligence! Of all the thoughtless and irritating things, surely miseducating a wide swath of the public about fundamental legal concepts must be –”

“Ladies and gentlemen,” announced the stewardess, “we have now landed in Pasco. For the safety of your fellow passengers, please remain in your seats until the row in front of you has exited.”

Immediately, the rest of the passengers stood up, grabbed their suitcases, and jammed into the aisle, masks hanging down around their necks.

– the second worst,” our intrepid adventurer finished.

“Welcome home, kiddo,” said her mother.

THE END.

## The Cookie Chronicles Chapter Ten—The Nose Knows

### The Old Smell Factory

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

In my daily work as a wine reviewer, I pay particularly close attention to the scents of a wine, and the finish of the wine. The better the heads and tails, front and back if you will, the better the wine. And I've noticed that there's an analogy in the dog world. The nose of the dog, and the tail of the dog, gather and relay essential information about the mind of the dog.

We'll look at the tail in a future chronicle. The nose, for most dogs (and I feel really bad for short-nosed pups like pugs—cute as they are, they're missing a vital organ!) is their primary means of exploring and analyzing their surroundings. The olfactory sense (the old smell factory I like to call it) is reportedly at least 1000 times more sensitive in dogs than in humans.

Think about how your average snack must smell to a dog, amped up a thousand-fold! Not to mention other, less savory aromas.

Scientific analysis has found that dogs' nasal cavities have 220 million receptors, something like 50 times more than the average human. And certain exceptional dogs, such as bloodhounds and beagles, are especially blessed in the schnozz department. Let's call them the stars of Deep Nose. They can sniff out drugs and bombs, pick out certain diseases, and of course turn their smell abilities into spectacular tracking skills.

For a more average mutt such as Cookie, who has what I'd say is a very fine snout, the functioning of her highly skilled smellovision is just as valuable, though not necessarily put to such practical use. She can instantly identify specific humans and other animals, sense fear and other emotions, identify recent meals and activities from a bit of clothing, and track Mr. B simply by the scent of his bounces on flights through the garden.

For us scent-challenged humans the weave of aromas that tickle Cookie's interest when she's outdoors is impossible to fully grasp. But watching her give full concentration as she quickly sniffs the air makes it clear she's following a thou-

sand different threads: food smells, plant smells, animal smells, machine smells, clothing smells, human smells, all tied together and requiring her to untangle, analyze and make decisions about each of them.

Those are not always good decisions.

To anyone who has ever owned a dog, it's clear that the dog's idea of what constitutes a good smell or a bad smell has nothing to do with our own, especially when it comes to bodily waste and other secretions. The funkier the better seems to be the operative concept for canines.

Despite being confined to her yard, Cookie has plenty of ground to explore, and an ongoing parade of wildlife visitors to investigate. Which leads directly to the one activity for which she will always get a scolding—rolling!

She will seek out and find any scrap of fecal material, no matter how small, that has been deposited by another animal, be it dog, cat, raccoon, possum, squirrel, mouse or bird. And she will roll in it. For whatever reason, it doesn't seem to make a difference whose poop it is, she gleefully applies it as if it were fine perfume. And once she's returned happily to the company of her humans, Mrs. G, who has the best human nose in the family, will throw her head back in horror, scrunch up her face and, glaring at the unfortunate Cookie declare “YOU ROLLED!”

To her credit, Cookie never denies having rolled, nor does she defend it. She probably thinks to herself yeah I rolled, and don't I smell wonderful? But the hangdog look on her face is anything but nonchalant, and she pretty much knows what's next.

Bath time.

Depending upon how much and where the offending ‘perfume’ has been applied, she might escape with a quick sponging off. But most often it's into the shower for the full deal meal. And perhaps one reason that Cookie has yet to make the connection between the enthusiastic roll and the subsequent shower, is that she really doesn't hate getting cleaned. Even the blow dryer is OK, and she comes out clean and fluffy and smelling like a rose.

In fact we like to say “Fluffy is back!” right after her bath, and there's usually a treat or two as compensation. In her mind she might not smell quite as good as possum poo, but a happy home is worth the sacrifice.



# LIFESTYLES

## ALL WHEELS, CONTINUED



Michele Smith

DAYTON—Kim and Tracy Clark are shown with their 1960 Ford truck at the Dayton Sports Complex on South Cottonwood Street just before last Friday's All Wheels Cruise. Dayton Chamber Manager Molly Weatherill-Tate said the idea for the cruise came from Jeff Jenkins and had the full support of the All Wheels Committee. The All Wheels Cruise was meant to be a local celebration marking the 26th annual All Wheels Weekend. That event had to be cancelled this year because of safety concerns due to the COVID-19 outbreak.



Lane Gwinn

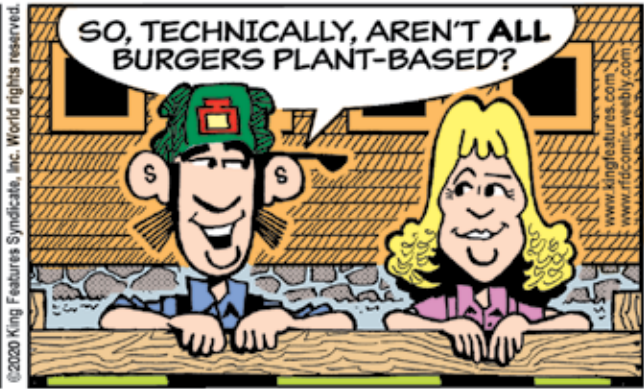
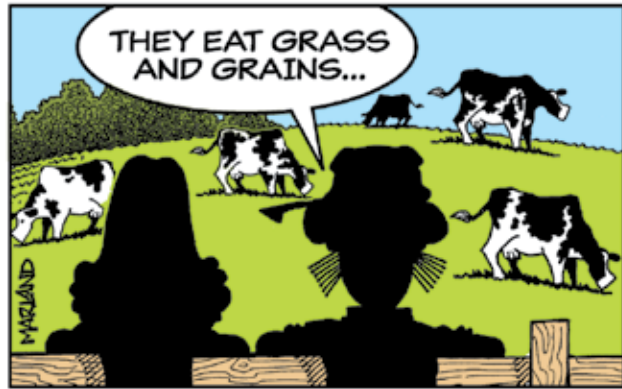
A classic car participating in one of Dayton's classic events.



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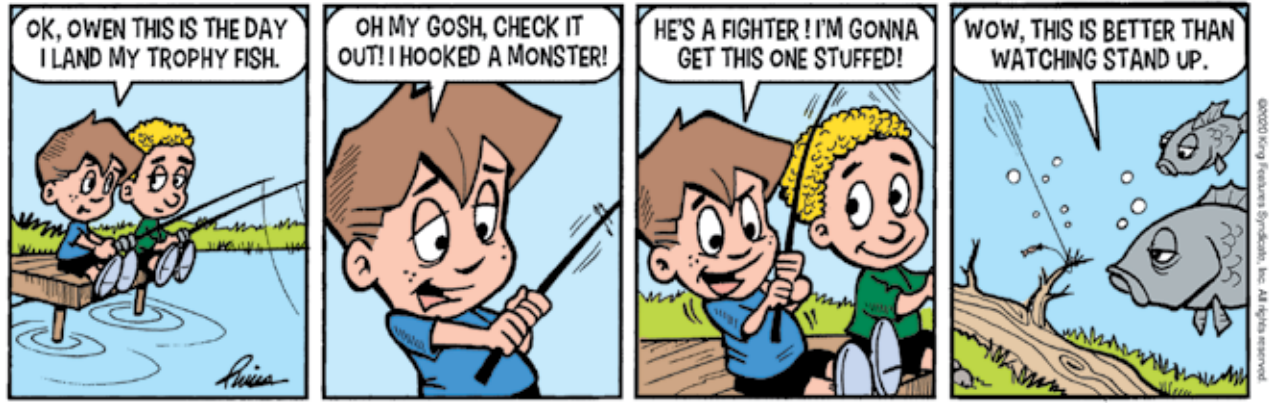
The Class of 1970's Dayton bulldog riding high.

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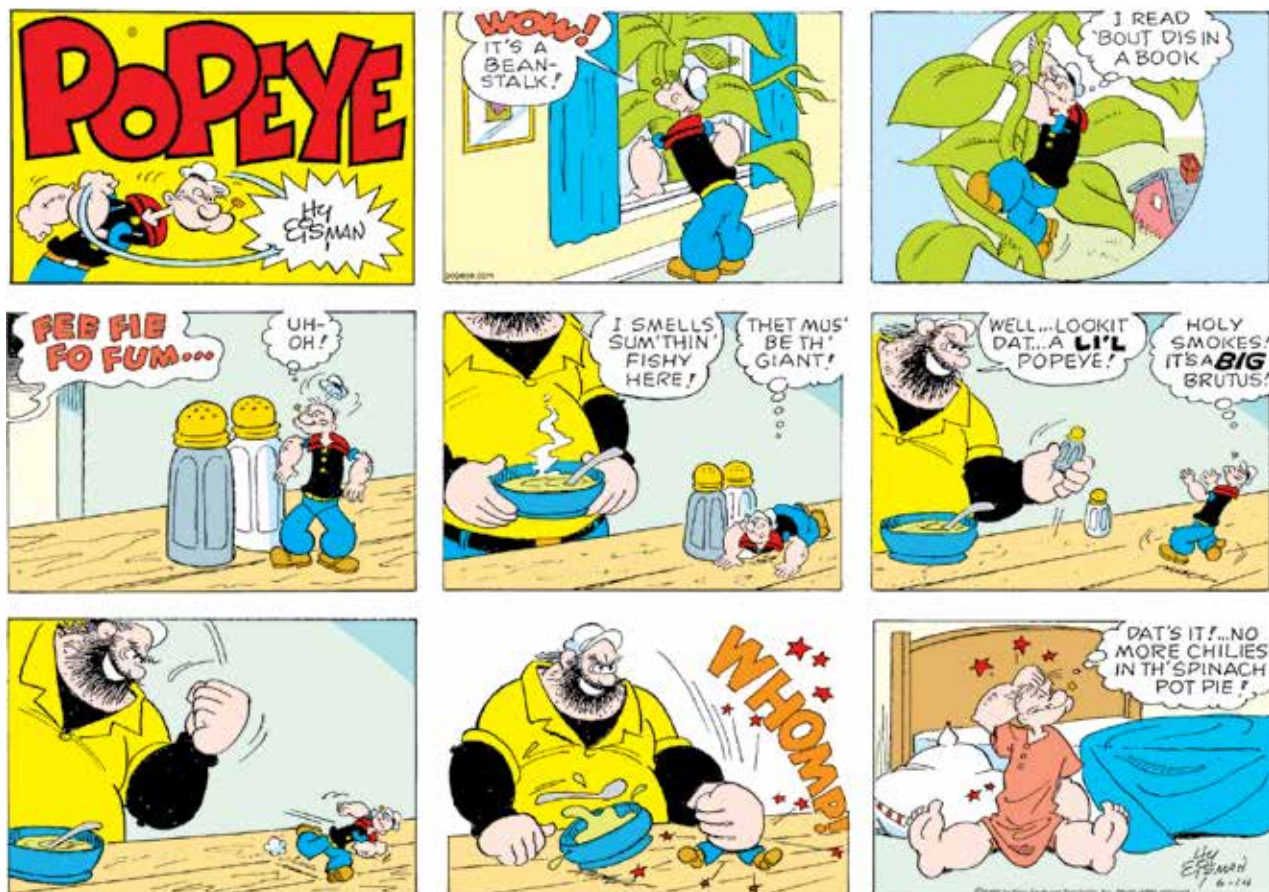


by Mike Marland

### Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps



## PIONEER PORTRAITS

### Ten Years Ago July 14, 2011

Former Columbia County Sheriff's Deputy Mark Franklin violated three aspects of his employer's policies and procedures, a misstep that would have triggered his suspension if he were still working in that capacity. Franklin resigned in early June pending an investigation by the Asotin County Sheriff's Office...[which found] Franklin had mistreated members of the public by using verbally abusive language; was dishonest by not properly identifying himself and by submitting misleading accounts of the incident; and took on an unsanctioned investigation of what he believed was a traffic violation while off duty and outside his jurisdiction. Investigators found several discrepancies between his account of the incident and parts of the scene that were caught on tape by Midway's security cameras.

[Photo caption] Barney and Bobbi Jo Chambers get a trial ride from mule team owner Russ Anderson during warmups for the big Mule Mania event this weekend in Dayton. The mules are a cross between a Belgian draft horse and a red mammoth jack.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago June 29, 1995

Corbett Lawyer of Waitsburg died June 20—on his 52nd birthday—10 days after being found by passersby lying on the ground along the main street in Monroe, on the west side of the state. Medical officials said Lawyer, a 14-year resident of Waitsburg, died from blunt injuries to the back of the head.

A pair of California brothers, one a convinced-Bigfoot-believer and the other a one-time skeptic that might be "turning the corner," were in Walla Walla Bigfoot country recently.

It's the little things. Andy Winnett was praised recently by Laurie Richardson of the Waitsburg school board for fixing the broken wing of a metal eagle that had been on top of the flagpole at the grade school. Richardson said Winnett's attention to the "little things" showed his consideration for the schools.

### Fifty Years Ago July 9, 1970

[Photo caption] Mrs. Mollie Lambert of Waitsburg proudly holds the rainbow trout which she caught from the dock at Williams Lake on Tuesday, June 30. The fine specimen weighed in at 10.5 lbs, and is 27" long. A man from the lake told her that he believed that this is the largest lake trout caught in Washington this year. She was accompanied by her granddaughter, Shelly Coufal, and caught the huge fish on a little bit of worm and some glow salmon eggs. If any friends would like to see the giant trout, Mrs. Lambert is always pleased to show him off. "Don't know whether I'll ever eat him," she told us. "Catchin' is so much more fun than eatin'."

Egotism is that certain something which enables a man who's in a rut to think he's in the groove.

### Seventy-Five Years Ago July 13, 1945

With the mercury in the upper nineties last week, the weather took an upturn Saturday, sending the mercury to around 100 degrees from Sunday through Wednesday.

Thirty-five years of progress in the electric industry were reviewed Thursday evening of the last week when members of the Pacific Power & Light Co. from Waitsburg, Walla Walla, Dayton, and Pomeroy met.

At an informal wedding Miss Mary Jane Dyar became the bride of Lt. Alan Goodban.

### One Hundred Years Ago July 16, 1920

George Bateman, who has been running the Waitsburg Dairy for the past year, sold his cows and equipment last Friday and retired from the dairy business.

The cool, damp weather of this week is helping out both fall and spring sown grain wonderfully and next week should see the fall grain out of all danger from hot winds.

J. P. Buroker of Huntsville, is harvesting a fine cherry crop this season and with Royal Anne quoted around 15 cents a pound, it runs into real money pretty fast. He has already shipped more than five tons of Royal Annes to Vancouver, Wash. and the Bings are just ripening. Most of the Bings are going to the cannery at Lewiston, Ida.

### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago July 19, 1895

Now the season of our discontent made more so by the ever-present and terribly annoying house fly.

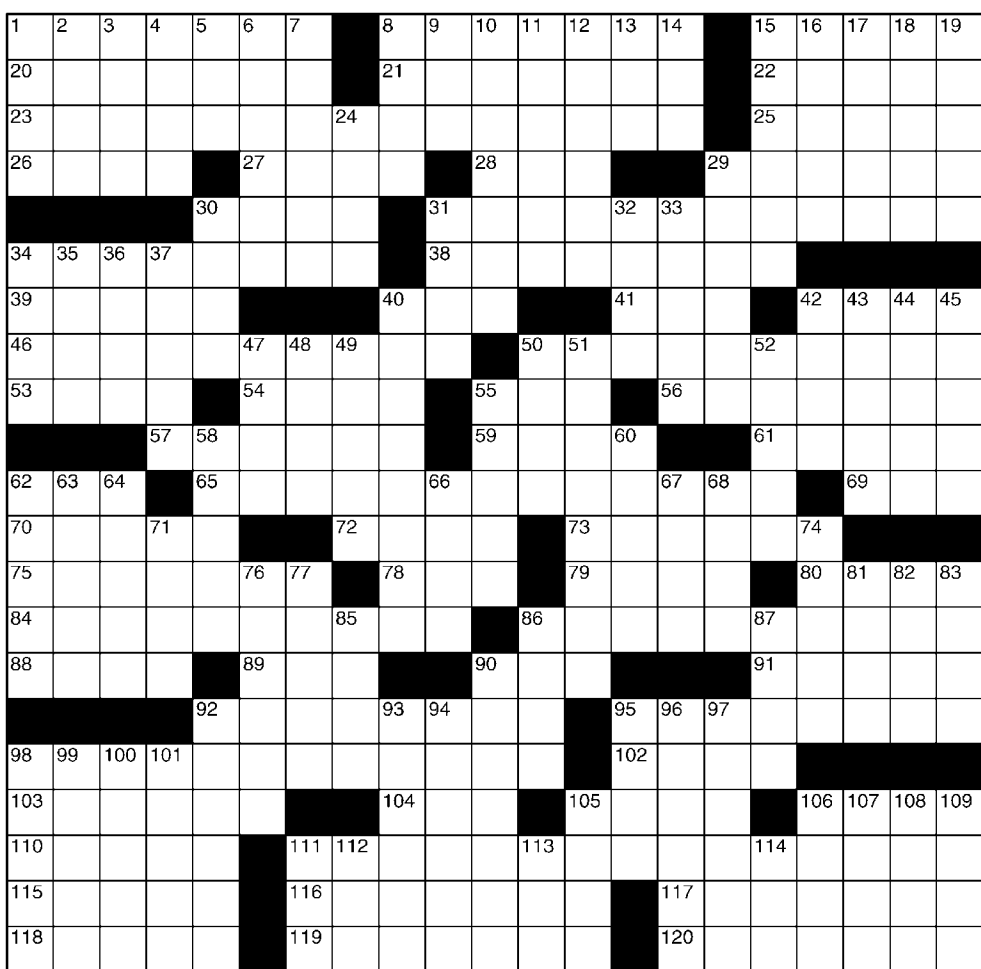
Quite a number of Waitsburg families have gone into mountain camp within the last few days to remain during the heated summer; among them W. B. Shaffer's, A. S. Dickinson's, E. W. McCown's, Henry Anderson's, Bert Preston's, Dave Reece's and we don't know how many more.

# FUN & GAMES

## Super Crossword

HOLDING THE LINE

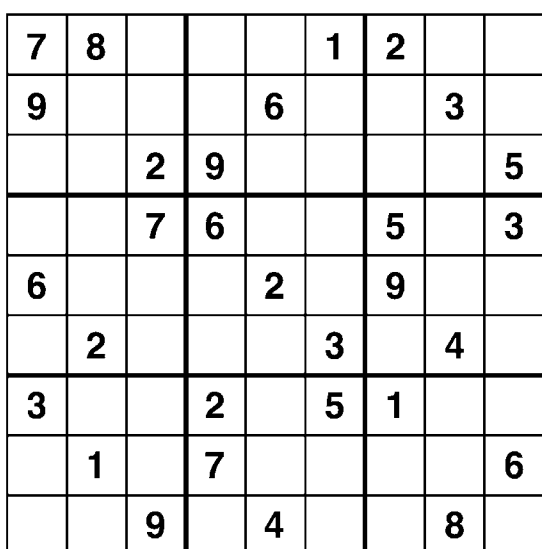
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26 Baby blues, say  
27 Detroit loc.  
28 By way of  
29 — Babies  
30 Info on a library slip  
31 Thing swung on a court  
34 Undermined  
38 Federal case, so to speak  
39 Countrified  
40 See 42-Across  
41 German's "one"  
42 With 40-Across, headwear for doing laps  
46 William Tell wielded one
- 50 Nine-footer with 88 keys  
53 Game with a cue stick  
54 "Cat on — Tin Roof"  
55 Bakery treat  
56 Atypical pets  
57 Taco sauce brand  
59 Everyone, in German  
61 Topic in question  
62 Beddy-bye clothes  
65 Gravily-defying party decoration  
69 Have a go at  
70 Reply to "You are not!"  
72 Spoiled stars' problems  
73 Running back Smith  
75 Pro at PR  
78 Crude abode  
79 "Hud" actress  
80 Morales of film and TV  
84 Pinocchio, for one  
86 Rosary's nonreligious relative
- 88 Like a spud-slicing GI  
89 Aide to Santa  
90 Some small batteries  
91 Holiday tree topper  
92 Really mad  
95 Film director  
98 Alternative to drapes  
102 Merit  
103 Spanish province  
104 Cellular stuff  
105 Rick's love in a 1942 film  
106 Farmland unit  
110 Cleaned up some leaves  
111 What eight of this puzzle's answers have
- 115 Saw wood  
116 Capital of New Jersey  
117 Paying to stay at  
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- 1 Knight's club  
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5 Greek letters  
6 "Nashville" director  
7 Arab, e.g.  
8 Unduly quick  
9 Slender fish  
10 Force to rise  
11 Shutting in  
12 Fuel gas  
13 Court divider  
14 Grid stats  
15 Annul  
16 Sci-fi's Asimov  
17 Smell awful  
18 Uncanny  
19 Turn to 000  
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29 Secret taste-test label  
30 Strike mark  
31 Defreeze  
32 Conception  
33 Fisher's net  
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35 Irish money  
36 BP gas brand  
37 Painter Frida  
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43 Bell's place  
44 Acquire, as debt  
45 Stroll  
47 Be worthy of  
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49 Bacall's first hubby  
50 — monster  
51 Chiles — (Mexican dishes)  
52 Gist  
55 Blatz brewer  
58 West Virginia's state flower, for short  
60 Fudd of cartoonism  
62 California's — Beach  
63 Osaka's land  
64 Smarmy smile  
66 Pouty face  
67 Epps of TV's "House"  
68 Smarmy  
71 Barber's cut  
74 Some minors  
76 Boxing combo  
77 H'wood type  
81 Wise soul  
82 Some Snapple products  
83 Cruise stop  
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86 Joking types  
87 Cowshed site  
90 It's faster than adagio  
92 Laid down the lawn?  
93 "The Queen" star Helen  
94 Seventh- — stretch  
95 Ward of TV  
96 Fidel of Cuba  
97 Sounded off  
98 Poorer  
99 Donald's first wife  
100 "Zorba the Greek" novelist  
101 John — (tractor maker)  
105 Lacks entity  
106 Play units  
107 Greek letters  
108 Artist  
109 Irritable  
111 Fuel additive brand  
112 Mr. Capote, to his pals  
113 Weed B — (lawn care product)  
114 In — case



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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

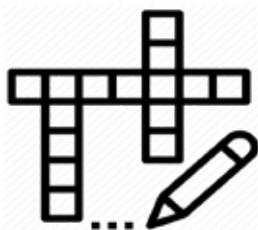


Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

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

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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

## Awesome Ham Pasta Salad

I didn't add "Awesome" but it was in the title. It also had a 5-star rating. I didn't make it yet. In the comments, it mentions you could use light mayonnaise, light sour cream and turkey



ham if you were watching calories. or for some who don't eat pork. The Fourth of July weekend is coming up and I think this would be a great salad for a get-together. Next week I will put in my baked bean recipe that always gets rave reviews. It makes quite a bit, using different beans, pineapple, apple, molasses, etc.

But first, I need to share a disaster, mostly because I think you can relate. Remember the Molasses Bread? I had made it with great success, so I thought I would make it again and gift one to my friend who will be having a family get-together for her mom who passed away. Yep, you guessed it. Complete failure. I'm not sure where the blame lies. We got a new flat top range and oven. My old oven ran 50 degrees hot, but I knew that, and I always adjusted. This new one, with about 5 minutes of touching buttons to figure out how to use it, (manual sitting on counter), the oven got hot. I cooked it for 30 minutes, then for another 10. When I took them out, I thought they were especially heavy. I had left for several hours and when I came back, I cut into it. Definitely not cooked in the center. Maybe it was because I rushed the raising part, as I was in a hurry that day. I don't know, sigh!! All those ingredients, molasses, honey, flour, etc. wasted! I threw them away. The good news is this flat top range that does everything but clean the windows, has a setting for bread proofing. I will try that next time.

Thanks, I feel better!

### INGREDIENTS:

- 8oz ziti pasta
- 1-pound cooked ham, cubed
- 1 large red bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 large green bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 large red onion, coarsely chopped
- 15 small sweet pickles, chopped, juice reserved
- 1 c. cherry tomatoes, halved
- ½ c. sour cream
- 2 ½ tsp beef bouillon granules
- 1 Tbsp white vinegar
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp ground black pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 c. mayonnaise

### DIRECTIONS:

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente: drain.

In a large bowl, mix together the mayonnaise, sour cream, beef bouillon granules, vinegar, salt, pepper, garlic and ½ cup of the reserved pickle juice. Fold in the salad and toss gently until evenly coated. Chill overnight to allow the flavors to blend, Serve near room temperature.

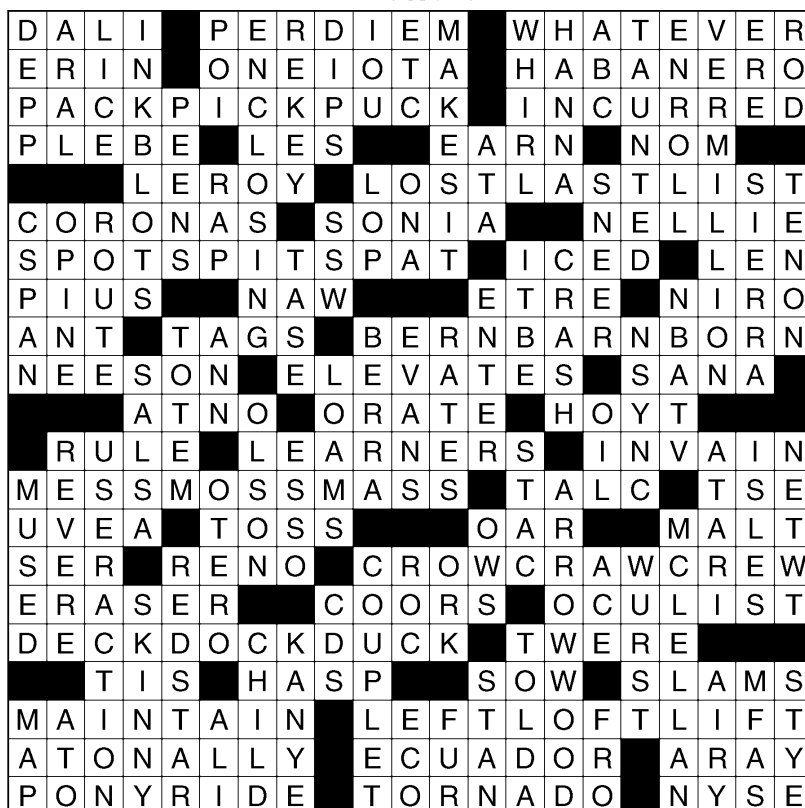
### MY NOTES:

As in all salads, ingredients can be added or taken out. This recipe looks like it will be a large one, too, but nothing better than to come home on a hot day and not have to cook.  
ENJOY!

## LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

### Super Crossword

#### Answers



### Weekly SUDOKU

#### Answer

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## Dayton school board report for June

School reopening, 2020-21 budget, athletics discussed

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—It could be the middle of August before a solid plan for reopening Dayton schools can be presented to the community.

At last week's school board meeting Superintendent Doug Johnson said he and incoming school superintendent Guy Strot have been participating in many on-line meetings, including a meeting with neighboring school district superintendents about that topic.

The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction has released instructions for reopening schools throughout the state.

"I think I would agree that the sense, in the meeting, was that everything we now know about reopening the schools will change again, and again, and again, before August," he said.

Johnson is concerned that parents may think better planning should have taken place. Unfortunately, solid decisions are difficult to make due to the uncertainties regarding the COVID-19 situation, he said.

Dayton School District officials are working on a reopening plan based on students returning to schools and classrooms, rather than implementing a rotating schedule or total distance learning program.

Johnson said students and staff will need to follow the 6 ft. social distancing requirements and will be required to wear some type of face covering.

The District will determine a procedure for taking students' temperatures at the beginning of each school day.

Johnson said some bus routes have between thirty and forty students on them, making social distancing requirements challenging.

"We will separate them as best as we can," he said.

Johnson is optimistic.

"I really see our group of employees, students, and parents doing whatever they need to do to find a way to be successful," he said.

### Overview of the 2020-21 school budget

An overview of the 2020-21 budget was provided to the board of directors by Business Manager Paula Moisio.

The budget will end with a considerably higher cash balance than budgeted. The current estimated balance is \$500,000 compared to the original estimate of \$207,995 according to Moisio.

Several things are contributing to the higher number, but the biggest factor is a reduction in expenses due to the school closures in March.

Spring coach contracts, spring travel for professional development for staff, mental health counseling and nursing services, and Camp Wooten were all cancelled. There has also been a reduced need for substitute staff, and transportation costs were lower.

Moisio said revenue for the 2020-21 school year is estimated at \$6,850,000 based on a projected student enrollment of 382.

Estimated expenses for the 2020-21 school year total \$6,929,000, leaving a budget deficit of \$79,310, which will be manageable, she said.

Moisio has budgeted funds for the replacement of Ag. Teacher Kristina Kneble as well as funds to hire additional custodial staff if needed.

Existing staff will fill the gap for Stephanie Heitstuman, who is taking a one-year leave of absence from the elementary school.

The District purchased heating fuel at a lower cost last year and is starting the school year with a full tank.

Moisio said the Associated Student Body (ASB) is anticipating a similar budget to this year's budget. ASB revenue and expenses have been lower, and activity costs were lower this spring, she said.

"It is difficult to budget for next year because of the many uncertainties about COVID," she said. "Really you have to go into it assuming it is going to be a regular year, and, if not, you just have to adjust as you go."

The District will receive unrealized funds from the CARES Act, sometime in July, for COVID-related expenses. There will also be a higher reimbursement for the cost of providing breakfast and lunch to students during the COVID-19 shutdown, reimbursements for the DW Athletic Combine and for other fees and services.

Moisio will present a final budget for the board's consideration on July 1.

### Principal reports

Supt. Johnson has worn two hats this year. He is the DSD superintendent, but he has also been overseeing the elementary school, as a cost-cutting measure.

"The staff has been amazing in putting out learning activities for the kids," he said.

He said the school year came to a successful close on Tuesday of last week with photo opportunities for students and parents and a visit from "Brutus", the Bulldog mascot.

"It was a successful, but strange year," he said.

MS/HS Principal Kristina Brown said there was also a celebration for Grades 6-12, and they had the photo booth opportunity, as well.

"I have been really impressed with my staff, about how hard they have been working for the kids," she said.

Brown said she met with the staff last week to discuss what worked and what didn't work for continuous learning from home.

Students who received an Incomplete grade will have the opportunity to get help from the Gear-Up program.

### Athletics

Supt. Johnson said the HS League athletic directors are planning for the year as if there are no COVID impacts. They will make changes and modifications to the plan as needed.

The DW Athletic Combine is not offering any sports-related activities either on campus or off at this time, he said.

Johnson said it isn't economically feasible for the District to allow people to use the gym when the District has to provide the time and money to pay for cleaning it, after every use.

### Retiring

Elementary P.E. teacher Kathy Mason is retiring from the Dayton School District after 36 years of service.

Supt. Johnson said, "This is an amazing legacy for her. Our thanks go out to her for her many, many years of service."

Last week's meeting was the last for Doug Johnson, who is retiring after serving eleven years with the Dayton School District.

Guy Strot will take over as the Dayton School District Superintendent on July 1. He will also serve as Dayton's next elementary school principal.



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She said public health nurses from her department are checking on the seven people in quarantine twice a day.

Lanman said people are asked to quarantine for 14 days from the last day of contact with a person who has tested positive.

"This is a state mandate," she said.

Lanman said a positive test means a person is mandated to self-isolate until symptom free for 72 hours.

If a person in a household has tested positive for COVID-19, but is symptom free, that person must isolate until everyone in the household is symptom free for 72 hours.

Lanman said failure to isolate or quarantine per guidelines and Public Health direction, could result in possible fines.

People can call the County Health Department for a testing referral at: (509) 382-2181.

Contact tracing in Walla Walla County has connected new COVID-19 cases to travel outside Walla Walla County and to travelers who have visited Walla Walla County from outside the area.

In phase 2 guidelines, travel is limited to essential travel and limited non-essential travel to phase 1 & 2 approved activities. If you must travel for essential activities, remember plan before you go.

- Is your destination experiencing an increase in COVID-19 cases?
- Wear a face-covering—COVID-19 can spread through airborne water droplets.
- Bring hand sanitizer and wash your hands frequently.
- Limit stops to essential needs like medical appointments, avoid unnecessary stops.
- If possible, avoid bringing a "high-risk" member of the population to areas that are seeing an increase in COVID-19.

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22 percent of the state's COVID-19 hospitalizations. Gov. Jay Inslee visited Yakima on Saturday, June 20, and announced that face coverings will be required in all public spaces in Yakima County. Without immediate action case counts could double in the next two weeks, Inslee warned.

Benton County case counts increased by 270 over the past week, with one additional resident passing away due to the virus. Franklin County cases rose by an alarming 369 infections in the same period.

Other counties are advancing through the phases with approval for Kittitas County to move to Phase 3 of Gov. Jay Inslee's Safe Start plan on Monday evening.

A total of three counties are in Phase 1, two counties are in a modified version of Phase 1, 18 counties are in Phase 2 and 16 counties are in Phase 3.

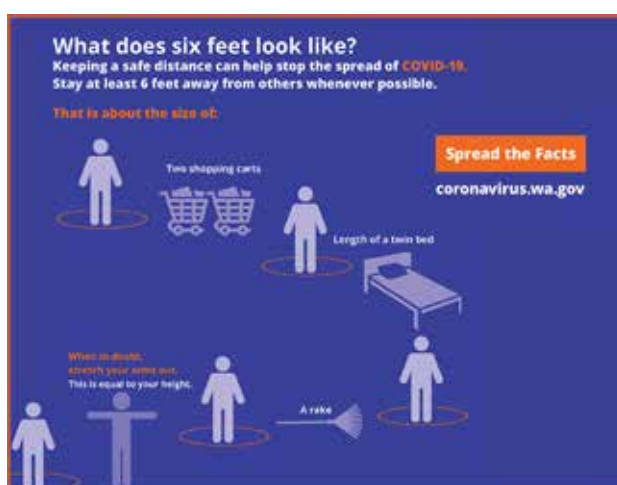
## Columbia County Comprehensive Plan docket items due Aug. 1

THE TIMES

COLUMBIA COUNTY—Columbia County is beginning the annual consideration of amendments to its Comprehensive Plan. This process is designed to provide an opportunity for citizens to register comments on the plan and associated development regulations (county code).

The docket is open continuously, but the deadline for consideration for 2021 annual review is Aug. 1. Docket forms may be picked up at the Planning and Building Department at 114. S. 2nd St., Dayton and are available online at columbiaco.com under the Planning and Building Department tab or by emailing dena\_martin@co.columbia.wa.us. The website includes relevant links as well as a description of the annual review process.

The developing docket will be available and all upcoming public hearing dates will be listed on the website. To stay updated on the process, email dena\_martin@co.columbia.wa.us and request to be added to the annual review mailing list.



## Happy 4th of July from all of us at the City of Dayton!

The City of Dayton hereby publishes notice as reminder of the fireworks regulations within the city limits of Dayton.

### When can I ignite fireworks in the City of Dayton?

Fireworks may be discharged on June 28—July 3 between 9:00 am and 11:00 pm, and on July 4, 9:00 am 12:01 am (midnight).

### Where can I set off my fireworks?

Fireworks shall not be ignited on Dayton Avenue and South 4th Street. In addition, it is unlawful to ignite fireworks on private property or City parks without authorization.

### Who cleans up the firework waste?

Whoever discharges the fireworks is responsible for removal of the waste. We ask our community members to be respectful neighbors and have all waste removed by 11:00 am the following day from public right-of-way and abutting properties. Due to reoccurring concerns with waste removal, failure to remove waste may lead to civil citations and/or criminal charges for littering.

Happy Independence Day, and remember, Safety first!  
For more information, visit [www.daytonwa.com](http://www.daytonwa.com) or call 509-382-2361