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ONE DOLLAR

There's still time to see the Neowise Comet



The comet has been visible in our area early in the mornings between 2 and 3 a.m.

Bill Rodgers

COMET NEOWISE - PAGE 7

Weller Public Library offers curbside pickup

New website connects readers to library's catalogue

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—If you need a good book this summer, look no further than the Weller Public Library. Librarian Rosie Warehime has gotten creative and with the help of her granddaughter/assistant, Jaidyn Brown, has crafted a way to get books into readers' hands once again.

Libraries across the nation have been closed since the coronavirus pandemic emerged earlier this year. Visitors are still unable to go in the building, so Weller Public Library is now offering curbside pickup for books, complete with a new website for easy check out to get good reads out to the community.

"I saw a few other libraries starting up a curbside pickup program for their books," Warehime said. "Jaidyn came up with the idea to build a website, and she did that. It's awesome!"

It's nearly impossible to tell that www.wellerpubliclibrary.com was Brown's first attempt at building a website. Working with a program called Wix, she created a user-friendly page that streamlines the online checkout process.

The website features two ways to check out books. Library patrons who know their library card number can scroll to the 'catalog' tab, click, and enter their library card number and phone number or password. After that, you simply select the books you would like to read, hit enter, and wait for the confirmation email. Brown was able to connect the cataloging program that the library uses with the website, so users can browse all of the books that are available.

If you don't have a library card, don't worry. The website features a 'contact us' tab towards the bottom of the home page that readers can use to reserve books. Simply fill out your contact information, include the titles you would like to borrow, and wait for the confirmation email. Library cards can be issued online, just include the request with your book order. If you don't see the title you want in the catalog, send Weller Public Library an email and Warehime said she will add it to the book wishlist.



Lane Gwinn

Weller Public Library is now offering curbside pickup for Waitsburg's readers. Pick up is available on Mondays and Thursdays.

Port of Columbia seeks new Commissioner, applications due July 31

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Port of Columbia Board of Commissioners is seeking interested candidates to submit applications to fill the District 1 position vacated by Dan Aschenbrenner. Dan and his wife have moved to a new residence in Columbia County that is not located in District 1. Commissioner Ashenbrenner was elected to the District 1 position last November.

According to Port Executive Director Jennie Dickinson, Washington State RCW 42.12.070 states that the remaining commissioners of the Port District have 90 days to fill the vacant position with a qualified candidate. A qualified candidate must be a registered voter living in the district with the vacancy, which in this case is District 1. (Port Commissioner Districts are the same as County Commissioner Districts.) A map of the commissioner districts is available at the Port's website, which is www.portofcolumbia.org. Anyone interested in serving that lives in that district should submit a letter of interest and resumé to the Port no later than Friday, July 31. A short list of relevant experiences should be included.

The two other Port Commissioners, Earle Marvin and Sean Milligan, will select a replacement from a pool of qualified applicants for the vacant position. The person selected will serve until the next election in which a Port candidate is on the ballot, which will be November of 2021. The person elected then would serve the remainder of Aschenbrenner's term, which ends December 2025. This is a non-partisan position.

The Port of Columbia owns the Rock Hill Industrial Park, home to nine buildings and 18 business tenants at the west end of Dayton; owns Blue Mountain Station, home to two buildings with eight business tenants, a commercial kitchen, a commercial garden, a farm house, and 20 additional acres available for development; leases Lyons Ferry Marina from the U.S. Corps of Engineers and subleases the facility to a private concessionaire; and owns 39 miles of the CWW Railroad in Columbia and Walla Walla Counties. The Port also contracts with the State of Washington to provide economic development coordination in Columbia County.

Letters of interest and resumes should be directed by July 31 to Jennie Dickinson, Port of Columbia, 1 Port Way, Dayton, WA, 99328, or to jennie@portofcolumbia.org. Visit www.portofcolumbia.org for more information on the Port and its properties, or call the Port at (509) 382-2577 to schedule an appointment with the executive director to learn more about Port activities.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

COLUMBIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONSIDERING ADVISORY BALLOT FOR 51ST STATE

THE TIMES

DAYTON—During their work session on Monday, the Columbia County Commissioners discussed whether to give county voters an opportunity to voice an opinion about creating a 51st state, called Liberty.

Earlier this month Danette Bolyard, a spokesperson for the Liberty State Movement, presented the board with a petition signed by 30 people asking that an advisory vote be placed on this November's general election ballot.

Commissioner Chuck Amerein, who is in favor, said it can be viewed as a protest vote, and would place the state legislature on notice regarding the discontent felt by some of the east-side residents. He is hoping it will become a mandate.

Commissioner Ryan Rendell is in favor of the advisory ballot with some reservations. He thinks people will cast a purely emotional vote, without thinking about future financial impacts. Also, if a majority of the people approve, a push from the county in that direction will be expected.

Commissioner Mike Talbott, who is opposed, said it would be a waste of money, when there are other more important priorities for the county. He said the Liberty State Movement represents a "lose/lose" situation for eastern Washington, particularly with regard

to revenue. Columbia County depends heavily on the west side for funding county roads, for instance. He also believes moving the state capital to a city like Spokane does nothing to solve the lack of representation east-side rural voters currently feel.

Marty Hall who is running against Talbott in the November election said he is in favor of placing the advisory vote on the ballot.

"I like the concept of Liberty State, but there is a lot of ground to cover before it could come to be," Hall said.

Hall said he believes the role of the commission is to act on behalf of the desire of the people when it proves to be feasible.

If the commissioners decide to proceed with a resolution, Columbia County will be the first county in Washington State to assess voter preference regarding the Liberty State Movement.

The Liberty State Movement is an effort to create a new state from Washington State, based on political and geographic lines, by drawing a boundary down the Cascade Crest. In the opinion of the Liberty State Movement organizers, people living in the eastern and rural areas of the state have felt separate from the western capitol in Olympia since the state was formed in 1889. They believe the chasm has deepened in recent times.

VIVE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER TO REOPEN

DAYTON—A local favorite health and wellness center is reopening after a long COVID closure. VIVE is operated by Levi Sowerby, a health and wellness coach that provides customized plans to meet your goals. VIVE, located at 446 E. Main Street in Dayton opened again on Monday, July 13. Hours are Monday through Friday 6-8 a.m. and 4:30-7 p.m. Call (828) 989-1347 with any questions or visit their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/vivebody>.

AN EVENING NOT AT THE DEPOT

DAYTON—In an effort to raise needed funds for operations, the Dayton Historic Depot Society has adapted their Evening at the Depot fundraiser this year which complies with the Stay Home, Stay Safe order. This year's event will consist of an online auction running July 25 - August 1, culminating with a fun Zoom event on the evening of August 1. The Society hopes to raise \$40,000 with this event. The auction is open to everyone, buying an event ticket is not required to bid on this year's items.

While the auction is not open yet, information about the auction and tickets for the Zoom event can be found here: <https://event.auctria.com/e472c80d-0ccb-4843-b3fc-5b691eda5cd7>

A ticket includes a link to the August 1st "Evening NOT at the Depot" Zoom Event, which begins at 6:00 p.m. The program will be full of surprises, good music, special appearances, door prizes and the announcement of auction winners. Since the event will not include food and drink this year, a \$10 Depot Dollars voucher will be mailed for each ticket purchased. Participating local restaurants and Dumas Station Winery will accept your Depot Dollars as cash, now through December 31.



LOWER GRANITE LOCK AND DAM CROSSINGS TO BE CLOSED UNTIL LATE JULY

CLARKSTON, Wash.—Officials at Lower Granite Lock and Dam are closing dam crossings to the public for two weeks. The closure started on July 10, due to COVID-19 health concerns. Dam officials will provide an update status on crossings in about 14 days.

Public dam crossings are still available at Little Goose Lock and Dam and Lower Monumental Lock and Dam. Travelers can call 1-888-DAM-INFO (1-888-326-4636) for the most current dam-crossing information.



Touchet Valley Weather July 15, 2020

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

| | | | | | | |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | | | | | |
| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
| Sunny | Sunny | Partly Cloudy | Sunny | Sunny | Sunny | Mostly Cloudy |
| High: 91 Low: 59 | High: 93 Low: 61 | High: 86 Low: 59 | High: 84 Low: 60 | High: 89 Low: 61 | High: 91 Low: 63 | High: 97 Low: 69 |

Weather Trivia

What measurements are made by weather satellites?

Answer: They estimate temperatures, record cloud images, and map the ozone layer.

Weather History

July 15, 1983 - The Big Thompson Creek in Colorado flooded for the second time in seven years, claiming the lives of three people and filling the town of Estes Park with eight to 10 feet of water.

Local Almanac Last Week

| Day | High | Low | Normals | Precip | Precipitation |
|-----------|------|-----|---------|--------|---------------|
| Tuesday | 78 | 57 | 87/59 | Trace | 0.05" |
| Wednesday | 80 | 57 | 87/59 | 0.00" | 0.16" |
| Thursday | 85 | 57 | 88/60 | 0.05" | -0.11" |
| Friday | 85 | 59 | 88/60 | 0.00" | 70.1° |
| Saturday | 92 | 56 | 88/60 | 0.00" | 73.9° |
| Sunday | 81 | 60 | 89/60 | 0.00" | -3.8° |
| Monday | 80 | 55 | 89/61 | 0.00" | |

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

| | Day | Sunrise | Sunset | Moonrise | Moonset | |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
| New 7/20 | Wednesday | 5:17 a.m. | 8:40 p.m. | 1:29 a.m. | 4:09 p.m. | |
| | Thursday | 5:18 a.m. | 8:39 p.m. | 1:56 a.m. | 5:14 p.m. | |
| First 7/27 | Friday | 5:19 a.m. | 8:38 p.m. | 2:29 a.m. | 6:19 p.m. | |
| | Saturday | 5:20 a.m. | 8:37 p.m. | 3:11 a.m. | 7:21 p.m. | |
| | Sunday | 5:21 a.m. | 8:36 p.m. | 4:02 a.m. | 8:17 p.m. | |
| | Monday | 5:22 a.m. | 8:35 p.m. | 5:03 a.m. | 9:04 p.m. | |
| | Tuesday | 5:23 a.m. | 8:35 p.m. | 6:13 a.m. | 9:44 p.m. | |

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WIC TO PROVIDE REMOTE SERVICES

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Congress recently extended waivers that permit Washington's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) to offer remote services through September 30, 2020. WIC is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children. While the rules normally require in-person meetings, the waivers allow WIC to enroll new applicants, provide nutrition education and breastfeeding support, and issue food benefits by phone or video chat. Since WIC started offering remote services, program participation grew by about 4 percent and the rate of missed appointments dropped from 15 percent to almost zero.

Washington WIC also expanded the list of allowed foods to give families more choices. Participants now shop for WIC foods using a WIC card, which makes shopping easier. The WIC Shopper App is another new tool that helps WIC families pick out the right foods. The app has parenting tips and recipes that are great for all young families, not just those on WIC.

WIC gives families access to nutritious food and provides health screening, risk assessment, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and referrals to health and social services. The program provides essential services for pregnant people, new and breastfeeding moms, infants, and children under five. Most pregnant people and young children on Medicaid or Basic Food (SNAP) qualify for WIC services.

"During this stressful time, good nutrition is more important than ever," says Paul Throne, director of Washington WIC.

"It was difficult to figure out how more than 900 staff in 206 locations could provide all services remotely, but our local agencies did it," Throne said. "This approach ensures that WIC families continue to receive essential nutrition support while preventing potential exposure to COVID-19. We hope we'll be able to continue providing remote services throughout the pandemic."

Given layoffs and other economic consequences related to COVID-19, people may be seeking WIC services for the first time. WIC has capacity and welcomes new families. To find WIC services in your area: Text "WIC" to 96859

Visit ParentHelp123's ResourceFinder at: <https://resources.parenthelp123.org/services/wic-nutrition-program-for-women-infants-children>

Call the Help Me Grow WA Hotline at 1-800-322-2588.

Second school input meeting held

Waitsburg School District held a virtual public meeting for parents to voice concerns about reopening the schools this fall

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg School District Superintendent Mark Pickel held a second public input meeting on July 8 regarding the reopening of schools this fall. The virtual meeting was attended by 16 parents, guardians and district staff members who had concerns and questions about the upcoming school year.

The first public meeting held on June 30, was attended by four parents and caregivers.

Superintendent Pickel started the second meeting by stating that all of the recommendations and guidelines that he would be referring to were current but likely to change before September. All of the guidelines came from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the Department of Health (DoH).

The intent of both meetings was to hear concerns from students and parents about how school will look with the coronavirus pandemic still affecting the globe. Superintendent Pickel and the staff at Waitsburg Schools are working to find a safe, happy medium for students and parents while following safety guidelines set by the OSPI and the DoH. Many of the questions were unable to be answered in full as the district has not received final guidelines and are anticipating many of the current guidelines to change

before school resumes in the fall.

One parent asked for clarification on entry protocol. Superintendent Pickel said the district is currently working out logistics for pre-entry screening, whether it be an at-home style screener or a screening area at the school. They are also working out how to handle elevated fevers or other symptoms should a student present with them.

Like the previous meeting, one of the main topics was the mask requirement. If schools should reopen in September, all students attending in-person instruction will be required to wear a face covering, whether it be a mask or a face shield.

Superintendent Pickel mentioned that the district was looking into 'bee-keeper' style hats with an attached face shield to help lessen the distraction for the younger students. He anticipated face shields being used for students in second grade and below. A couple of parents voiced concerns about headlice, should the bee-keeper shields be shared.

"What is it going to look like putting a facemask on a kindergartener? You can't see their face, you don't know what is going on under there," Pickel said. "These are all questions we have pushed back to OSPI and the Department of Health. They are trying to follow science and give the best recommendation, but once we get our heads wrapped around one thing, something else pops up. It is kind of like a game of whack-a-mole."

The district is exploring scheduling options for in-person instruction. Classrooms must keep students at least six feet away from each other, which cuts most Waitsburg classroom capacities down by roughly 50 percent.

"We are working on a plan A, B, and C, in addition

to the online options," Pickel said. "This is a challenge right now."

Superintendent Pickel reiterated that secondary students (grades six and up) were set to receive Google Chromebook laptops to use for distance learning, and that the district will be offering distance learning for families that have concerns about being in a conventional classroom.

Some parents had concerns about students not receiving a full education through distance learning, and Superintendent Pickel said they are working on ways to provide the best education they can from home. Google Classrooms was used after the initial school closure, and he said that the teachers have had an opportunity to get to use and understand the program better.

Waitsburg School District will receive some funding to help purchase the beekeeper-style face shields and other facial coverings from the CARES Act passed earlier this year. Superintendent Pickel did not disclose how much the school will receive at the meeting. A budget workshop is scheduled later in July to further discuss funding.

Since the June 30 meeting, a few guidelines have been updated. Washington Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) has moved the fall sports start date by roughly one month. Football will begin September 5 and other fall sports will begin September 7. Parents and community members voiced concerns about viability of sports with the virus.

One parent suggested that more meetings be held throughout the summer. Many parents either did not know about the previous meeting until it was too late, or they were unable to attend for various reasons.

Applications Open for 2020 Sherwood Trust Community Leadership Program

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Sherwood Trust is looking for community-minded leaders of all experience levels for its 2020 Community Leadership program. The no-cost program begins in September and culminates in the summer of 2021 with a collaborative project. Deadline for nominations is July 31, 2020.

The Community Leadership Program has for 16 years strengthened local leadership and community-building abilities with a hands-on, interactive program to develop leadership and community-building skills for Walla Walla Valley residents. In collaboration with Rural Development Initiatives Inc. (RDI) in Eugene, Oregon, this skill-based learning program focuses on developing community and organizational leadership skills of people in the Walla Walla Valley. There is no cost to participants.

The 2020 Leadership program is the equivalent of 1 day per month or 80 hours over one year. Classes will include 20 hours in person and 20 hours online. Project implementation is typically an additional 20 - 40 hours following formal class sessions. Participant support includes technical assistance, translation and childcare. All in-person classes will follow current best practices and safety regulations to help ensure a safe learning environment.

Sherwood Trust's Community Leadership program is open to all Walla Walla Valley residents regardless of leadership experience. "We want a class that is representative of our region's diversity," said Sherwood Trust Program Director Julia

Leavitt. "We welcome adult residents of any race, religion, age, income and gender identification as well as a broader diversity of experience to ensure the class includes broad perspectives for good community collaboration."

A demonstrated commitment to collaborative learning and community engagement are required.

Sherwood Trust is a private, placed-based foundation that supports capacity-building to ensure that everyone in the Walla Walla Valley has a sense of belonging and contributes to a thriving region. Founded in 1991 to continue the legacy of Donald and Virginia Sherwood's efforts to make the Walla Walla Valley a better place, it has invested more than \$32 million to strengthen nonprofits and improve communities here.

Applications are available at sherwoodtrust.org/clp. Deadline for completed applications is noon on Friday, July 31, 2020.

For more information please contact: Julia Leavitt at Sherwood Trust at (509) 529-2791, or Julia@sherwoodtrust.org



New from the Port of Columbia

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Port of Columbia Executive Director Jennie Dickinson said the county's unemployment rate held relatively steady, at 10.5 percent in May, compared to 10.4 percent in April. June rates are not yet available.

The state unemployment rate dropped from 15.8 percent to 14.8 percent over the same period of time, she said.

Additional emergency assistance is on the horizon to help local businesses and nonprofits. The Port will be the conduit for funds from three different sources. Dickinson said she will send out a special eNewsletter as soon as the process is open.

The Port is accepting applications for Port commissioner in District 1 to fill the remainder of Dan Aschenbrenner's six-year term which began on Jan. 1, 2020. He has since moved out of the District.

Keegan Milsten has been hired by the Port as a summer intern. Milsten is a computer science major, entering his second year at WSU this fall and he is available to help businesses with website, e-commerce, or other technology needs. Milsten can be reached online at: grants@portofcolumbia.org, or by phone at: (509) 382-2577.

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

Dayton Senior Center
403 E. Patit St.
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Thursday, July 16

Corned beef
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Thursday, July 21

Fried chicken
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BIRTHDAYS

July 16: Margaret Fitzkam, Judy Bauerlie, Karlee Young.

July 17: Mack Garrett, Bill Hamann, Emily Hubbard.

July 18: Andrew Estes, Jean Krause, Mike Hinchliffe, James Hamilton, Connie Maiden, Judy Groom, Courtney Gritman, Stephanie Thomas.

July 19: Ray Johnson, Jessica Hofer, Jacob Johnson, Adam Mellish, Zachariah Beasley, Marilyn Stellwagen, Porter Larsen.

July 20: Gary Marshall, Beverly Low, Brandon McKinney, Alexa Groom, Jamie Pettichord, Lisa DeCoria, Reagan Miller, Joan Winslow.

July 21: Jill Wood, Andy Mays, Susann Anderson, Jackson Hogan.

July 22: Virginia Neace, Tom Keeney, Kathy Buroker, Krissy Lytle.



WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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337-6589

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COMMENTARY

LISTENING IS AN IMPORTANT ATTRIBUTE OF MATURITY AND COMPASSION

Dear Editor:

I greatly enjoyed the opportunity to attend the recent community event in Walla Walla that enabled local speakers to share their feelings about living in a racist society and was utterly impressed by the manner in which both presenters and other attendees respectfully treated one another. My experience has stayed with me and I have built upon it with conversations, readings and exposure to history via other media. The willingness and capacity to listen to anybody with a very different story to tell are important attributes of maturity and compassion. Learning requires listening and reflection. A person turning away from beneficial learning of new subjects with indifference, disdain, crude humor or fear reveals more about the person than the information being shared. As with many of our habits and conventions now unraveling, for reasons that can be easily understood if viewed closely without triggering personal wounds, the old fashioned notion of debating required deeply thoughtful preparation, honoring the opposing view because one has worked to understand it as fully as possible and respecting the person or people courageous enough to stand up and debate. I'm an old guy but I suggest the art of debate died back in presiden-

tial debates of the 60s and, thanks in part to political pressures, have never fully recovered their legitimate position in public discourse. It became and remains posturing pronouncements that has relied increasingly on denying emotions, dismissing complex ideas, bullying one another with contempt and refusing to view the subject through another's eyes. Contempt in marriage and politics is just another way of admitting the failure to connect. Winning became preferable to coming to any kind of respectful rational agreement because the potential payoff to the abusive person grew larger and larger. I have always appreciated the notion of "lose-lose" versus "win-lose". It was a term I first heard from private sector developers working extremely complex challenges requiring the fostering of fragile partnerships with diverse groups having sharply conflicting agendas. The skillful practice of "lose-lose" addressed a routinely expensive friction while carefully proceeding to successful outcomes and implied that everybody left something important to them on the table while doing the deal. We are the deal and we are the table.

Terry Lawhead
Waitsburg, WA

WRITER HERALDS DOZIER'S FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND LAND DEVELOPMENT WORK

Dear Editor:

With the August 4th primary election approaching I feel it is important that each voter examine the qualifications of the candidates and make a well-informed choice. As a taxpayer and resident of the 16th Legislative District for forty-seven years, I, along with the rest of the District, have been fortunate to have fiscally responsible elected officials throughout the years. Many of which have signed both sides of a paycheck and met that obligation with their own money. I feel very strongly that this single point should be a requirement for all elected officials.

Regarding the race for State Senator for the 16th District, Perry Dozier has demonstrated that he possesses all of the attributes required to be an effective Legislator. Perry has served with distinction in leadership rolls on countless community, county, regional, and state boards including Walla Walla County Commissioners for eight years; President of the Washington Wheat Growers Association and a State Barley Commissioner representing thirteen counties in eastern Washington to name a few.

As a dryland and irrigated farmer, Perry knows the importance of not only our water rights and the accompanying issues but also the many challenges we face from regulations placed on our industry. He

served on the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board and the Walla Walla Watershed Partnership Board for 8 years and worked directly with many state departments and legislators over the past 20 years on these issues to ensure that we do not lose forward progression on our accomplishments to protect our farms.

Perry has an Economics Degree and served as Chair of the Walla Walla County Budget Committee for five years during the time our nation was facing an economic recession. Due in part to his leadership the county was able to not increase property taxes, keep job loss at a minimum, while continuing to deliver the same level of service to the County residents. As a farmer, it is necessary to have strong budgetary skills in order to be profitable.

In addition to Perry's fiscal understanding and proficiency, he brings his vast experience in land development to his elected position. Perry possess the ability to work with others to reach a solution to the most challenging issues.

Perry Dozier is the correct choice to represent our District in the State Senate. Please join me in casting your vote for Perry Dozier for 16th District State Senator.

Frank O'Leary
16th District Taxpayer

WRITER SUPPORTS MIKE MITCHELL FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

I am writing in support of Mike Mitchell's candidacy for Superior Court Judge. While the Superior Court Judges position is not on the primary, only on the general election ballot in November, many of us will be making our choices prior to that.

I have known Mike for over 50 years, during which time he has been my attorney, a personal friend, and our family friend. I am supporting Mike, not because of our friendship, but because of his qualifications. He has been a criminal Prosecuting attorney, a criminal defense attorney, Mediator, Arbitrator, Superior Court Commissioner, Judge Pro-Tem, and has his own multi-faceted law practice.

I ask you to join me in voting for Mike Mitchell for Superior Court Judge in the November General Election.

Gregg Loney
Walla Walla, WA

RESER HAS EXPERIENCE AND A COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

Dear Editor,

We're truly fortunate to have Danielle Garbe Reser running to represent the 16th Legislative District in the state senate. Danielle's background and experience make her uniquely qualified for this position. She grew up in Moses Lake and earned a scholarship to Whitman College where she graduated with honors; she then attended Columbia University on full scholarship and earned her Masters in Public Administration. She served our country for 14 years with the U.S. State Department under both Republican and Democratic administrations. She returned to Eastern Washington to serve as CEO of the Sherwood Trust where she worked with community leaders and nonprofit organizations and oversaw initiatives that created jobs, improved community infrastructure and strengthened local nonprofit operations and programs. She knows how to work with individuals and groups to get things done. Danielle understands the vital role of our agricultural community; her husband, Todd Reser, is a fifth-generation farmer from a Walla Walla family with a long history of community service.

Experience, commitment to service and the ability to work with others to get things done - Danielle will be a strong voice in Olympia for all of us. Please join me and vote for Danielle Garbe Reser for the state senate.

Cecile Ervin
Walla Walla

WRITER DISAPPOINTED BY NEGATIVE RADIO AD

Dear Editor:

It was very disappointing to hear the first negative ad on the radio for this local election cycle. It was unclear whether it was supported by either the democratic candidate or the other republican in the race against Bill Jenkin but apparently someone is feeling threatened by him. To me that means he must be doing a good job.

Jim Davison

DOZIER WILL LISTEN

Dear Editor:

I am writing to endorse Perry Dozier to be elected to the 16th District Legislative Senate Seat. Perry grew

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GARBE RESER HAS POLITICAL ACUMEN AND A DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Editor,

In the course of her career with the U.S. Department of State under both Republican and Democratic administrations, Danielle Garbe Reser served the United States in a variety of roles. These roles included crisis management in response to both the Syrian war and the Bali terrorist attacks in 2002. As a diplomatic advisor to the U.S. Senate, Garbe Reser performed diligent work with the Armed Services Committee, the Foreign Relations Committee, and the U.S. Department of Energy.

Returning to her Eastern Washington roots in 2015, Garbe Reser managed over \$30 million dollars as CEO of the Sherwood Trust, guiding initiatives which benefitted community infrastructure, job growth, and nonprofit programs. In 2019 she received national

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Sincerely,

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Dayton City Council report for July

Change for reporting non-emergency animal control complaints
Moving ahead with levee system repairs

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Dayton residents can phone the Dayton City Hall with non-emergency animal control complaints, and leave a message for staff in the city shops, who will be handling those calls said Mayor Zac Weatherford at last week's meeting of the Dayton City Council.

He said staff have been trained in handling those types of calls, and complaints will be investigated the following business day, including calls that come in after hours, or on weekends. The number to call direct is 382-4571.

Weatherford said people should continue to call 911 for emergencies regarding issues with animals.

"I'm sure the Sheriff's Office would be happy to send an officer out to investigate," he said.

Negotiations with the County for noncontract services regarding law enforcement and municipal services is on-going.

Weatherford told the council the process is moving slowly, but he will report to them when there is more to say.

Planning Director Meagan Bailey said her department has been working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and coordinating with the County, about the levee system repair project.

She said the Annual Comprehensive Plan development cycle is open. Bailey plans to docket the Planning commission and the City council to amend zoning layers and clear some boundaries. Dockets will be accepted until Aug. 1.

Bailey said the Geographic Information System mapping data base for public use should be ready within the next week.

The Main Street Safety Action Plan needs committee members. Bailey said she hopes to gain interest in that, so it can be adopted by the end of the year, for implementation in 2021.

Bailey said the Affordable Housing Commission is looking into new projects, and is considering how, and where, the city can start incentivizing an affordable housing development in the City.

Mayor Weatherford said the Public Works Department is continuing to provide street maintenance as well as sewer line maintenance.

County Emergency Management Director Ashley Strickland informed City officials about additional funds for supplemental hazard mitigation. As a declared flood disaster county, Columbia County will have preferred access to that funding.

However, he said the project can't already be funded with federal dollars.

He said if the city were to submit a project, but it is rejected, and another flood takes place, that project will have a higher priority the next time.

The Dayton City Council adopted the following:

Resolution No. 1420 - Designating Authorized Mayor Zac Weatherford, and alternate representatives from the City, to obtain Federal and/or State Emergency or Disaster Assistance Funds Associated with the Disaster No. FEMA-4539- DR-WA, January 20-February 10, 2020.

Resolution No. 1421 - Authorizing Public Assistance Grant Agreement between the City and the Washington State Military Department in response to FEMA Disaster No. 4359-DR-WA 3, which concerns the 2020 flood event.

City Administrator Trina Cole said the City will meet with FEMA representatives on July 23 to go over all the City's submissions regarding response and recovery. Engineering analysis will take place after an agreement is in place. FEMA will cover 75 percent of the costs, and the City is anticipating responsibility for 25 percent of the costs associated with the mitigation.

Resolution No. 1422 - Authorizing an Interagency Agreement with Washington State Department of Commerce for the award of Coronavirus Relief Funding totaling \$76,800 received by the City on May 20, to help the City's business sector.

Resolution No. 1423 - Authorize Task Order 2020-02 with Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc., to perform engineering services associated with the Cameron Street Chip Seal Project 5.

Mayor Weatherford said the City won't be able to do the actual work this year, but will provide for some crack sealing as a temporary measure.

Resolution No. 1424 - Authorizing Cooperation Agreement between the City and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, for rehabilitation of a federal flood control work, on repair and restoration of four sections of the levee system within Dayton city limits.

"This agreement allows us to move forward and let them get that rehabilitation going on our levee system," Cole said.

Cole said the project total for the ten sections needing repair and rehabilitation, both inside and outside of city limits is estimated at around \$3.5 million. The four sections concerning the city is estimated to cost about \$1.5 million.

She said the Corps will cover all costs, with the exception of engineering and some associated legal costs. The City may have to provide some soil for construction.

The Corps hopes to have the project completed by the end of the year, she said.

Ordinance No. 1964 - Authorizing an amendment to the 2020 Budget, Amendment No. 2020-01. Cole said she met with the Finance Committee. The amendment reflects a reduction of about \$128,000 in the overall budget.

Ordinance No. 1965 - Authorizing an amendment to City Hall hours and days of operation, The Dayton City Hall will be open Monday through Friday, except holidays or times of emergency. The hours will remain the same, from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. The office will be open a total of 45 hours during the week, Cole said.

The Mayor was authorized by the City council to submit a letter on behalf of the City requesting the state legislatures prioritize and uphold Washington State's commitment to provide affordable housing stabilization options. The assumption is the affordable housing crisis will worsen due to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the Planning Director.

Waitsburg School District, board of directors retreat features leadership training

Board members to focus on effective communications and updating policies

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

Waitsburg School District's board of directors spent last Tuesday at a three-hour long retreat and training at the school's library. The training was facilitated by Dr. William Jordan from Northwest Leadership Associates.

Dr. Jordan has more than 50 years educational experience, including serving as Walla Walla Public Schools superintendent, Prescott School District superintendent, and various educator positions. He is now a consultant at Northwest Leadership Associates.

The board members received a homework assignment from Dr. Jordan prior to the training. The questions in the assignment gave each board member a chance to think about their role and to reflect on areas they have struggled with in the past. Newer board members also had the opportunity to identify where they needed help. Communication with the district, parents, and staff was the biggest area of concern across the board.

"Communication is key," board member Sarah

Boudrieau said. "It doesn't matter where or for what, you have to be able to communicate clearly."

The board echoed this statement throughout the night.

The board also had a chance to define the roles of the school board of directors, superintendent, and staff using an approach Dr. Jordan explained as a 'how and why' model. The school board acts as the "why." The school board provides recommendations, reviews disciplinary actions, and acts as both judge and jury with conflicts that cannot be resolved at the supervisory level.

"If a parent is upset with how a bus ride went, they need to be directed to the transportation supervisor. If it can't be resolved there, it needs to go to the superintendent," Dr. Jordan explained. "If the parent still isn't happy, the issue can be brought before the school board in an executive hearing."

The 'how' usually falls to the superintendent and trickles down from there. The board provides the feedback and identifies the issue and the superintendent facilitates the solution.

Dr. Jordan spent time discussing the board's role towards the public. The school board is able to listen to complaints, concerns and inquiries, however, they are unable to act or speak on behalf of the board unless the topic has already been covered by the school

board. Dr. Jordan recommended directing questions and concerns to teachers, principals and/or the superintendent.

The school board spent the past school year reviewing and updating school policies. At the training, the board expressed that they really wanted to get policies up to date. Current policies help the school board determine how to handle a variety of incidents, both with students and staff. Dr. Jordan reminded the board that part of their role is to lead the policy reviews.

At the end of the training, Dr. Jordan presented the board with a School Board and Superintendent Working Agreement. The agreement, suggested be used as a template, outlined the working relationship between the board and school administrators, meeting expectations, and more. The board considered moving the scheduled meetings so they could have financial documents prior to meetings without placing more stress on the business manager.

"A school board's work is all about the kids," Dr. Jordan said. "It sounds cliché, but if it's not for the kids, your time is inadvisably spent. Your work has to be for the kids."

The board of directors is looking forward to working towards a better district by utilizing the skills and instruction provided by Dr. Jordan.

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up in Walla Walla County in a farming family and, himself, farms in Walla Walla County. Perry served as a Walla Walla County Commissioner from 2009-2016 and during this time he lobbied on county government issues in Olympia and Washington D.C.. Current and former state senators and representatives are endorsing Perry. I have known Perry and his family for many years and I know that he will listen to people's concerns and issues. He is the most knowledgeable and qualified person seeking the 16th District Senate Seat. Please join me in voting for Perry Dozier for the 16th District Legislative Senate Seat!

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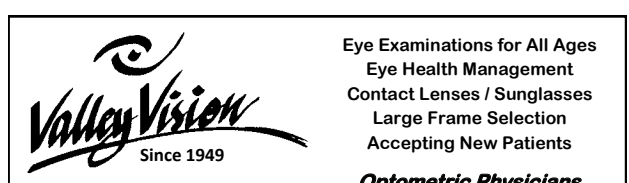
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In the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the County of Walla Walla
Christian Flores,
Case No. 19-3-00257-36
Sergio Flores Sandoval,
Respondent.

The State of Washington to Sergio Flores Sandoval

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

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June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2020
6-18-b

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Waitsburg School District No. 401-100 Board of Directors of Walla Walla County will meet for the purpose of fixing and adopting the proposed 2020-2021 Budget, the four-year budget plan summary and the four-year enrollment projection at a special meeting on July 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Preston Hall Board Room in the Waitsburg School District.

All District residents are invited to attend the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the budget, the four-year budget plan, or any proposed changes to uses of enrichment funding under RCW 28A.505.240. Copies of the Budget will be available at the hearing or can be obtained after that date at the district office.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Mark Pickel
Secretary to the Board
The Times
July 9, 16 & 23, 2020
7-9-b

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. 108 1st Ave South, Suite 202 Seattle, WA 98104 Trustee Sale No.: WA-20-880655-RM Title Order No.: 8763209 Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 2019-03747 Parcel Number(s): 36-07-20-71-0512, 35889 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: HILLSTONE HOUSE WW, LLC, A

WASHINGTON LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): Veristone Fund I, LLC Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: Quality Loan Service Corporation of Washington Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Veristone Capital, LLC I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 7/17/2020, at 10:00 AM, (sale postponed to 7/24/2020) At the main entrance to the Walla Walla county Courthouse, located at 315 W Main, Walla Walla, WA 99362 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of WALLA WALLA, State of Washington, to-wit: Beginning at the Southwesterly corner of Lot 9 in Block 5 of Shauble's Addition to the City of Walla Walla, per Plat recorded in Volume A of Plats at Page 25; Thence Easterly along the Southerly line of Lots 9 and 10 in said Block, 120 feet to the Southeasterly corner of said Lot 10; Thence Northerly, along the East line of said Lot 10, a distance of 60 feet; Then parallel to said Southerly line, 120 feet to the Westerly line of Lot 9; Thence Southerly along said Westerly line 60 feet, to THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Situated in the City and County of Walla Walla, State of Washington. More commonly known as: 401 N 4TH AVENUE, WALLA WALLA, WA 99362 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 5/24/2019, recorded 5/31/2019, under Instrument No. 2019-03747 records of WALLA WALLA County, Washington, from HILLSTONE HOUSE WW, LLC, A WASHINGTON LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, as grantor(s), to RECONVEYANCE PROFESSIONALS INC, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Veristone Fund I, LLC, as original beneficiary. II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust as referenced in RCW 61.21.030(4) is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay the remaining balances due, including principal and interest, along with late charges and/or any accrued fees and costs as due pursuant to the terms of the loan documents on the maturity date of 11/27/2019, as specified in the promissory note dated 5/24/2019. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. IV. The sum owing on the matured

obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: \$215,960.34. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. The sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 7/17/2020. (sale postponed to 7/24/2020) The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured prior to the foreclosure sale to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before the foreclosure sale the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the amount referenced in Paragraph IV, along with late charges, foreclosure fees and costs, any legal fees, and/or advances that have become due pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s) by both first class and certified mail proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee. The written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, or the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, where applicable, with said written Notice of Default, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such posting or service. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of 3/5/2020. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to any entitled party requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. SPECIAL NOTICE TO GUARANTOR CONCERNING LIABILITY FOR POTENTIAL DEFICIENCY JUDGMENT: Pursuant to RCW 61.24.042: (1) The guarantor may be liable for a deficiency judgment to the extent the sale price obtained at the trustee's sale is less than the debt secured by the deed of trust; (2) The guarantor has the same rights to reinstate the debt, cure the default, or repay the debt as is given to the grantor in order to avoid the trustee's sale; (3) The guarantor will have no right to redeem the property after the trustee's sale; (4) Subject to such longer periods as are provided in the Washington deed of trust act, chapter 61.24 RCW, any action brought to enforce a

guaranty must be commenced within one year after the trustee's sale, or the last trustee's sale under any deed of trust granted to secure the same debt; and (5) In any action for a deficiency, the guarantor will have the right to establish the fair value of the property as of the date of the trustee's sale, less prior liens and encumbrances, and to limit its liability for a deficiency to the difference between the debt and the greater of such fair value or the sale price paid at the trustee's sale, plus interest and costs. X. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's Sale. XI. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS – The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date of this notice to pursue mediation. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) or Web site: http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchase_counselors_foreclosure.htm The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD> or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/index.search?state=WA&filterSvc=dfc> The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing

counselors and attorneys: Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 or Web site: <http://nwjustice.org/what-clear> Additional information provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the noteholders rights against the real property only. The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-20-880655-RM. Note: This form has been modified to account for the loan being matured. Dated: 4/6/2020 Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Trustee By: Emily McFeron, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington 108 1st Ave South, Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98104 For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: WA-20-880655-RM Sale Line: 916-939-0772 or Login to: <http://wa.qualityloan.com> IDSPub #0172007 6/25/2020 7/16/2020

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June 25, July 16
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ORDINANCE SUMMARY BY TITLE ONLY FOR PUBLICATION PURPOSES

ORDINANCE NO. 1964 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1958, ADOPTING THE 2020 CITY OF DAYTON BUDGET.

SECTION 1. AMEND.
SECTION 2. ADOPT.
SECTION 3.
SEVERABILITY.
SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The full text of Ordinance 1964 adopted the 8th day of July, 2020, is available for examination at Dayton City Hall, 111 S. 1st St., Dayton, WA during normal business hours, Monday – Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Full text of the Ordinance shall be mailed upon request.

By: /s/ Zac Weatherford, Mayor

Attested/Authenticated by: /s/ Trina Cole, City Administrator

Approved as to form: /s/ Quinn Plant, City Attorney
The Times
July 16, 2020
7-16-a

ORDINANCE SUMMARY BY TITLE ONLY FOR PUBLICATION PURPOSES

ORDINANCE NO. 1965 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 1-1, SECTION 6 OF THE DAYTON MUNICIPAL CODE, DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION SECTION 1. CITY OFFICE HOURS.
SECTION 2. SCOPE OF REVISION.
SECTION 3.
SEVERABILITY.
SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECTION 5. SUMMARY PUBLICATION.
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By: /s/ Zac Weatherford, Mayor

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July 16, 2020
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Surplus Bus for Sale

The Waitsburg School District has a surplus bus that we are accepting close bids on until August 12th 2020 at 3:00 p.m. The bus is a 1995 Ford/Thomas type C with a Cummins Engine and Allison transmission. It has 178,098 miles. Bids can be dropped off at 184 Academy Street, Waitsburg WA 99361. Or mailed to

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To see the bus or for questions please contact Colter Mohney at 509-337-6351 ext. 3400 or email cmohney@waitsburgsd.org. The bids will be opened on the 13th and if we accept a bid, that person will be contacted.

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July 16, 23, 2020
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WALLA WALLA WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the Walla Walla Watershed Management Partnership will convene a special meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm, Walla Walla, WA to conduct Partnership Board business. The public is invited to attend. Additional information is available at www.wallawallawatershed.org.

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COMET NEOWISE

By Bill Rodgers | THE TIMES

Comet Neowise was discovered on March 27, 2020 by the infra-red Neowise telescope placed in orbit in 2009. It promises to be one of the more visible comets for viewing in a quite a while. A retrograde comet (it moves around the sun in the opposite direction of the Sun's rotation), Neowise orbits the sun once every 6,766 years - which means that no one will see it for a very long time. Don't miss it this time around if you want to see it!

Comets are rather large frozen snowballs composed of water ice and dust, and often other frozen simple chemical substances such as ammonia, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, and methane - dating back 4.6 billion years to the birth of our solar system. It's the material left over after our solar system condensed from its original cloud of gases and dust. Comets spend most of their existence at -459.67 degrees F wandering the distant Oort Cloud, wondering what to do with themselves until they finally get to dazzle Earthlings with a brief fly-by. Kanye West would not like this schedule of appearances. [Author's apology: Sorry, I just could not resist.]

At approximately three miles in diameter, Comet Neowise is considered to be a fairly large comet. This is one snowball you would not want to get clobbered with! Comet Neowise passed nearest the Sun (perihelion) on July 3, and is now headed back into deep space. It will pass within 64-million miles (no worries - that's way beyond the Moon), on July 23, 2020.

When comets start to warm up as they approach their star (in this case our Sun), their components begin to heat up, vaporize, and boil off, leaving a long trail of gases and dust behind them called a "tail." Comet tails, which are "blown"

through planetary system spaces (like ours) by solar winds, always point away from the stars they orbit. Contrary to common belief, comets are not on fire, and thus the tails are not composed of flames. Comet tails are simply the light of the orbited star being reflected off the cloud of vaporized gases and dust left behind comets as they zoom through space.

Neowise observers have been viewing the comet around 3:30 AM for the past few weeks, just as the morning sky began to lighten in the northeast. However, due to solar mechanics, Neowise reportedly will no longer be visible in the mornings shortly after July 11. Instead, it will grace the evening skies of The Wallouse until mid-August at what might be considered more "polite" hours. To find Neowise for the next three to four weeks, go outside at the end of Civil Twilight (9:30 PM-ish right now) and look approximately 20 degrees (approximately one to two fists with arm held at length) above the horizon to the northwest. On July 13, Neowise will be seen just above the constellation of Gemini. As the comet continues its path across the evening skies during the next four weeks, it will move from the Lynx constellation toward the area below Ursa Major (translation: the "Big Bear"), which we all know as "The Big Dipper." A good pair of binoculars is recommended to help you initially locate comet Neowise, and to see it better.

Sound confusing? It's not. Simply download the free app "Sky Map", if you do not already have it installed on your smartphone, to help you locate those constellations. You can also Google "How to see comet Neowise" for more detailed instructions and viewing times. Good luck, and happy viewing.

If you want to photograph the comet, a steady tripod is needed, and a short (80 - 150 mm) telephoto lens works just fine. Turn off auto focus and lens stabilization, and focus manually at infinity. Open the lens aperture all the way (low f-stop number, ex. 2.8). Set ISO to 3200 or 6400. Set exposure anywhere from 20 seconds to 5 seconds - you will have to experiment a bit to get it the way you want it.

Compiled from various unverified on-line sources by the unknown and uncertified (but certifiable) "Waitsburg Astronomer" [sic]

Reporting back: Nocking Point's "Quarantine" Pinot Noir Review

Big bouquet, smooth finish

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

When I moved to Walla Walla just over two years ago, I knew little of wine. Family and friends assured me that would change. "Next thing you know, you'll have a cellar going," they said. Sure.

At the time, I had an art major's experience with the everyday chardonnays and merlots that accompany gallery openings, most of which can be described as brassy and abrasive.

Beyond that, I once tasted what I still consider to be the greatest wine ever, a 2000 Leonetti merlot aged fifteen years. Perfectly smooth from bouquet, to tongue, to finish. At no point was there not rich, smoothness. It was so good, it was like drinking water.

What I've learned since is that good wine is fleeting. Or, another way, you can't have your wine and drink it, too. All too often these days I find a great tasting wine, only to lose track of where it came from. To have tasted and to remember fondly, but never to sample again is part of the romance of wine, I suppose.

In Seattle, I loved visiting Bevmo and liquor stores, finding a great many options. In Walla Walla, my favorite place to stumble upon good, random wines is Grocery Outlet.

Having been gifted a good sum of bottles in the past few years, some of the vineyards are starting to sound familiar. And, indeed, I've found myself in possession of a small collection. Certainly not a cellar's worth, but a certain cabinet is growing crowded.

I'm no expert, not even expert-adjacent, but I do have a sense of what's palatable. In general, I don't

buy wine for collecting, I buy it for drinking. I figure if it's yummy enough for drinking (heartily), then it's also worth collecting.

Imagine my surprise when my neighbor shared this bottle of Quarantine wine with me. Eyebrows arched, jawed askew, the whole thing! He works at Nocking Point and upon hearing that I enjoy a good pinot noir, kindly passed it over the fence. This same wine had just been mentioned in the Times on April 23, and admittedly I was curious about this Mila Kunis-Ashton Kutcher wine.

When I say 'curious about' I mean skeptical of. I've seen That 70s Show. They drank beer.

The novelty of the celebrities involved and the intentionally blank label meant I naturally wanted to add this wine to my collection. But anytime I'd take the trash out, or check the mail and see my neighbor, he asked what I thought of it.

Alright, let's open it up. Let it breathe. A small pour. Swirl it 'round the glass to check the legs.

What I'm checking for I don't know, but they seem okay.

After it breathes, you breathe it. The bouquet is big and bright and bold, which is a bit contradictory to the sensation as it crosses the palate. It's wonderfully smooth, effortlessly drinkable and worth collecting.

Rather than drawing on my label, I opted to create "noir drip art" motif that is indicative of the grapevine's roots. Before I knew it, Quarantine was another empty bottle, another great memory. Cheers, Nocking Point!

The wine, a 2018 pinot noir from Oregon, is being sold by Nocking Point Wines at two bottles for \$50. As stated on the Nocking Point website, 100 percent of the profits of the sale will support COVID-19 response

charities: America's Food Fund, Direct Relief, The Frontline Responders Fund, and Give Directly.

The offer can be found here: <https://nocking-pointwines.com>.



Brianna Wray

A decorative drip motif, in a bold crossover of minimalist and Jackson Pollock styles.

The Cookie Chronicles Chapter 13—Trouble in Toyland

The Fighting Life and Untimely Demise of Mr. Duck

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

Although Mr. B will always be Number One among all of Cookie's (surprisingly numerous) possessions, there is another favorite pastime, not involving the ball, which is tug-of-war. Our discovery of this was a late-breaking development.

For many years Cookie showed zero interest in playing with anything other than Mr. B. Other types of balls were tried, to no avail. Small soft frisbees were tried - size appropriate - and Cookie, who can run, leap, twist and catch the ball on the fly, refused to even give it the old college try. Many dogs like stuffed animal toys, but Cookie didn't go past the first sniff. So we stopped experimenting.

A couple of years ago, a friend brought over a dinosaur toy, and in the mysterious way that rules dog logic, Cookie decided this was a pretty cool thing. And suddenly, tug-of-war was on the menu. It quickly became a mandatory evening activity, usually right after Mr. B went to bed in the spice drawer.

"Wanna fight?" we'd ask, and Cookie would grab her dinosaur and begin growling in a particularly fierce, guttural, primal tone, challenging us to try to take it away. She showed unusual ferocity at such times, sounding like a completely different dog. So different in fact that it took us awhile to confirm that she wasn't going to bite an arm off in the middle of a battle.

Many dogs, especially puppies when teething, take naturally to such games. We speculated that due to her compromised childhood (see Chronicle #1) Cookie had never had anyone play with her at all before she came to us fully grown. Somehow Mr. Dino turned on her fight switch.

It didn't take long for Cookie to tear large holes in it and pull out wads of stuffing. It's rather amazing how much stuffing can come out of such a toy - roughly enough to re-upholster a medium-size sofa. Once all the stuffing along with the squeaker had been scattered around the living room, it was time to head to the pet store and see what else might be found in the tug toy department.

It turns out that Toys R Us has fewer human toys than the average pet store has toys for dogs. You have your choice of animals, reptiles, insects and others in a wide variety of sizes, shapes and colors. They all make some sort of noise, which

seems to be essential if you want your dog to take notice. So we bought a beaver and a bear, trying not to look too horrified at the cost, and proudly brought them home to Cookie.

Stuffed dog toys turn out to be some sort of gateway to your bank account. It's rare to find one that costs less than \$15 and lasts more than a few days. Some don't make it past the first hour. After a number of such trips, we started totaling up the potential cost of keeping Cookie in tug-ables and concluded it could involve a second mortgage on our home.

Not to be deterred, we set about looking for a non-stuffed option. The best we could find was a thick, twisted rope, knotted at both ends. This was a massive fail in several ways. No squeaker. No resemblance to any type of creature, not even a snake. Too big for Cookie to get a solid grip that she could maintain in the heat of battle.

Back to the toy store, where I stumbled upon what appeared to be the solution - Mr. Duck. Mr. Duck combined the best aspects of all the previous toys. He was a cute animal, with a yellow beak, protruding eyes, fabric wings and legs that consisted of a small twisted rope running right through his torso. He made a sort of quacking noise when tugged or shaken, and he was the right size for Cookie. Yes there was a small torso that might possibly contain a bit of stuffing. But as my sainted mother was fond of saying, the

perfect is the enemy of the good. Sold.

Well Mr. Duck was a smash hit with the Cookster. Great fights became a regular event, and not just on Friday nights. The little duck was a gamer, and pretty darn rugged... until the day I found his legs - the rope - lying on the living room rug. Cookie had pulled them completely out of him. That was the beginning of the end for Mr. Duck. Without the legs to hang on to, the torso became a grab bag, and sure enough, small holes began to show up. Which became big holes soon enough. And then, one sad day, I found those familiar tufts of white stuffing scattered around the living room.

The jury is still out on how this will be resolved. The legless torso of Mr. Duck has not yet been discarded, but provides little incentive for a good old fashioned fight. The option to purchase yet another duck (or beaver or bumblebee or brontosaurus) is being weighed. We may have to cancel the remodel of our bathroom in order to continue funding Cookie's toy habit. But then again, those fights are important events in her daily routine. Maybe not perfect, but good fun.



Golf Tournament Results



Kris Takemura



Jay Takemura

THE TIMES

TVGC Secretary Jay Takemura said the Dayton Country Club hosted a very successful Second Annual Gene Crothers Memorial Golf Tournament at the Touchet Valley Golf Course, last Saturday.

Takemura said thanks to the many donors, sponsors and teams that participated and helped to make this a fun and successful event, over \$13,000 was raised for the golf course irrigation project.

Prizes were raffled off after the play off and the following team winners were announced:

Women's Division

First Place: Sandy Schreck and Kris Takemura-Golf for 4 at Wine Valley

Second Place: Cherie Hinchliff and Christy Bell –wine from Red Band Cellars

Mixed Division

First Place: Sal Benavides and Ashleigh Rauch-Golf for 4 at the Walla Walla Country Club

Second Place: Zac Fabian and Carly Fabian-wine from Red Band Cellars

Men's Division

First Place: Kelly Richman and Tory Knebel-Golf for 4 at Veterans Memorial Golf Course

Second Place: Roger Trump and Tim Trump-wine from Red Band Cellars

The new Touchet Valley Golf Course sign was unveiled in memory of Gene Crothers on the Friday evening before the tournament. The sign was designed by PNW Metal and Wrenches (Daniel & Kristen Bly). Terry Robins gave a personal and moving speech with input from Betty Lou Crothers to dedicate the new sign. Gene was an avid golfer and a longtime supporter of the Touchet Valley Golf Course.

Above: Terry Robins at the Friday Night Dedication of the second annual Gene Crothers Memorial Golf Tournament.

Below: Betty Lou Crothers and Mike McQuary

LIBRARY - FROM PAGE 1

"We are still doing the book wishlist," Warehime said. "If there is a book that someone is interested in and we don't have it in the library, I can add it to the list and eventually order it."

Book pickup will be on Mondays and Thursdays, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., with Brown and Warehime placing the reserved books in bags with appropriate names and setting them in the foyer for contactless pickup. Dropoff will be just as easy, simply return the books in the usual silver bin which will be in the foyer to avoid using the return shoot. All books will be disinfected and aired out for at least 24 hours before they are returned to the shelf and available for new readers.

While the books are important, Warehime feels that activities for kids are equally important and there needed to be something in lieu of the reading program. This week, the library put together a scavenger hunt bingo game. Kids have to keep their eyes open for activities like 'someone who has ridden a horse' in order to mark their cards.

Warehime is hoping to have a different activity each week and they are currently working on the schedule.

"Last year, Jaidyn had to do the summer reading program by herself and she was really good at it," Warehime said. "I got so many compliments from parents on her program. Jaidyn has been really helpful coming up with ideas so far."

Each week, the activities will be set out in the foyer so kids can grab them as they walk by or when they pick up their books. Warehime also said that book orders for kids will include a special treat of some sort.

The Warehime and Brown are also working on crafting kits for kids to work on



Beka Compton

The library's new website offers user-friendly book reservations.

throughout the summer.

"Once this gets out and people know that they can check out books on the website, and we see how many people are interested, we are going to try and do more things," Warehime said, thinking of the future. "I'm really excited that we have gotten this far."

Prescott Pool looks to July 23rd opening

Stay Safe guidelines require creative scheduling

THE TIMES

PRESCOTT—Pool Manager Kyra Hartley is happy to announce: "We hope to be open by the 23rd of July, I am very excited!"

Due to the Stay Safe proclamation there will be some new rules at the pool: 1) all patrons must wear a mask when they are not in the water, 2) all staff will wear a mask unless they are on a high guard chair with a 6 foot perimeter, and 3) there can be no more than 25 people in the water at a time and no more than 5 in a section of the pool.

Open Swim:

The pool will be split into 5 sections this year to follow the guidelines above. Patrons can reserve sections of the pool in 1 hour and 45-minute time slots. This will also give them a corresponding section of the pool deck to set up their group. If a group has more than 5 patrons then they can book multiple sections of the pool at a time but will need to stick to those sections only. When you purchase a pool pass with cash or check you can book up to 3 time slots in advance to secure a swim time.

Swim Lessons:

For children that can support themselves in the water and swim, there can be four kids in a class with one instructor. The instructor will be wearing a mask on land. For children that cannot swim, the instructor will be on land with a mask and the children in the pool will need an adult to be in the water with them. This means that there can be two children in a swim class, each with a parent.

Water Aerobics and Lap Swim:

There are 10 total water aerobics spots and five lap swim spots. This is due to the demand for the shallow end of the pool for water aerobics.



Courtesy photo

Pricing:

• Pool Pass:

In 99348 Zip Code:

Family Pass - \$75

Individual Pass - \$35

Out of the 99348 Zip Code:

Family Pass - \$95

Individual Pass - \$45

• Swim Lessons: 2-week session, 5 days a week, 30 minute sessions

In 99348 Zip Code: \$20

Out of the 99348 Zip Code: \$35

Open swim times:

12:15-2:00 p.m.

2:15-4:00 p.m.

4:15-6:00 p.m.

To book a rental from 7:15-10:00 p.m. call in advance.

Weekends Add: 10:15-12:00

6:15-8:00 a.m.

Swim lessons:

10:30-11:00 a.m.

11:00-11:30 a.m.

11:30-12:00 p.m.

6:00-6:30 p.m.

6:30-7:00 p.m.

To purchase pool passes, secure swim times and swim lesson spots, Call Carol Anderson between 9 and 10 a.m. at the Prescott Joint Park and Recreation District Office at (509) 849-2314.

The Waitsburg gardening enigma

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

I would bet money that even Alan Turing couldn't solve the mystery of my Waitsburg garden. To say the least, this year has been an interesting experience trying to decode what grows, and why and where it grows. It will probably always remain an enigma to me.

I planted eggplant from seed in a separate planter this year. I had three sprouts spring up and over the course of a week, one just wasn't making it, so I pulled it and let the other two flourish. We now have 2 very full and prolific zucchini plants growing there, but no eggplant anywhere. That is mystery number one. I've been advised, sometimes the seeds are in compost, (we don't compost, yet), or it could be birds, squirrels or the wind that moves the seeds.

We planted sunflowers along a side wall inside our new fence. Most are growing, some are struggling; however, a random zucchini plant in that same spot is flourishing! I have planted radishes in the side planter on the front lawn, and smack in the middle of the radishes what do I find? Yep, a zucchini plant. I did plant zucchini in a planter, it's also going strong. Guess that's one mystery solved, we will be eating a lot of zucchini this summer.

In one planter we have chamomile, fennel, basil and other herbs. The chamomile was a fairly well-established plant when we bought it, the fennel was from seed. Somehow in the middle of the fennel, there is another chamomile plant growing. And, I just spotted another chamomile plant amidst the "field of day lilies," which are taking hold and going strong. But I can't figure out why only one plant blooms at a time. They seem to go in rotation. One blooms, dies—then the next one blooms and dies, and on and on. At this rate, I will have a bloom a day until November. Chamomile isn't the only invader in my lily field. I have three volunteer tomato plants, sunflowers that I'm sure the birds dropped while gorging at their feeders, and if I look through everything, I'm sure I'll find another zucchini plant.

We planted snap peas from starts. They were cute little three-inch plants



Vicki Rossi-Sternfeld

Sternfeld-Rossi's garden proudly sports this healthy 'volunteer' zucchini.

that grew to a total of five inches, produced 5 snap peas then died. My neighbor's pea plants are taller than me and are spewing snap peas all over. Mysterious, snap pea bug?

I proudly showed off my morning glory planting to my neighbor, she approved, then pointed out that the other morning glory "batch" I was coddling were the bad kind! Pull them now! How do you tell good from bad? It's a mystery to me.

My neighbor Gail and I were bemoaning the earwig plague. She had success with salad oil and Thai fish sauce. I made my container of the concoction and carefully placed it by the rhubarb. It caught earwigs, as well as my dog's interest. He slurped up the mix, then proceeded to gag, cough and puke! Now I know—cover the container, and poke holes at the top if it's at ground level!

This year our planting was random, to say the least. Daniel built planters, we bought seeds and starts to fill them. We have arugula growing in 3 different planters, beans in about ten spots, tomatoes all over, and lettuce and herbs scattered through different planters. His mandate for next year is to be more disciplined and organized in our planting. My thought is, "Why?" As my father used say, "Man proposes, Mother Nature disposes!" I'm just excited to see things grow, eat salad from my garden, and guess where I will find another random zucchini plant!

Our 'Chief of the Grammar Police' gets the job!

By Emma Philbrook | THE TIMES

So, you folks remember that writing contest thing at the law school I entered a couple months ago? Against all odds, I did well enough that I've got a new writing gig—Staff Editor at *the Notre Dame Journal of Legislation*.

Don't be too impressed.

First of all, when I say against all odds, I mean against all odds. Really. I cried for about an hour straight after I turned in my finished product, finally calming myself down with the thought that my essay was bad enough to add some much-needed comic relief to the judging process. When the journal folks sent me an e-mail saying that they'd enjoyed my submission, I assumed that was what they were talking about. When they offered me a job, I figured they wanted to return the favor by giving me a good laugh. It took a bit of back-and-forth to figure out that they were serious.

Second of all, my roommate was working a part-time job while she wrote her entry and used the last day of the turn-in period to move out of her apart-



ment. She now has a position with the *Notre Dame Law Review*, the most prestigious and selective journal at the law school. She's the one you should be impressed with.

Third of all, "Staff Editor" does not entail kicking spit-shined shoes up on a mahogany desk and yelling for Peter Parker to go cover the latest Spider-Man sighting. (For one thing, Spider-Man sightings are not legislation. For another thing, spit-shining is generally a no-no in the age of coronavirus.) "Staff Editor" means a second-year law student hunched over their computer, squinting at lines of Times New Roman in search of misplaced commas and improper citation formatting. It means unglamorous things like late nights and massive e-mail chains and page-number double-checking. It means academic grunt work.

Naturally, I can't wait to get started.

I'm dead serious. Really. Ask any of the poor saps who had the misfortune of being my peer-editing partner in high school or college—am thorough and merciless in my markings-up. I am the queen of the nitpickers, the overlord of the overthinkers, and the un-defundable chief of the grammar police. (Before

you feel the need to verify these claims against my previous written work, recall a certain saying about the cobbler's children. Also, any mistakes you find could easily have been inserted by my editor and/or a hostile foreign power. Also, it's a pandemic and we should all cut each other slack, right?)

Above and beyond all that, I myself am such an exceedingly tedious person as to be immune to the effects of tedium from outside sources. I will delete your commas, move your periods, and individually count the number of spaces between your sentences. I will do this for hours on end without losing the will to live. Why? Because I peruse court filings for fun and once stayed home from a football game to peel a pound of garlic, that's why.

Of course, you wouldn't see me complaining anyway. This is a straight-up miracle, folks. Did the Israelites complain about manna when God dropped it into their laps? (Wait, I just checked my Bible...better find a different metaphor.) Did they gripe that it was too long a walk across the Red Sea? (Someone probably did, but there's no written record of that, so...) No! They gave thanks for the miracle and marched on towards a bright future—and I, with my red pen in hand, shall do the same.

All of us at the Times want to congratulate Emma on this well deserved honor.

Badminton: an ideal sport for non-athletes

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

OUTSIDE—It's a tale as old as time: a spherical projectile thrust over a net and into the opposition's path is met and volleyed off at an angle. It's ping pong on a table, it's tennis (or pickleball, I guess) on a court, it's volleyball in the sand, it's Pong on a video game, but it is arguably best as badminton.

Badminton takes a familiar concept and changes the pace of play with suspended animation achievable thanks to the aerodynamic quality of its shuttlecock, or birdie. Gameplay can be tailored to many fitness levels by adjusting the force applied to each swat.

Follow-through on a swing produces greater loft, more time for players wishing to take it easy to make a leisurely move and less distance for them to cover on foot. For those looking to combine fun and extracurricular cardiovascular exercise, sticking with short, punt-like strokes keeps opponents on the run.

A socially distanced summer is upon us. It's easy to stay six or more feet apart while playing badminton. In order to lessen exposure to potentially hazardous points of contact, sanitize and color code shuttlecocks. Each player only ever touches their own color with their hands, otherwise the long-armed racket does all the work.

Portable badminton sets come in handy even if the competition takes place at home. Extra rackets, shuttlecocks and hand sanitizer or a sanitizing spray can be



Brianna Wray

Color-coded shuttlecocks limit the spread of the novel coronavirus while players get a chance to be active.



Brianna Wray

Two racket variation badminton keeps players on their toes. Left: Matt "Honeybee" Wray loses a point to wife and Williams sister impersonator, Brianna Wray. "My point!"

stored inside the main compartment and the net pops up in minutes. When the game is won, the whole thing folds up and all the components stay together.

How serious the rules are taken is up to you. Get creative with challenge rounds, or award extra points for trick shots. Penalty if your shuttlecock lands in the prickly bush. Sometimes we play with a racket in each hand, or attempt behind-the-back birdie swats. Other times we have two shuttlecocks going at once. It's a mad dash! Or not. All's fair in love and backyard badminton.

LIFESTYLES

NON-PROFIT COLLABORATION PROVIDES BASSINET BOXES TO FAMILIES IN NEED

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Becoming a new parent often brings a mix of emotions: among them, joy and stress, in the best of circumstances. Caring for a newborn when you lack basic resources can be particularly challenging and lead to health risks for both babies and parents.

A new program called Care Crates aims to bridge this gap by sending new families home with bassinet boxes filled with the basic items needed to care for a newborn at home. The project is being funded through a new partnership between the Junior Club of Walla Walla and Providence St. Mary Foundation.

Care Crates will include diapers, wipes, onesies, wash cloths, a sleep sack and other necessities. In addition, the packages are designed to connect new parents with long-term resources available in the community such as parenting education, Early Head Start, Parents as Teachers, WIC and other family support. “Our goal is to provide new families who have limited resources a better sense of security as they take home a new baby”, says Kylie Sheckler, President of Junior Club of Walla Walla.

The container also serves a very special purpose. The container is a ‘Baby Bassinet Box’ which provides a lightweight, portable safe sleep space with a much smaller footprint than a traditional full-size crib. Finland first introduced the bassinet box in the 1930s when they started giving boxes away to moms-

to-be at prenatal visits. Finland now has one of the lowest infant mortality rates in the world. Developed by leading public health, safety and product-development experts, the boxes are designed for babies, birth through six months, and are known to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

More than 800 babies are born each year at Providence St. Mary. Care Crates will be distributed through the hospital’s case management team who work one-

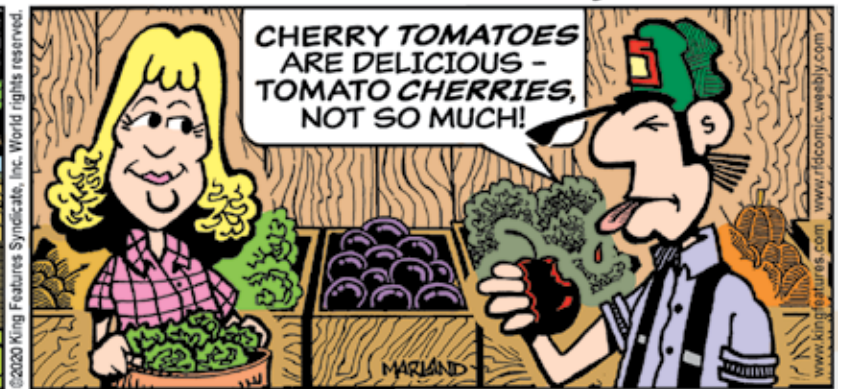
on-one with families to identify needs and provide social, emotional and financial support.

“Junior Club was established in 1929 and our focus has evolved as community needs have changed. Our main objective is centered around providing volunteer opportunities and scholarships”, says Sheckler. “Working with Providence allowed us to identify an area of need that met our philanthropic interest as young women. Through joint efforts from new fundraising – like the Holiday Home Tour event - and the wonderful platform from the Foundation, Care Crates came to life. While we are just twenty women, we are twenty women with one big goal. And we believe that together, with the help of our community, we can make a real impact for these families in need.”

Donations can be made toward the Junior Club Restricted Fund in care of Providence St. Mary Foundation and mailed to PO Box 1477, Walla Walla, WA 99362 or made online at give.providence.org/wa/st-mary.



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by Mike Marland

Just Like Cats & Dogs

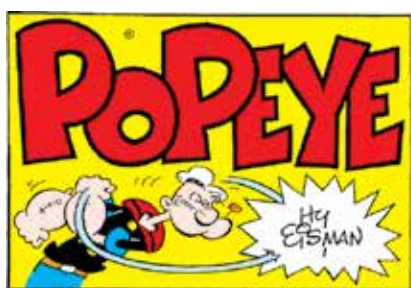
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“Is this my bill or my odometer mileage?”



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

August 4, 2011

Former Waitsburg resident Adam Hermanns, who pleaded guilty earlier this week to armed robbery and residential burglary, was sentenced to 13 ½ years in prison, the maximum term possible under state sentencing guidelines.

Jillian Beaudry, an editor and reporter for the Daily World in Aberdeen, Wash, will become the new managing editor for the Times based in Waitsburg, the newspaper’s publisher announced Monday. She will replace Dian McClurg, the previous managing editor who left the paper in May.

Celebrate the grand opening of the Coppei Coffee Co. shop at 137 Main, Waitsburg. The gourmet coffee shop will offer its ice cream and door prizes 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

[Photo caption] Waitsburg car enthusiast Herb Meddler with his 1952 Ford Pickup. Meddler organizes the swap meet with the town’s Classic Auto Show.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

July 20, 1995

Waitsburg High School has a new football coach. The hiring of Bob Bandy, a spring graduate of Eastern Washington University, is expected to be approved by the school board in Waitsburg next week.

Volunteers, once again, saved the Waitsburg School District money. This time the green was saved after about 45 people last weekend helped dig trenches and install lawn sprinklers at the elementary school and junior high school.

Nighttime driving on Highway 12 between Waitsburg and Walla Walla, especially at the curves, has been made a whole lot safer with the installation of reflectors on the road surface. At midnight, it’s like following an illuminated line, which clearly divides the road into your side and theirs. Thank you Department of Transportation.

Where’s Waldo? We asked in a headline in last week’s paper. Well, if you read the story on Page 1 and then flipped to Page 8 to read the “jump” or conclusion of the story, Waldo wasn’t on Page 8. We left it out of the paper.

Fifty Years Ago

July 30, 1970

Waitsburg received \$5,778 in grants from the U.S. Office of Education it was announced by Sen. Henry M. Jackson this week. The grants made to federally affected areas of the State of Washington, totalled \$1,272,670.

The Waitsburg firemen answered a call at 3 o’clock Thursday afternoon to a wheat fire on the John Speer Anderson ranch on Lower Waitsburg Road. Assistance also came from trucks stationed at Dixie as well as the Huntington-Cummings water truck. The fire burned into the Klassen land on the Middle Waitsburg road destroying an undetermined amount of wheat.

Max W. Peterson, 54, Prescott farmer, who disappeared May 31 in the Riggins, Idaho area near where he had been developing a gold mine for several years, apparently was killed by a bear. He was found in a wooded area 70 miles east of Riggins.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

August 3, 1945

The hot, dry weather of the past two weeks has been ideal for harvest operations. Farmers report a below average crop due to hot north winds in June.

Progress is being rapidly made on the new bus depot, comfort station, and lunch room in the K. P. Building on Preston Avenue.

Reductions of one to two red points of beef, lamb and veal during the rationing period beginning July 29 were announced by the Office Price Administration.

One Hundred Years Ago

August 6, 1920

The Waitsburg Republican Club was organized in this city Thursday evening pursuant to a call for public meeting by the temporary committee appointed some days ago.

Twenty-six different wars are going on in four of the six continents of the world today, more than a year after the peace treaty, which was to end all war, was signed.

Mrs. Oscar Abbey entertained at her country home in honor of Idell Purvis, whose marriage to Lewis Atkinson will take place soon. The party was in the nature of a miscellaneous shower and some 18 of her young lady friends were present.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

August 9, 1895

Mrs. P. M. Tucker and daughter Theresa spent Monday with Mrs. H. L. Hines in her palace hotel on the summit between Coppei and Dry Creek.

Miss Lora Mills will teach a four-month term of school in the Long District commencing the first Monday in September.

Many farmers in this part of the country will be finished with their harvest and threshing by the end of the present week.

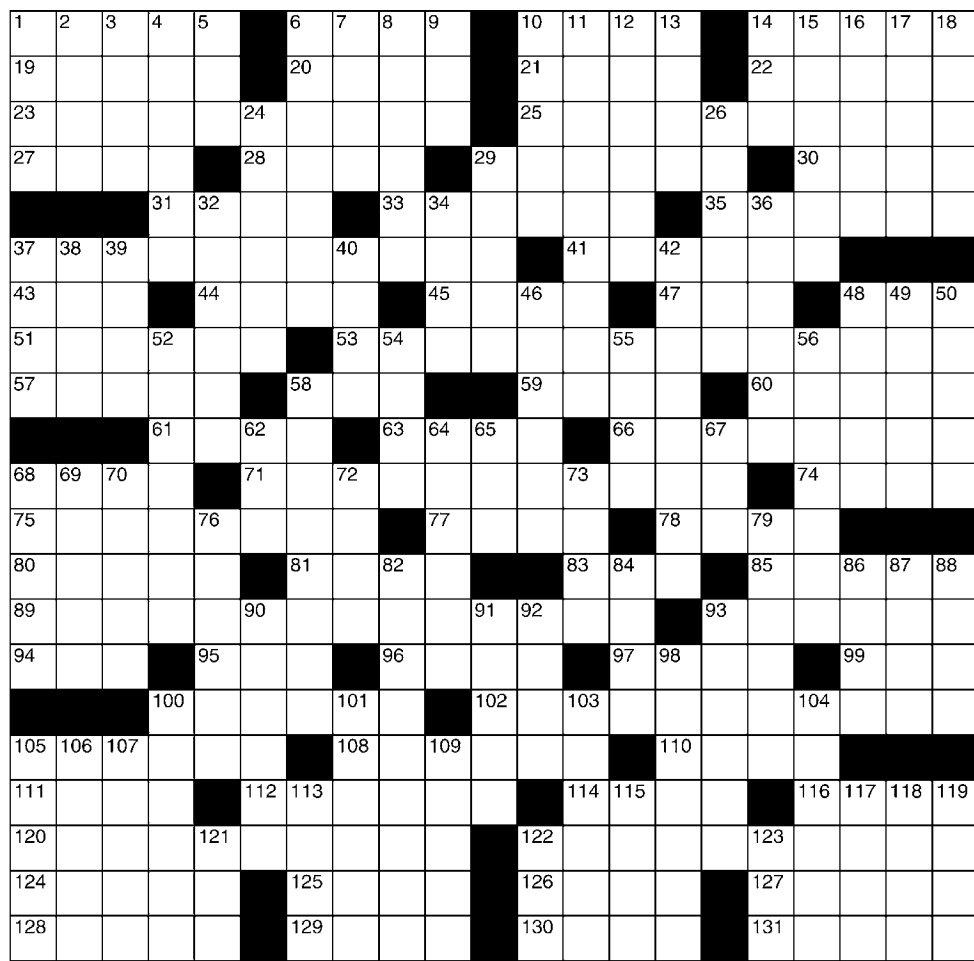
The Inland Telephone Co. this week had a force of men at work putting in an exchange in this city. Connections were made with Washington Mills, The Times, Rose Glen Farm, C. W. Wheeler’s residence, the depots, Dr. Butler’s residence, the J. H. Mercantile Co., and the Hamilton & Rourke Co.

FUN & GAMES

Super Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Classic arcade name
 - 6 Subdivision of a religion
 - 10 Low-pitched speech trait
 - 14 Southern bits of viral web content
 - 20 Spencer of TV news
 - 21 Trade show
 - 22 "Tiny Bubbles" crooner
 - 23 Chris Evert beat her at the 1978 U.S. Open
 - 25 "Poetry Man" singer
 - 27 Fruit related to a 37-Down
 - 28 Paper opinion piece
 - 29 Michigan's Grosse —
 - 30 "The Jerk" diector Reiner
 - 31 Genie holder
 - 33 "It's enough to survive on"
 - 35 "How I wish!"
 - 37 "Wall of Sound" record producer
 - 41 Saturate
 - 43 High throw
 - 44 Word sung after "que"
 - 45 Not messy
 - 47 See
 - 57 -Across
 - 48 High mount
 - 51 Web handle
 - 53 "The Lady Eve" director
 - 57 With
 - 47-Across, allots
 - 58 "That stinks!"
 - 59 Miners' finds
 - 60 How oboes sound
 - 61 Casino pair
 - 63 Actor Mark — Baker
 - 66 Enter on a vehicle
 - 68 Pack in
 - 71 David Letterman's music director
 - 74 "Hall!"
 - 75 Deodorant target
 - 77 Pueblo pot
 - 78 Bros, e.g.
 - 80 Jason's vengeful wife
 - 81 E-garbage
 - 83 Garbage
 - 85 Irish coins
 - 89 He played Captain Picard
 - 93 Louisiana cooking style
 - 94 — -Blo (fuse type)
 - 95 Frat letter
 - 96 H.S. math
 - 97 "It's a possibility for me"
 - 99 — Lingus
 - 100 Mambo music's Tito
 - 102 "Take Time to Know Her" singer
 - 105 Beachward
 - 108 Exist naturally (in)
 - 110 Put in danger
 - 111 Baseball card no.
 - 112 Smoothed, as wood
 - 114 Ltr. heads-up
 - 116 Spill secrets
 - 120 "Turn! Turn! Turn!" songwriter
 - 122 1964 Beatles hit ... or what an adoring fan of any of eight celebrities in this puzzle might say?
 - 124 Occasion
 - 125 Margarine
 - 126 Completed
 - 127 Literary twist
 - 128 Bird homes
 - 129 Scottish loch
 - 130 Picnic pests
 - 131 De Mille the dancer
 - 34 Out of sight
 - 36 Coming time
 - 37 It may become a prune
 - 38 Wash (down)
 - 39 "Yeah, sure!"
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 - 91 Really tired
 - 92 Antiquing substance
 - 93 Slots site
 - 98 Aromatic shrubs of Europe
 - 100 Strong
 - 101 Feel a prickly sensation
 - 103 Rationale
 - 104 Anita of "La Dolce Vita"
 - 105 Quaking tree
 - 106 Actor Carell
 - 107 Abhors
 - 109 Hoagies
 - 113 Years on end
 - 115 Color variety
 - 117 Actress Sue
 - 118 Top-tier
 - 119 Pays for Rd.
 - 121 crossers
 - 122 Hi-tech "appt. book"
 - 123 By way of



TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Lemon Cloud Pie I

I saw this recipe and decided to make it for a couple of reasons. First, Joe likes anything lemon, and second, those readymade pie crusts come two in a box. I made last week's recipe with one of them so there was another one to use. I already had another cream cheese so all I needed to pick up was a lemon for zesting.



It goes together quickly and lemon cloud is a good description. It is light. The custard part cooks up quickly. The beaten egg whites make it fluffy, but to be honest, next time I'll fold in Cool Whip.

I had a little drama in the kitchen! To speed things up, I thought I'd throw the sugar in with the egg white and whip it together. I know—I should have known better, and no, it doesn't work. I whipped it on high until I realized I wasn't going to get those fluffy white peaks. It was a pretty white gooey mess that I had to throw away. So now I had to get two more eggs and throw the yolks away, get the sugar back out that I had put away, and start again. Sigh! Of course it worked this time with beating the whites, then adding the sugar.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 9-inch pie crust, baked
- ¾ c. white sugar
- 3 Tbsp cornstarch
- 1 c. water
- 1 tsp lemon zest
- ¼ c. lemon juice
- 1 3 oz pkg cream cheese
- 2 eggs
- ¼ c. white sugar

DIRECTONS:

Combine sugar, cornstarch, water, lemon peel (zest) and juice, and egg yolks in a saucepan. Beat well. Stir while cooking over medium heat until thick, it will thicken just as it starts to simmer.

Remove saucepan from heat. Add cream cheese to lemon mixture and stir until incorporated.

In a small bowl, beat egg whites until stiff, add remaining ¼ c. sugar. Fold sweetened egg whites into lemon mixture. ** It does not say to wait until the lemon mixture cools down, but I can't see folding in egg white while it's warm.

Spoon filling into shell and chill.

MY NOTES:

I zested a little more lemon to add on top to make it pretty. I think it would even be good frozen, because it wouldn't take much to thaw it. ENJOY!

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Free ice cream tastes better



Beka Compton

Natalie Knudsen and Makenzie Castillo enjoyed Free Ice Cream Thursday at the Waitsburg Presbyterian Church last week. The church is offering the treat to Waitsburg kids every Thursday in July, from 3-4 p.m.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

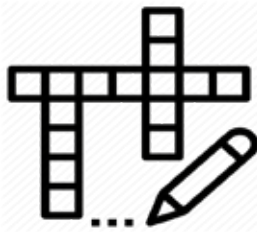
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Super Crossword

Answers

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THE LAST PAGE

Walla Walla's first Town Hall addresses public's concerns about policing

Police Chief Bieber shares thoughts about #8cantwait

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Walla Walla City Council held the first of three Town Halls in response to a large community outcry over policing policies, and the issue of a police officer's tattoo which incorporates a symbol which is firmly linked to Nazi Germany.

City Mayor Tom Scribner welcomed citizens to the Zoom event, noting that "after the first two Town Halls we will consider what we have heard and what you have told us and we will respond and tell you what we aim to do and what we will try to do to improve upon the concerns and issues that have been brought before us."

City Attorney Tim Donaldson explained the function of his office and outlined the four categories of city employees and the various rights the groups have when it comes to employment regulations. In reference to Officer Nat Smalls' 'Double S' tattoo, Donaldson noted that, "Tattoos are considered pure forms of expression that are entitled to full First Amendment protection." Additionally, the Walla Walla Police Department (WWPD) has an on-duty tattoo covering policy, and there is no "just cause" to remove or discipline officers who comply with the policy. Of note, in a letter to the community, Officer Nat Small shared that he will alter the tattoo.

City Manager Nabel Shawa noted that the City Council has complete control over all of the city's financials as well as the size of the police force, vehicle replacement policies and the hiring of the city manager.

Police Chief Scott Bieber began his presentation by saying his aim was to provide information to the public, "So that they can decide if police reform should happen in their town."

Bieber then shared his thoughts about the importance of creating an organizational culture within his department, and that he considers hiring the right people as "the most important thing I do."

The hiring process for an officer was described, and the Civil Service Commission's role in hiring, was explained. Civil Service Commissioners are appointed by the City Council.

The minimum qualifications for a Walla Walla Police Officer are graduation from high school or a GED. Applicants then must pass written, physical ability, and oral examinations prior to a conditional offer of employment. A polygraph test, as well as medical and psychological exams, must also be passed with

acceptable results.

Training for an officer consists of 720 hours of BLEA (Basic Law Enforcement Academy), three to four months of field training, and a probationary service of 18 months. De-escalation training is required annually as part of the 24 hours of coursework to maintain certification. Bieber noted that the WWPD averages 157 hours of training per officer annually.

A guide to the department's Training, Policies and Community Response was added to the city website after the death of George Floyd and can be found here: <https://www.wallawallawa.gov/government/training-policies-and-community-response>

Since the WWPD is an accredited state agency through the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) they have support through Lexipol, which provides comprehensive state-specific policies developed by a team of public safety attorneys and law enforcement experts.

Bieber then discussed #8cantwait, a project by Campaign Zero to bring immediate change to police departments of which he described as "not the ultimate effort at police reform, but it does provide at least a foundation."

WWPD policy varies from two of #8cantwait's proposed initiatives. The first is with regards to body cameras worn by police, which Chief Bieber feels is unnecessary for the department. His research has led him to believe that the resulting videos are not helpful to the prosecution, as they provide a one-dimensional view of the incident. He encouraged citizens to get a fuller picture of what kind of people the officers are, by accompanying them on a ride-a-long.

The second point of variance is that WWPD does not ban shooting at moving vehicles, but does detail the circumstances under which this is allowed. The WWPD Use of Force Policy 300.4.1 states in part that "An officer should only discharge a firearm at a moving vehicle or its occupants when the officer reasonably believes there are no other reasonable means available to avert the threat of the vehicle, or if deadly force other than the vehicle is directed at the officer or others."

Bieber then discussed the WWPD's current budget of \$10,037,367, 75 percent of which is devoted to personnel costs. The department has a total of 79 authorized staff which includes 15 countywide dispatchers for police, fire and ambulance services, 15 civilian support positions, and 48 officers.

Bieber also stated that data from the NIBRS (National Incident Based Reporting System) shows the city's incidents continue to trend downward with 107 violent crimes committed in 2019, while 22 percent of those were committed inside the Penitentiary.



Police Chief Scott Bieber

In order to engage with the community Bieber has created a Chief's Advisory Committee.

"The purpose of the committee is to discuss the issues surrounding the delivery of local law enforcement services and provide input to the chief for his consideration in making changes to help improve both the department and the services it provides," said Bieber.

The Chief said, "I am looking for individuals who would share their perspective but were willing to listen to the perspective of others."

The committee members are Steve Moss, Lindsey Luna, Roger Esparza, Earl Gooding, Kanasha Henderson, Roberto Rodriguez, Noah Leavitt, Brooke Bouchey, Tom Maccarone, Nadine Stecklein and Dick Morgan.

The concept of differential call response, which questions the type of service calls that may be better handled by a different agency, was discussed. Bieber mentioned found property, legal paper services, and parking complaints, as ones he feels would fit in this category.

"Why are we sending a highly trained armed police office to these calls?" Bieber wondered.

He noted that in 2019, WWPD responded to over 30,000 calls but only wrote 4,400 crime reports.

During the question period, Councilmember Riley Clubb noted differential call response had the most opportunity for progress of the topics discussed. Clubb also asked Bieber whether results of internal police investigations are available for community members to access. The Chief answered that he would need to check with the Human Resources Director, or Attorney Donaldson for that answer, and mentioned that there is a complaint form for citizens to use which is found on the City website.

Bieber wrapped up by recommending participation in the department's Community Police Academy as another good way for citizens to learn more about the force.

The next meeting of the virtual Town Hall series takes place on July 19 at 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Members of the public who wish to sign up for an opportunity to speak during the virtual meeting may do so using this form: <https://www.wallawallawa.gov/government/city-council/speaker-sign-up-form> (Spanish or English).

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To my dear community,

I have decided to retire from my State Farm Insurance Agency effective July 31, 2020. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the incredible support you have shown me over the years.

To my wonderful policy holders,

Thank you for trusting me with the important task of protecting what is most important to you. Please know you will be left in capable and caring hands and this agency will remain here in Dayton.

I plan to continue the community work that I am involved in and I hope to be able to even more during this next chapter of my life! Dayton has been a wonderful home town to me and my family. I will do my best to give back to this community by serving with love and dedication. I will truly miss all of you and I will look back on my time as your State Farm Agent with fond memories.

Scott Lou Crothers

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