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Llewellyn setter Finnigan runs the vast plains of the Rocky Mountain Front. Read the October edition of Palouse Outdoors on Page 7 to learn more about Finnigan's adventures and grassland conservation

Ungranted access threatens flood protection for city

City of Waitsburg repair efforts blocked by four property owners.

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Efforts to repair the Touchet River levee that runs along Preston Avenue could be moot if the City of Waitsburg does not get 100% approval from homeowners, including private and state, to repair the existing levee.

In September, the Waitsburg City Council, joined by Senator Perry Dozier and John Wells, Senior Engineer at Anderson Perry & Associates, held a second informational meeting for property owners on rearmoring the existing levee. The city contacted private property owners along the levee in early June 2021. The first information meeting was held on June 16.

At the June meeting, property owners overwhelmingly rejected a design for a setback levee. Many expressed that the plan would significantly alter their property and use too much private land.

An alternative plan to rebuild the current levee was better received by some property owners, however, others will not grant the city the easement rights that are necessary for crews to begin work. The City of Waitsburg will not pursue the project if they cannot get 100% support from the property owners.

At the September meeting, Wells explained that the levee design they are pursuing is not sufficient for a 100-year event, which is required for FEMA flood insurance. However, it will work for a ten-year event and may qualify the levee for the United States Army Corps of Engineers Rehabilitation and Inspection Program. One benefit of the USACE program is a 20/80 cost share, with a public sponsor being responsible for 20% of costs. Until the levee qualifies for the program, the City of Waitsburg is responsible for 100% of repair and maintenance costs.

A ten-year event levee would measure ten feet tall, with at least two feet of free-board or added elevation for flood prevention measures, according to information provided by Wells.

"The right of ways for a 100-year levee would be much, much bigger than what is being asked for the current levee," Wells added.

City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe said that the city was only asking for perpetual access for flood-related and maintenance purposes. The city currently has access rights to and maintains the levee that runs downriver, west of the Main Street Bridge, and Public Works employees access the levee roughly once a month, Hinchliffe shared.

It's not just private property owners that have a say in the project, however. The Washington State Department of Transportation owns the property that would be used as levee access points on either end of the levee in question (the property behind the Waitsburg Grange and the property directly off the road at the Preston Avenue Bridge). Hinchliffe said that he has been in contact with DOT and has not yet been granted access.

Walla Walla County also owns a section of land on the levee. Hinchliffe said that the county has expressed they would be giving ownership of the land to the City of Waitsburg, lumping it in with other small plots throughout the city; however, that has not happened yet.

"If the property owners say no, then there is no reason to pursue any of it," Hinchliffe said.

One section of the levee, behind a home on Preston Avenue, has a large breach where the bank has eroded, allowing a significant escape point for an overflowing river. Hinchliffe said that the homeowner would not allow the city to build a temporary bank, and he is very concerned about flooding in the upcoming years.

Should the city gain access rights from all the landowners in the affected area, it could be 2024 before work could begin, according to information presented at the

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Lanman resigns at Columbia County Commissioners meeting

Meetings will be moved to Tuesdays starting this month

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Columbia County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on October 4. Commissioners Rundell and Hall were present at the meeting. Commissioner Amerein was absent from the Monday morning meeting. The commissioners' meetings will be moved from Monday to Tuesday starting this month.

Charles Eaton reported on behalf of the Columbia County Public Works. He presented a resolution to award the Bosley Bridge Emergency Repairs consulting contract to Anderson Perry & Associates of Walla Walla. He said there was a detailed report regarding the selection process, which included interviews with qualified consultants.

Commissioner Hall inquired about a dollar amount for the contract, and Eaton explained that Washington state law requires that a consultant be contracted, and then the dollar amount is set.

"There is a clause in there; if we can't agree on a price and scope, then we can go to the second most-qualified," Eaton explained.

The commissioners approved the resolution as presented.

Eaton presented a lumber and construction materials supply contract with Walla Walla Building Supply for the Pavilion restroom remodel at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. Eaton said that Walla Walla Building Supply was the only bid they received out of five sent out. The commissioners approved the supply contract.

Eaton provided a FEMA funding update after talking with the county's FEMA rep. FEMA's environmental branch is currently holding up flood abatement efforts. In two weeks, he will be meeting with the rep to re-evaluate the projects to determine the best financial decision for the county and the best flood control efforts.

Commissioner Hall suggested that Eaton budget as if the county would not be receiving FEMA funding, saying he would rather have to face an amendment to add money than to remove money.

"I'd rather have to do a budget amendment for unexpected income next June than a budget amendment for unexpected expenses," Hall said.

Eaton also gave a brief golf course and fairgrounds update, sharing that the fairgrounds are closed and that the golf course has switched over to winter hours, starting October 1. He said that Public Works is down to one employee in that division and that they are working on winterizing the grounds.

Public Health Administrator Martha Lanman provided a brief update on the COVID-19 situation in Columbia County. She said that there continues to be a lot of ongoing testing, and the Public Health office is still busy receiving calls for testing. As of Saturday morning, there are 16 active cases.

"Our numbers aren't going down. They are staying about the same- sometimes going up a little bit," she said.

Commissioner Hall inquired about monoclonal antibody treatment availability, saying that he knew two people who had experienced great results with the treatment. Lanman said that it is widely available and highly encouraged.

"The supply is still up and down, but as far as I know, we have plenty of supply here," Lanman said.

She shared that one employee had reached the end of their six-month probation period, and she was very happy with the progress and overall work of the employee. She recommended ending the probationary period and giving the employee a two-step increase.

Lanman gave her 30-day notice to terminate her employment with Columbia

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AT THE LIBERTY: *No Time to Die*

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No Time to Die is the swan song for Daniel Craig as James Bond, and this movie has lots of action and adventure. Many critics are saying this is Craig's best, and also most sensitive, Bond.

The movie begins with Bond having left active service and enjoying a tranquil life in Jamaica. His peace is short-lived when his old friend Felix Leiter from the CIA turns up asking for help. The mission to rescue a kidnapped scientist turns out to be far more treacherous than expected, leading Bond onto the trail of a mysterious villain armed with dangerous new technology.

Rotten Tomatoes critics give this movie an 83% favorable rating. Audience scores are not yet available. This is a long movie with a runtime of 2 hrs and 43 minutes. It is rated PG-13 for sequences of violence and action, some disturbing images, brief strong language and some suggestive material.

This movie will show for two weeks beginning on Oct. 8-10 and Oct 12, and continues during Oct. 15-17 and the 19th. Screening times are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm, Sunday at 3 pm, and Tuesday at 6:30 pm, not 7:30.

A Reminder of Special Events at the Liberty

Master Puppeteer, musician, and interdisciplinary artist Dan Luce, will be at the Liberty Theater October 6-9. He has regularly collaborated with clients including Disney Studios, Cirque du Soleil, and the Blue Man Group. He will give a free presentation about his work and worldwide experiences at 7 pm on Wed., October 6. Reserved seats are required (at the Liberty Theater website under special events, or at the Theater Box Office on Tues. and Friday 2-5 pm). This special event will have full seating capacity with masks required at all times, and no concessions.

In addition, on Thursday, Oct. 7, Dan and his wife Tracy McFarland will give a concert of original music. The concert performance will be kicked off by special guest Libby Miller of Walla Walla. Cost of admission is \$10. This concert will have full seating with masks required at all times, and no concessions.

Lastly, on Saturday, Oct. 9, Dan will lead a workshop to "make and take" a puppet/marionette from 10 am-12 pm at the Liberty Theater Annex (enter from the alley behind the theater). This workshop is limited to 20 participants and has a \$5.00 materials fee. Children (Kindergarten and up) and adults are welcome.

Please visit www.libertytheater.org for ticket information and/or seat selection for these special events.

Port of Columbia candidate cuts ties with local conservative group

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Local retired farmer and Port of Columbia Commissioner candidate Jack Miller recently cut ties with the Columbia County Conservatives, saying that he did not agree with the dangerous core beliefs of the political group.

"I didn't agree with a lot of the things that they were espousing, to the point I decided that I did not want to be associated with them in any way," Miller said. "And that was that."

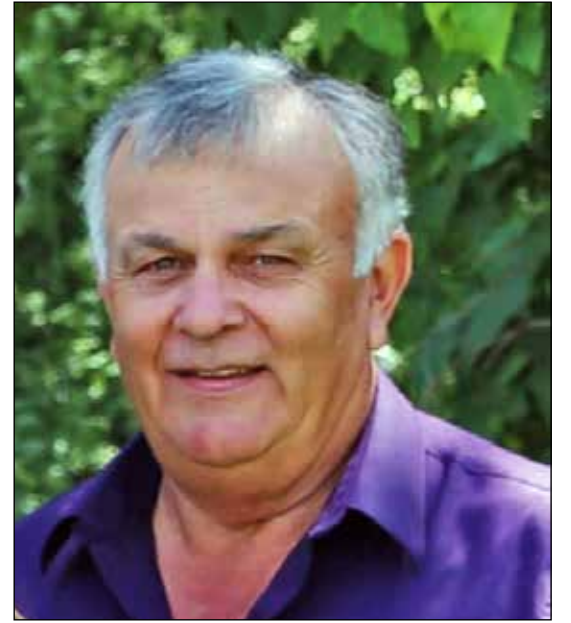
The group, which has become known for its anti-vaccination and anti-masking rhetoric, has been regularly meeting at Maco Aviation, near Huntsville.

"I asked one question- I said 'is this organization going to publish any anti vaccine rhetoric, and people started yelling and got mad. I folded up my chair and walked away. I don't care to be a part of that kind of business,'" Miller said.

Miller said that he initially started attending Columbia County Conservatives earlier this year, after he announced his Port Commission candidacy. A lifelong politically-conservative individual, Miller was drawn to the group's name, but said he quickly learned that the group's beliefs did not align with his own. He said that he left the group after he witnessed extreme upset, when asked if the group will be publishing any anti-vaccination material.

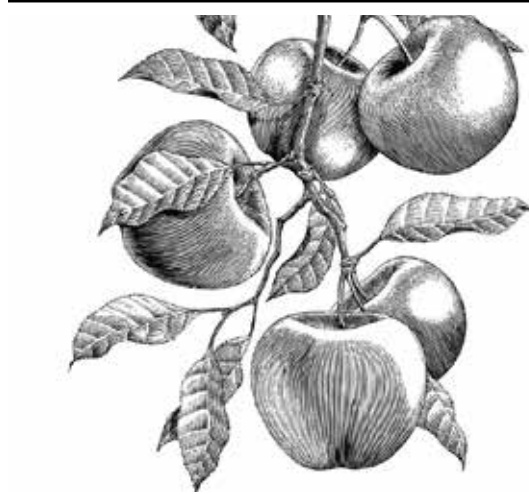
"This country is at war- 700,000 people dead in a year and a half? That's more than World War II, Vietnam and Korea put together," Miller said. "The only way we are going to defeat this thing that has ruined our economy, screwed up our educational system- we have to fight it. The only tools we have are masks, and the vaccine."

Miller is running against Johnny Watts, one of the founding members of the Columbia County Conservatives, for the District 3 Seat currently occupied by Sean Milligan.



Jack Miller

Submitted photo



ANNUAL FUND DRIVE FOCUSES ON FEEDING LOCAL FAMILIES

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Hunger is a significant issue in every community across the nation—including right here in Waitsburg—that's why Banner Bank is hosting its annual drive to raise funds throughout the month of October for the Waitsburg Resource Center.

Because of the ongoing pandemic, the drive is once again focusing on raising funds, rather than collecting food, to support local food banks and food assistance organizations that are helping those in need. In fact, all across Banner's footprint, teams are raising funds to feed local families by asking clients and the communities to join them by making cash contributions at every branch. In Waitsburg, donations can be made at the Waitsburg branch, 215 Main St Waitsburg WA 99361. The branch hours are Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Friday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

"The pandemic continues to put additional stress on many families and the elderly, so this drive is one more way we can continue to support our community," said Kim Julian, Client Service Manager, Waitsburg Branch. "One hundred percent of what is donated will be passed along to the Waitsburg Resource Center to feed local families. We invite our clients and the community to join with us to give, and together we can help those in need this year."

Located at 106 Preston Ave, the Waitsburg Resource Center distributes 1300 pounds of food and serves about 130 neighbors each month. They are open Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. To find out more about this worthwhile charity and how to assist them, please call (509) 337 -8898.

Touchet Valley Weather

Oct. 6, 2021

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Few Showers	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy
High: 62 Low: 43	High: 60 Low: 39	High: 62 Low: 42	High: 61 Low: 47	High: 65 Low: 41	High: 54 Low: 39	High: 51 Low: 35

Weather Trivia

What are fluffy, low, cauliflower clouds called?

Answer: Cumulus clouds.

Weather History

Oct. 6, 1985 - A tropical wave, later to become Tropical Storm Isabel, struck Puerto Rico. As much as 24 inches of rain fell in 24 hours. Severe flooding and numerous landslides resulting from the rain claimed the lives of about 180 people.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	64	51	73/50	Trace	0.00"
Wednesday	66	50	73/50	0.00"	0.23"
Thursday	80	49	72/50	Trace	-0.23"
Friday	68	49	72/49	0.00"	59.7°
Saturday	71	44	71/49	0.00"	60.4°
Sunday	75	47	70/49	0.00"	-0.7°
Monday	74	48	70/48	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
New 10/6	Wednesday 6:58 a.m.	6:22 p.m.	7:04 a.m.	6:52 p.m.
	Thursday 6:59 a.m.	6:20 p.m.	8:24 a.m.	7:16 p.m.
	Friday 7:01 a.m.	6:19 p.m.	9:46 a.m.	7:44 p.m.
	Saturday 7:02 a.m.	6:17 p.m.	11:09 a.m.	8:18 p.m.
	Sunday 7:03 a.m.	6:15 p.m.	12:29 p.m.	9:01 p.m.
First 10/12	Monday 7:05 a.m.	6:13 p.m.	1:42 p.m.	9:55 p.m.
	Tuesday 7:06 a.m.	6:11 p.m.	2:43 p.m.	11:00 p.m.

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Position open in the

Dayton School District for a kindergarten teacher. To apply, submit a certificated application, letter of interest, resume and two current reference letters. Applications can be found on the employment page of the District website at www.daytonsd.org or the District office at 609 S. 2nd Street. For more information contact Jana Eaton at 382-2543. Closing date October 15, 2021. EOE

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Tues & Fri 2-5pm

NO TIME TO DIE
Daniel Craig, Ralph Fiennes, Naomi Harris
Rated PG-13

OBITUARY

Patricia Diane Leid

September 23, 1932 – October 3, 2021

Patricia Diane Leid, lifelong Dayton area resident, passed away Sunday, October 3, 2021 at the Booker Rest Home in Dayton, where she had made her home for the last ten years. A graveside service for family and friends will be in the Waitsburg Cemetery on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at 1:00 PM. Pastor Greg Brownell will officiate.

Pat was born September 23, 1932 in Dayton, Washington to Roy and Mattie Sanders Woodworth; the youngest of three in the family. She had two older brothers, Clyde and Wallace. Pat graduated from Dayton High School in 1950. She met Mickey Leid on a blind date. They married on September 2, 1950. Pat and Mickey made their home in Huntsville. They started a family and Pat was very happy and content as a mom and homemaker; raising their three kids. She was an excellent cook and liked to bake. Friends and family especially enjoyed her Christmas cookies and potato salad. She also enjoyed hosting many holiday meals over the years. She liked to go snowmobiling, dancing, and playing bingo. Cats were Pat's hobby and she loved raising and caring for them. Pat thoroughly enjoyed babysitting her grandkids.

She is survived by her son Greg and his wife Joan of Waitsburg, daughter Cheryl Leid of Grandview, WA., and daughter Cynthia and her husband John Antony of Galesville, Wisconsin; by two grandchildren of whom she was so proud, Jamie Katoff and Matt Leid; and by 3 great-grandchildren, Kayda, Elijah and Noah. She was preceded in death by her husband Mickey, by a granddaughter Sara, her great-grandchild Tanner and by her brothers, Clyde and Wallace.

Thank you to Dr. Terry and all the staff at Booker Rest Home who loved and cared for her these last few years.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial gifts be made to The Walla Walla Humane Society or Hospice in her memory. Hubbard-Rogg Funeral Home in Dayton is in charge of the arrangements.

HIEBERT NEW COUNCILMEMBER

Heather Hiebert sworn in as a Dayton City Councilmember on September 29 by Mayor Zac Weatherford. Hiebert was selected to fill the seat that was left open after Delphine Bailey resigned in August. Hiebert has lived in Dayton since 1978 and operated a business for many years. She has served on the Planning Commission, and volunteers at the Dayton Senior Center.



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EDSC meeting focuses on school, public health, and health system

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Economic Development Steering Committee held a regular monthly remote meeting on October 5, 2021.

Martha Lanman, Columbia County Public Health Administrator, announced that there were 21 active cases, with more than 20 tests performed that morning. She commended the Columbia County Health System for their ongoing hard work as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

She clarified that the COVID-19 case count is still a roller coaster in the county. She observed that cases seem to taper slightly towards the end of the week, but requests ramp up as the work week starts back up on Monday. She explained that many of the drastic drops in cases are from families who test positive simultaneously, so once recovered, their active status drops off the count together.

She said that she does not think that the fair or school had significantly impacted the case counts.

"It's just all over," she said. "It's all about where we go, what we do. We need to take care of ourselves, and we need to pay attention if we are sick."

When asked why the number of deaths seems unchanged over the last few weeks, Lanman said that the state's investigation is taking longer than before to record. The state assesses each death to determine if COVID-19 was the cause before the county can add the case to their reports.

Lanman also announced that November 4 would be her last day as the Public Health Administrator. She accepted a position with the Southeast Washington Alliance for Health, a health-related nonprofit working in Columbia, Garfield, and Asotin counties. Lanman shared that the alliance has COVID-19 related funding, emergency grants, and other funds.

"I'm excited to work in the nonprofit world and excited to still do good things in health-related fields and do good things in the communities," Lanman said.

Shane McGuire, Columbia County Health System CEO, spoke about the COVID-19 situation at the hospital, saying that the hospitalization has declined slightly and some staffed beds have been freed up, but capacity is still very tight.

He said that the health system is anticipating losing roughly 5% (12-14 people) of its workforce as the October 18 vaccine deadline approaches.

"We are sad to see any of our high-performing people go, but we ultimately understand and respect that this is a choice- a tough choice," McGuire said. "I have seen people in tears. I've seen people who have worked here for 27 years making the decision to leave this job because of the vaccine mandate."

McGuire explained that the health system has no leeway regarding enforcement. The authorities that have been selected to enforce the vaccination requirements are licensing entities, including the Department of Health.

"If we don't comply with this. They will make sure that we are no longer a hospital," McGuire said. "Saying that 'we will not participate' is the same as saying 'we are no longer a health system' because they will de-license us."

He said that this is one of the toughest things that the health system has had to deal with, and he expressed gratitude towards everyone who has opted to get their COVID-19 vaccination, followed the processes, and made the decision to continue on elsewhere.

McGuire said that he felt that he needed to clarify that the healthcare providers who were hesitant to receive the COVID-19 vaccine were not anti-vaccination but wanted more time to observe the effects of

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Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

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

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

Waitsburg Gun Club
Monday May 24 – General Membership / Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Walla Walla County Commissioners
Every Monday and Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.
Call-in information is available at https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020_agendas.php

Friends of the Weller Public Library
Oct. 6, 7 p.m. Weller Public Library,

212 Main St., Waitsburg

Waitsburg Celebration Days Meeting
September 21, 2021. 6:00 p.m.
Location to be announced

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

Board of Columbia County Commissioners
First and second Monday of each month at 9 a.m.

Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

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

Dayton School Board
Third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Dayton High School auditorium

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

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

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

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

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting - Online

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

Starbuck City Council

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

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH

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

Thursday, September 23

TBA

Tuesday, September 28

TBA

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

Tues., October 12

Chili topped potato
Vegetable
Green salad
Bread
Cake

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thurs., October 7

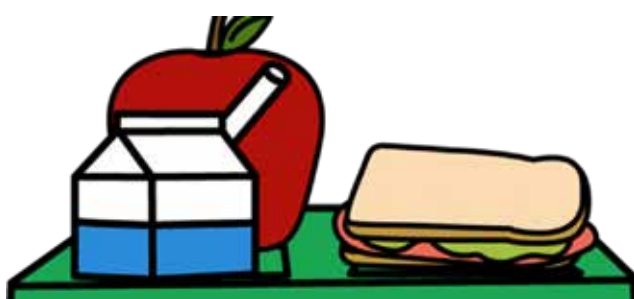
B: Breakfast sandwich
L: Baked potato
Chili
Broccoli
Fruit choice
Fri., October 8
B: Continental breakfast
L: Chicken sandwich
Curly fries
Fresh carrots
Fruit choice
Cookie
Mon., October 11
B: Omelette, hash brown, sausage
L: Hot ham & cheese
Potato salad
Fruit choice
Fruit choice

Tues., October 12

B: Biscuit & gravy
L: Turkey & gravy
Mashed potatoes
Whole wheat roll
Green beans
Fruit choice
Creamy coleslaw
Fruit choice

Weds., October 13

B: Cinnamon roll
L: Chicken noodle soup
Crackers
Garden salad
Fruit choice



Church Directory

St. Mark Catholic Church
405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg
Mass Sunday 5 p.m.
382-2311
Fr. Steve Werner

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.
337-6235
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LETTERS

MCMUNN FOR CITY COUNCIL

Dear Editor,
My friend Teeny McMunn has decided to give up some of her retirement time to become a member of Dayton's City Council. I'm endorsing her to fill position 3 because I know she will work to benefit Dayton.

Teeny will seek ways to solve the challenges that our beloved Dayton faces. I assure you she will listen to your concerns and gather information and viewpoints to find solutions. She does not have a pre existing agenda nor an axe to grind. She will be our energizer bunny working to solve problems for the best economic and community outcome

I've known Teeny since 2003. We both joined a group that's purpose was business success. The group of business owners and managers went on to elect Teeny as President, they were able to see her skill at bringing folks together to work for the common good.

As our interactions increased over the years we became friends. I have been amazed at her willingness to give her time to community activities all in the effort to make Dayton a good place for all of us.

Here are a couple of examples of her efforts. If you or someone you know was the recipient of a pink care bag after you received an unwanted nasty diagnosis of breast cancer then you were the recipient of a thoughtful program Teeny started years ago. She is a long term survivor, she knows the pain that diagnosis brings, she had walked that path and decided to help ladies she did not know but fully realized they would benefit from acts of kindness.

She has also provided our community with a grief recovery program. She has walked beside many when each step is difficult and painful. None of us want to be in need of this kind of help and it takes a special person to give of their time this way.

Teeny has also been our churches energized bunny taking on many tasks. One of those tasks has been our involvement with the Third Street yard sale that she spearheads, you might even of handed her money for your new-to-me treasures.

I hope that in reading these examples you understand Teeny's generous heart and commitment to our community. She is stepping up an offering to do what she can to help Dayton. She has business skills in managing and a history of volunteering that make her the best option to fill Position 3 on City Council. I urge you to vote for Teeny.

Jo Poolman,
Dayton, Wash.

BIRTHDAYS

October 7: Terrie Mason, Rachel Townsend.

October 8: Mark Tabor, Adelle Ganguet, Denise Hoon, Jim Mitchell, Debbie Webber, Gabriel Wood.

October 9: Clare Reese, Nancy Doering, Jennifer Baker, Jim Schulke, Lora Abbey, Randy Mudd.

October 10: Sereta Robinson, Brad Patton, Carolann Angell, Lyle Erikson, Christopher Carpenter, Jennifer Hilton.

October 11: Val Woodworth, Betty Branson, Michael Flannigan, Tracy Fine, Melody Harris, John Doty, Kim Porter.

October 12: Logan Dozier, Brian Krause, Pat Abel, Theo Byergo, Kelly Piersol, Michele Robert, Terry Hofer, Dodie Perry.

October 13: Joan Miller, Robert Smith, Becky Brown, Steve Sickles, Bertha Poirier, Earl Smith.

Happy
Birthday

KATE FOR NEW LEADERSHIP

To the Editor,
I am endorsing Kate Hockersmith as Waitsburg's next Mayor. I urge the residents of Waitsburg to consider what they want to see happen under new leadership for the City.

As a new resident of Waitsburg, I was dismayed to find that under the current leadership of Mayor Dunn, the swimming pool closed, the fairgrounds in disrepair and of the Weller Building under consideration to be sold.

If elected mayor, Kate Hockersmith will be an advocate for thoughtful, and well-planned development of the historic downtown area.

I truly believe that as mayor of Waitsburg, Kate would provide transparency in local government, improve communication and collaboration between businesses and residents as a means to provide recreational activities on a year-round basis.

Under her leadership, Kate would improve the budgeting process to better align with operation and maintenance plans and restore responsibility and functionality to the city committees.

Join me in voting for transparency and integrity! Vote for Kate Hockersmith for Mayor of Waitsburg.

Greg L. Tate
Waitsburg, Wash.

SUPPORT FOR MCMUNN

I am writing this letter in support of Teeny McMunn, who is running for Dayton City Council Position #3.

I have known and been a good friend of Teeny's for over 15 years. Not only has she been a competent business owner and manager, but also one who listens to her customers and their needs. Since her arrival in Dayton in 2001 she has immersed herself in community and church involvement. This includes many roles she plays, being a team leader with Cancer Relay for Life for several years, and creating and facilitating an ongoing grief group. Teeny always gives 110% to her committee and duties, staying with tasks until the job is done. I have witnessed her quiet listening in groups, working hard, even in difficult situations, to communicate and be a team player.

With confidence, I highly recommend voting for this competent candidate for City Council, Teeny McMunn.

Roslyn L. Edwards
Dayton, Wash.

Joseph Rhymes for Waitsburg School Board, District 4

After attending a recent Waitsburg School Board Meeting and hearing the many parents frustrations, it was clear that it all fell on deaf ears. We do not have to accept this! I am announcing my write-in candidacy for the Waitsburg School Board, District 4 at large. It is time our students, parents, and staff HAD A VOICE! It is time someone had the courage TO LISTEN AND ACT upon those concerns. Our children and grandchildren are not the property of the state! If you are one of those many parents who strongly feel this way, and would like to return our schools to local control with local oversight, please join me. Only YOU can bring about the needed change. You can have a voice! Our schools belong to us, not Olympia or Washington D.C. Please pass this along to all your local social media friends, tape this note to your fridge and remember to write in: Joseph Rhymes for Waitsburg School Board, District 4 (at large), on your ballot before mailing it in. Served honorably in the USMC, former LE officer, now retired with grandchildren still attending Waitsburg School District.

Paid for by the Candidate, Joseph Rhymes, PO Box 473, Waitsburg WA, 99361



HOCKERSMITH FOR MAYOR

Dear Editor,
Candidate for Mayor Kate Hockersmith has one of those deep rooted histories of decades of broad helpful participation in the Waitsburg community, from our children to our elderly and always including music and education as well as public health and political concerns, that convinces me that she will provide thoughtful and compassionate leadership for all citizens. Vote Kate.

Sincerely,
Terry Lawhead
Waitsburg, Wash.

LESSONS ON PUBLIC GOOD FROM '96 FLOOD

To the Editor
A neighbor of mine who has been in the community for many years lent me her book 'The Flood of 96 - in Dayton and Columbia County', full of pictures of what is described as a 100-year flood. The pictures are full of the major damage and destruction that Patit Creek and the Touchet River caused. The book also describes the way that the community pulled together to try to mitigate damage and then to help clean up: citizens filled sandbags, high school students were sent to fill sandbags instead of school, people hauled and stacked sandbags throughout town, those with heavy equipment brought it out without being asked, neighbors roused one another to safety, and I'm sure that many made food for those helping out. Neighbors pitched in and did the, may I say, Christian thing. They looked out for each other, they showed kindness. That is what getting the Covid vaccine and masking is all about. That's all - looking out for our fellow citizens by attempting to slow and minimize the spread of this virus. No one wants to have to go get a shot. If by getting one I can prevent myself from possibly getting Covid (costs money too) or being a disease vector in the community, sign me up. If it prevents me from clogging up the ICU or a hospital stay and taking a bed away from a person who has a heart attack or car accident, sign me up. If by masking I can prevent myself from breathing in this respiratory virus and shedding it when I am around the immunocompromised and the elderly, sign me up. If by doing these two small things I can inhibit the spread in my community, for the good health of all, sign me up.

Like the 'Flood of 96', the Covid virus is here for all of us to examine our values. Do we look out for each other knowing again, as with the flood, that what affects one of us affects all of us? Do we politicize a health issue - the virus doesn't care what you think of which politicians? Do we ignore the values of kindness and caring we have been taught by our Christian upbringing because someone on the internet or TV (who we may not know) is not looking out for our community and spreading false and sensationalized information? There are many opinions out there but, over 700,000 people have died, and hundreds of children have lost one or both parents - one of my best friends has lost six friends. Hasn't enough been sacrificed? Can we pull together in Columbia County with store owners and community officials (and those running for those offices) setting the example and following the laws and guidance in place right now about masking? No one wants to be told what to do, myself included, and sacrificing a little for others never hurts us, even when we don't want to. As with the 1996 floods and how the community came together to overcome a common threat, putting aside individual concerns for the sake of the common good may even save lives.

Respectfully,
JL Goldsmith
Dayton, Wash.

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NEWS & COMMENTARY

COMMISSIONER - FROM PAGE 1

County Public Health without compensation. November 4 will be her final day.

"We appreciate your service to the county and wish you well in the future," Commissioner Rundell said.

"These last few months have not been easy on anyone, so we thank you," Commissioner Hall added.

After Lanman exited the meeting room, the commissioners expressed that the resignation was 'unexpected,' but no further discussion was held.

Ashley Strickland, Emergency Management Director, provided a brief update on the rolling denial of service (DDoS) cyberattack that occurred last week, targeting phone lines and affecting internet services across the state. The hacker targeted the service provider, Bandwidth.com, which made the attack's effects sporadic.

"The attack wasn't sending out a virus," Strickland explained. "Just as an example: If you have ten phone lines, they have nine people trying to call those lines at the same time. Your call may go through, but the next nine will not. That's what a denial-of-service attack does- it just floods the system."

He noted that there was a fiber optic cable that was cut near Waitsburg that affected services as well.

The commissioners exited to an executive session regarding personnel.



MCMUNN A PASSIONATE SUPPORTER OF DAYTON

Dear Editor,

I am writing to enthusiastically endorse Teeny McMunn for the City Council, position #3, of Dayton.

I have known Teeny for about 16 years having first met her at her small business she ran along with her partner. I know her to be a passionate supporter of Dayton and a savvy businesswoman.

I most admire Ms. McMunn for her selfless volunteer work. Teeny is very well liked and respected in her community, where she has served long hours as a volunteer at our church, including heading the church participation in the community yard sale and Christmas sale, as well as being an organizer for a Relay for Life team for 2 years. She continues to help with the breast cancer support group. Teeny has been the driving force and facilitator for grief support groups in town for years.

Teeny has seemingly boundless energy, always driving forward, always attacking problems like a bulldog, never letting go until the problem is resolved. Teeny always shows her moral compass, conservative values, compassion for others, and community spirit in all her endeavors. She is not influenced by outsiders trying to force their agendas on our community.

Without reservation I unabashedly support Teeny McMunn for City Council. Dayton's citizens could find no one better.

Roger Tumbocon
Dayton, Wash.

LETTERS

RESPONSE TO PHINNEY LETTER

I was disappointed to read Barbara Phinney's letter concerning the County's purchase of a big, new pickup truck for the E911 Manager - to the tune of \$118,000 when there was already a pickup for the new manager to use. I admit I haven't been paying too close attention to how the county is spending money. I thought that since we were a rural area, and country people pride themselves on common sense, the commissioners would be good stewards of our taxpayer dollars. Clearly, close scrutiny is needed of the county budget before approval, and not just by line item but the backup that supports each line item.

Let me guess. The person who replaced Ms. Phinney was male, came from a larger community that has lots of resources, and now that he lives in the country needs a big pickup. Also, they decided that their \$61,000 plus salary was not really enough for them to buy their own big pickup.

Unfortunately, it appears that the new manager does not keep records of personal vs. work related miles. If that is so then they really can't prove that use of the vehicle is de minimis and not more personal than business. Perhaps the county needs to update the 2015 Personal Policy Final (the most current I could find on their website) to require documentation of vehicle usage as business or personal by employees who get to commute in county vehicles. And, how the fringe benefit of personal use of a company vehicle would be calculated and added to the employees W-2 if unreasonable personal usage occurred.

Commissioners, please do not expect support for the hiring of more E911 personnel or the building/leasing/expanding of E911 space - I have heard the space is inadequate. Clearly the department head would rather have an incomprehensibly expensive rig than enhance the working environment for their employees. As Ms. Phinney noted, the cost of this rig is equivalent to a pair of new police cars -that is outrageous.

Respectfully,
JL Goldsmith, Dayton

FLOOD - FROM PAGE 1

September 20 meeting. Before maintenance and construction work could begin, the project must be approved by multiple governing entities, including the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation, and the Department of Ecology. Comment periods, permit applications, and limited work windows (July 15- Sept. 30) all place a strain on the timeline for the potential project.

The City Council met Tuesday, October 5, for a monthly workshop, to discuss the future of the levee project. Below is a letter the Waitsburg mayor and city council drafted at the workshop, requesting citizen support in protecting all properties in the city from flooding:

Dear Citizens on Waitsburg,

We want Waitsburg to continue to be a friendly small town where you know and care about your neighbors. Waitsburg must continue to be a safe community. The 2020 flood irrevocably altered the lives of our neighbors on the eastside of town. Families were displaced from their homes, some never to return again. Property damage racked up repair bills in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. I'm proud that during our City's darkest days; neighbors from throughout the City filled sandbags, helped rescue treasured family heirlooms and spent countless hours cleaning up mud. I am proud of the City staff members that spent many hours of overtime at all hours of the day and night ensuring our roads and utilities were maintained.

Since the flood, the City has worked hard to repair and upgrade the levee system along the Touchet River and Coppei Creek with the hope of preventing water spillage over the banks again. You have likely seen our crews out doing repair work with heavy equipment over the past two summers. In an effort to complete levee repairs and keep our community safe, we are at a crossroads.

There is a section of the levee system on the eastside of the City where we have asked 18 property owners to come together and decide if the City can access their property, up to 50 feet, to repair the levee. According to verbal and written feedback, more than 75% of property owners along this section of the levee have agreed to participate in this repair effort. Not only could the levee repair save lives and property in the next flood, this repair would be a significant cost-savings to the City and our citizens. Getting the levee back up to the US Army Corps of Engineers standards would transfer the levee back into the federal repair program where the Federal Government would come in and make repairs after flood events: Covering 80% of the repair costs.

The City has no obligation to repair the levee because the City does not own any of the property. Unless each property owner along that section of the Touchet River agrees to let the City onto their property to do the work, the City cannot make the needed repairs. The City has no historical repair precedent because this part of the levee was formerly included in the Coppei Flood District's responsibilities.

The City wants to repair the levee and take care of it for the foreseeable future. Protecting our City from the floodwaters similar to what we saw in 2020 is the right thing to do. Through hosting meetings with the property owners and speaking to them one-on-one, the City has not been successful in getting four property owners to allow access so that the repairs can move forward. We have evaluated the City's budget and due to the high cost of the project, we will not be able to compensate any owner for property impacted to fix the levee, and only ask that they provide access as part of the project. The City Council will evaluate the status of the owner buy-in at the Oct. 20 council meeting to decide if and how to take action on the project.

This is not a City Government issue; this is a community-wide issue. We believe as a community, we can work together to solve this safety issue. While the City has not been successful in its efforts to date, we believe neighbors can share stories of the 2020 flood, recalling how frightening it was to wake up at 2 a.m to flood water entering our homes. If you live along the stretch of river and want to see the levee repaired and your property protected, please reach out to your neighbors about the project and urge them to participate. It's time to have sincere, positive conversations to move us forward. If we do not fix this section of the levee, neighbors will be left in a vulnerable and dangerous position with limited help available from the City.

Should you like more information on this cooperative effort, or the project in general, please feel free to reach out to City Hall.

Sincerely,
Mayor Marty Dunn and the Waitsburg City Council

FRED CROWE BEST QUALIFIED TO SERVE CITY COUNCIL POSITION #7

I am supporting Fred Crowe for City of Dayton Council, Position #7. Dayton is my hometown, and I care deeply about the future of this community. I believe Fred is the candidate best qualified to serve on the council in position #7.

I have known Fred and his wife, Genie, since they moved to Dayton about 11 years ago. They chose to move here because as Fred says, Dayton is a "small, rural town with a lot going for it." Fred is running for city council because he wants to help our town "function highly and flourish", and he has the background which will enable him to carry this out. Having grown up in a small farming town, earning degrees in biology and plant pathology, and owning and operating a garlic seed business, Fred has a solid understanding of farming communities such as ours. His business experience will be helpful when dealing with budgets and operations. During his career as a professor of plant pathology, Fred wrote and managed many private, state, and federal grants. This expertise will likely help with finding and securing funding sources for needed city infrastructure projects.

Fred has been actively involved in the community since moving to Dayton. He has served as a Touchet Valley Arts Council board member and volunteered at The Club and at various community events as a member of Kiwanis. Fred previously served as a commissioner of the Port of Columbia. He was appointed in March to Dayton's City Council, so already has been involved in city government and is aware of the time commitment and dedication it takes to fulfill the duties of this elected position.

Most importantly, Fred understands that a city council position is nonpartisan. He recognizes that he serves ALL of the citizens of Dayton, not just one group with a particular political ideology. He will listen and give thoughtful consideration to all citizens' concerns as he works cooperatively with other council members. Fred will make informed decisions that will move our community forward.

Please join me in voting for Fred Crowe, City of Dayton Council, Position #7.

Kris Takemura
Dayton, Wash.

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the vaccine.

Those who decided to get vaccinated early on, he said, did so because they wished to keep themselves safe, their patients safe, and their communities safe.

McGuire and Lanman both estimated that the state's reporting system is missing the vaccination for roughly 600 people in Columbia County, confirmed through a phone call with the state. They said that they believe that approximately 55-60% of Columbia County has been vaccinated, but they are waiting on updated data to confirm that.

Dayton School District Superintendent said 67 of the 70 employees in the district have been vaccinated or have filed an acceptable exemption. Of the remaining three staff, one is filing an exemption, and the other two are undecided.

He said that school board meetings are switching to Zoom as the safest option after a few community members made it clear that they would not mask up for in-person meetings.

Strot said that six staff were out of the building as of Tuesday. Three had tested positive, while the remaining three were sick and planning on being tested for the virus. He said that up to 25 kids out of school are sick, but only a couple of active cases. He said several of the students and staff displayed obvious flu or cold symptoms.

Strot addressed concerns that the Columbia County Sheriff's Office did not respond to calls during the September board meeting, when meeting attendees disrupted the meeting, refusing to wear a mask. The situation escalated to a trespassing issue, but the on-call deputy was unavailable to respond. The CCSO has not responded to requests from *The Times* for comments on the situation.

"I think that the sheriff has made it pretty clear that if I call, because someone is trespassing over a mask, I don't know if they would respond," he said. "It was easier to go back to the Zoom option and eliminate that situation."

Port of Columbia Director Jennie Dickinson added to the conversation, saying that she does not feel safe when protesters are outside her office during Port business.

"Picking and choosing which things to enforce does not make me, as a citizen, confident," she added.

"If someone isn't smashing out windows and shooting people, chances are, you are not going to be very high on the priority list for police response," said Brian St. Clair, adding that the article was run in the UB roughly one month ago.

The EDSC heard from other speakers, including the Friends of the Dayton City Pool organization. The chairman of the organization, Vicki Zoller, said that they are looking to collaborate with Waitsburg to build community events so that everyone can enjoy activities.

Logic & Accuracy Test to be held October 6

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA COUNTY— An official Logic and Accuracy (L&A) Test will be performed on the digital scan system used to tabulate ballots and conducted by the Auditor's Office. On Wednesday, October 6, 2021, the test will take place at 10:00 a.m. at the Walla Walla County Elections Office at 315 W. Main St., Room 203 in Walla Walla.

The Logic and Accuracy Test is conducted by county election personnel and observed and certified by the Office of the Secretary of State (OSOS). It is intended to verify that the ballot and counting system used for primary or general elections will count all votes cast correctly.

The test includes processing a prepared group of test ballots, marked with a known number of votes for each candidate and for and against each measure. The test ballots should also include a blank ballot and ballots marked with votes for more than one candidate, known as overvotes. The deck of test ballots is designed to test every office and voting position to see that the accumulating function is operating as it should. These test ballots do not reflect the actual ballots submitted by voters and are not included in any actual voting.

The test ballots are created before testing, according to the pattern laid out in WAC 434-335-445. The county must provide OSOS with information on the candidates and the county's ballot styles so that an OSOS staff member can determine the expected results.

A zero report will be run to show there are no results in the system prior to testing. The test ballots are then run, and testing is confirmed after the previously determined results are met. Discrepancies are immediately investigated. Once testing is complete, an official certificate will be provided. The certificate records the names of the people conducting the test and those observing.

After testing, copies of the certificate will be given to the OSOS staff member and any official observers. The original certificate, test decks, and report results from the test deck will be securely stored with numbered seals and logs by county elections personnel. Suppose for any reason, the seals must be broken. In that case, the procedures for conducting an emergency L&A test must be followed, and test results must be faxed to the OSOS if the assigned representative is unable to attend.

For further information regarding the Logic and Accuracy testing, visit https://www.sos.wa.gov/_assets/elections/testingtheballottabulationsystem.pdf.

LEGAL NOTICES

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

No. 21-4-00185-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)
ESTATE OF:
WILMA IRIS WILSON, 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: (a) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1) (c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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Superior Court of Washington County of Columbia Juvenile Court

No: 21-7-00007-7 Notice and Summons by Publication (Dependency) (SMPB)
Dependency of:
KOLTYN JAMES DEVINE, DOB: 01/02/2015
To: Tommy Devine, Alleged Father
To: To Whom It May Concern/Unknown Fathers

A Dependency Petition was filed on June 30, 2021. A Fact Finding hearing will be held on this matter on: December 8, 2021 at 1:15 p.m. at: Columbia County Courthouse, 341 E. Main Street, Dayton, WA 99328. You should be present at this hearing.

The hearing will determine if your child is dependent as defined in RCW 13.34.030(6). This begins a judicial process, which could result in permanent loss of your parental rights. If you do not appear at the hearing, the court may enter a dependency order in your absence.

To request a copy of the Notice, Summons, and Dependency Petition, call DCYF at (509) 524-4900. To view information about your rights, including right to a lawyer, go to www.atg.wa.gov/DPY.aspx.

DATED this 28th day of September, 2021
/s/ Susan J. Marinella
CLERK
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September 30, October 7, 14, 2021
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

NO: 21-4-00199-36
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NO: 21-4-00203-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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In re the Estate of:
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Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Waitsburg City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or soon thereafter in the Lions Club Memorial Building at the Waitsburg Fairground in order to hear public comments related to the City's potential surplus and sale of the vacant lot located at 124 Main Street.

All interest citizens are invited to attend the hearing and present evidence in favor or opposition of the surplus and sale of the city owned property. Written testimony may be forwarded to the Waitsburg City Council, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361.

The City of Waitsburg is required to hold such a public hearing; any City Council action on the surplus of City owned property will include the approval or rejection of the proposal.

Dated this 6th Day of October, 2021
Waitsburg City Council
The Times
October 7, 2021
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

FOR ALL HUNTERS

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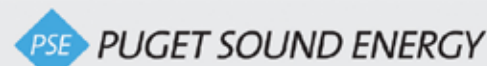
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- Circle K, 426 W. Main St., Dayton
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Palouse Outdoors: A New Day for Grasslands Conservation

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES



Brad Trumbo

The Palouse supports a unique ecosystem relying on conservation programs like CRP to maintain remaining quality bunchgrass habitats.

The early golden hour bathed the landscape in a peachy hue as the setters and I stood by the truck. It was somewhere around day number 200 that I had set foot on the grasslands between Waitsburg and Minnesota since 2011. This day, we would embark on the Sheyenne National Grasslands in North Dakota. Sharp-tailed grouse were beginning to stir somewhere in the expanse before us.

We were north of the Sheyenne River in an area where it was safe to hunt sharp-tails. Endangered Species Act-protected lesser prairie chickens were found south of the river. While I cannot recall if it was even legal to hunt on the south side, the likelihood of discerning a sharp-tail from a prairie chicken on the wing or even sitting was a task for which these virgin eyes were unprepared.

Black Angus grazed among much of the acreage, and the feel of mixed hardwood bottoms and hillsides giving way to grasslands was similar to the patchwork of woodlots I grew up within the Shenandoah Valley. Only on the Great Plains, the grasslands ecosystem is far more complex, supporting myriad pollinator, plant, bird, and other wildlife species.

The setters cast in and out of senescing tree lines as dry burr oak and green ash leaves fluttered to the ground in the early November breeze. The terrain undulated softly with small dune-like mounds scattered about, similar to what one would see in eastern Montana and locally at Juniper Dunes. Small forbs dotted the ground, retaining some emerald in their leaves, seemingly fighting off the inevitable burgundy overtaking them as the plant withdrew its nutrients before winter.

We departed the grasslands without a single flush, only a lone sharp-tail feather with a black spot in the center to show for our efforts. But the hunt is less about taking game and more about the experience of seeing and learning new and legendary places.

The Northern Great Plains are a gem of North America, spanning five U.S. states and two Canadian provinces across 183,000 square miles of mixed-grass prairie. And, like the lesser prairie chicken, the grasslands themselves are imperiled.

At present, America is experiencing an interesting fortune of strong bipartisan support for conservation legislation in D.C. Similarly, conservation organiza-

tions like Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever, Backcountry Hunters Association, the National Wildlife Federation, and the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership are at the forefront of new initiatives which are gaining steam to conserve our wild places.

Since 1970, grasslands bird populations have declined by 40 percent, with iconic species like bobwhite quail seeing declines greater than 80 percent.

Since 2007, crop production acreage enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program declined from 36.7 million acres to 21.9 million acres nationwide.

In December 2020, an article was published by *The Hill* presenting a call to action on grasslands conservation. Seventy-three percent of our grasslands have disappeared, and less than three percent of historic longleaf pine woodlands remain. A study published in September 2020 supports the losses, showing that up to one million acres of natural land covers – grasslands, wetlands, and forest – are developed in the U.S. annually.

In response to these declines, in March 2021, Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever rolled out their “Call of the Uplands” initiative, which strives to “... raise \$500 million, encompasses habitat conservation, education and outreach, and national advocacy strategies as part of an effort to conserve 9 million acres, engage 1.5 million outdoor participants, and enact landscape-level national policy for wildlife and rural communities.” The initiative was aimed at volunteer chapters of the organization, non-profits, fish and wildlife agencies, and within the parent organization in the form of a new landscape-level policy.

Ten conservation organizations are working collaboratively with policymakers in D.C. to develop the North American Grasslands Conservation Act (Act) with Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever standing at the spearhead. Given the variety of conservation legislation and initiatives already on the books, one would think our nation’s grasslands would be the target of such effort, but the Act is the first to focus on the vast North American prairie ecosystem.

The Act will resemble the highly successful North American Wetlands Conservation Act, which utilizes federal grants to fund projects to enhance, expand, and conserve wetland habitats nationwide. Coupled with the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), landowner incentives for restoring native grasses and controlling invasive species provide additional opportunity to regain quality habitats for plant diversity, pollinator species like North America’s iconic monarch butterfly, songbirds like the meadowlark, upland birds, deer, pronghorn, bison, and small mammals like the black-footed ferret.

In the meantime, grasslands conservation is alive on the Palouse with croplands enrolled in CRP and volunteers with Blue Mountains Pheasants Forever (BMPF) enhancing habitat through cooperative agreements with landowners. Additionally, BMPF heads up a youth outdoors program and is building a “Women on the Wing” program to encourage more ladies to join the upland hunting and conservation community. To learn more and heed the Call of the Uplands through local conservation, reach out to BMPF via email at bmpf@bmpf258.org.

To everything there is a Season...”

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

And the seasons all have their beginnings and endings. The season for driving through the Walla Walla Valley with my top down, the wind blowing in my face, is ending. According to my weather app, it looks like tomorrow will be the end of convertible weather, which coincides with my final push for tomatoes ripening on the vine. Sadly, I am watching my plants shrivel and wither away, as the days grow colder and shorter. I am glad that we at least did have a successful crop of cucumbers, peppers and butternut squash. Although frustrating at times, the garden was not a total disaster. Now we begin pickling green tomatoes and making butternut squash soup.

The cucumbers, carrots and parsnips have been yanked out, the tomatoes will be dug up and tossed



out a little later this week. I’ve trimmed and culled dead layers of Irises and pulled out more dead wildflowers. The most frustrating for me, is that my herbs are still thriving so I know it will hurt that I will soon have to part with many of those. The basil and thyme won’t make through the cold; however, I may be able to salvage some parsley and sage. Some good news, arugula and oregano will never die.

I’m becoming more accustomed to the rhythms and seasons of the PNW. Spring and its vibrant greens and the summer harvest of whatever successes you’ve (not me) had in the garden, then come the blue gnats (torture). Next, it’s Halloween, luckily, I don’t have to grow candy, or there would be a lot of disappointed kids around here. Then comes winter, with very short days, and the necessary change to snow tires; OK, I know they’re safer, but they look ridiculous on a convertible.

I’m finding that as we turn back the clock and the weather and the seasons change, so does my mood. Even though I will miss sitting on my deck and wait-

ing for a bird to show up and eat from the feeder, there are compensations.

I will not miss weeds! Snow covered weeds are manageable, because I have learned that if I don’t see it, it can’t be bad. Dirt on my apron, no problem, turn it inside out, I don’t see it – all is good. There are still evergreen trees around, a little green amongst the snow makes some of the dreary days easier to handle. The cactus in the restaurant is still alive. I may even learn to appreciate the gray green of succulents.

I will not miss the Sunday morning lawn mowers that wake me up too early after a busy night at the restaurant. Raking the fall leaves is quiet, and if there isn’t too much snow on the ground, shoveling a little doesn’t break the sound barrier. However, in large snowstorms, I appreciate the plowing, a noise I want to hear and I’m grateful for the plows.

This winter will be our first in the restaurant and I am both excited and apprehensive to see how well, or not well we do. If the weather is too bad, people may stay home. But we have been warned that there is a good chance we may be busy with Bluewood skiers returning home, and too tired to cook, and want a hot meal. Fingers crossed for lots of skiing this year.

To add insult to injury this week, along with my plants dying, my iPad keyboard died, another iPad battery died, as did my old iPhone used just for music. Not only does Mother Nature have a mean streak, so does Tim Cook!



TIMES TRAVELER VISITOR

Staff at The Times office in Waitsburg got a freindly visit from Ralph Jones. This long time subscriber is proud to be from the Waitsburg class of 1955. He was visiting from Texas and shared some travel stories that reminded us what a small world it is.

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Wolfpack Football falls against Cougars

By Natalie Teal | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG/DAYTON—Wolfpack Football lost their home opener against the Warden Cougars 0-54 on Thursday, September 30.

The football game pitting Dayton-Waitsburg's mighty Wolfpack and Warden's prowling Cougars on September 30 was one to remember— though, not in the way many of us home fans would have hoped: a striking 0-54 loss against the opponent, though painfully one-sided, doesn't mean our boys didn't give it their all.

The defense fought a good fight, with players like Theo Anderson (54) and Quarterback-defensive Monte Pettichord-Matthews (10) making valuable tackles and saving stops. Touchdown-saving tackles by Cyson Morris (13) and Brayden Mohney (14) saved the Wolfpack from more than ten Cougar points. Still, Warden's offensive prowess was too difficult to match.

The offense played hard with numerous pass completions and handoffs between Quarterback Monte and his teammates. Levi Boudrieau (28) and Hudson Reser (9) attempted and successfully claimed numerous plays that nearly reaped a touchdown for the Wolfpack. But through it all, Warden's defense managed to triumph.

"I believe their size and speed affected our receivers as they heard footsteps and lost focus on the ball," Larsen said. "On the defensive side, we had some young players really step up. Tyson, and Zach Durham, along with Rueben Yutzy, played their hearts out, and they are really starting to figure out the game."

Warden proved to be a test of our boys' skills and what they need to improve on, individually and as a pack, to become the alphas of high school football.

Dayton-Waitsburg Wolfpack will travel to Tri-Cities Prep Friday night, with kickoff at 7:00 p.m. Be sure to visit www.dwsports.org to stay up to date with schedule changes, rosters, and other information.

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Rushing:
Reser: 17-46, Pettichord: 10-38

Passing:
Pettichord: 6-24-79 yds, Int.

Receiving:
Morris: 2-46, Berg: 2-20, Mohney: 2-13, Boudrieau: 1-3



Top: The game may have been a shutout, but that did not stop a crowd from Dayton and Waitsburg from gathering at the Waitsburg Football Field on September 30, for the first home game of the season.



Middle: Quarterback Monte Pettichord narrowly avoids Warden's Zachary Askin (24) on Thursday night. Warden defeated DW Wolfpack 54-0.



Right: Coach Gabe Kiefel takes advantage of a timeout to rally the Wolfpack.

Inside the matchup Seahawks vs Rams

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

This week, the Seahawks return home to host the Rams on Thursday, October 7, at 5:20 pm. This is the first week of the season where the Thursday night game is not exclusively on the NFL network. The game will also be shown on FOX as well as Amazon Prime this week. The Rams are coming off their first loss of the season to Arizona, who is the last undefeated team at 4-0. Seattle defeated the 49ers 28-21 despite playing a very poor first half. Even though Seattle is at home, they are a slight underdog in this game. Last season, the Seahawks went 1-2 against the Rams but lost their game against the team during the postseason Wild Card game.

The most significant change for the Rams this season is at quarterback. After twelve seasons with the Detroit Lions, Matthew Stafford was traded to the Rams for quarterback Jared Goff and draft picks. So far, it has worked out well for the Rams. Stafford ranks third in total yards with 1,222. He ranks second in touchdowns with eleven and ranks fifth in yards per game with 305.5. Contrast that with Russell Wilson, who ranks fifteenth in total yards with 1,044 and fifth in touchdowns with nine and sixteenth in yards per game with 261.

Part of the reason for Stafford's success in passing is the number of options he has in receiving. Four wide receivers and a tight end are averaging more than thirty-six yards per game for the Rams. Leading this group is former Eastern



Washington standout Cooper Kupp. He is first in touchdowns with five for the season and is third among all receivers with four hundred and thirty-one yards receiving. One hundred ninety-one yards were gained after catching a pass, so he is dangerous in the open field. In his second season in the NFL, Van Jefferson has already surpassed his first season totals in touchdowns and receiving yards from his rookie year. Tyler Higbee, Deshaun Jackson, and Robert Woods round out the receiving options for Stafford.

In what seems to be a theme in the early season, the Rams' primary running back, Darrell Henderson Jr., may not be available for this Thursday's game. He is currently listed as questionable with a rib injury. Henderson has been averaging seventy yards per game so far this season with the Rams. If Henderson is unable to play, then most of the rushing attempts will fall to Sony Michel. In his fourth year in the NFL, Michel has played his first three seasons with the New England Patriots. Michel is currently averaging 3.7 yards per carry and averages about thirty-one yards per game.

Matt Gay is the Rams kicker. He's been very accurate over the past several seasons, having not missed an extra point the last three years. His field goal percentage over that time is also very high at over 87.5%. Expect a high-scoring game this week as both teams' defense rank toward the bottom of the league. It could be one of those weeks where the team that gets the ball last wins.



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Fall Garden Musings

By Alexandra Fitzgerald | THE TIMES

We've been lucky so far and have dodged any potential early frosts. On the first of September, it got down to 34 degrees at our house. Yes, you read that right. We managed to squeak by and have since had only one other night in the thirties.

I've been dutifully harvesting the tomatoes that have all finally started to ripen. Better late than never! Since mostly giving up on the garden for the year (I know, shame on me), I'm not super worried about prolonging the season. I'll glean the tomatoes, stash a few to ripen slowly, and collect my bounty of spaghetti squash from the vining jungle in the back of the garden.

I believe I have a few pumpkins lurking in there as well. I'll leave the leeks and carrots for a while as they're frost tolerant. The kale can also wait as it only gets sweeter after a few frosts which will also knock the aphids back. My only other "must do" task for fall is to get at least one bed, maybe two prepped and ready to plant garlic.

I save some garlic each year for replanting, so there is no need to buy more unless I'm looking for a new variety. My favorite place to get garlic is through mail order from Filaree Garlic Farm based in Omak, Wash. They offer other crops worth checking out, including shallots (also planted in the fall), asparagus, potatoes, and sweet potatoes. If you want to get *very local* garlic, I highly recommend buying it from Blue Mountain Station. They carry garlic grown by Mark and Eleanora Montgomery, owners of Whetstone Honey. Their garlic is delicious and easy to plant should you want to try your hand at growing your own.

Filaree Farm (www.filareefarm.com) has growing guides to set you on the path to success. And I promise garlic is straightforward. Despite all my garden failures, I've never NOT had a garlic crop. Here's hoping I didn't jinx myself for next year.

I mentioned in my last article how the birds loved the garden this year. It's been a bit of an oasis, and I've enjoyed watching the fledglings grow up and become adults. I did suspect there was some pilfering from my berry crop, but I wasn't too fussed given there wasn't much fruit to start with. I was curious about my one blueberry plant, which set a fair number of berries. However, I never saw any fruit fully ripen as the berries thinned and disappeared. The other week, Brad and I were looking through some photos he had taken in the garden. And wouldn't you know it, but there was empirical proof of what happened—a lone, nearly ripe blueberry in the beak of a robin. Mystery solved. At least the berries went to good use.

The past week we've had a few exciting visits to the garden. A local coyote has been frequenting the area, much to our youngest bird dog's chagrin. She just about scared the pants off me by barking her head off the first time she noticed the coyote cruising up the road. No harm done. A few nights later, he was singing us a song before bed. A day after that, he accidentally stumbled his way into my flock of chickens. I say accidentally because he was just as surprised as they were alarmed. This set the dog off, which prompted me to run out of the house, holler-



Brad Trumbo

The lone robin caught in a garden photograph, with a nearly ripe blueberry in its beak.

ing for the coyote to get a move on. So far, we haven't seen him again. The chickens have been under a precautionary lockdown (welcome to the club, chickens), and all free-ranging activities have halted. They aren't pleased about this turn of events, but I assume they would prefer it to becoming someone's dinner.

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DW Volleyball battling injuries, illness on the court

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DAYTON/WAITSBURG—Wolfpack Volleyball has had a rough season, impacted early on by COVID-19 and, most recently, injuries to many of the team's key players. That doesn't stop the Wolfpack from giving their all each game, identifying areas of need, and working to improve.

On September 28, the Wolfpack traveled to Warden High School. The team lost against the Cougars, with scores of 13-25, 19-25, 14-25.

Makenna Barron ended the game with six blocks and one kill. Megan Forney had four digs, one block, and one kill.

"Claudia Benevides really stepped up for the team tonight," said coach Tracy Barron. "She came in off the bench and played middle hitter after Peyton Struckmier went down with a badly sprained ankle. The whole team came together to make the best of a hard situation."

On Thursday, September 30, the Wolfpack played against Tri-Cities Prep, falling against the team in three sets, with scores of 9-25, 9-25, 16-25.

Emily Rodrick ended the game with two kills, five assists, and two aces. Kylee Henry had two assists, one block, two kills, and one ace. Makenna Barron had three blocks, three kills, four digs, and 100% serving.

"I am proud of these girls for making the best of a messy situation," Barron said. "Between injuries and illness, we were missing some of our key players. These girls adjusted, playing spots on the court that they had never played before. Trista Villaro really stepped up tonight and helped our team."

Wolfpack Athletics in need of volunteers

Interested individuals can contact Athletic Director Sam Korslund

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DAYTON/WAITSBURG—Your DW Wolfpack needs volunteers in order to keep our athletes playing home games. The various roles, which include line judges, scorekeepers, clock operators, chain crews, and ticket takers. Training and assistance are available. The only requirement is a desire to help keep student athletes active and to support DW Athletics. If you can help keep these games going for our kids, please contact our Athletic Director at samk@daytonsd.org

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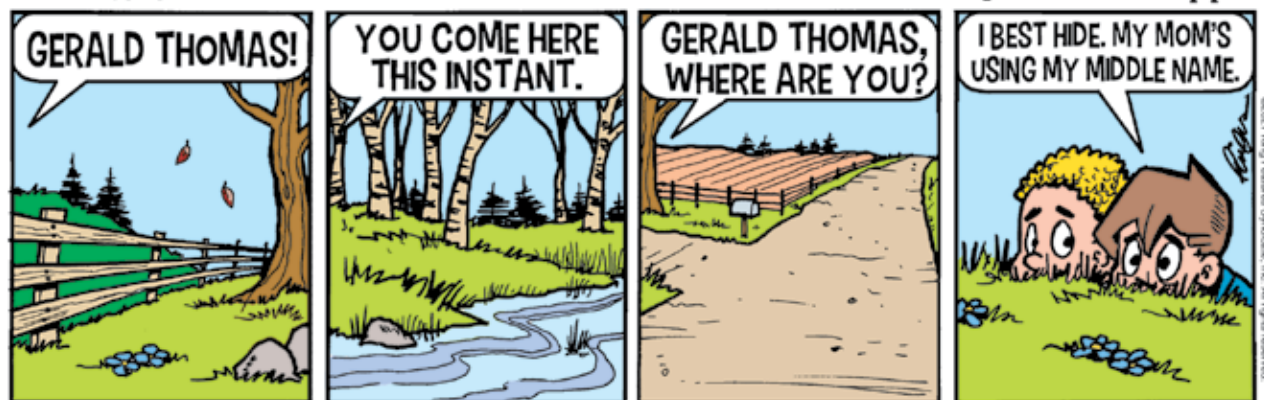
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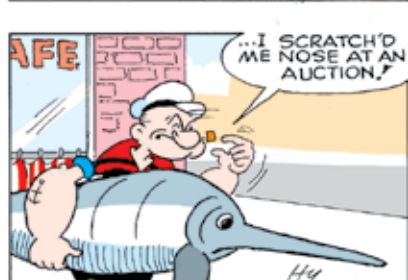
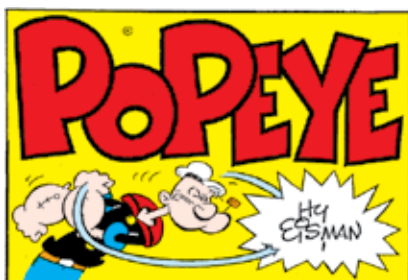
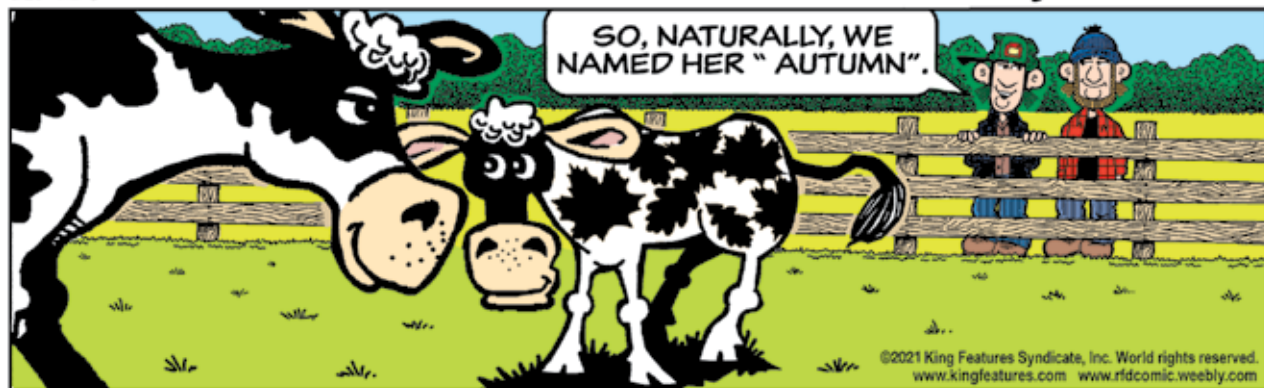
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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

October 6, 2011

Dayton had its moment in the sun on Saturday as it displayed the best it has to offer including historic homes, flourishing businesses, and plenty of local art for its event Dayton on Tour. Visitors had a chance to pick up a guidebook and walk into historical homes in town that had recently been renovated. Jennie Dickinson, a volunteer for the Dayton Historic Depot, said the home tours are her favorite part of Dayton on Tour, especially the Broughton Mansion this year. "It's like a museum," Dickinson said.

Waitsburg High School has two new faces this year and those faces look just like the regular students, they're just from abroad. Franchesco Nobili, 18, and Katharina Koch, 15, are spending time in Waitsburg this school year to learn about the culture and the country they've seen in the movies. "I thought it would change my life," Nobili said. "A different country could open my mind."

Twenty-Five Years Ago

October 10, 1996

Michael Good, 25, of Kennewick, is the new deputy marshal for the Waitsburg Marshal's Office. Good was approved by the Waitsburg City Council at its meeting Oct. 2 on the recommendation of Marshal Mike Guay. Good's first day on the job was Oct. 7. The selection was made following a rigorous testing and evaluation process by a panel of law enforcement personnel from local agencies. Nearly 100 applications were winnowed down to three primary candidates, who underwent physical fitness, written and oral examinations by the board.

The Waitsburg Cardinal running attack, led by senior fullback Lucas Mohny and senior running-back James Riggs, racked up over 200 yards on its way to a 19-0 victory over Lyle on a windy, rainy Homecoming Friday. Six-foot-three, 205-pound Mohny plowed up 108 yards in 18 carries and Riggs' night carrying the ball garnered 30 yards on ten carries including a five-yard touchdown run in the third quarter.

Fifty Years Ago

October 7, 1971



[Photo Caption] When the Times camera man walked by Bill Thompson and Bud Howell during the Salmon bake, Bill said to Bud "Here comes the photographer." Bud must have heard it "Here comes the doctor," because he whirled and stuck out his tongue. He did look quite well from this distance. Usual price on those out-of-office calls is \$10, Mr. Howell!

A reception honoring Chuck and Trish Turner, Washington State Grange Young Couple of the Year will be held Sunday, October 10, 1971, between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this affair which will be held at the Jr. Exhibit Building at the Fairgrounds in Dayton. Chuck and Trish, representing Upper Whetsone Grange 1034 and Columbia County Pomona Grange were chosen over many contestants to represent the State of Washington in the National contest for Young Couple of the Year honors.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

October 11, 1946

The first annual Walla Walla Shrine Club benefit football game will be held Friday evening at Borleske Stadium between Dayton High School and WaHi Blue Devils.

The new state highway from Prescott to Waitsburg was completed Wednesday. The crew will remain in Waitsburg for another two weeks or longer crushing rock and stockpiling for later use.

One Hundred Years Ago

October 7, 1921

Samuel W. Southard Post, American Legion will give an "Apple Knockers" dancing party Saturday night at the Legion Hall as a compliment to the many out-of-towners working in the surrounding orchards.

Miss May Wright and Mr. Harold Allison were quietly married Saturday morning Oct. 6th at Walla Walla.

Miss Blanche Stonecipher entertained the Lambda Sigma of the high school at a special meeting Wednesday at which three girls were taken into the society. They were Miss Sereta Patton, Miss Martha Billups and Miss Margaret Zuger.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

October 9, 1896

Married in Huntsville Wednesday Oct. 7, at the home of the bride, Miss Nellie Hawks to Mr. Charles Harris. Both of the young people are well-known in this city.

If you are looking for a good thing, just put a dollar into your pocket and go to J. W. Morgans and get a bottle of Taliqitso Cordial, the great blood purifier. He guarantees it.

During the last two weeks a large amount of grain has been stolen in various portions of the county. The officers are of the opinion that S. L. Lawton recently arrested, is the leader of a gang organized to work throughout the county.

THE LAST PAGE

Single-use plastic bag ban went into effect on October 1

Stores will have reusable plastic or paper bags available for purchase at the register, consumers

THE TIMES

encouraged to bring their own reusable bags

OLYMPIA—After more than a year delay, a statewide single-use plastic bag ban went into effect on Friday, October 1, for Washington's retail, restaurant, and grocery stores. Washington joins eight states, including Hawaii, California, and Oregon, and multiple cities across the country in efforts to reduce plastic consumption and pollution.

The state legislation passed in 2020 and was set to go into effect in January 2021. The delay was caused by limited access to compatible bag materials. Like the ones used at grocery store checkouts, single-use plastic bags are a significant source of pollution in forests, waterways, grasslands, and even urban areas. According to the Washington State Department of Ecology, the bags are not easily recycled because they clog sorting machinery, which risks injury to workers. Reducing their use will protect the state's rivers and streams, help its recycling system run more efficiently, and contribute to a growing waste reduction and reuse culture.

The single-use bag restriction applies to all retail, grocery, or convenience stores, restaurants offering take-out or delivery food or goods, temporary stores and vendors, and any event where food or goods are sold or distributed.

On October 1, stores began to charge at least \$0.08 for large paper bags or the thicker, reusable plastic bags. Both materials must meet a threshold of post-consumer recycled content and cannot be labeled as degradable, decomposable, or biodegradable. The small charge is not a tax but is kept by the merchant or vendor to help cover the cost of eco-friendly shopping bags.

The legislation requires paper bag content to be made of at least 40% post-consumer recycled content. A bill sponsored by Rep. Skylar Rude (R-Walla Walla)



unanimously passed by both the House and Senate allows straw pulp to be used to manufacture acceptable paper bags.

The heavier, reusable plastic film bags must be made of at least 20% post-consumer materials and must be at least 2.5 millimeters thick. Oregon implemented similar legislation earlier this year, and the bags available for purchase in the state are good for roughly 125 uses. That makes the bag usable for more than two years of grocery shopping if you use the bags once a week.

Store owners may choose whether they will charge shoppers for the bags. Shoppers are encouraged to bring their own shopping bags or reuse the new heavier plastic bags.


Some plastic bags, including those used to bag produce or bulk items, are exempt from the law. According to the Department of Ecology, people who receive food stamps, SNAP, WIC, or other government assistance do not have to pay for bags at checkout.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, some businesses may ask shoppers to bag their groceries if they are using their own bags, but currently there are no restrictions regarding using customer-provided shopping bags.

For more information regarding the new bag ban, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2hnya35p>.

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I sit on the City Council at this time, having been chosen in March 2020 to fill a vacancy. Before that, I was an elected commissioner with the Port of Columbia from 2014-2020 working on economic development for this region. I'm also a member of Dayton Kiwanis, and I volunteer at The Club. These efforts show my commitment to this community.

My wife and I chose to live in Dayton because it is a small, rural town with a lot going for it. I enjoy and respect the people here, we've made friends, and I wish for the town to function highly and flourish. By participating on city council, I can help make that happen. I have a background in management, grant writing, consensus building and public service. I offer leadership and teamwork, and regular communication between the public and government. My career was spent mostly in small farming communities, working with agriculture and farmers.

The Root Problem: Dayton's economy has declined over many years as traditional businesses went elsewhere, and business taxes were lost. With limited business taxes, Dayton struggles to maintain expected city services. State and federal grant funds keep us functioning but provide little flexibility. Some problems get addressed but others simply get worse. For example, streets leading to medical facilities and schools get fixed, but most others get neglected. In a declining economy, schools decline and buildings become empty; young people leave the community for lack of jobs and business opportunities.

My Vision: We can bring in new businesses, which will increase local business taxes and allow for real city improvements. As an example, we can take advantage of modern trends: Polls indicate that many people in cities want to relocate to rural areas for the lifestyle, bringing businesses and jobs with them. But most such businesses require modern internet access and high-speed connections. The Port of Columbia and the city are using a one-time federal grant fund to provide for modern internet connections which anyone could access. I voted for this use of city grant funding because I think every resident and business should have this availability. When more new businesses come in, at least some traditional businesses also will return as the city prospers. Empty buildings should fill. Yes, this use of the grant funds passed over other immediate city needs, but in the long run it will lead to greater business tax income and lower personal taxes.

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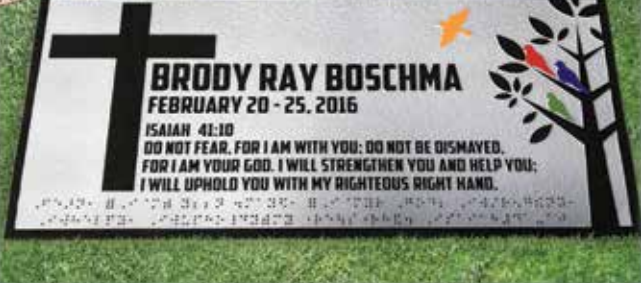


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