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The long election season is finally over and its time to remember what makes our community the place we love. What can be more heartwarming than the story two rescue dogs from Hawaii finding forever homes in Waitsburg? Story on page 9.

ry election results

Statewide measures

Referendum Measure No. 90 Approved 59.65%

Advisory vote No. 32 Repealed 59.6% Advisory vote No. 33 Repealed 57.55% Advisory vote No. 34 Repealed 60.19% Advisory vote No. 35 Repealed 52.74% Senate Joint Resolution No. 8212 Rejected 52.61%

Federal Candidates Congressional District 5

Cathy McMorris Rodgers 59.38%

Dave Wilson 40.44%

Statewide Candidates Governor

Jay Inslee 59.37% Loren Culp 40.33%

Denny Heck 47.21% Marko Liias 33.73% **Secretary of State** Kim Wyman 51.75%

Gael Tarleton 48.14%

State Treasurer

Mike Pellicciotti 55.61% Duane A. Davidson 44.31%

State Auditor

Pat McCarthy 60.46% Chris Leyba 39.46%

Attorney General

Bob Ferguson 58.88% Matt Larkin 41.02

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Chris Reykdal 56.71% Maia Espinoza 42.8%

Insurance Commissioner Mike Kriedler 67.64% Chirayu Avinash Patel 31.94%

Legislative Candidates Legislative District 16

State Senator

Perry Dozier 57.76% Danielle Garbe Reser 42.19%

State Representative Pos. 1

Mark Klicker 62.27% Frances Chvatal 37.71%

State Representative Pos. 2

Skyler Rude 67.12% Carly Coburn 32.83%

Asotin, Columbia, Garfield Superior

Judge Position 1

Brooke Burns 57.38% G. Scott Marinella 42.35%

Walla Walla Superior Court **Judge Position 1**

Brandon L. Johnson 56.88% Michael S. Mitchell 43.12%

Judge Position 2 M. Scott Wolfram 100%

Columbia County Commissioner #2

Ryan R. Rundell 97.13%

Columbia County Commissioner #2 Marty Hall 73.77% Mike Talbott 25.53%

*Results as of Nov. 3, 10:30 p.m.

Walla Walla County signs contract with Providence St. Mary Medical for COVID-19 quarantine housing

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla County has signed a contract with Providence St. Mary Medical Center to provide COVID-19 quarantine housing at the Providence Southgate Medical Park's main building (the former Walla Walla General Hospital) in the 400 unit.

The unit would provide voluntary housing for COVID-19 positive individuals who cannot successfully quarantine in their current living situation and are not ill enough to require professional care or hospitalization. The unit will serve as a small motel.

Walla Walla County previously provided quarantine housing at a different location that is no longer available. At the county's request, Providence stepped forward to offer quarantine housing to reduce the risk of disease spread in our community by COVID-19 positive people living in situations that make quarantining difficult or impossible.

The former Walla Walla General Hospital design allows Providence to offer the service without impacting other services at Southgate. The 400 wing is deep inside the building, well removed from outpatient services, patients, and caregivers who work in the clinics. It also has a separate air handling system isolated from the rest of the building. Extensive safety measures will be in place.

The unit is also separate from the 300 wing, which was set up for COVID-19 hospital overflow if a community surge in cases surpasses Providence St. Mary's capacity.

The 400 unit can hold up to 27 people. In the past, the county's quarantine housing has been used infrequently and by a small number of people. The Walla Walla County Department of Community Health, working with Providence Population Health, will determine who will be offered housing in the unit.

Residents of the unit will be escorted in personal protective equipment to the 400 wing. Once there, they will remain quarantined in their rooms. Residents will not be able to come and go from the unit. The county, in collaboration with Population Health and St Mary's Café, will provide meals, support, and medical assistance to the residents. Full-time security also will be on-site at all times.

Six cases of COVID-19 reported in Columbia **County on Monday**

Fifteen in Garfield County

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—There are six new cases of COVID-19 since Thursday of last week, as reported by Public Health Administrator Martha Lanman to the County Board of Health on Monday.

She said the six cases in Columbia County are from two different sources and are unrelated. There were 13 tests performed over the weekend.

Lanman said she and Dayton School District Superintendent Guy Strot have agreed to allow in-person instruction at school to proceed.

"We feel like the kids are safer in school," she said. "They're not going to these houses where there is direct contact."

Lanman also reported 15 active cases of COVID-19 in Garfield County, with seven tests pending. Those cases are from seven different and unrelated sources, she said.

"It is really community spread over there," she said.

Lanman is asking for heightened caution.

"Masking is important, as well as not coming to work when you're sick," she

Her advice is to stay home from work for at least a day or two if you experience sore throat or body aches, even if there is no elevated temperature.

She said asymptomatic spread is real.

Since March, 932 people have been tested for COVID-19 in Columbia County, 22 people have tested positive and are recovered, and eight people out of county have tested positive and recovered. There has been one death.

Information about COVID-19 is posted on the Columbia County Health Department Facebook page.

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NEWS BRIEFS

WALLA WALLA COUNTY RURAL LIBRARIES REOPENED MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

THE TIMES

The Walla Walla County Rural Library District will reopen to the public on Monday, November 2, 2020. Library patrons may call their local branch to make an appointment to either browse the collection or use a computer. Curbside delivery of materials will still take place and patrons are encouraged to continue utilizing this service.

Appointments will be 20 minutes in length. Patrons will not be allowed entry without a mask and walk in services are not be available at this time.

The Plaza branch was closed to the public on Saturday, October 31. Patrons were asked to utilize services at the new College Place location once it is officially open in mid-November. College Place patrons will continue to use curbside service until that time.

The District would like to extend a warm thank you to the dedicated Plaza patrons who have used the library over the years.

Please call (509)527-3284 if you have any questions.

CITY OF WAITSBURG OFFERS LEAF BIN FOR RESIDENTS

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The City of Waitsburg has a leaf disposal bin available for residents to use at the City Shop. Leaves may be bagged or loose.

The bin is available Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m until 4 p.m. City employees ask that residents refrain from leaving bags at the gate if the shop is closed.

Waitsburg City Shop is at 128 Coppei Avenue, across from Preston Park.

ALTC COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

THE TIMES

Southeast Washington Aging & Long-Term Care (SEWA ALTC) is accepting applications from interested citizens wishing to serve on the Volunteer Advisory Council in Columbia County and Walla Walla County.

SE WA ALTC is a state-designated, eight-county Area Agency on Aging (AAA) responsible for planning, monitoring, coordination, program development, advocacy, and administrative functions that foster a comprehensive and coordinated service delivery system for older persons living in their homes. Examples of programs and services include but are not limited to: Senior Nutrition (congregate and home-delivered), Senior Transportation, Legal Services, Family Caregiver Support Program (unpaid caregivers), Foot Care, and Respite.

Within this process and per the Older Americans Act mandate, SE WA ALTC must assemble a volunteer advisory council from each county served.

Volunteer Advisory Council Qualifications:

- Age 60+ interested in helping make decisions that impact older adults in Columbia County.
- Up to age 59 with a disability or interested in helping make decisions that impact older adults in Columbia County.
- Available to attend meetings in the eight-county area. Volunteers may also be asked to attend meetings in other regions of the state, such as Seattle, Tacoma, and Olympia. Attendance at these meetings is always volunteer and never mandatory. SE WA ALTC pays all travel.
- For an application, call Kathleen at 1-877-965-2582 or email coffeke@dshs.wa.gov.

CORRECTION

In last week's edition, the *Apples from the Past* article mistakenly referred to LZ Conover as 'the late LZ Conover.' At 92 years young, LZ is alive and well, and still living at home!

Touchet Valley Weather Nov. 4, 2020 Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast Wednesday **Thursday** Friday Saturday Sunday Monday **Tuesday** Rain & Snow Cloudy Mostly Cloudy Rain Likely Partly Cloudy Partly Cloudy Rain Likely Possible High: 68 Low: 53 High: 62 Low: 40 High: 49 Low: 29 High: 41 Low: 24 High: 40 Low: 22 High: 39 Low: 20 High: 45 Low: 25 **Local Almanac Last Week Weather Trivia** Precip Normals Day <u>High</u> Low In 2004, what Precipitation 0.00" hurricane-related Tuesday 58/40 0.00''Normal precipitation 0.58" weather phenomenon Wednesday 65 36 58/40 0.00" Departure from normal-0.58" Thursday 72R 40 57/40 Average temperature 47.4° Ocean made landfall in Brazil. Friday 64 57/39 Trace nurricane in the Southern Atlantic Average normal temperature 48.1° 57 33 56/39 0.00" Saturday Answer: In March 2004, Departure from normal-0.7° Sunday 52 33 56/39 0.00'Weather History Data as reported from Walla Walla Monday Nov. 4, 1927 - A great Vermont Sun/Moon Chart This Week flood occurred. Tropical rains deluged the Green Mountain area **Day** Sunrise Sunset Moonrise Moonset of Vermont, causing the worst Wednesday 4:33 p.m. 6:39 a.m. 7:13 p.m. 10:38 a.m. First flood in the history of the state. 6:40 a.m. 11/8 Thursday 4:32 p.m. 8:05 p.m. 11:34 a.m. Torrential rains, up to 15 inches 6:41 a.m. Friday 4:31 p.m. 9:05 p.m. 12:23 p.m. in the higher elevations, sent 4:29 p.m. 10:12 p.m. 1:05 p.m. Saturday 6:43 a.m. rampage. streams devastating the Winooski Valley. Sunday 6:44 a.m. 4:28 p.m. 11:25 p.m. 1:40 p.m. New Full 4:27 p.m. Prev Day 2:10 p.m. 11/15 Monday 6:46 a.m. 11/30 4:26 p.m. 12:40 a.m. 2:37 p.m. Tuesday 6:47 a.m.

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DAYTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY TO REOPEN ON NOV. 9 WITH MODIFIED SERVICES

Main floor only

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton Memorial Library is reopening on Monday, November 9, with modified services for the safety of patrons and staff. At this time, only the Main Floor will be open.

The hours are 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.
The library will also be open for high-risk patrons, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control, from 11 a.m. until noon, Monday-Friday.

Masks are required, and hand sanitizer will

be available. The library will limit patron visits to 15-minutes, and only eleven people will be allowed in the building at a time. Traffic markers will help to minimize congestion.

According to Interim Librarian Kristie Korslund,

According to Interim Librarian Kristie Korslund, who is also the library's COVID-19 supervisor, the building will be cleaned daily, including replacing the covers on computer screens and keyboards.

"Thank you for your cooperation as we navigate this time of reopening; we look forward to serving you," she said.

Not only can patrons access the materials collection, but printing and fax services are also available. The library continues to offer curbside pick-up.

APPLICANTS SOUGHT TO FILL VACANCIES ON WAITSBURG-COPPEI FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE TIMES

There are currently three open positions on the Waitsburg-Coppei Flood Control District Board of Directors. The district has been inactive for some years. There is an interest in reactivating the district to assist with certain flood control activities in the City of Waitsburg. By state law (RCW 85.38), such vacancies are filled by appointment by the board of county commissioners in which the largest part of the district property is located, which is Walla Walla County. Appointees shall hold office until the next district election.

Applicants must be qualified voters of the district and own property within the district. The boundaries of the district run along the Touchet River from the Lewis and Clark State Park to Bolles Road and along Coppei Creek from Coppei to its confluence with the Touchet River, and is situated primarily in Walla Walla County, although some portion is contained within Columbia County, Washington.

Board members engage in flood control activities and plan, construct, maintain and operate improvements to prevent inundation or flooding, to include dikes, levees, dams, etc., and also engage in drainage control and storm water and surface water control, and many other powers as defined in RCW 85.38.180, by generally performing all such acts necessary to carry out the operation of the district.

Board application forms may be obtained from the County website (www.co.walla-walla.wa.us, or the Walla Walla County Commissioners' Office, County Public Health and Legislative Building, 314 W. Main/P.O. Box 1506, Walla Walla, or by calling the Commissioners' Office at (509) 524-2505. Interested persons are encouraged to call or email (wwcocommissioners@co.walla-walla.wa.us) with questions.

Completed applications must be returned to the county commissioners' office by Friday, November 13, 2020. Applications may be mailed, or emailed to wwcocommissioners@co.walla-walla.wa.us. As a part of the selection process, applicants may be interviewed. The Board of County Commissioners will make final decisions regarding appointments to fill the vacancies.

BIRTHDAYS

November 5: Dwight Thomas.

November 6: Josh Wilson, Greg Zuger, Dave Dilts, Albert Meyer, Pauline Tedrow, Sharon Bode, Jacob Mulhair, Heath Pierson.



November 7: Robin Hilton, Stan Mock, Roberta Collingwood, Desiree Zuger, Maybelle Leinbach, Elizabeth Xaudaro, Kelsey Tarp.

November 8: Bruce Gentry, Melvin Keiser, Jennifer Harwood, Kristen Baker, Dana Weir.

November 9: Frances Scott, Robert Hawks, Jodee Liebermann, Alan Jackson Jr., Corrie Cozier, Lillian Car-

November 10: Kaitlin Vaughn, Ruby Potter, Stephanie Zuger, Nathan Stroobants.

November 11: Wes Moors, Judy Annabel, Dick Beck, Freda Kay Price, Nadine Branson, Sherill Roberts, Kathy Carpenter, Barb Knopp, Herb Bessey.

TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

Prescott School District exploring solar power project

The proposed solar array could power the school and pay for itself in eight-years

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The future is sunny and bright for the Prescott School District. The school board plans to make a final decision on a solar array project that can save the district thousands of dollars in energy costs.

Apollo Solutions Group (ASG) approached former Prescott School District Superintendent Brett Cox before Justin Bradford took over the position this year. An Energy-Savings Company (ESCO), ASG works with clients, including school districts, universities, colleges, and city and county governments, to reduce energy consumption by updating energy infrastructure with minimal capital outlay. The company proposed installing a one-acre solar array designed to cover the district's annual electrical costs.

"They say that this array should take care of all of our electrical costs for the year," said Bradford. "Which is a substantial sum, tens of thousands of dollars in a school year."

Significant savings are one of the most attractive goals of the proposal, with Bradford saying it is essential to spend the public's money wisely.

"If we are saving money, I think it's a wise use of funds," he noted.

The location for the proposed array is on district property to the west of the school. At the October school board meeting, ASG representative John Graham said that the selected construction site is ideal due to its southern light exposure.

The school would only be responsible for a small fraction of the project's cost. The majority of the funding would come from grants sourced by ASG. In the proposal, grants awarded through ASG would cover \$400,000 of the \$487,000 total estimated cost. The remaining \$87,000 would come from the district's capital projects fund, and the project would recoup the expense in eight years.

Bradford noted that Apollo Solutions Group is a performance contractor and will essentially guarantee the final agreed-upon cost. As an ESCO, the company assumes the construction and performance risk for the project.

"There's a lot of motivation for them to be really efficient and to be really accurate," said Bradford.

The project hinges on the school board's final decision and availability of the necessary grants. Bradford said the board directors want to go through the proposal's fine print and look through the guarantees, and he is hopeful they will move forward with the project. Should ASG be unable to secure the necessary grants, the project will put on hold until the next round of grants is available.

"Here's what I found fascinating, as a teacher," Bradford said, moving on to the next perk of the project. "I said, 'okay, I see potential here for my science classes to be involved, my CTE classes to get involved

Courtesy phot

Prescott School District is looking at a project to install a solar array to handle the facility's power needs. Above is an example of a solar array, this one is located in Friday Harbor, Wash.

with this real-world company, see how things are installed, or help them hook things up.' So, I asked them, could we do that with you? They said absolutely!"

He is excited about the bonus educational opportunities that come with the project.

In addition to the economic and educational benefits, Bradford said he looks forward to the promise of a greener future.

"I think it's a good project," Bradford said. "It has a good return on investment, moves us into a greener future, and we're being wise with our resources."

Mass Sunday 5 p.m.

382-2311

Fr. Steve Werner

Waitsburg

Presbyterian

Church

504 Main

Worship 11 a.m.

337-6589

Pastor Stan Hughes

Waitsburg

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship 11 a.m.

Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Bible Study

Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

337-6235

Rev. Jimmie Daves

Waitsburg

Christian

Church

604 Main St

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:00 a.m Each Sunday 337-8898 Rev. Matthew Wyatt

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 🕏

COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION PLAN UPDATE FROM THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) continues progress on COVID-19 vaccine distribution planning efforts.

DOH is encouraging healthcare providers to prepare to enroll as approved COVID-19 vaccine providers, sending an official letter with enrollment information. Provider enrollment is the first step in setting up approved COVID-19 vaccine provider locations.

Long-term care facilities can also enroll in a program that will provide a COVID-19 vaccine for their residents and staff. On October 16, the White House announced a federal partnership with CVS and Walgreens to administer COVID-19 vaccine to long-term care facilities residents when available. These facilities should strongly consider registering for this program. Participation is critical to ensuring that their vulnerable residents are among the first to receive a vaccine when it becomes available.

Additionally, the department received a letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) with a new vaccine preparation timeline and some new planning requests. In this letter, HHS said they might pre-position vaccine supply closer to the administration sites so it will be quicker to get to the commu-

nity.

HHS has asked all jurisdictions, including Washington state, to be ready by November 15. DOH wants to emphasize that this is only a "be ready" date. Setting this date intends to help all states prepare to use the vaccine as quickly as possible after being federally approved. The department must submit additional planning to HHS by November 2 to support this new timeline. Hospitals are the most likely pre-positioning site candidates in Washington, but nothing is final yet.

This week, the State received a technical review of the interim COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan from the CDC. After reviewing the feedback and there will be more to share on our coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine page next week.

Finally, Gov. Jay Inslee announced this week that Washington is joining other western states to review the safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines once approved by the FDA. This is an added layer of independent expert review that will help build confidence in the vaccine and bring an ad-

ditional layer of scrutiny to this critical process.

The department is committed to continuing the work necessary. When a vaccine is ready, they will be prepared to deploy it in a way that is equitable, safe, and timely for the people of Washington.

Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

Waitsburg City Council:

Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Call-in information available at www.cityof-waitsburg.com/government-1

Waitsburg School Board:

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

Waitsburg Celebration Days: Third Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

Third Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

Walla Walla County CommissionersEvery 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

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

Board of Columbia County Commissioners

First and second Monday of each month at 9 a.m.

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

Dayton City Council

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

Dayton School Board

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

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

Fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:

https://zoom.us/j/92583779376?pwd=a-3FudWFhaG95bUpTdmlQUXdkamdO-

Meeting ID: 925 8377 9376 Passcode: 043577

Coalition for Youth & Families

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

Columbia County Rural Library District Special Meeting—Budget workshop November 10 at 6 p.m.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

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

Thursday, November 5

Meatloaf & gravy Au gratin potatoes Baby carrots Salad, roll Banana, milk **Tuesday, November 10** Roast beef

Mashed potatoes & gravy Corn, broccoli salad Fruit Jell-O, Milk

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

Tuesday, November 10 Lasagna Italian blend veggies Coleslaw Garlic bread Fruit

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT MEAL DELIVERIES

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





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NEWS & COMMENTARY

LETTER FROM COLUMBIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proposal for the Columbia County Law and Justice Center

Finished in 1887, the Columbia County Courthouse is a beautiful piece of history, a boon to the tourist industry, and a general point of pride for the citizens of the county. From its stately position and through several facelifts, the courthouse has witnessed the ebbs and flows of history come and gone. In celebrating statehood in 1889, railroad booms in Dayton and Starbuck, the arrival and evolutions of the Blue Mountain Cannery to Green Giant to Pillsbury to Seneca, the building of Little Goose Dam, and the growth of agriculture as the mainstay industry, the courthouse has been the county's constant companion. It holds an important place in our history and will continue to be an integral part of our culture in the years to come.

As beautiful and constant as the courthouse is, the needs of the 21st century have rendered it inadequatefor the tasks required of it. In the areas of security, layout, and technology, the standards of today have left the beauty of history behind. Specifically, the sheriff's department and jail, dispatch, and the courts are in great need of upgrades that the old courthouse cannot provide. It is for these reasons that the citizens of Columbia County should seek opportunities to build a modern Lawand Justice Building.

The Jail/Sheriff's Office

The jail currently has 11 beds, though three of them are out in the catwalk area. Cramped and dark, the jail has no capacity to separate inmates from each other. This presents many problems, among them are: potential witness tampering in the case of busting aring of alleged criminals, fighting inmates, separating genders, and mental health patients cannot be cared for adequately. The jail has no real booking area, holding cell, evidence intake, or dedicated interview room. It is also devoid of sally ports, or a dedicated route to the courtroom. Both of these inadequacies present a danger to both deputies and the public. There is also inadequate storage for both evidence and officer weapons and equipment

Due to its cramped size and poor layout, Columbia Countyisforcedto send some of its prisoners to be housed in other jails around the region. All female prisoners are sent out of the county. Any co- defendants must not be housed together, so a large bust dictates that all but one of the alleged offenders would be sent elsewhere. Due to its limited beds, there are almost always Columbia County prisoners in facilities located in other counties. There is a constant stream of deputies transporting prisoners to and from other jails, to and from court dates, and to and from medical visits. All of this is a huge burden for the taxpayers of Columbia County, both in wasted transport time, and rentforspacein the other facilities.

The sheriff's deputies have to transport and house their prisoners in an unsafe manner. The arresting officer has to park his or her vehicle in the parking lot and walk out in the open with a prisoner across the large lawn before they

even arrive at the door to the Sheriff's Office. This means the deputy is at risk if the prisoner makes a run for it, or if accomplices wish to free the prisoner. It also means the deputy would have a difficult time protecting the prisoner if a victim's family or friends want to mete out their own justice. Anymodern facility would have a sally port, where the deputy would have control of the environment from the momentheorshe exited the vehicle, all the way through to a holding cell to begin the booking process. In the current building, the desksofthed eputies are in the same area as the evidence storage room, the interview room, and the intake/booking room, which also puts the deputies a trisk. If a prisoner starts a fight while being finger printed, the fight could easily spill out into the office area, putting the prisoner and deputies at risk.

The Courts

One would be hard-pressed to find a more beautiful courtroom than Columbia County's courtroom. However, beneath its ornate majesty the courtroom is wholly inadequate for the requirements of a 21st century venue of justice. In an era of travelling judges, pandemics, and telecommunication, the Columbia County Courtroom leaves much to be desired. In an historic building, wires required to function with modern technology cannot be installed in walls. This makes the current courtroom a jumble of wires with constant technological glitches and hiccups. Judges from out of town who attempt tele-court oftenfindrecordingshave beengarbled, or defendants unabletohearthejudge. Theroomis also so bigthat the acoustics are terrible. In a county with a majority of the population is over 60, jurors find it difficult to hear the proceedings. The jury room seats six people comfortably. Twelve jurors can be packedin, but only if half are standing or not seated at the table, this was prior to social distancing. WIth social distancing the rooms max capacity is 6. It is incumbent upon the county to provide a fair and efficient trial for defendants. In the area of our courtroom, we are falling short of acceptable.

The courtroom is also inadequate in the area of safety. There is no controlled access for prisoners to be escorted from the jail into the courtroom. This poses a threat to the public, the deputies, the judge, and the accused. The publicelevator is used for prisoner transport, and there are two entrances into the courtroom, both right next to the judge. It would be difficult to protect the judge and the public, when both the exits are easily obstructed in the event of a brawl, or a mass shooter, or other unforeseen threats. The modern building would take into account both technology and safety for prisoners, deputies, court officials, jurors, and spectators alike.

Dispatch/Emergency Management

In an area of the Columbia County Courthouse no larger than an average shipping container, one finds the cramped, un-air conditioned space of the department of Emergency Management and Dispatch. Employees who are supposed to be alert and ready for action at any moment are expected to take their breaks in a vault, where conduit wiring and loud ductworks hare their space. Air-conditioning? That is reserved for 911 servers costing hundreds of thousands of dollars, and sit behind makes hift walls to capture the cool

air that they require to function properly. Unfortunately, thosesameservers are sitting underwater pipes in a building built in the 1880s. Our servers are state of the art, and could potentially bring the county revenue in the form of contracts with surrounding counties, but nobody wants the risk associated with the server's precarious position. In the event of massive emergencies, such as a flood or wildfire, the emergency manager is forced to move the command centerto another building, because the office is the size of a closet.

Conclusion

These are only a few of the reasons Columbia County has begun to explore the idea of constructing a new Law and Justice Building. In the following weeks, months, and years, the county will do its best to transparently display the need for this new facility. Additionally, the county will be seeking input and help from the citizens in both needs assessment and design. The county is not seeking to build a large ornate facility that will cost the tax payers an unreasonable amount of money to operate.

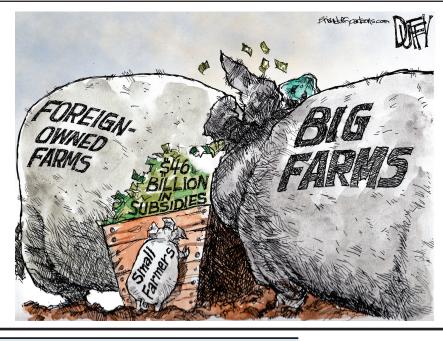
There are many other benefits that the new building will bring with it. The current courthouse has inadequate storage, withold records rotting in non-climate controlled buildings. It was remodeled in the early 1990s, when computers and multi-media was not as ubiquitous and necessary as it is today. The current courthouse does not have the technological capacity for today's modern world.

In addition, a community meeting room/deputy training room could be a great addition for both the public at large, and the employees of Columbia County. There are few places where the community has access to a modern room for large gatherings or trainings. In the modern era multi use facilities are both practical, and environmentally conscious. A community room large enough to accommodate both the public's needs and the county's needs would be a welcome addition.

There are many potential cost saving elements that would stem from the new building. The county could reduce the burden on the taxpayers by eliminating rented offices and either moving them back into the current court-house or into the new building.

The new building would be energy efficient. The cost of transporting and housing prisoners would be greatly reduced by having enough cells to house and separate inmates. The new building would allow offices to have one point of reception, thereby freeing employees to do their stated jobs, rather than act as reception. These are just some of the benefits to the new building. Many more will be fleshed out as the process moves forward.

While some expenses are unavoidable, the county is committed to seeking and securing grant funding and help from external entities to shoulder the great majority of the cost associated with the construction of the building. It is very likely that the vast majority of the cost of construction will be paid for by grant funding. With the help and input of experts and citizens alike, it is the county's sincere hope that while the current courthouse continues to stand with the people as we march through history, the new Law and Justice building will be the workhorse to advance Columbia County's public safety sector into the modern century.





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NEWS

Enrollment Opens Nov. 1 for Washington's GET Prepaid Tuition Program

THE TIMES

Olympia—Washington State's Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) program opens Sunday, November 1, for a new enrollment period, providing families a fresh opportunity to start saving for future college costs while their children are young. The 2020-2021 enrollment period runs through May 31, 2021, with a unit

As a 529 prepaid tuition program, the State of Washington guarantees that a family's GET savings will keep pace with in-state college tuition and state-mandated fees. While Washington tuition rates are the basis for GET account values, students have the freedom to follow their ambitions wherever they choose. Students can use their GET accounts at nearly any public or private university, community college, or technical school in the country. New this year, GET and other 529 plans can also be used to pay for apprenticeship programs and certain student loan repayments.

The GET program opened in 1998, and since then, thousands of Washington families have saved billions of dollars towards their students' future higher education expenses. To date, GET has distributed over \$1.2 billion to more than 55,000 students who have used their GET accounts to attend college in all 50 states and 15 countries worldwide.

GET is one of two college savings options offered by Washington College Savings Plans (WA529). In addition, to GET, WA529 also offers the country's newest investment-based 529 plan, DreamAhead. Launched in 2018, DreamAhead has already received national recognition and high marks from investment research firm Morningstar, Inc., who released its 2020 529 plan ratings this week. Morningstar awarded DreamAhead a Bronze medal in its review, pointing out competitive fees and a solid investment lineup that it says "will serve Washingtonians well."

"Families often ask us when they should start saving for future college costs," says Washington College Savings Plans director, Luke Minor. "Our response is simple: 'It's never too early to get started.'"

WA529's freshly redesigned website (wastate529.wa.gov) offers details, charts, planning tools, and answers for families' questions about the programs. Washington residents who want to help a student save for future education costs can open a GET or DreamAhead account online with no enrollment fee. The GET contact center staff is ready to help at 800-955-2318 or GETInfo@wsac.wa.gov. For questions about DreamAhead, the DreamAhead contact center can be reached at (844)529-5845.

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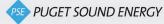
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Walla Walla County experiences uptick in COVID-19 cases

Waitsburg positive cases rises to 7 cases

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla County has seen a drastic uptick in COVID-19 cases, with more than 300 cases being reported over the past two weeks. On Sunday, November 1, sixty positive cases were reported, which has been the largest daily case count for the county since the beginning of the pandemic.

Health officials say they are seeing evidence of increased transmission at social and religious gatherings, long term care facilities, and institutions. Smaller outbreaks are occurring at some businesses, with the larger outbreaks at institutions and long-term care facilities. Walla Walla County Department of Community Health does not disclose the names of businesses with infected employees to the public unless the situation becomes a threat to public health.

Currently, health officials and disease investigation teams still trace cases and find linked exposures using contact tracing. The contact tracing and disease investigation team, alongside their partners at Providence St. Mary's Population Health, worked through the weekend to contact individuals who have tested positive and identify individuals who had been in close contact with the infected persons, while assisting each infected person with isolation. The team will remain in contact with infected individuals during the entire isolation period, offering assistance and monitoring for symptoms that may indicate a more severe case or the need for additional resources. The contact tracing team also contacted those determined to be in close contact with the infected individuals during the infectious period to warn them of possible exposure and help them quarantine.

The team is working with businesses who have had employees test positive for the coronavirus, answering questions and assisting with mitigation recommendations to protect the rest of their employees and customers. Employers are encouraged to support workers who need to isolate or quarantine. Employees who show mild signs should be asked to stay home and work remotely if possible and to contact their healthcare provider about getting tested.

The department's clinical team, Public Health Officer, and local healthcare providers are working closely with institutions and long-term care facilities to provide recommendations for outbreak control.

Walla Walla County Department of Community Health Public Health Officer Dr. Larry Jecha is asking each person to take personal responsibility to not let their guard down and continue wearing a face mask and social distancing at social, family, and religious gatherings, and at places of employment.

As of Tuesday, November 3, there are 293 active COVID-19 cases, with 13 cases hospitalized. One new death was reported on Monday, November 2, bringing the total death count to seven. To keep up with COVID-19 data, resources, and more, visit www.covidwwc.com.

Kiwanis award



inspiration to all of us.

Chuck Reeves was recently given an award by the Dayton Kiwanis Club. The inscription

reads, Charles Reeves In appreciation for serving Dayton Kiwanis as President for 2019-20. Your leadership and dedication was an

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October 27

Malicious mischief, vehicle damage to the door handles. Walla Walla County

October 30

Identity-theft reported. Walla Walla County A theft was reported in the county. Wallula

Deputies responded to a report of malicious mischief and suspicious circumstance. Burbank

November 1

Assault 4 reports. Walla Walla County

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NEWS & LEGAL NOTICES

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SPECIAL MEETING BUDGET HEARING

Walla Walla County Fire Protection District 7 - Prescott, Washington, Board of Commissioners, in accordance with RCW 52.16.030 and the OPMA COVID extension mandate, will conduct a Special Meeting and the annual Budget Hearing for its 2021 Expense Budget on November 09, 2020. The Special Meeting and Budget Hearing and subsequent budget adoption will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Red Room. Prescott City Hall which is located at 108 D Street, Prescott, WA 99348. If you would like to attend, please contact Aj Jacobson at 509 849-2835 prior to November 6, 2020. Copies of the budget will be available upon request.

Greg Fletcher-Commissioner Chairman WWCFPD #7 The Times October 29, November 5, 2020

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Touchet Lowden Mosquito Control District that a public hearing will be held from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Monday November 9th 2020 at the Touchet Fire Station, Touchet, WA, to consider setting the annual budget for the 2021 operating year.

Written testimony, which will be read into the record, may be sent to: Touchet-Lowden Mosquito Control District, P.O. Box 173, Touchet, WA 99360.

Dated this 29th day of October, 2020

Board of the Touchet-Lowden Mosquito Control District.

By: Alisha Scholz, Secretary The Times

2020 10-29-c

CITY OF DAYTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

October 29, November 5,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., or soon thereafter, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Dayton to review and receive comment on proposed revenue sources including a proposed 1% increase in property taxes as part of the City of Dayton 2021 Preliminary Budget as presented by the Mayor to the Dayton City Council on October 5, 2020.

Said public hearing shall be held via ZOOM ® and the **ZOOM** meeting information will be available online at http://www.daytonwa.com/ inside-city-hall/city-council/ agendas-minutes/134-2020/ agendas not later than 3:00 p.m., November 5, 2020.

Written testimony/ comments shall be read into the record at the public hearing and can be submitted to the City of Dayton no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2020. All testimony/comments shall be submitted to/at City of Dayton, 111 S. 1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328 or by email to info@ daytonwa.com.

A summary of proposed revenue sources including a proposed 1% property tax increase is available on the City of Dayton's website at https://www.daytonwa.com/ inside-city-hall/city-council/ city-budget-2. A paper or electronic copy of the summary may be obtained by submitting a request via info@

daytonwa.com, by mail or in person at 111 S. 1st Street or by telephone at 509.382.2361.

City of Dayton By: Trina Cole, City Administrator

> The Times November 5, 12, 2020 11-5-a

CITY OF DAYTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2021 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. or soon thereafter at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Dayton to review and receive public comment on the 2021 Preliminary Budget and/or parts thereof as submitted by the Mayor to the City Council of the City of Dayton on October 5, 2020.

Said public hearing shall be held via ZOOM ® and the ZOOM ® meeting information will be available online at http://www.daytonwa.com/ inside-city-hall/city-council/ agendas-minutes/134-2020/ agendas not later than 3:00 p.m., November 5, 2020.

Written testimony/ comments shall be read into the record at the public hearing and can be submitted to the City of Dayton no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 18, 2020. All testimony/comments shall be submitted to/at City of Dayton, 111 S. 1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328 or by email to info@ daytonwa.com.

A summary of proposed 2021 City of Dayton Preliminary Budget is available on the City of Dayton's website at https://www.daytonwa.com/ inside-city-hall/city-council/ city-budget-2. A paper or electronic copy of the budget may be obtained by submitting a request via info@daytonwa. com, by mail or in person at 111 S. 1st Street or by telephone at 509.382.2361.

City of Dayton By: Trina Cole, City Administrator

The Times November 5, 12, 2020 11-5-b

PUBLIC NOTICE-DAYTON **PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

The City of Dayton hereby gives notice that the chair of the Dayton Planning Commission has scheduled a Special Meeting for November 18, 2020 at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held via Zoom. Guidance on attendance and agenda materials will be made available online at www daytonwa.com one week prior to the meeting. Questions or comments should be directed to info@daytonwa.com or at 509-382-2361

> The Times November 5, 2020 11-5-c

PUBLIC NOTICE-DAYTON PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETINGS CANCELED

The City of Dayton hereby gives notice that the regular meetings of the **Dayton Planning Commission** scheduled for Nov. 24 and Dec. 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. have been canceled by direction of the Chair of the commission. The next regular meeting will be on Jan. 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Guidance on attendance and agenda materials will be made available online at www. daytonwa.com one week prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. Questions or comments should be directed to info@daytonwa.com or at 509-382-2361

The Times November 5, 2020 11-5-d

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

No.: 20-4-00205-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

(RCW 11.40.030) IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: PAUL RANSOM, Deceased.

The Personal

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

assets DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: November 5, 2020

bar is effective as to claims

against both the decedent's

probate and nonprobate

Personal Representative/ Administrator: Deborah

Ann A. Parmley, WSBA #49063

Of Attorneys for Personal Representative/Administrator Address for Mailing or Service:

Hawkins Law, PLLC 2225 Isaacs, Suite A, Walla Walla, WA 99362

Court of probate proceedings and cause number:

Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No. 20-4-00205-36

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November 5, 12, 19, 2020 11-5-f

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

NO: 20-4-00213-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** RCW 11.40.030

In re the Estate of: BARBARA L. VORIES, 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

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Dennis L. Vories Personal Representative Attorney for Personal

#44320 Basalt Legal PLLC

Walla Walla, WA 99362 509-529-0630 The Times

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of the claim with the Court in is effective as to claims against and nonprobate assets.

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Representative: Jeremy Hyndman, WSBA 31, 2021.

61/2 N. Second Avenue, Suite 200

November 5, 12, 19, 2020

have the following items open for public review: 2021 Walla Walla County Assessors Tax Levy Request Resolution By order of Council the first hearing will be held on

NOTICE OF PUBLIC

HEARING

The City of Prescott will

the 2021 WWCA Tax Levy Request/Resolution on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 7:30 pm via; Virtual Meeting: JOIN ZOOM MEETING: https://us02weblzoom. us/i/8374148892; call in number:+1253258782 Meeting

ID: 83741488342 **NOTICE OF PUBLIC** DATE OF FIRST **HEARING**

2021 Draft Budget The Budget committee for the City of Prescott is working on a draft budget for the fiscal vear 2021, starting January 1, 2021 and ending December

> By the order of the Council the first public hearing will be held on Monday, November 90, 2020 at 7:00 pm via: Virtual Meeting: https://us02web.zoom. us/i/83741488942; call in number: +12532158782 ID: 83741488942

Linda Vannoster, Clerk-Treasurer The Times November 5, 2020 11-5-j

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING

Notice of Public Hearing is given by Walla Walla Fire District No. 3 The annual budget hearing will be held Weds Nov 11, 2020 at 8 AM located at 778 Hoffman Rd Prescott, WA. The meeting is open to the public.

> The Times November 5, 2020 11-5-i



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Columbia County Public Hospital District #1 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Levy Certification: Public Hearing and Discussion/Approval; 2021 Budget: Public Hearing and Discussion/Approval

11/112/2020 at 11:00am

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Columbia County Public Hospital District No. 1. will be held on November 12, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Administration Building on the District's Dayton, Washington campus. The purpose of the meeting: Levy Certification: Public Hearing and Discussion/Approval; Proposed 2021 Budget: Public Hearing and Discussion/Approval. Final disposition shall not be taken on any other matter at such meeting.

Item 1. Call to Order 2 Roll Call

3. Open Public Hearing: Levy Certification Discussion

4. Close: Public Hearing re Levy Certification

5. Discussion/Approval of Levy Certification 6. Open: Public Hearing re: Proposed 2020 Budget

7. Close: Public Hearing re: Proposed 2020 Budget

8. Discussion/Approval of Proposed 2020 Budget 9. Adjournment

The Times October 22, November 5, 2020

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Responsible R. Wes Leid, Chair

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Tom Meyers, Controller / Matt Minor, Accounts Manager

R. Wes Leid, Chair

PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICE BASIN DISPOSAL, INC. **SOLID WASTE COLLECTION RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021** RCW 35A.21.152

COMMERCIAL CANS (PER CONTAINER PER MONTH)	01/0	01/2021
96 GALLON	\$	17.50
EACH ADDITIONAL P/U PER WEEK	\$	3.56
64 GALLON	\$	15.36
EACH ADDITIONAL P/U PER WEEK	\$	3.03
300 GALLON	\$	112.81
EACH ADDITIONAL P/U PER WEEK	\$	19.66
EXTRAS BAGS, BOXES CANS EXCESS YARDAGE	\$	2.38
EXCESS YARDAGE	\$	7.52
STEAM CLEAN CONTAINERS	\$	43.57
ROLL-OFF CONTAINER RATES		
DELIVERY CHARGE	\$	239.61
DISPOSAL FEES	\$	59.94
11 YARD	\$	319.50
20YARD	\$	319.50
30 YARD	\$	319.50
40YARD	\$	319.50
DAILY RENT DROP BOXES	\$	6.90
MISC. RATES		
TRUCK & CREW PER HOUR	\$	94.40
COM EQUIVALENT CANS	\$	2.38
COM CAR TIRES WITH NO RIM	\$	5.34
COM CAR TIRES WITH RIM	\$	9.92
COM TRUCK TIRES WITH NO RIM	\$	6.87
COM TRUCK TIRES WITH RIM	\$	11.45
COM APPLIANCE	\$	15.27
COM FREON APPLIANCE	\$	83.44
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300 GALLON CONT DELIVERY FEE	\$	65.37
300 GALLON TEMP DAILY RENT	\$	0.86
RETURN CHECK FEE	\$	27.36

For more information on the proposed rate increases, please contact Basin Disposal, Inc. at (509)547-2476, via email to BDICS@basindisposal.com, or by mail at Basin Disposal, Inc., PO Box 3850, Pasco, WA 99302-3850.

City of Dayton By: Trina Cole, City Administrator The Times November 5, 12, 2020 11-5-g

Fresh Snow, Blaze Orange and opening day roosters

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

Turning down Lewis Gulch, I spied a beautiful draw curling into the wheat fields, free of human track. A sight for sore eyes on the eastern Washington pheasant opener. Whipping the Tundra to the shoulder and throwing her in "park," we finally had something to look forward to.

Deciding to try something new this year, I quickly re-learned that if it ain't broke, don't fix it. We had left home at 5 a.m. Four hours hence, we had yet to put boots on the ground for lack of room in the bird covers.

Releasing the dogs, Finn and Zeta, and wading the waist-high grasses, we took delight in our first snow romp of the season as about an inch had fallen above 2,500 feet in the wind farm. The girls and I climbed steadily through the white fluff with the anticipation of pushing roosters to the end of the draw began building. My gut tied in knots with visions of the redfaced, cackling prairie clowns erupting at field's edge. I knew birds were there. The variety of thick and thin shrubs and grasses was too good to be void.

It was risky running Zeta the only hour we would hunt this opening morning, but she needed the exposure and the exercise. Halfway up the draw, the grasses began to shorten, and the cover narrowed to a teardrop point in a ridge-top saddle. Exactly where a running rooster hesitates briefly at the open field before bursting airborne as the dog creeps onto point. And bursting pheasant is precisely what Zeta had in mind.

Shifting my grip on my 20-gauge double for a quick mount, I spied Finn trotting back toward me, eyes on the wheat field. She then stopped cold, turned, and came at a run. The gig was up. Finn always returns when a dog bumps the birds. Sitting at my feet with a sheepish gaze, her wide eyes tattled on young Zeta, who was ranging out of sight in utter merriment, according to my GPS locator.

Finn and I crested the hill to find Zeta frolicking in the snow and leaping grass tufts as she does at home, double-checking the brush in the ditch after blowing

through at the speed of sound to scatter in terror the birds, cats, chickens, deer, and anything else that cares to run. She lives for the chase.

Disappointedly laughing it off, we circled the draw, coming off the far side, and marveling at the splendid winter view. Every visible piece of habitat simultaneously under dissection by hunters, revealed by the specks of blaze orange sprinkled across the landscape.



A satisfied Yuba poses with Trumbo and her

homestead rooster.

of winter stroll. Finn scented below hillside pines while Zeta plowed beneath piles of tumbleweed and thick reed canary grass. At the truck, I emptied snowballs from the front of their jackets and turned the rig toward

Descending from the ridge crest, my mind escaped from the hunt into a state

The sun was already warm and rich back on the homestead, and Yuba was due a hunt. It had been two months since her second hip surgery to correct dysplasia. She lives to hunt pheasant and her pride was bruised over not loading up with the others this morning. Grabbing the gun and vest from the back seat, I kicked open the paddock gate and smiled as "wobble dog" disappeared behind the barn into the golden, waist-high wheatgrass.

Rounding the barn, I spied Yuba on point, statuesque, her tail-feathers wafting gently in the breeze as the afternoon sun streamed through the long strands of white hair. She encircled a path I mowed for watering our golden currant plantings, catching the scent of birds feeding along the path.

Closing in, she broke point to follow the scent and a dozen pheasant erupted 20-yards to my right, silhouetted against the sun. The occasional down-feather drifted behind them, lit up like orbs, and boasting a starburst edge as sun rays streamed through them. Swinging through and squeezing both barrels, the birds vanished unharmed. I had once again delivered a stellar lesson as a professional wildlife educator.

Whistling Yuba back, I sent her into the hillside weed hummocks where the birds had flushed. We entered nearly side-by-side when she slammed onto point simultaneous with a single rooster rocketing from beneath my feet. Sufficiently startled, I whiffed with the right barrel, but as the bird made the 30-yard mark, the left barrel connected perfectly, securing our first bird of the year.

Racing as fast as two unsteady hind legs can carry a pup, buzzing on the rich aroma of roosters, the black and white flash claimed her bird, mouthing it gleefully as I approached. Admiring the bright plumage of the young wild rooster and the curiously long, banded tail feathers flanking the two longest in the middle, the success was just a bit sweeter coming from the homeplace where we work the land to serve

the birds and take just one when the numbers are high.

Prancing to the house with our prize in hand, Yuba's exuberance defined the highlight of her fall. Reveling in the sweet opening day success on the homestead, a dozen birds, no competition, and a tight-holding rooster set the bar abundantly high for hunts to come.

Humanities Washington speaker events in full swing

Free public presentations on history, politics, music, philosophy, and more

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Through the Walla Walla Public Library, the Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau talks are free and available to the public. The program compiles a roster of presenters who are professors, artists, activists, historians, performers, journalists, and others—all chosen not only for their expertise but their ability to inspire discussion with people of all ages and backgrounds.

Most recently, Washington State Poet Laureate Claudia Castro Luna builds awareness and appreciation of poetry-including the state's legacy of poetry-through public readings, workshops, lectures, and presentations.



Claudia Castro Luna

Castro Luna fled war-torn El Salvador for the United States at the age of 14 with her family and went on to earn an MFA in poetry and an MA in urban planning. After working as a K-12 teacher, she became Seattle's first Civic Poet, a position appointed by the mayor. In that position, Castro Luna won acclaim for her Seattle Poetic Grid, an online interactive map showcasing poems about different locations around

In her talk, hosted by Hagan Center for the Humanities at Spokane Community College, Castro Luna shares original writings that reflect on her background with contemporary concepts of death and addiction.

When it comes to war, there is no time for anything but surviving. In grieving the deaths of Monsignor Romero, assassinated during mass in 1980, and her local priest years later, Castro Luna notes, "time doesn't flow forward, it's really a spiral that we are

Castro Luna is serving as the poet laureate from 2018-2020. She is the author of the poetry chapbook This City and the collection Killing Marías. As the fifth poet laureate, she succeeds poets Tod Marshall (2016-2018), Elizabeth Austen (2014-2016), Kathleen Flenniken (2012-2014), and Sam Green (2007-2009).

The poet laureate program is sponsored by Humanities Washington and The Washington State Arts Commission/ArtsWA, with the support of Governor Jay Inslee.

Upcoming talks:

Washington on Wheels: Odd and Innovative Transportation Ideas from the Pacific Northwest November 5, 7-8 p.m.

Author and broadcaster Harriet Baskas takes audiences on a tour of notable highlights of state transportation history, examining not just how we get around but why we travel and where we might be going next. Audiences will be invited to share family stories of migration, memories of first flights, and unforgettable car trips, and consider a future of autonomous cars and vacations in space.

Join the event at https://tinyurl.com/y5nhupjh. All talks are free and open to the public, and each



Harriet Baskas

lasts about an hour. They are hosted through a wide range of organizations throughout Washington State.

For more information on Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau, visit their website at https://www. humanities.org/program/speakers-bureau/.

ONLINE: Civil Conversation in an Angry Age November 5, 7-8 p.m.

By mapping the structure of how we converse and digging into the root causes of both civility and incivility, David E. Smith, Ph.D. explores how we can have meaningful, respectful conversations on notoriously difficult topics like politics, religion, and morality. In our increasingly polarized political environment, Smith provides participants with the tools needed to

embark upon more thoughtful, fruitful discussions. Join the event at https://tinyurl.com/yxblhfpf.



David E. Smith, Ph.D.

Who was Chief Seattle?

November 7, 1-2 p.m.

Chief Seattle wrote nothing down during his life, yet his words—both real and imagined—are known worldwide. The result is a man, made up of both historical and fictional aspects, from which conflicting messages can be gleaned.

David M. Buerge, a biographer and a historian to the Duwamish Tribe, Seattle's mother's people, spent more than 20 years exploring the man from various sources to reveal a leader of epic character. He was a warrior, an orator, a benefactor, and a visionary who helped found the city that bears his name, Seattle, the largest city in the world named after a Native Ameri-

Buerge explores this complex figure to uncover how one man's story still shapes the city's identity. Join the event at https://tinyurl.com/y3vp6ygm.

NEWS & SPORTS

Inside the matchup Seahawks vs. Bills NFL WEEK NINE GAMES AND PICKS

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

This week Seattle travels to Buffalo to play the AFC East leading Bills. The Bills are 6-2 this year and just came off a big win against the New England Patriots, who they hadn't won a game against since 2016. At this point, Buffalo looks like a playoff team; however, they are a team that does a lot of things well but nothing exceptional.

At quarterback for Buffalo is Josh Allen. Allen was the seventh overall pick in the 2018 draft. Now in his third season in the NFL, Allen has put up some impressive statistics so far this season. He is fifth in total yards with 2,172, tied for sixth with sixteen touchdowns, and is fourth with a quarterback rating of 80.8. After being sacked thirty-eight times last season, he has only been sacked thirteen times this season. Allen has the second-most rushing yards for Buffalo, and he leads his team with four rushing touchdowns this season. Josh Allen would be the starting quarterback for most NFL teams; however, Seattle isn't one of them.

Buffalo's primary running back this season is Devin Singletary. He leads the Bills with 385 yards rushing this season. Rookie Zack Moss is another running back to watch. Last week he scored the first two touchdowns of his career against New England in only his fifth game. Both running backs each had fourteen carries, so it will be interesting to see how the workload is shared against the Seahawks.

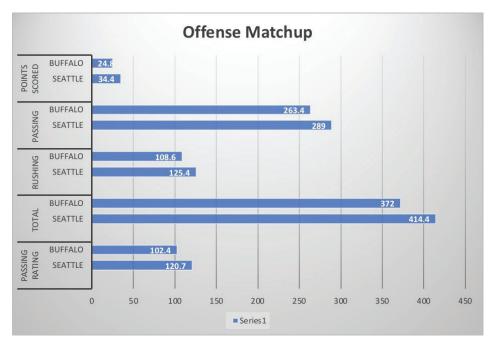
Buffalo has several options at the receiver position. They have four wide receivers and a tight end that have two or more touchdowns on the year. They are led by Stefon Diggs, who is currently second in the NFL in receiving yards. As good as Diggs is, he would likely be the third option behind Lockett and Metcalf.

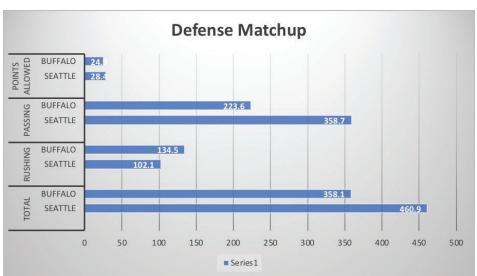
The Bills kicker is Tyler Bass. He's had some issues with accuracy this season, making 13-18 of his field-goal attempts good for a field goal percentage of seventy-two. Three of his misses this year have been in the 30-39 yard range, so that may be something to watch in a close game.

Seattle's made progress correcting their most significant weakness last week.

Day	Time	Station	Away	Home	Pick		
Thu	5:20PM	FOX/NFL	Green Bay	San Francisco	Green Bay		
Sun	10:00AM	CBS	Denver	Atlanta	Atlanta		
	10:00AM	FOX	Seattle	Buffalo	Seattle		
	10:00AM	FOX	Chicago	Tennessee	Tennessee		
	10:00AM	CBS	Baltimore	Indianapolis	Baltimore		
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	10:00AM	CBS	Detroit	Minnesota	Minnesota		
	10:00AM	FOX	New York Giants	Washington	Washington		
	10:00AM	CBS	Houston	Jacksonville	Houston		
	1:05PM	FOX	Las Vegas	Los Angeles Chargers	Los Angeles Chargers		
	1:25PM	CBS	Pittsburgh	Dallas	Pittsburgh		
	1:25PM	CBS	Miami	Arizona	Arizona		
	5:20PM NBC		New Orleans	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay		
Mon	5:15PM	ESPN	New England	New York Jets	New England		

For three quarters at least, Seahawks fans got to witness what it is like to have a good defense. That didn't last into the fourth quarter, however, as Seattle gave up 20 points. Newly acquired defensive end Carlos Dunlap will attend his first practice with the team on November 4th. Also, strong safety Jamal Adams with be able to practice this week as well. He may not be ready for this week's game against Buffalo. Finally, running back, Chris Carson is feeling better but may not be ready for this week's game. He is listed as questionable.





Touchet Valley Women's Golf

THE TIMES

The Touchet Valley Ladies' Golf Club modified season officially ended on Wednesday, October 7, when Ladies Golf Club members, and guests Bette Lou Crothers, and Betty Alexander, gathered for a socially distanced, outdoor lunch.

End of the season awards were presented:

Chip Ins:

Jean Nelson- holes #2, #9, #3. Christy Bell-holes #8, #7. JoAnn Poolman-holes #2, #8, #1. Claudia Nysoe-hole #8. Sue Little- hole #4 Kris Takemura-hole #6.

Birdies:

Christy Bell-holes #1, #2. Jean Nelson-hole #2. JoAnn Poolman-hole #4. Sandy Schreck-hole #9.

Eclectic, Most Improved Scores: Christy Bell -17 strokes.

Sandy Schreck-14 strokes.

Sue Little-10 strokes.

Cherie Hinchliff, Jean Nelson, JoAnn Poolman-9 strokes each.

Kris Takemura, Kathee Juris - 8 strokes each.

Eclectic, Low Gross Scores:

Christy Bell-38.

Kris Takemura-41.

Sandy Schreck, Kathee Juris, JoAnn Poolman, Denise Hoon tied - 42.

The Touchet Valley Ladies' Golf Club 2021 season is scheduled to begin May 5th. Members golf every Wednesday morning through mid-October. New members of any skill level are welcome to join us.

Activities:

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the

Our club organizes and sponsors a Junior Golf clinic for youth in grades 1- 12 usually held in June.

We also host a nine-hole invitational golf tournament in August for other area nine-hole women's clubs and in turn, participate in their invitationals held throughout the season.



Times stock photo

The Touchet Valley Golf course in all its splendor.

Although the season was shortened and we were unable to hold our usual events due to COVID-19 health restrictions, our members were grateful to have a way to safely enjoy this outdoor activity to-

If you are interested in joining and would like more information, please call the Touchet Valley Golf Course at: (509) 382-4851, when the restaurant reopens in the spring.

Walla Walla Community College offers "mask-to-mask" tutoring for students

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Students attending Walla Walla Community College can now make an appointment for an in-person, "mask-to-mask" tutoring session to use the computer lab, as well as other services at the College's Walla Walla and Clarkston campuses.

Restarting these in-person student support services was announced by President Chad Hickox on Thursday, October 29, during a State of the College address attended by more than 200 faculty, staff, and students via Zoom.

"One of the things we can be really proud of is that we continue to serve our students, even during this pandemic," Hickox said. "We're sending a message loud and clear that the College is here for the community. We're open."

Since Gov. Jay Inslee issued a statewide stay-athome order in March, faculty and staff at Walla Walla Community College have found innovative ways to

provide instruction, counseling, financial aid, and student assistance.

The College introduced its Warrior Flex instruction model this fall, with scheduled zoom classes that meet, are recorded and posted for later access. Students will see their instructors and classmates in real-time or have access to the class as needed to meet each student's needs. Select classes will meet face to face where



Courtesy photo

Mask-to-mask tutoring sessions are now available in the computer lab.

hands-on learning is necessary. And as public health guidelines allow.

Following current guidelines, every employee, student, and visitor who comes to campus must complete required Covid-19 training and register with the daily visitor log. Visitors must wear a mask, follow directions for disinfecting spaces and keyboards and maintain appropriate 6-foot physical distancing.

The College continues to monitor the number of positive tests reported in the counties it serves and is in regular contact with public health officials. Hickox said students, faculty, and staff had all expressed a strong desire to return to campus for in-person instruction when it's safe to do so.

"We're having that conversation almost every day," he said. "However, we're really subject to how the virus is behaving."

In the meantime, Hickox praised WWCC faculty and staff for checking in with their students and making sure those who are struggling during this challenging time receive the appropriate mental health

counseling or other assistance they need. "Keep doing the great work you've been doing," he said. "We see your efforts, and we appreciate you."

LIFESTYLES

Manners in a pandemic

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

nce again, I say "thank you" to the parents of Waitsburg. Your children made Halloween a much-needed fun evening during these challenging times. The kids were cute and always said, "thank you" for their treats. Even some of the younger ones didn't require additional prompting from their parents. I apologize in advance for filling their bags with more candy than usual, and your upcoming struggles with the inevitable day-after sugar rush, and your future dental bills. I thought since they didn't have the best year they might find more candy

didn't have the best year, they might find more candy a slight compensation, because I know I do.

Last Halloween was brutally cold, so thank you, Mother Nature, this year seemed downright balmy. And, with the weather still cooperating, I can continue to play and get totally humiliated on the tennis court by a Whitman's Men's tennis team player. The other day while playing, I ran to hit the ball, which I am sure would have been the winning shot when my college team coach yelled to me to "rip it down the line!"

First of all, my ripping the ball is fantasy at best, although hitting it reasonably fast and hard is within the realm of possibility. This time I whiffed it with all the grace of an elephant. When asked what happened, I said, "it's my mother's brainwashing!" She taught me always to look someone in the eye when you are speaking or spoken to. So, when he shouted at me to "rip the shot," I dutifully looked

right at him, and the ball went flying past me.

My mother was an exceptional lady. She was diligent in her quest to teach us manners, to respect everyone, be kind, tolerant, and forgive others. However, she wasn't an aspiring athlete! My tennis coach, being a competitor since he was about 5, has developed an instinct about manners and sportsmanship. When competing, it's sportsmanship that counts more than manners. It is important to ignore what is happening around you and focus on the ball and the court. Don't let distractions prevent you from focusing on the win! A difficult lesson for me, because I am very easily distracted (nosy?).

The "holidays" are imminent. We typically would be planning on hosting or attending big family and friend dinners, but by no means has this been even close to a typical year; COVID-19 has changed everything. This Thanksgiving, there is a good chance Daniel and I will be sitting in front of different TVs, me watching a rerun of the Macy's Day Parade, and him watching *The Mandalorian*. Dinner manners, for sure, will slide, although I hope not too far. Maybe our good behavior will just be to keep the sound low enough on our respective shows, not to bother the other person.

Today, manners include wearing a mask, a good health practice for you and your neighbors. I have noticed that when people speak to each other through masks, they seem to look at each other in the eye more. There may be other hidden benefits for this eye to eye contact while mask-wearing, besides health; for example, hidden behind a mask, you don't know if someone is smiling or smirking at you. It's easy to say something derogatory under your breath without the other person hearing it. If you are at someone's home or a restaurant, it can become tiresome to take the mask on and off to eat. Maybe, that will result in eating less. Nah, not during the holidays. Just consider taking your mask on and off as exercise and enjoy your holiday meals, alone or in small gatherings, preferably.

Tech Talk: Freesources

Free resources

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

WORLD WIDE WEB—For Halloween, we thought it would be fun to watch the scary-not-scary movie *Pulse*. In it, Maddie (Kristen Bell) is startled to find that her recently deceased boyfriend is still sending her messages via email



and text message. This film might be a new classic for its depiction of technology novel at the time. All the characters carry flip phones, mobile devices around after pagers but before sophisticated camera lenses were added to the mix. Voice and text messages only. And they were probably charged 10 cents for each text! It was a simpler time, 2006.

I won't spoil anything by telling you that like all Pandora's box themed stories; there is no going back. As we begin to scale back our social media use, let's revisit what is amazing about the internet: free resources.

This compilation is by no means comprehensive. Divided into useful categories, I hope that you discover something new and recall the wonderment of having so much information in your pocket for the first time.

Spelling & Grammar

Did someone say distance learning? Find free grammar games, activities, tutoring, and lessons for K-12 on teacherscafe.com. Don't let the web address fool you; this is a resource for teachers and students.

Vocabulary.com is useful for learners of all ages. With it, you can add your vocabulary lists, including vocabulary from a book or collections of books. The website will build quizzes around those words, with tips on the word's etymology or pneumonic devices to

help it stick in your memory. There is also an option to study the vocabulary found in common standardized tests such as the SAT or ACT.

Besides adding new words to one's repertoire, learning or relearning how to best structure sentences and the parts of speech incrementally is a relatively painless process on dailygrammar.com. Relatively.

Music

Musictheory.net is an excellent free resource for musicians new and old. The site's creators have made it even easier to learn music theory by creating premium apps for tablets and other devices, but anyone with a web browser can access everything for free. Start with lessons that explain basics like the staff, clefs, ledger lines, and notes, then progress to more advanced concepts such as scales, intervals, and varying harmonic and non-harmonic chord progressions. Reinforce that knowledge by practicing different exercises, several of which are customizable.

Reference

The New York Public Library's digital collection is completely free and available to the public. Many of the items are in the public domain and are free to download in multiple sizes; no login or account necessary.

Web Design

Web Accessibility in Mind (WebAIM)'s goal is to make the internet more accessible for all. WebAIM works to educate users on designing web experiences for those with visual, auditory, motor, or cognitive disabilities. Simply copy and paste a link into their contrast checker to see if websites meet the standard contrast ratio of at least 4.5:1 for normal text and 3:1 for large text. Visit webaim.org/resources/contrast-checker/ to learn more.

Acting & Speech

George Mason University's speech accent archive is the perfect tool to make you feel as though you've traveled without breaking quarantine. There are audio files from all over the globe in which people have recorded themselves reading the same paragraph



The Coronavirus Ninja game can be found at coronavirus-ninja.com.

in several languages with their natural accents. The paragraph features a grouping of every vowel sound in common combinations, so you get a feel for how each accent compares. There are 646 entries for English alone. Find that and more at accent.gmu.edu.

Fun & Whimsy

Before we had our familiar haunts, the internet was a place to cruise and discover. Find new, arbitrary sites with a random website generator like useless-web.com or random-ize.com. Through these sites I found the Coronavirus Ninja game (coronavirus-ninja.com), which I believe we can all agree, is the hero we need right now.

A tail-waggin' Aloha

One little dog made her way from Kauai to Waitsburg last week, and she's here to stay!

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Not everyone is as excited to wake up in Hawaii and go to bed in Washington as Lark, the dog.

On October 28, a Hercules C-130 flew more than 600 dogs and cats from the Kauai Humane Society to Seattle's SeaTac Airport, in what is being called the 'largest animal rescue flight in history' by Hawaii's Emergency Management.

The Kauai Humane Society is an open-admissions shelter that takes in more than 3,000 animals each year; however, there are limited adoptive homes since it is an island community. The shelter often turns to mainland humane societies to help find new, loving homes for many of their available dogs and cats. The Kauai Humane Society transfers roughly 800 animals out of state through the A.L.O.H.A Transfer Program, flying over 2,500 miles of ocean to the nearest partnering shelter

Shelter animals transferring to the continental United States from Hawaii must be spayed or neutered, current on all regular vaccinations, have recent health certificates, individual travel crates, and plane tickets - racking up an average bill of \$300 per animal. The transfer program relies strongly on donations.

Once in Seattle, thirteen dogs, and twenty-one cats were transferred to a smaller prop plane and made their final landing in Walla Walla on October 29, where they were greeted by representatives from the Blue Mountain Humane Society (B.M.H.S.).

Lark was one of the dogs that made her way to Walla Walla, where Waitsburg resident Suze Wood spotted her during the live-streamed offloading.

"I spied Lark in her crate on the tarmac, in the live video that Blue Mountain Humane Society posted at the Walla Walla Airport," Wood said. "I immediately inquired!"

Lark couldn't have picked a better human to be spotted by, as Wood has been through the island adoption process once already. In 2013, while attending massage therapy training in Hawaii, Wood met Gracie, a medium mixed-breed, also known as a Lurcher pup who needed to find a special home. Gracie surprised the shelter staff when they discovered that she was deaf. As it would turn out, Lark, who looks like she could be Gracie's sister, is also deaf. Of course, that doesn't stop



This year, Hawaiian shelters were thrust into a COVID-19 crisis. At-risk community pets needed help, and clearing space at the shelters was the only way to make room for this incredible need. These lucky pets are waiting on the tarmac to fly as part of the largest single pet rescue flight in history.

either pup from making friends with whoever stops to pet them.

The little dog is adjusting well to the Washington autumn, though Wood said Lark was willing to hold off on her morning business the first time she stepped into a frosty yard.

"It was really early in the morning," Wood said while laughing. "She looked at me like 'nope, I can hold it!' I'm going to have to get her a sweater."

As of Tuesday, B.M.H.S. had one A.L.O.H.A transfer dog available for adoption- a wiry little terrier mix they are calling Douglas, as well as a handful of cats and kittens, ranging in age. Head over to the shelter's website, www.bluemountainhumane.org, to check out the remaining adoptable pets, both local and tropical! The shelter is also very active on Facebook and shares donation drives, pet tips, and just plain cute pictures of their shelter pets.

Now, we've saved the best news for last: Lark just completed her three-day home trial with Wood and Gracie. It went as well as one could hope for, and Wood could barely contain her excitement when she announced the adoption process has been finalized, making Lark an official Waitsburg resident!

LIFESTYLES

12 Days of sharing

THE TIMES

In preparation for holiday giving, each day add an item to a box.

Bring the box to the Waitsburg Resource Center (WRC) (food

Drop-off sites: Waitsburg Catholic, Christian and Presbyterian Churches, and the Waitsburg Resource Center

WRC Food bank (Open Thursdays 2-4)

December 1 – box of cereal December 2 – peanut butter

December 3 – stuffing mix December 4 – macaroni and cheese

December 5 – canned fruit December 6 - canned chicken

December 7 – dessert mix

December 8 – toothpaste/toothbrushes December 9 – box of crackers

December 10 – packaged pasta

December 11 – clothes detergent December 12 - dish soap

*Suggested Items

WASHINGTON STATE PARKS ANNOUNCES FINAL FREE DAYS OF 2020

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA-Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will offer its two final free days of 2020 in November. On these free days, day-use visitors will not need a Discover Pass for vehicle access.

The last two free days of 2020 are Wednesday, Nov. 11, and Friday, Nov. 27.

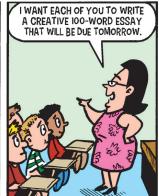
Since free days were first established in 2011 by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, designated Nov. 11, Veterans Day as one of its free days to honor those who served in the armed forces. In 2017, the agency set aside the Friday after Thanksgiving as a free day to encourage people to visit a state park in autumn.

Free days apply only to day-use access by vehicle, not overnight stays or rented facilities.

State Parks free days are part of the legislation passed in 2011 that created the Discover Pass, which costs \$30 annually or \$10 for a one-day visit. The pass is required for vehicle access to state recreation lands managed by Washington State Parks, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The Discover Pass legislation directed State Parks to designate up to 12 free days when the pass would not be required to visit state parks. The free days apply only at state parks; the Discover Pass is still required on WDFW and DNR lands.

Amber Waves









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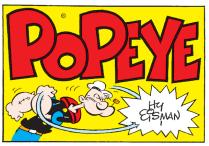


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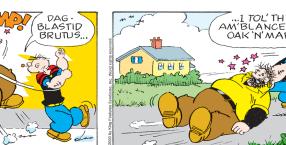
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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

November 4, 2010

With 60 percent of the vote counted Tuesday evening, Walla Walla County Sheriff's candidate John Turner was well on his way to victory over Bill White.

Army Private Ryan W. Timms, a 2010 Waitsburg High School grad, has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia.

Hosted by music director Brad Green of Waitsburg, regional Mass Band drew student musicians and directors from 12 schools, including two flute soloists from Dayton and Waitsburg.

[Photo caption] Brian Graham paints on the backdrop for The Music Man opening at Dayton's Liberty Theater on Nov. 12.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

November 9, 1995

Dayton female body-builder, Kim Crothers, 25, who won her first competition in Spokane last April, is ready to flex again—this time in Seattle. Crothers, who works in her mother's insurance office and still finds time to work out with weights six days a week at Body Designs Gym in Walla Walla under trainer and gym-owner Kathy Hanlon, will compete Nov. 11 at the Moore Theatre against 10 other wom-

Debbie Reed and Tony Jacques of Waitsburg exchanged wedding vows in Ye Towne Hall on Oct. 7, with Judge Howard Martin of Walla Walla officiating. The event preceded the bride's birthday by one day.

Beginning as soon as this month, the City of Waitsburg is probably going to limit the size and shape of trash cans used by residents. It seems that the city's trash collection law goes back to when a wagon was used to pick up garbage. Now, a truck is used.

Fifty Years Ago

November 19, 1970

Don Thomas of Waitsburg, representing the Waitsburg Junior Livestock Show, attended the Washington State Fairs Association convention at the Sea-Tac Inn near Seattle last week. Jack Penner and Jim Hanger and their wives were also there representing the Columbia County

New York bar, an island on the Little Goose Reservoir three miles downstream from the new Central Ferry Bridge, is being planted with seed that will eventually provide cover and food for wild waterfowl.

Mrs. Vern Raven of New York has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Conover the past three weeks.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

November 23, 1945

Mrs. E. L. Wheeler returned home Monday from an extended trip to Kansas City, Mo. where she attended the National Federation of Press Women.

At the Columbia County Pomona Grange session at Dayton recently Ralph Danielson was named master for the coming year.

Louise Gauch and Fred Zuger were married at a quiet wedding ceremony Saturday at the Presbyterian Church in Waitsburg, with Rev. Paul Koper officiating.

One Hundred Years Ago

November 26, 1920

I. D. Casey, well-known chicken fancier and proprietor of the Touchet Valley Dairy, is certainly adding a fine train of Holstein to his herd.

The new stretch of concrete roadway on the state highway between Dixie and Walla Walla will be opened on Dec. 8th.

The shortage of lock boxes for patrons of the local post office has become so acute that Postmaster J. H. Adams is installing a new section of boxes. Most of the new boxes have already been rented.

Master Paul Bailey was 4 years old Thursday and entertained a few of his little friends at the Bailey home.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

November 29, 1895

While digging a well on Eureka Flat, W. H. Babcock ran into a tree at a depth of 170 feet below the earth's surface.

Married at the residence of the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Dixon, Nov. 28, Walter Wood and Miss Minnie Dixon. To these most excellent young people, *The Times* joins a host of friends in extending congratulations and best wishes.

Last Friday night several wagon loads of young people made an unannounced visit to the G. W. Loundagin farm, the purpose being a surprise on James and Miss Jennie on the eve of their departing from home. A pleasant time was reported.

FUN & GAMES

Super Crossword

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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Homemade Roquefort & Caesar Dressings

These were sent to me by Bill Rodgers. The same guy who gifts us with great photography and shares his abundance of unique irises. Bill had brought over a salad for us who stay late on Tuesdays to get the paper out. When I tasted the Roquefort dressing, I knew right away this was not a bottled dressing. It was the difference between homemade bread and store bought bread,



the difference between greenhouse tomatoes and vine picked tomatoes. I asked him to share.

These amounts are for 4 -6 servings, approximately.

Roquefort Dressing

2 tsp Saco brand powdered buttermilk

2-3 Tbsp crumbled Roquefort *

1 tsp onion powder

½ tsp dried minced garlic

½ tsp salt

3 tsp cream cheese

½ c. sour cream 1/3 c. mayonnaise

½ tsp dried mustard

1 Tbsp onion flakes Black pepper

DIRECTIONS

Mix ingredients by hand. Allow to sit for an hour or two, then thin to desired consistency with milk.

Optional: 1/4 to 1/2 tsp dill weed, dash tobacco, 1 drop Thai fish sauce (adds umami but no fishy taste, see my notes).

I (Bill) use powdered buttermilk and keep it in the freezer since fresh buttermilk is not sold in quantities less than a quart.

Roquefort cheese is best, I think. Blue cheese works too, but then the dressing is not as mellow. Stilton cheese also makes a nice dressing.

Caesar Dressing

- 2 minced garlic cloves
- 1 tsp anchovy paste
- 2 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard 1 tsp Worcestershire
- 1 c. mayonnaise

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- ½ tsp salt 1/4 tsp fresh ground pepper

I love learning from other cooks. I had to look up umami. Apparently it is one of the five tastes now. © And anchovy paste??? Inter-

Mix well. Refrigerate for at least 6 hours to blend flavors.

Enjoy © and if you have any questions, I'll have to pass them along!

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by Linda Thistle

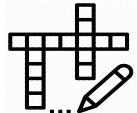
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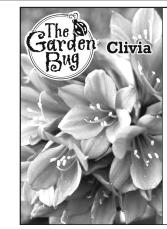
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In autumn, stop fertilizing your clivia plant, and place it in a cool room for about 6-8 weeks: this is essential for flower bud formation. Water very sparingly until flower buds appear. Just as winter enters its bleakest stage, you will be rewarded with a bouquet of lovely bright-colored flowers. When the flowers fade, cut the stalk at its base to prevent seeding. - Brenda Weaver Sources: www.chicagobotanic.org, worldoffloweringplants.com

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

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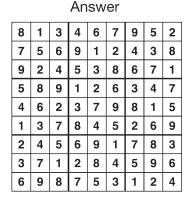
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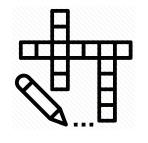
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Inside the Columbia County Emergency Management Department

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON-Columbia County Emergency Management Director Ashley Strickland usually devotes ninety percent of his working time to the E911 Dispatch Center and the remaining ten percent to emergency management.

That went out the window during the first six

months of the year.

He found himself spending only ten percent of his time with the Dispatch center, and the other ninety percent in emergency management, all because of the February flood and the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The county has a responsibility to protect county infrastructure, but in emergency management that can extend out to citizens in the community," he ex-

Strickland said every morning at 11:30, he had to report into the state's emergency operations, trying to figure out the logistics of getting Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for COVID-19 into the county, storing it, and distributing it.

He said when Dayton General Hospital ran critically short, early on, he and CEO Shane McGuire determined not to allow that to happen again. There is now a substantial supply of PPE, stored in a secure, long-term, climate-controlled building.

Strickland has also been responsible for managing disaster declarations for both the February flood disaster and COVID-19. He said he signed off and entered declarations onto the FEMA grant portal.

He has finally returned to a more normal workload, dealing with stalled projects, including getting Text to 911 registered and ready to go live.

Strickland said there are longstanding issues with the communications equipment that still need to be addressed.

"Equipment is the biggest challenge," he said.

The radio system wasn't built as an engineered system and has not been adequately maintained, according to Strickland.

A faulty microwave at the Thorn Hill radio site has caused a communication breakdown between first responders out in the field and the 911 Dispatch cen-

"When we lose that link, we lose communication everywhere in the county, except for here in Dayton. All the first responders out in the field can still talk to each other. It's just that we can't talk to them," he said. "It's a mess.'

Almost every piece of equipment in the Thorn Hill building has been replaced, and a second microwave link has been added.

"None of that is cheap," Strickland said. "We need an engineered system that is designed from the ground up."

Strickland is also relying on grants for the radio system and for the proposed Law and Justice Center building to be located next to the Public Works De-

The County has requested help for the cost of the Law and Justice Center building from the state Legis-

"It sounds like they are interested in helping us with the whole thing. But even if they don't, we have USDA grants to pay for it, and other funding sources, which are for funding public safety buildings," he said. "My goal is that we don't use money out of the county's budget."

Moving Emergency Management Department operations out of the cramped space inside the courthouse would address many problems.

Strickland pointed to the 1920s era water pipes overhead. A burst pipe could cause one million dollars in damages to the Dispatch Center, along with the failure of 911 communications, he said.

As if he weren't dealing with enough, he is also tackling the County's payroll system.

Shortly after he was hired, he took a look at the department pay schedule and saw that a newly hired person would get the same rate of pay as a six-year employee.

That led to outreach with other department man-

"There are 18 different pay schedules, and every department has its own. It's not uniform, at all, across the board," he said.

Also, pay schedules are not set up for the length of employment or merit increases, and the current in-



Emergency Management Department Director Ashley Strickland in his office inside the county courthouse.

creases are too high.

Strickland, Jessica Atwood in the Clerk's Office, and County Treasurer Carla Rowe are on the new Policy Committee for the Pay Schedule, overseen by County Commissioner Ryan Rundell.

Nine people work in the Emergency Management Department. Misty Yost is the office manager, and Desi Lockard is the 911 Dispatch supervisor.

Dispatchers are; Felice Weins, Emilio Macias, Kelli Wessels, Tiffany Baxter, Sierra Faflik, Nyla Holt, and Lauri Richardson. Strickland said there is one position left to fill.

Strickland said dispatchers make one of the county's highest salaries, but they are hard to come by.

"Where I came from before, we would have 500 people applying for two fireman positions, and 100 people applying for an office job," he said.

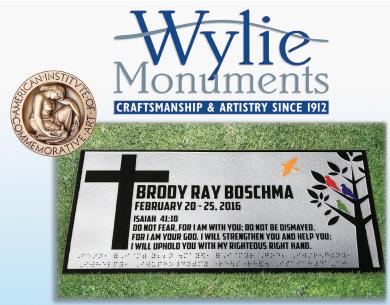
Strickland brought an impressive set of skills with him when he was hired in Feb. 2018. He worked on developing a statewide radio system for the state of Ohio and oversaw the merger of four dispatch centers and 21 agencies into one center in Indiana. He is also a prior fire captain.

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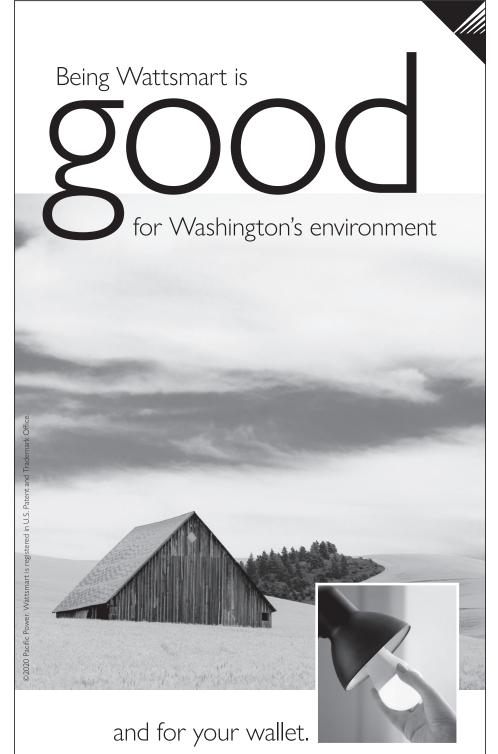


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