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Beka Compton

Crop dusting is one of many crop protectant and fertilizer application methods in the area. Spray planes left the landing strip near Whiskey Creek Road on Monday to get a jumpstart on a busy spring.

Levee repair and improvement planned in 2021

City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe says this is the most protection the levee systems have offered in years, knows there is more work to come

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—A little more than a year after the City of Waitsburg experienced a major flood event, repair efforts are still underway. Additional flood improvement projects are still being planned.

In 2005, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) decided to remove control of the levees surrounding Waitsburg from the inactive Waitsburg-Coppei Flood District. The flood control district had failed to address levee deficiencies found in yearly inspections. As a result, the City of Waitsburg was given maintenance responsibility over the town's levee system.

At the time the city took over levee maintenance, City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe said that the banks were overgrown, with some areas inaccessible due to tree growth. Over the years, the city has worked to clear banks and create access to levees, a time consuming process, according to Hinchliffe.

A section of levee that flooded and sustained damage last year during the flood, runs east from the Preston Avenue bridge and past the Waitsburg Grange. It is considered an out-of-system levee, and maintenance falls to the landowners along the river. Hinchliffe said that the city has no access, rights, or easements to these levees, and it is hard to enforce repairs on private property.

According to Hinchliffe, most of the land owners along the out-of-system levee have moved earth to build up a makeshift riverbank since flooding last year. One property which holds rights to a section of the river where the bank was completely washed out, has not done any remedial work since the flood. Hinchliffe said he has big concerns about that section should we have another highwater event, as it will offer little to no protection from high water. The landowner does not live in the area.

Since clearing the in-system levees, the city has maintained the minimally-acceptable rating required to remain in the USACE Rehabilitation and Inspection program.

Since the February 2020 flood, the city has focused on two projects: repairing a section of the flood damaged riverbank near Willard Street and the levee downriver from the Main Street Bridge to the waste treatment plant. A small portion of that levee was missed during the initial repairs late last year and will be addressed in the coming year. A damaged siphon was also repaired last year near the Preston Avenue bridge.

Hinchliffe said minor repairs were made, after highwater events, to the Willard Street riverbank in past years, but the most recent flood event exposed old train trestles and gabion baskets (woven wire mesh filled with heavy rocks) making repairs more difficult. Heavy riprap was washed downstream last February and was eventually caught at the Preston Avenue bridge.

There are areas of concern upstream from Waitsburg, many in Columbia County, that cannot be addressed until the Hazard Mitigation Study, performed by the USACE. At this time, there is no finish date for the study, however, Hinchliffe is optimistic that it will be completed by mid-summer.

Dayton school board

Short term interventions planned to help MS/HS students with failing grades were also discussed at the DSD board meeting.

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Middle and High School (MS/HS) Principal Kristina Brown has met with her staff to discuss strategies and interventions they can use to help students struggling with failing grades, she told attendees at last week's school board work session.

During the first semester of the school year, there were 34 middle school students with at least one F grade and 16 middle school students with at least one F.

In the high school, there were 18 students with at least one F and 25 students with at least one D. Students receiving an F must repeat the class if it is a required subject. These results represent an increase in failing grades over the past two years and are "too high," according to Dayton School District Superintendent Guy Strot.

Tuancy can't be blamed for the situation as only three students were habitually absent in January, Brown told the board. Student attendance has actually improved over the last three years.

The blame for failing grades may only partly be laid at the door of the COVID-19 situation.

"This isn't just a last semester issue," she said.

Brown said she is receiving weekly reports from teachers about students with failing grades. Staff in the middle school are checking in with students every day to see if they need extra help.

A paraeducator will work with students outside of the classroom for additional support, and having the Distance Learning teacher help with this is under review.

The District is discussing changing the dismissal time for MS/HS students from 12:30 to 2 p.m. With this change, students may be able to receive extra help during staff preparation time, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Saturday classes and summer school are being considered to help students with credit recovery.

Utilizing the library to help students during lunch is a possibility. Using Title I and Learning Assistance Program (LAP) funds in a more targeted way could also be helpful, said Superintendent Strot, who leads efforts in the elementary school to improve academic performance.

Strot talked about improving scores on the Washington School Improvement Framework index.

The state tracks the scores of student progress using a set of ten metrics. To raise scores, students struggling the most need to do better, he said.

Data from testing in 2018-19 shows a disparity between the scores of lower-income students and more affluent students in terms of growth in math and English Language Arts, he said.

School Board Chair Katie Leid and former Elementary School Principal for the Dayton School District said that issue is not restricted to Dayton schools.

"Every school District has this same problem," she said.

She pointed to the importance of professional development for staff. There was a significant reduction in failing grades in the secondary school due to a two-year professional development program funded by a grant. Longer-term initiatives to increase all district students' academic success will be introduced to the board at their meeting in March.

"The mission of the Dayton School District is to promote academic excellence, active citizenship, and provide all students with the opportunity to become productive members of society. The keyword is "all." We are looking at the data and will continue to do so and make changes and improvements to help all students,"

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

INSLEE SIGNS BIPARTISAN BILL TO SUPPORT BUSINESS AND WORKERS

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Gov. Jay Inslee signed legislation this week providing relief for businesses and workers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. SB 5061 will increase minimum unemployment benefits for workers and provide significant tax relief for businesses over the next five years, to support recovery from the economic impacts of COVID shutdowns. The legislation, which the governor requested, is a critical piece of the state's COVID-19 recovery plan. It passed with strong bipartisan support in both chambers.

COVID-19 has caused deep economic hardship for many workers and businesses. This bill is another step in helping to mitigate these challenges.

SB 5061 relieves employers of individual benefit charges for claims that occurred between March 22 and May 30, 2020, the period of the governor's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order, and caps specific tax rates through 2025. Together, these actions prevent a \$1.7 billion spike in unemployment taxes over the next five years, including just over \$920 million in rate increases this year. With revenue down and employers facing increased business costs, this bill offers much-needed relief.

The legislation also addresses the hardship being faced by workers, putting more money into the pockets of those experiencing unemployment by increasing the minimum benefit starting July 1. This builds on investments the governor made last November. Through budget authorization, he added over \$9.5 million to resolve top unemployment claims adjudication issues, hire an additional 60 adjudicators and 32 dual language agents, and increase technology support and materials translation.

Additionally, SB 5061 makes policy updates to ensure that Washington's unemployment insurance system is more agile and responsive during public health emergencies. This includes eligibility for individuals

at high risk for severe illness and their family members. It also ensures that federal money will not be left on the table when federal support is available for specific benefit programs. The bill also has improvements to the state's Voluntary Contributions Program, which allows employers to buy-down rate increases even further.

Businesses and individuals won't have to go through any additional processes to receive the deductions or increased benefits.

The bill was crafted with support from the Employment Security Department and their Unemployment Insurance Advisory Committee, composed of representatives from statewide business and labor organizations.

COLUMBIA COUNTY BURGLARIES UNDER INVESTIGATION, CHARGES FILED

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Columbia County has recently experienced a string of burglaries targeting churches and businesses.

The Columbia County Prosecuting Attorney announced that charges are being filed. No further details are currently available as the Columbia County Sheriff's Office continues its investigation. *The Times* will report on further information as it is released.

If you have information regarding the burglaries, contact the non-dispatch line (509) 382-2518.

SEN. PERRY DOZIER INTRODUCES HIS FIRST BILL TO SENATE

The bill passed after traditional good-natured teasing by colleagues on the floor

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Sen. Perry Dozier, R-Waitsburg, passed his first bill off the Senate floor Wednesday night—a measure that allows mortgage loan originators to work from home.

The occasion prompted much teasing from Dozier's colleagues, per Senate tradition, as they denounced the bill and urged the full Senate to vote no. Yet when it came time for the roll call, the bill passed 49-0.

"It's a tradition around here, and I'm glad to be part of it," said Dozier, who took office at the start of this year's legislative session. "It was as if the entire Senate rose up against me. But I know it's all in fun."

Senate Bill 5077 authorizes mortgage loan originators to continue working from home, a practice allowed since March 2020 by the Department of Financial Institutions under state COVID-19 emergency orders. State law requires mortgage originators to do all business at licensed office locations. The legislation clarifies that working from home is permissible if mortgage loan originators adhere to state security rules, keep all paper records at their branch offices, and work via a secure office computer system.

Dozier said the additional flexibility should make it easier for clients to meet with mortgage originators and get their loans processed. The measure now moves to the House for further consideration.

EQUITY TASK FORCE CREATED TO MAKE COVID-19 VACCINE AVAILABLE TO ALL COMMUNITIES

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH) acknowledged concerns raised by many members of the community regarding equitable vaccine distribution. DCH has implemented an equity task force and partnered with community organizations that serve low-income and hard to reach populations.

With these efforts well underway, county health officials want to thank residents that have stepped up to help those in need.

"We are a community," said Public Health Officer Dr. Daniel Kaminsky. "We can reach out to friends, family and neighbors, people who we think might need help."

DCH is encouraging people to continue to find ways to help those that need assistance. County residents in need of help should reach out to a trusted contact to help schedule an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine or to find needed information.

Residents without Internet or computer access and without a trusted contact in the area, can call the DCH helpline (509) 524-2647 and leave their name, date of birth, phone number, and a message stating that they do not have access to internet or a computer. From there, eligible individuals will be referred to community partners to be scheduled for a vaccine appointment at an upcoming clinic.

While the vaccination sign-up process has been challenging, DCH is committed to finding solutions so that interested residents can be vaccinated. DCH staff are also collaborating in statewide vaccine distribution discussions with Washington State Department of Health staff, members of other local health jurisdictions, and with Washington residents that are impacted unequally.

The DCH equity task force is also engaged with a local Latinx task force that was formed in the summer of 2020 by Providence's Population Health team, with the intent of addressing health outcomes of the Latinx population and other affected populations. DCH is committed to creating a healthier Walla Walla county and will continue to evaluate and improve outreach efforts.

For the latest updates and announcements, visit the Walla Walla County COVID website or text COVID-WW to 888777.

Touchet Valley Weather

Feb. 10, 2021

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly Cloudy	Scattered Snow	Scattered Snow	Isolated Snow	Isolated Snow	Scattered Snow	Cloudy
High: 36 Low: 20	High: 29 Low: 12	High: 22 Low: 9	High: 24 Low: 12	High: 29 Low: 18	High: 33 Low: 20	High: 35 Low: 24

Weather Trivia

Are there natural sources of acid rain?
Answer: Volcanoes produce gases that cause acid rain.

Weather History

Feb. 10, 1978 - As much as eight inches of rain drenched Southern California, resulting in widespread flooding and mudslides. The heavy rainfall produced a wall of water that ripped through the mountain resort community of Hidden Springs, drowning at least 13 people.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation	Departure from normal	Average temperature	Average normal temperature	Departure from normal
Tuesday	53	35	43/32	0.23"	0.26"	-0.16"	42.1°	37.9°	+4.2°
Wednesday	43	35	44/32	0.03"	0.00"	0.00"	42.1°	37.9°	+4.2°
Thursday	46	36	44/32	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"	42.1°	37.9°	+4.2°
Friday	55	41	44/32	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"	42.1°	37.9°	+4.2°
Saturday	50	41	44/32	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"	42.1°	37.9°	+4.2°
Sunday	47	35	44/32	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"	42.1°	37.9°	+4.2°
Monday	38	35	44/32	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"	42.1°	37.9°	+4.2°

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
New 2/11	7:02 a.m.	5:12 p.m.	6:54 a.m.	3:59 p.m.
Wednesday	7:01 a.m.	5:13 p.m.	7:29 a.m.	5:10 p.m.
Thursday	6:59 a.m.	5:15 p.m.	7:57 a.m.	6:21 p.m.
Friday	6:58 a.m.	5:16 p.m.	8:20 a.m.	7:29 p.m.
Saturday	6:56 a.m.	5:18 p.m.	8:41 a.m.	8:35 p.m.
Sunday	6:55 a.m.	5:19 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:39 p.m.
Monday	6:53 a.m.	5:21 p.m.	9:19 a.m.	10:42 p.m.
First 2/19				
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If I had a dead squirrel, I'd share half with you, Kooskie. - Sitka

Walla Walla County Vaccination Clinic scheduled Feb. 11 and 13

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH) and county health partners will be holding a second-dose vaccination clinic on February 13 at the County Fairgrounds for those who received their first dose on Saturday, January 23. Those who received their vaccine that day should arrive at the fairgrounds at the same time as their original appointment with the CDC vaccination card that they received at that appointment. That card is important for verifying the date of their first vaccine.

Walla Walla DCH was notified last week that the county will receive approximately 1,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses from the state on Monday, February 8. Those doses will allow DCH and county health partners to operate their mass vaccination clinic on Thursday, February 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Eligible county residents were able to start scheduling appointments on Monday, February 8 at 10 a.m. After completing the Phase Finder Tool to verify eligibility, those who are interested in receiving a vaccine, should complete the following steps:

- Step 1: Go to doh.wa.gov and click the "Vaccine Locations," button.
- Step 2: Scroll or search for "Walla Walla County" in the list of counties.
- Step 3: Click "Walla Walla County."
- Step 4: Click the "Walla Walla County Fairgrounds," link.
- Step 5: Click "Click Here to Schedule Appointment."
- Step 6: Select an available appointment time.
- Step 7: Click "Submit and Sign Up."
- Step 8: Enter your name, email and other required information.
- Step 9: Click "Sign Up Now."
- Step 10: Check your email inbox. You will receive a confirmation if all steps have been completed successfully.

It is important to note that no walk-in appointments will be accepted. If you are unable to schedule an appointment, please do not show up at the clinic to get your vaccination. Residents without Internet or computer access and without a trusted contact in the area to assist them, can call the DCH helpline (509) 524-2647 and leave their name, date of birth, phone number, and a message stating that they do not have access to internet or a computer. From there, eligible individuals will be referred to community partners to be scheduled for a vaccine appointment at an upcoming clinic.

We encourage all residents to visit the county's COVID-19 website for information on upcoming vaccination clinics and to use the DOH Phase Finder to verify eligibility. Residents may also text 'COVIDWW' to 888777 to receive up-to-date information from DCH via text messaging.

Coming soon to Dayton: Table Rock Meat Company

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton Cut and Wrap will be rebranded as the Table Rock Meat Company when Sierra Smith and Michelle Shoun finalize the business's purchase from long-time owners Joe and Sue Nyce.

Smith said she and her mother, Michelle, plan for custom cut meats and wrap at the shop. They will offer customers boxed meats and smoked meats, including pepperoni, smoked sausage, and brats, along with newer product lines like brisket bacon and Denver steaks. Fans of Joe Nyce will rejoice to see some products based on his recipes.

Smith and Shoun understand cattle ranching. Both of them raise small herds locally. Shoun raises American Wagyu, and Smith raises Registered Angus. They are interested in various breeds and plan to reach out to local ranchers for inventory, focusing on carcass quality.

Smith said they became interested in running a custom cut and wrap business because of the lack of butchers locally.

"We are two years out to get a butcher. So, we decided to do it ourselves," she said.

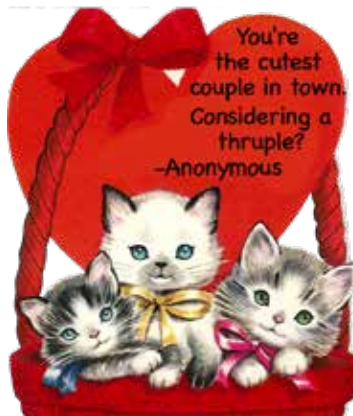
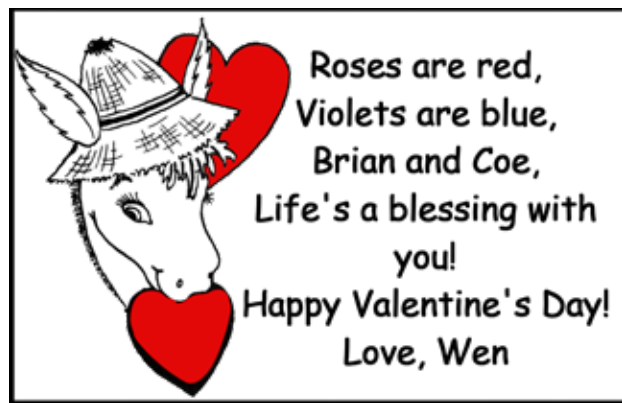
They are in the process of hiring a butcher. Jarrod Gibbins will be on board for slaughter, and as the assistant butcher, Smith said.

The goal is to produce what consumers want. Smith said Table Rock Meat Company would provide a quality product along with transparency and excellent customer service.



Michele Smith

L-to r: Clayton McKinley, Sierra Smith, Steve Shoun, Michelle Shoun, Chase Reed, and Cheyanne Shoun have helped Sierra Smith and her mother Michelle Shoun, transform the Dayton Cut and Wrap into the Table Rock Meat Company. An April opening is planned.



Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

Waitsburg City Council:
Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.
Call-in information available at www.cityofwaitsburg.com/government-1

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

Waitsburg Celebration Days:
February 22 at 7 p.m.
tinyurl.com/5e8fdhpq

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

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

Board of Columbia County Commissioners
First and second Monday of each month at 9 a.m.
Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

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

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

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners
Fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

Coalition for Youth & Families
Fourth Wednesday monthly at 3 p.m.
<https://coalitionforyouthandfamilies.org/get-involved>

Columbia County Rural Library District Special Meeting—Budget workshop
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

Church Directory

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
504 Main
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
337-6589
Pastor Stan Hughes

Waitsburg Chapel
320 W. 2nd
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Bible Study
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
337-6235
Rev. Jimmie Daves

Waitsburg Christian Church
604 Main St
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Each Sunday
337-8898
Rev. Matthew Wyatt

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

- Dayton Senior Center
403 E. Patit St.
12 p.m.
Drive Up Only
- Thursday, February 11**
Chili
Spinach salad w/ blueberries
Cornbread
Pie
Milk

- Tuesday, February 16**
Spaghetti
Mixed veggie
Salad
Garlic bread
Fruit Jello
Milk

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

- 504 Main Street
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, February 16**
Turkey & gravy
Mashed potatoes
Vegetable (chef's choice)
Bread
Fruit

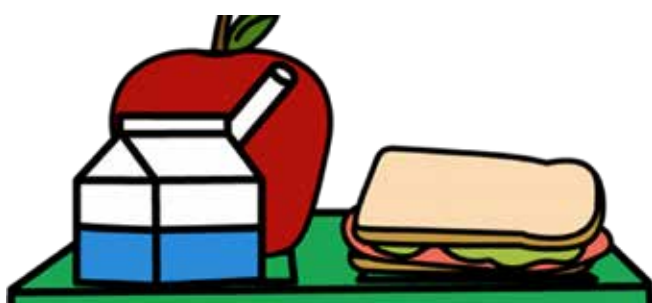
WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

- Thursday, February 11**
B: Eggs & bacon
L: Turkey subs
Chips
Cucumbers
Peaches
- Friday, February 12**
B: Valentine parfait
L: Valentine's Day lunch

Monday, February 15
No School: President's Day

Tuesday, February 16
B: Valentine's parfait
L: Valentine's Day



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NEWS & COMMENTARY

See something, say something

Reporting unusual behavior or activity is essential to protect the community and individuals experiencing health crises.

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—This past week, suspicious activity involving a resident was shared on Waitsburg's Helping Hands Facebook page and reported to local law enforcement. Other incidents were reported to *The Times* concerning the same individual during that same period. According to social media posts made by the individual's family, he was experiencing a mental health crisis and has now sought help and under medical care.

The Times is not releasing the name of the individual and directed concerned parties to contact Walla Walla Sheriff's department. Those of us at the paper want to support the community in efforts to take care of one another, find help for families and individuals facing health and security issues resulting from the restrictions from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following is advice from the CDC on how to help others cope. Taking care of yourself can better equip you to take care of others. During times of social distancing, it is especially important to stay connected with your friends and family. Helping others cope with stress through phone calls or video chats can help you and your loved ones feel less lonely or isolated.

Mental health has been deeply affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, with many people struggling with health and social restrictions, lack of social interaction, and financial stress. According to the National Institute of Health, there has been a significant increase in self-harm, including, substance abuse since March 2020.

If you or a loved one are experiencing a mental health crisis, please call the National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) HelpLine at 1-800-950-NAMI (6264) to help access resources near you, or text 'NAMI' to 741-741 to connect with a crisis counselor.

The National Suicide Hotline has trained crisis counselors available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by calling 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) can connect you

with treatment and support by calling the SAMHSA National Hotline at 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

• National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) for English, 1-888-628-9454 for Spanish, or <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org>

• National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 or text LOVEIS to 22522

• National Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-4AChild (1-800-422-4453) or text 1-800-422-4453

• National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE (4673) or <https://hotline.rainn.org/online>

• Veteran's Crisis Line at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help/chat> or text: 8388255

• The Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office asks you contact the non-emergency dispatch by calling (509) 524-5400 to report any incident involving an individual who is acting suspiciously and may be a threat to themselves or someone. Do not engage the individual, and do not put yourself in harm's way.

• If it is an emergency, always dial 9-1-1.

BIRTHDAYS

February 11: Erika Heibrun, Jeff Christensen, Jill Bickelhaupt, Micki Payne and Jean McCown.

February 12: Ken Cole, Jr., Benjamin Moser, Landis Potts and Lindsey Richardson.

February 13: Denise Shaffer, Lori Ann Witt, Tamra Fry, James Olson, Jonathon Baker, Justin and Travis Turner and Patty Mayberry.

February 14: Susan Talbott, Edith Wold, Gina Lytle, Susan Zuger and David Smith.

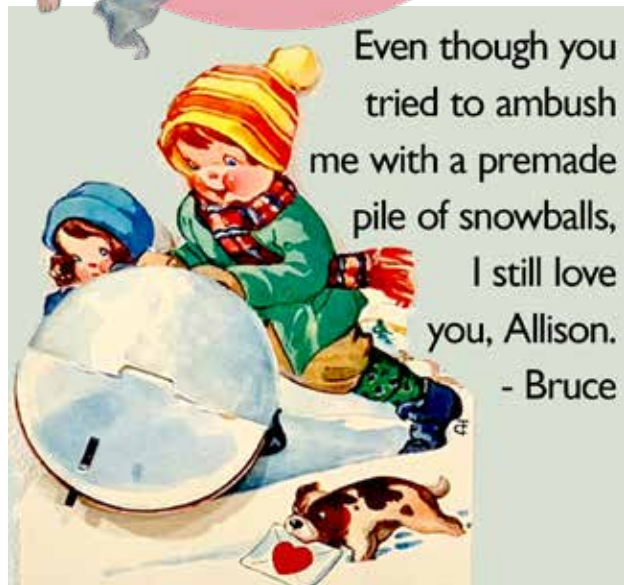
February 15: Ephraimia Reese, Andrew Wertz, Neta Henze McKenzie, Ansehl Hofer, Christina Hofer, Jack Otterson, Stacy Ashcroft and Wanda Witt, Andrew Wertz, and Brianna Wray.

February 16: Jason Eaton, Mike R. Mayberry and Loren Eng.

February 17: Loyal Baker, Jack Rodgers, Chris Blair, Mathew Kurth, Betty Sauer, Angela Webb and Larry Lawrence.



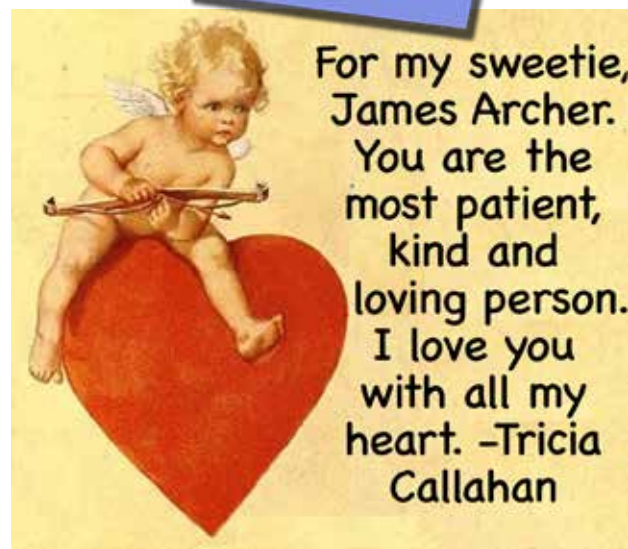
Martha, my dear, you rainbow made of flesh. You're the sweetest of the sweet! -Everyone



Even though you tried to ambush me with a premade pile of snowballs, I still love you, Allison. - Bruce



Happy Valentines Day to my amazing parents Skip & Sandy Carpenter! Married 55 years! All my Love, Lynne



For my sweetie, James Archer. You are the most patient, kind and loving person. I love you with all my heart. -Tricia Callahan

WWCSO

February 2

Subject taken into custody by CRT and transported to PSMC for an ITA (Involuntary Treatment Act). Walla Walla County

Male committed a simple assault on his girlfriend at his residence and in a vehicle. Waitsburg

An assault was reported. Waitsburg.

February 4

Subject arrested for violation of protection order. Walla Walla County

February 5

Lug nuts stolen off of a truck. Walla Walla County

Theft reported. Walla Walla County

Male committed residential burglary by unlawfully entering and remaining in a residence. Same male committed harassment DV and assault 4 DV against his wife. Walla Walla County

CCSO

February 1

Deputies responded to the administrative building at Dayton General Hospital for an assist.

Deputies responded to a non-injury accident call at Bluewood.

Deputies responded to a 9-1-1 call originating from the Best Western Hotel in Dayton.

February 2

An unwanted person was reported at the Columbia County Fairgrounds main entrance.

Citizen contact at Ray's Drive In.

Lost property was reported.

February 3

An inmate was transported to the Columbia Family Clinic.

Harassment was reported at Classy Chassy Car Wash in Dayton.

Theft was reported at Shangri La RV Park.

February 4

Fraud was reported by PDQ Food Mart/Chevron Gas.

Welfare check on Willow Street.

Animal call from Little Goose Dam.

Suspicious activity at Bank of America/Washington Federal Bank in Dayton.

9-1-1 call from Starbuck School.

February 5

Suspicious activity on Highway 12, Milepost 374

Animal call from Banner Bank, Dayton.

Warrant confirmation at Columbia County Courthouse.

February 6

Welfare check at Knoblock Apartments.

9-1-1 call originating from Bluewood.

Traffic call from Steve's Cash and Carry in Dayton.

February 7

Multiple traffic stops on Touchet Road.

Theft Motor Vehicle at the Dayton Motel.

Citizen contact at Harvest Christian Center and Faith Chapel.



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Hospital District Board report for January

Health System working to improve work culture

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Columbia County Health System's Executive Leadership team participated in a five-day leadership course led by its Semi Bird, Executive Director of Team Concepts Training Services, reported CCHS CEO Shane McGuire at the hospital district commissioners meeting in January.

Team Concepts will continue providing training to CCHS staff throughout the year. The goal of the training is to transform workplace culture. Each department-level manager will receive the same training as the Executive Leadership Team, McGuire said.

"We take really good doctors, really great nurses, and even very strong housekeepers that all do a fantastic job in their role and make them managers. What we are really doing is giving them the title of manager, but very little in the way of training, support, or tools, hoping that their natural ability will carry them through, successfully," McGuire said.

Part of a healthy workplace culture is one where people understand how their work and efforts roll up to overall mission success," he said.

McGuire told the commissioners Team Concepts would assist them to begin work on their next Five-year Strategic Plan.

Strategic roles and assignments for the first Five-Year Strategic Plan did not get communicated throughout all levels of the organization, and McGuire hopes this will be corrected going forward.

McGuire also reported about actions taken to decrease reliance on expensive contract labor for the Health System. Two new full-time Registered Nurses have been hired in Acute Care Services, and another will be hired soon.

Nurses require a valid state license to work in Washington State, said McGuire. Thirty-four states in the nation are enrolled in the Nursing Licensure Compact (NLC), which allows nurses some flexibility across state lines; however, Washington State does not participate in the NLC. Consequently, the market for nurses is "tight," he said.

Dayton General Hospital Pharmacy Manager Cheryl Pell is doing a "fantastic" job balancing COVID-19 vaccine needs, including scheduling first and second doses.

McGuire said through diligent efforts, CCHS staff reached an agreement with the County to use the Columbia County Fairgrounds for a vaccination clinic.

DAYTON SCHOOLS - FROM PAGE 1

Strot said.

During the school board work meeting last week, Dayton School District MS/HS Principal Kristina Brown and DSD Superintendent Guy Strot, introduced two options for the bell schedule to be used after the dismissal time changes from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. for secondary school students.

In the first option, the high school and middle school students will have lunch at the same time, and in the second option, they will be separated. Strot will recommend Option 1 to the school board at their next meeting on Feb. 17.

Strot will send letters and emails to all secondary school students' parents once the dismissal time is announced. The information will also be posted on the Dayton School District website and Facebook page.

OBITUARY

Susan Lynn Williams Farrell

Susan Lynn Williams Farrell passed away on February 3, 2021 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, WA. She was born to Martha Ann Williams and Ferris Dale Williams on October 14, 1961 in Dayton, WA. She is survived by her husband Dan Farrell and her son Bradley Farrell, her mother, two sisters, and a brother. Susan was 59 years old. She was very loved by her friends and family and will be greatly missed.



LEEVE - FROM PAGE 1

As city officials look deeper into the new year, flood repair and prevention is high priority, with lots of focus being placed on the Preston Avenue Bridge area. Years' worth of blackberry bushes, heavy riprap, trees and other debris have almost completely blocked two of the arches under the bridge and the debris must be removed to allow higher water volume to pass should another flood occur. The riverbed under the bridge is scheduled to be dredged to remove underwater debris and silt build up.

Working on waterways and levee systems is not always easy. Hinchliffe said there are many studies and permits that must be completed before any work can be scheduled.

The Coppei River also has sections that have Hinchliffe concerned and the city has limited access to its banks- access is mostly around the Waitsburg Fairgrounds up to the Coppei Avenue Bridge at the south end of town.

Hinchliffe shared that Walla Walla County has addressed some of the issues upstream, near Meinburg Road, by placing rock and other materials along the bank. He said he was unsure if the repairs would hold, as the river has a longstanding history of flowing outside of its banks in the area.

The now-inactive flood control district built a small dike system along the Coppei in 2003, but it has not been maintained. This year, the city will clear trees and vegetation around the dike and reinforce the banks with rock.

The city will address issues at the Coppei Bridge on West 7th Street, by improving scoured beds and eroded banks and removing woody debris both upstream and downstream. Last year, the Coppei River broke behind West 7th and flowed through a field before it flowed back into the riverbed just before the bridge.

Efforts to make necessary repairs have been significantly delayed by the coronavirus pandemic, according to Hinchliffe. He said that it has been unusually difficult to contract companies to perform the necessary work.

At this point, Hinchliffe said that the city has accomplished a lot as far as repair goes, and he is confident that this is the most protection the city has been able to offer residents against flood events for many years, but he knows there is still plenty of work to come.

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Blue Mountain Counseling has an opening for a **part-time position as a Receptionist**. This will be no less than 25 hours per week; maybe more depending on need. Salary: DOE/DOQ. Application and job description may be picked up at Blue Mountain Counseling, 221 E. Washington Ave., Dayton, WA 99328. Applications may be faxed to: (509) 382.1166 For questions and/or information call (509) 382.1164. E.O.E.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT:

Waitsburg School District has immediate openings for **substitute classroom para-educators**. Other substitute position openings are substitute building secretary, substitute teachers, substitute custodians, substitute school bus drivers and substitute food service assistants.

Application materials are available online @ www.waitsburgsd.org or by calling the District Office at (509) 337-6301. Please direct questions and inquiries to Mark Pickel, Superintendent. E-mail mpickel@waitsburgsd.org. Position is open until filled. Waitsburg School District is an E.O.E.

Full time job opportunity job sharing responsibilities at Columbia County Commissioners office and Public Health. Must have intermediate level secretarial and receptionist skills including writing procedures and meeting minutes, social media, and web design functions. Must be able to work with public on a consistent, competent, and courteous manner. If interested email Martha_lanman@co.columbia.wa.us or Leanne_peters@co.columbia.wa.us.

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The Columbia County Public Health Department is making the move

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Columbia County Public Health Department moves from 270 East Main Street to their new location at 112 North Second Street the week of Feb. 15, with plans for the department to be officially open on Feb. 22.

County Public Health Administrator Martha Lanman said there are several benefits to making this move.

There is adequate space for all the staff to occupy the new offices while complying with current social distancing guidelines. Lanman said two department staff members are currently working out of the county Planning and Building office, and it will be nice to have them working inside the department, once again.

The large conference room in the building will allow ample space for COVID-19 contact tracing. There is also an upgraded medical grade freezer and refrigerator meeting the current COVID-19 vaccine requirements.

Lanman said it will be nice for the department to be closer to the courthouse and county commissioners' office.

"It feels right," she said.

The new building underwent a significant interior remodel, new landscaping, and installation of ADA compliant sidewalks.

The county paid \$110,000 for the building in 2019. The cost of asbestos mitigation was \$18,856. Funds provided to the county through the federal CARES Act were used to offset some of the cost.



Photos by Michele Smith

Columbia County Public Health Administrator Martha Lanman stands inside a future office space at the new Public Health location at 112 North Street. With the completion of an extensive renovation, the now county health department offices will be open on February 22.



LEGAL NOTICES

Columbia County Public Hospital District #1 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Board Retreat – Strategic Planning

02/17/2021 at 8 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Columbia County Public Hospital District No. 1 will be held on February 17, 2021 at 3:00pm. in the conference room at the Administration Building on the District's Dayton, Washington campus. The purpose of the meeting: review the Chief Executive Officer's Performance, Contract, and to consider a salary range. Final disposition shall not be taken on any other matter at such meeting.

Item	Responsible
1. Call to Order	Bob Hutchens, Chair
2. Roll Call	Bob Hutchens, Chair
3. Executive Session: to review the job performance of the District's CEO (RCW 42.30.110(g))	Bob Hutchens, Chair
4. Adjournment	Bob Hutchens, Chair

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

NO. 20-2-00564-36
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

RCW 4.28.110
TOMKINS-FLOWERS LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
RONALD MEI, Defendant.

The State of Washington to Ronald Mei:

You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty (60) days after January 21, 2021, and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled Court, and answer the complaint of the Plaintiff, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff, at his office below stated; and in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demands of the complaint in this action, which has been filed with the Clerk of said Court.

The object of this action is to obtain contribution damages or restitution damages to compensate the Plaintiff for funds that the Plaintiff advanced to repair a broken sewer line shared by the Plaintiff and the Defendant.

DATED this 6th day of January, 2021.
BASALT LEGAL PLLC
By: Jeremy Hyndman,
WSBA #44320
6½ N. Second, Suite 200
Walla Walla, WA 99362
509-529-0630
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January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2021
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

No. 20-4-00248-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re the Estate of MARGARET A. WALTERS, Deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of

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

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

Personal Representative: JONATHAN S. WALTERS
Date of First Publication: January 28, 2021
/s/ JONATHAN S. WALTERS
Personal Representative of the Estate of MARGARET A. WALTERS
Attorney for the Personal Representative and address for mailing and service: Steven C. Frol Minnick-Hayner, P.S. P.O. Box 1757 249 West Alder Walla Walla, WA 99362
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

Case No. 21-4-00012-36
NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In Re the Estate of JULIA HERRERA ALANIZ, Deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this

estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

Date of filing copy of Notice to Creditors: January 21, 2021
Date of First Publication: Thursday, January 28, 2021
Name: ROZAS SANDOVAL ALANIZ, Personal Representative
R. Gary Ponti
Ponti & Wernette, P.S.
Attorneys at Law
103 E. Poplar
Walla Walla, WA 99362
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

NO: 21-4-00020-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of: PATRICIA ANN PORTER LEE,
Deceased.
The co-personal representatives named below have been appointed as co-personal representatives of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the co-personal representatives' attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051

and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: January 28, 2021.
Pegg Ann Lee Johnson, Co-Personal Representative
Susan Elizabeth Lee-Reedy, Co-Personal Representative
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REQUEST FOR LETTER OF INTEREST TO SERVE IN THE CAPACITY OF CITY COUNCILMEMBER FOR CITY OF DAYTON

The City of Dayton is seeking to fill the vacant position of City Councilmember for the City of Dayton. The City is a non-charter code city with a strong Mayor-Council form of government as prescribed by Chapter 35A RCW. The City Councilmember position is open to a registered voter at the time of declaration of candidacy and has been a resident of within the boundaries of the city of Dayton for a period of at least one (1) year. Interested parties shall submit a letter of interest no later than February 24, 2021. Interviews for the position shall be conducted at a regular meeting of the City Council and are anticipated for Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Based on current COVID-19 meeting restrictions as of the date of this notice's issuance, interviews are scheduled to be held via ZOOM. For additional information or questions contact the City of Dayton, 111 S. 1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328, (509) 382-2361 or via email at info@daytonwa.com.
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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT REQUEST FOR FORMAL BID

Columbia Conservation District
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Columbia Conservation District is seeking formal bids for project materials. Material Bid requests includes rootwad trees, log tree poles, log pile posts and slash materials. This is for Salmonid Habitat Restoration Projects located on the Tucannon River, in Columbia County, SE Washington.

Bids are due Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at the District office by 3:30 PM.

For additional project information and bid packets email Aneesha Dieu, District

Manager at ad-ccd@daytonwa.net or pick up in person during office hours 8am-4pm Monday-Friday. Call (509) 382-4273 to schedule an appointment.

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Port of Columbia Landscaping & Weed/Pest Control

Request for Proposals

The Port of Columbia is seeking Requests for Proposals (RFP) for professional services from qualified firms for the purpose of landscaping, irrigation maintenance & weed/pest control services at the Rockhill Industrial Park, Blue Mountain Station and other Port owned properties in Dayton, WA. It is the Port's intent to use the information to enter into contract(s) for services for 2021. Information submitted should include a list of qualifications, proof of WA State licensing, proof of insurance, hourly labor rate, and materials mark-up. The Port of Columbia encourages women and minority-owned businesses to apply. A scope of work and proposal form can be found on the Port's website at www.portofcolumbia.org under the Doing Work for the Port tab. **Proposals must be received by 3:30 p.m. Friday, March 5th, 2021.** Proposals may be dropped off at the Port office at 1 Port Way during regular business hours or e-mailed to auditor@portofcolumbia.org
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STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY UNION GAP, WASHINGTON NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO CHANGE THE PURPOSE OF USE, POINTS OF WITHDRAWAL, AND PLACE OF USE AS AUTHORIZED UNDER STATE TRUST WATER RIGHTS.

TAKE NOTICE: That on December 24, 2020, Granite Farms (Granite), LLC, of Burbank, WA, applied to change the purpose of use, point(s) of withdrawal, and a portion of the place of use as authorized under water right numbers G3-21909C(A)@7, G4-31432(B), S4-022119CL(A)@2. Applications have been assigned change numbers G3-21909C(A)@8, CG4-31432(B), S4-022119CL(A)@5, and CS4-022119CL(B).

That on January 28, 2021, Granite Farms (Granite), LLC, of Burbank, WA, applied to change the purpose of use, point(s) of withdrawal, and a portion of the place of use as authorized under water right CS4-022119CL(B). Application has been assigned change number CS4-022119CL(B)@2.

That CG3-21909C(A)@7 is a Trust Water Right with an October 9, 1973 priority date, for instream flows of 431.7 gpm, 487.5 acre-feet/year. Applicant is seeking to change

418 gpm, 472 acre-feet/year to irrigation of 245 acres April 1 to October 15.

That G4-31432(B) is a Trust Water Right with a September 1, 1992 priority date, for instream flows of 65 gpm, 60 acre-feet/year. Applicant is seeking to change 60 gpm, 53 acre-feet/year to irrigation of 28 acres April 1 to October 31.

That S4-022119CL(A)@2 is a Trust Water Right with a March 1, 1896 priority date, for instream flows of 3,579.6 gpm, 830 acre-feet/year. Applicant is seeking to change 1,628 gpm, 693 acre-feet/year to irrigation of 369 acres April 1 to October 15.

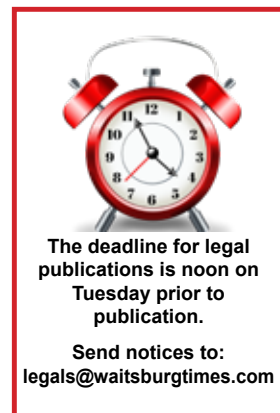
That S4-022119CL(B) is a Trust Water Right with a March 1, 1896 priority date, for instream flows of 16,001.18 gpm, 6,186.71 acre-feet/year. Applicant is seeking to change 5,649 gpm, 2,082 acre-feet/year to irrigation of 1108 acres April 1 to October 15.

That the three proposed points of withdrawal are located in the W1/2 of Section 11, E1/2 of Section 14, W1/2 of Section 2, all in T. 7 N., R. 31 E.W.M., Walla Walla County, WA.

That the proposed place of use is within Sections 2, 11, and 14 of T. 7 N., R. 31 E.W.M., Walla Walla County, WA.

Protests or objections to approval of these applications must include a detailed statement of the basis for objections. All letters of protest will become public record. Cash shall not be accepted. Fees must be paid by check or money order and are nonrefundable. Protests must be accompanied by a \$50 recording fee payable to the Department of Ecology, Cashiering Unit, PO Box 47611, Olympia WA 98504-7611, within 30 days from: February 18, 2021.

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Dr. Kennie Reeves: Waiting for permission

How do you know when it's okay to let go?

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

When she was in the fourth grade, Kennie Lamming's grandmother's cow was going to have twins. Kennie wanted to watch. However, it was her bedtime, and she wasn't allowed to participate. She was angry and decided to learn to help so she could watch all the births she wanted and even participate in some.

"Actually, I believe that was the first time the Holy Spirit spoke to me about becoming a veterinarian," Kennie Reeves said.

Reeves has been our animal doctor for 30 years, arriving in Dayton with her husband, Chuck, in 1990; the same year Melissa and I arrived in the valley. It seemed like time to catch up with the good Doctor.



Photo courtesy of Kennie Reeves

Dr. Reeves with a wolf pup on the Alaskan set of "White Fang" in February 1990.

Her road to becoming our veterinarian was not without challenge during her formative years. She graduated from Everett High School in 1964 and discovered the principal had written on her transcript that he didn't think she would make it as a veterinarian.

"I laughed," she said.

She applied twice to veterinary school. She didn't get so much as a phone call the first time. That can rattle a person's faith. Nevertheless, she completed her second application the day before the deadline and was accepted.

"I had heard the Spirit speaking again," she said.

She began working on her degree in Public Health and Bacteriology at Washington State University, where she met Chuck. Even then, there were moments of doubt.

"Then one day, I saw a rabbit hiding under a tree in the middle of winter," she said. She recognized it as a picture of endurance and patience.

"I thought if he can make it, so can I."

Kennie began practicing veterinary medicine in 1973. After a half-century, she has become an essential caretaker in the valley for many pet owners, including ours. She recently celebrated her 75th birthday and remains at her post as the small animal whisperer at Dayton Veterinary Clinic, where she provides routine care and maintenance.

"I'm all by myself," she said. "I see a minimum of 15 cases a day, on average, mostly cats and dogs, occasionally a hamster or something."

Folks often ask her when she plans to retire.

"Well, my energy has been running low the last couple of years," Reeves said. "But the truth is, if we officially retire and close the place down before we found someone to replace us, we'd have to leave town. I wouldn't be able to ignore the need. I'm waiting for clarity from the Holy Spirit that it's time. I need permission to quit."

According to Reeves, there will always be a need for a local practice. It is essential to have a local animal clinic for the city's pet owners, especially those unable to travel to Walla Walla or the Tri-Cities. Then there are the ever-present calls to the clinic about stray animals or the late-night emergencies that seem to come once a month or so.

In addition to the two cats that keep full-time residence, the clinic offers small-animal boarding, which some of us refer to as "Dog Hotel."

"It's hard to find younger vets who are willing to work as solo practitioners," Reeves said. "They want a better work/life balance."

She has approached other vets in the region about possibly running the Dayton clinic as a satellite practice. So far, no one has taken her up on the idea.

At home, she and Chuck care for two horses, a mule, a dog, three cats, and some cattle. Kennie enjoys riding dressage. Perhaps she will have more time to ride after she retires; until then, she keeps going where she is needed.

When she and Chuck came to town in 1990, Kennie was fresh off the Alaskan set of the 1991 film, *White Fang* starring Ethan Hawke. She worked as an on-set animal care professional, caring for the wolf pup actors in the film. Since they arrived in town, she and Chuck hit the ground running. Chuck is mostly retired, answering occasional calls for large animal care. And Kennie just keeps going.

When I asked her how she describes herself, Reeves answered, "Doctor, mother, rider, and seamstress. Someone has to keep the mending up."

Well, I'd say she's done a very good job of it.



Mike Ferrians

Dr. Reeves today at the Dayton Vet Clinic.

Waitsburg's own butterfly: Living with Turner Syndrome

February is Turner Syndrome Awareness Month

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

Grace Coulston, of Waitsburg, is vivacious, known for her constant smile, and never hesitating to lend a helping hand.

Her entire life, she has been active. She grew up on a farm just outside of Waitsburg and loves all-things agriculture.

Less than one year out of high school, Coulston is the owner-operator of a successful Boer goat breeding program, Sorghum Hollow Boer Goats, which takes her all over the country for shows and sales.

February is a special month for Coulston: It is Turner Syndrome Awareness Month.

Turner syndrome (TS), also called 45, X and Ullrich Turner syndrome is a rare chromosomal disorder in which a female has an incomplete or is missing an X chromosome. The condition affects one in 2,500 live female births, affects all races and backgrounds, and has a long list of complications, including short stature, lymphedema (swelling of hands and feet), bicuspid aortic valve, and horseshoe kidneys.

According to an article written by Krissi Daniels, MD, in 2013, 99% of TS pregnancies result in miscarriage or stillbirth, and as many as 15% of all miscarriages have the 45, X karyotype.

Coulston lives with TS and recently became an awareness advocate with the Turner Syndrome Global Alliance (TSGA), though she says she has been an independent advocate throughout her life. Incorporated in 2014, TSGA works to have TS included in genetic research so the disorder can be better understood. In 2014, TSGA was granted 501c3 and later 509(a)(2) non-profit status, making it a public charity.

"Not many studies have been conducted," Coulston said. "The last study that I'm aware of was in Boston five years ago. A lot of babies that have (TS) won't survive out of the womb."

Growing up, Coulston said she had appointments

every three months or so at Seattle Children's Hospital, where she saw Dr. Patricia Fechner. It was Dr. Fechner who suggested that Coulston explore TSGA. Coulston has since joined a separate Facebook group where she has connected with women worldwide living with TS.

"It's nice to see that other people have the same problems that I do, and it's been so interesting to see just how diverse TS is," Coulston shared. "It's not a cut and dry disorder- it is very complex."

Coulston says that the most apparent symptom of her TS is her height.

"I'm lucky to have grown up in Waitsburg, in our community. I was never thought to be different, but it was pretty obvious, especially in high school, because I was always the short one. Getting to my top locker was very fun," she said, laughing, referencing the upper lockers reserved for juniors and seniors at Waitsburg High School. "The teachers and other students helped me out as much as possible, but I was always having to get tall people involved."

She has combated the height struggle in the best way possible: With laughter.

"I've heard just about every short joke in the book. It's hilarious," Coulston shared. "If you don't laugh about it, you're never going to get to move on."

Coulston also has a horseshoe kidney, a condition where the kidneys fuse at the base forming the "U" shape or horseshoe. There are complications from the kidney condition, but she has figured out how to do "dangerous activities" safely, like cheerleading and horseback riding. She said that she is always as careful as possible, but she doesn't let it hold her back from enjoying life.

She said that the most significant day-to-day struggle is social. Understanding social cues is a common difficulty for women living with TS, but researchers are unsure why. Coulston shared that she struggles with understanding social cues, notably knowing when someone is joking or not, is especially difficult for her.

Her goat program is a direct result of TS, said Coulston. The animals serve a dual-purpose, business and, more importantly, her therapy.

"They have helped so much. Most girls with Turners don't get social cues, but animals communicate really well, and they don't judge you when you don't get it right," Coulston shared. "They are good test

dummies to learn how to not verbally communicate with things."

Coulston shared that there are two types of TS: Mosaic, which presents with partial X chromosomes, and Typical TS, where there are 45 X chromosomes. Coulston has Typical TS.

Like pink ribbons for breast cancer and blue ribbons for diabetes, TS has a purple butterfly as their symbol of awareness. Coulston thinks this is just the cutest.

For information on Turner Syndrome, or to donate to research efforts, visit WWW.TSGAlliance.org.



Grace Coulston



Photos courtesy of Grace Coulston

Coulston is the owner/operator of a Boer goat breeding program, but her animals serve an extra special purpose in her life. They double as therapy, with Coulston saying they never judge her if she doesn't get something right the first try.

SPORTS & LIFESTYLES

Mariners evaluating and not spending

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

Mariners' general manager, Jerry Dipoto, was asked several questions about the upcoming 2021 season in a recent interview via Zoom. When asked about whether or not the team's finances this offseason would be affected by COVID-19, he responded, "Economically no....it had nothing to do for us with the revenues or economic issues that clubs may have experienced in 2020."

"We can set the goal of competing for a playoff spot," Dipoto said about the goals for the upcoming season.

He did note that he didn't expect the team to be at the top of the American League West division. Concerning upcoming prospects, he said, "We feel there are another handful that are not far off."

When pressed to name which players he thought would make their major league debuts in 2021, he mentioned Logan Gilbert, Jarred Kelenic, Cal Raleigh, and possibly Taylor Trammell. He also confirmed that the Mariners are planning to have a six-man rotation this season and want to limit starting pitching innings between 160 and 170.

"We are open to adding another starting pitcher and increasing the depth to the rotation if that's possible," Dipoto also said during the interview.

The reason given was not spending during free

agency: The organization needs more time to evaluate what they have before making any changes.

Understandably, the general manager would put a positive spin on the upcoming season. All team general managers do this; however, a more in-depth look at the team's spending over the past several years tells a different story.

The Mariners' payroll has been on a steady decline compared to the rest of the league, and it is unclear why. Seattle is not a small market team, so why is it spending like one?

The Mariners have the sixth-lowest payroll in the major leagues at \$57 million, behind only the Indians, Pirates, Orioles, Marlins, and Rays. The league's average payroll is \$114 million, and the first level of the "soft" salary cap starts at \$210 million. This team isn't just a few players away from playoff contention. The starting rotation and bullpen need an overhaul, and they can't expect all of it to come from their minor league players. This is likely Kyle Seager's last year on the Mariners, as I don't expect the team to pick up his option next year, so third base will also be a position that needs to be filled. The Mariners could start to fill several future needs via free agency.

The 'wait till next year' mantra has gotten old. How much longer before it starts to cut into the team's attendance? Over the last twenty years, when the Mariners finished in third place or better in their division, they drew over 2.1 million fans. In seasons where they

finished in fourth or fifth place, that number drops to 1.8 million fans, and fans' competition is only increasing.

The Major League Baseball (MLB) commissioner is again talking about expansion, and two of the top sites mentioned on the West Coast are Portland and Vancouver. Either location would cut into Seattle's fanbase. A new National Hockey League (NHL) team, the Seattle Kraken, will start up this fall. It's also possible we may not have baseball next year since the collective bargaining agreement or "CBA" is set to expire at the end of this season. There has already been disagreement between the players and owners over how last season was handled. This season the players refused the owners' attempt to shorten the season to 154 games, and all signs indicate that both sides are far apart on the terms of the next agreement. At the very least, either a lockout or strike of some length seems likely for 2022.

Seattle's other professional sports teams in the National Football League (NFL), Major League Soccer (MLS), and Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) seem to make the playoffs almost every year and have won championships in recent years. The Seattle SuperSonics made the playoffs in their 2004-2005 season, more recently than the Mariners, and they've been gone for over a decade. The Mariners haven't made the playoffs since 2001. How much longer can fans wait?

DW Sports practice begins February 15

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Dayton Waitsburg volleyball and football are scheduled to begin Monday, February 15. Locker rooms will not be available for athletes to use, so they must show up to practice dressed appropriately.

The fall sports season will go for six weeks, and games may be played once the region has reached Phase 2 of the Roadmap to Recovery reopening plan, which went into effect January 11, 2021.

Volleyball athletes will practice in Dayton, and buses will depart Waitsburg at 3:15 p.m. for practice. Buses will depart Dayton at 6 p.m. to return to Waitsburg. The first game is scheduled for February 23 at Mabton High School.

Football athletes will practice in Waitsburg, and buses will depart Dayton at 3:15 p.m. and will depart Waitsburg to return home at 6 p.m. The first game is currently scheduled for February 27, against Highland High School. All competition schedules are tentative.


At this time, spring sports are scheduled to begin practicing March 29, and fall sports are scheduled to begin practicing on May 10.

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I didn't become my mother.. (it's worse)

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

When I was in my teens, I was adamant that I would not become my mother. Of course, as I matured, I realized that I would be lucky to be more like her. However, I think life played a joke on me and skipped a generation; instead of my mother, unfortunately, I may have become my grandfather.

I weighed myself this morning and noticed I gained three pounds. I decided to move the scale an inch to one side, and I lost one pound, so then another side, a little in front, and boom! Three pounds down. I shuddered as I realized I am becoming my grandfather. That was his system every Sunday morning.

My grandfather was one of nine siblings who were the most rigid, disciplined, persnickety, organized, neat, stubborn, opinionated, and argumentative people EVER! They were intelligent, and well-read, and musical savants.

My sister and I inherited a mix of their traits. She was the neat, organized, and disciplined one, while I was the stubborn, opinionated music lover. My side of our bedroom was messy, and hers was always neat. Needless to say, we had our disagreements, which were amplified when my grandfather moved in with us after my grandmother's death. I now had another person appalled at my messy lifestyle and not silent about his opinions.

Initially, we were excited to have our grandfather move in with us. Lesson learned; living with people is different from visiting them. He suffered a stroke



and was paralyzed on his left side, needing assistance with most daily activities. My parents were his support system, and it took years and a lot of maturity to understand just how dependent he was.

My father helped with most of his physical needs; my mother did the rest. His lifelong rigidity demanded he have breakfast at 8 a.m. sharp, or he would complain of a headache. Lunch was always 12 p.m. sharp, five minutes late, and he complained of nausea from hunger. Dinner had to be at 6 p.m., and he never had anything to eat between meals. After my mother cleared the table and scraped up crumbs, he would point to the one crumb she missed to make sure she cleared that one too.

He would weigh himself every Sunday morning. He enlisted my sister and me to assist him, and we were happy to help initially. But soon, it became a dreaded chore. He would wake us up early by coming into our room while we pretended to be asleep. He would pull on our big toes, and we eventually surrendered and got up. Our job was to move the scale to different places on the floor until he would choose the lowest weight to announce at breakfast.

Besides choosing my best weight by dancing the scale around the floor, I have also become a neat nick. Where Daniel's philosophy is 'why make a bed that is just going to be messed up later.' Every evening he moves the ottoman off-center on the floor while we watch TV, and the first thing in the morning, I move it back. I'm scaring myself.

My sister even commented on my new neat persona. Last week, she called me from her car, extremely stressed. "Rick is teaching himself to cook, and he's starting with Boeuf Bourguignon," she vented. "The kitchen is a disaster! He's searing the meat, and there's grease all over."

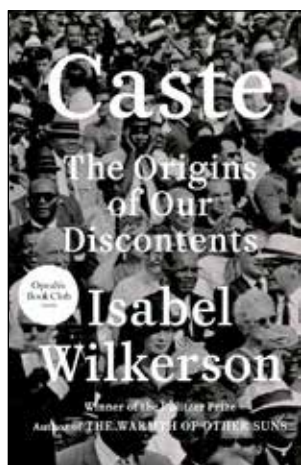
When I sympathized and assured her that I hate messiness too, there was silence, and then "you?" I didn't dare tell her about my scale dance.

Book Briefs

Michele Smith's picks

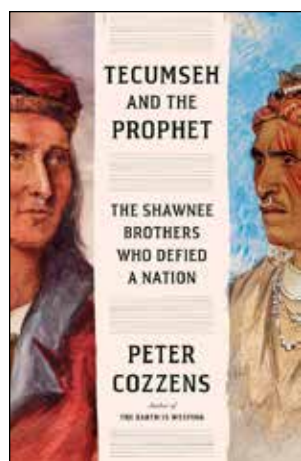
Caste by Isabel Wilkerson

The concept of caste has been around long before the concept of race. In her book, *Caste*, Isabel Wilkerson takes us on a trip through the Hindu caste system, the Nazi plan to exterminate Jews and others deemed inferior, and through to the caste system in America, which is based on race. As an artificial hierarchy, caste determines one's place in society and which members will benefit from having better access to resources.



Tecumseh and the Prophet: The Shawnee Brothers Who Defied a Nation, by Peter Cozzens

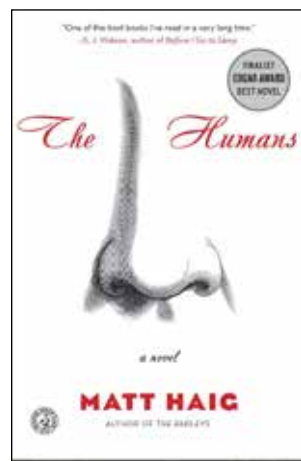
Peter Cozzens is the author of *Tecumseh and the Prophet: The Shawnee Brothers Who Defied a Nation*. Cozzens provides biographical portraits of brothers, Tecumseh as a warrior and diplomat, and the Prophet as a religious leader. He demonstrates how their talents gave birth to an astounding pan-Indian tribal alliance, made up of many disparate tribes in the Old Northwest of the late 1700s and early 1800s, who worked together to defend their lands from encroachment by white settlers.



Lane's Picks

Humans; A Novel by Matt Haig, 2013

Looking for something light but thought provoking, I recently reread *Humans; A Novel*. British novelist, Matt Haig, writes dark comedies about real and fantastical subjects. In this story, the main character is an alien who has come to Earth on a mission. Highly evolved and less than charmed by humans, his path throughout the story makes it hard to put the book down. There are plenty of twists and turns, including questions about the true identity of our narrator. I know it sounds like science fiction, in reality, it is much more down to Earth and very human.

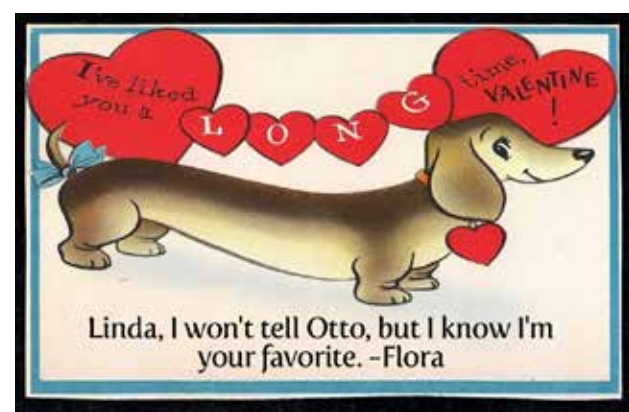
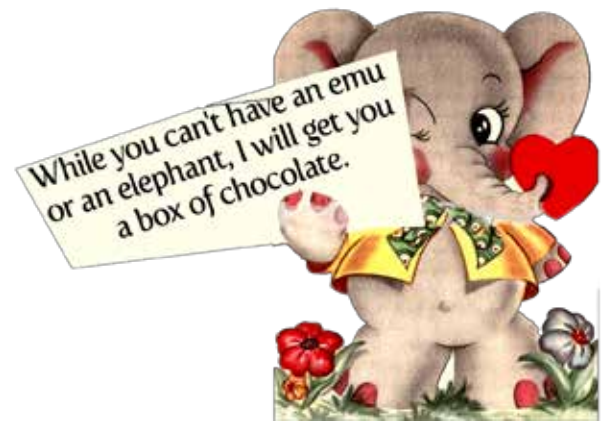


The Dead Fathers Club, by Matt Haig, 2007

This ghost story is a retelling of Hamlet. Just replace the moody Dane (Hamlet) with 11-year-old Phillip Noble and replace the throne (Denmark) with a British pub (The Castle and Falcon). Young Phillip is visited by his recently deceased father, who introduces him to the Dead Father's Club, ghosts of murdered fathers who gather in front of the family pub. Dad wants his son to avenge him, and the story goes from there as Phillip tries to uncover his Uncle's devious plans. It is suspenseful and, like Haig's other stories, heartfelt and human, ghosts and all.



To my
Waitsburg
garden friends:
Bill, Jennifer,
Susan, Kate,
Ali & Deb -
Thank you,
I almost
have a
green thumb.
-Vicki



Sight through the phone

Be My Eyes app offers vision for blind and low-vision people.

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

As part of my new year's resolution, I have decided to focus on small ways to make a big difference. The pandemic has made it difficult to help out in-person, so I was thrilled when I found the Be My Eyes app.

A volunteer service launched in 2015, Be My Eyes, connects blind and low-vision individuals with 'seeing' individuals when a little extra vision is needed. The app is accessible in more than 150 countries worldwide and over 180 languages.

The app makes it easy to volunteer; just your name and an email are needed to register. After a quick tutorial, you are ready to start and placed on a calling list with other volunteers.

When a visually-impaired individual needs help, they place a video-call, which sends an alert to your phone. If you're available to answer, the conversations usually last less than 30 seconds. The program is very clear that there is no guilt if you cannot answer a request since there are more than four million volunteers across the globe.

I downloaded the app last week and have answered two video-calls since then. One caller asked about a shirt, and the other needed help identifying canned food. The last call went a little something like this:

"Hi there, I'm Beka! How can I help you today?"

"Hi Beka, I need help choosing the can of corn."

"The can of corn is the can to your left." I made sure the individual had their hand on the correct can and confirmed.

"Thank you!" end of call.



Photo courtesy of Be My Eyes

Be My Eyes was founded by Hans Jørgen Wiberg, a Danish furniture designer, in 2012. Today, there are more than four million volunteers waiting to help.

Like I said, making a big difference in a little way.

When I first signed up to be a volunteer, I was told that it could take up to two weeks to receive my first call, but it was less than two days.

If you'd like to volunteer, the free app is available for Android through Google Play and iPhone at the Apple store. No training or experience is necessary!

FUN & GAMES

Happy Valentine's Day to the Morning Poetry Coffee Klatch

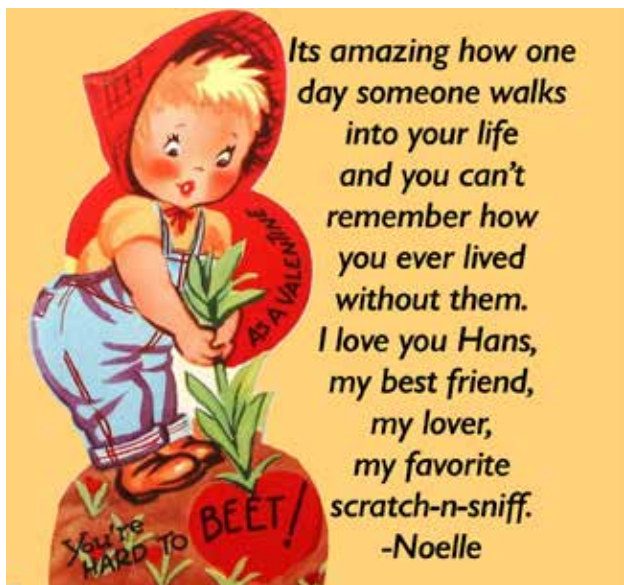
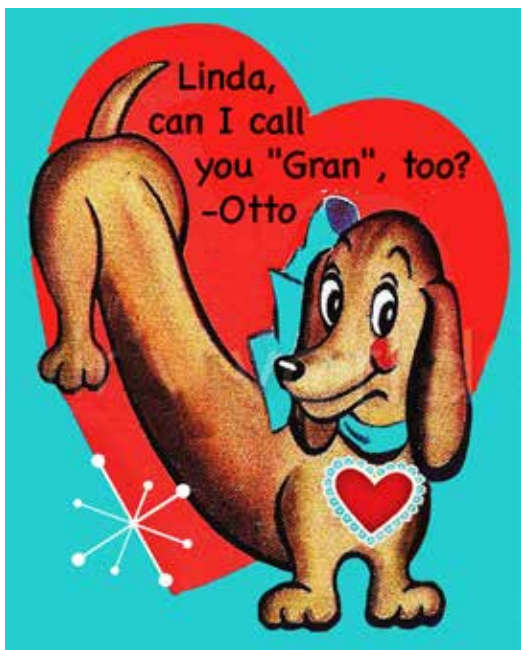
If friendship is the wine of life, poetry is the morning breve

-Lane

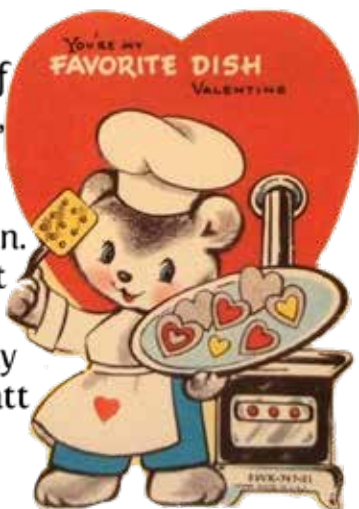


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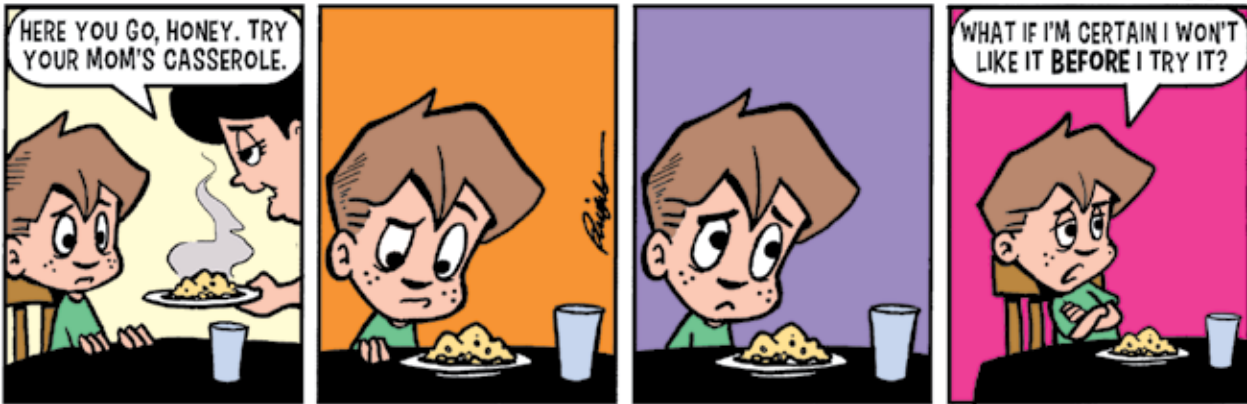


To the love of my life: Sarah, you're such a strong, amazing woman. How did I get so lucky? Will you be my valentine? -Matt



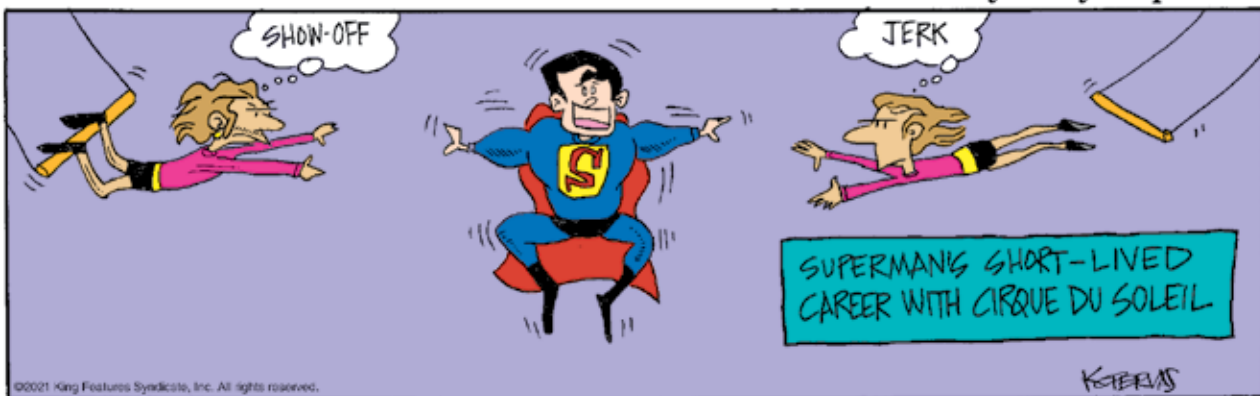
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

February 10, 2011

Dayton farmers now have more options for their agronomy needs. The Walla Walla Farmers Co-Op has opened an office at 509 Cameron Street, right next door to Columbia County Transportation, on Port of Columbia property.

Lee Ann Literal has been a racehorse owner and trainer for almost a quarter of a century. The stables on her 500-acre ranch on Smith Hollow Road are a living testament to that long "track" record.

Members of the Waitsburg Ministerial Association met at the new food bank space in the America West Bank branch on Preston Avenue. The food bank will be open there on Saturdays 9-11 a.m. The grand opening for the space will be March 12, 1-3 p.m.

Head football coach Jeff Bartlow is now also WP's head track and field coach.



Waitsburg film director Karen Stanton Gregutt and the subject of her documentary, glass artist Ginny Ruffner, at a talk show in Palm Springs.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

February 15, 1986

FLOOD OF CENTURY! Disaster on the delta.

Waitsburg was originally called "Delta" for good reason. And, in recent days, residents learned the hard way the meaning of living in a flood plain between two unpredictable bodies of water. Flooding in two main waves—Wednesday, Feb. 7 and Friday, Feb. 9—was the worst this century, according to people who witnessed the last great flood in Waitsburg in 1964.

Silt boasting rights go to Phil Monfort of Waitsburg, whose business section building on the east side of Main Street had a foot of sediment left on the floor after the flood, besting the four inches of ooze Ye Towne Hall and the 1 1/2 inches of muck on the floor of *The Times*.

[Headline] Too bad Waitsburg's 15 minutes of fame had to be wet and dirty

Fifty Years Ago

February 25, 1971

Waitsburg Lions Club voted last Tuesday to subscribe \$100 toward the City Christmas Lighting Fund.

The Pomeroy Pirates, league-leaders through much of the current season, downed the Colfax Bulldogs in a playoff game at Lewiston, Idaho, last Tuesday.

Waitsburg Youth Center will hold an auction in the Community Building on Saturday, February 27 at 1.30 p.m. Marvin Huffman has volunteered his services as auctioneer.

Office manager to new employee: "You should have been here at 9 o'clock."

New man: "Why, what happened?"

Seventy-Five Years Ago

March 1, 1946

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eaton (Phyllis Danielson) and son have moved to Forest Grove, Ore., from where Mr. Eaton will commute to school in Portland.

W.E. Watt has purchased the McCoy house on Coppei and plans to remodel it into apartments.

Sorotus Club celebrated Founder's Day at a potluck dinner at the home of Mrs. Donald Harris Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Berger Chase was hostess to DeNova Club Feb. 21, with Mrs. Melvin Combs assisting. Mrs. Clinton Donley presided at the business meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Egelston received a telephone call from their nephew, Raymond Powell, in Rome, Saturday evening.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

March 6, 1896

Sol Hardman harvested his rice crop this week. The yield was not good, and the quality was poor.

The bluebird is hailed as a harbinger of Spring. It is also a reminder that a flood-purifier is needed to prepare the system for the debilitating water to come. Listen, and you will hear the birds sing, *Take Ayers Sarsaparilla* in March, April, May.

Tom Kinder left on Tuesday for Idaho with a crew of sheep shearers. They expect to be gone about four months.

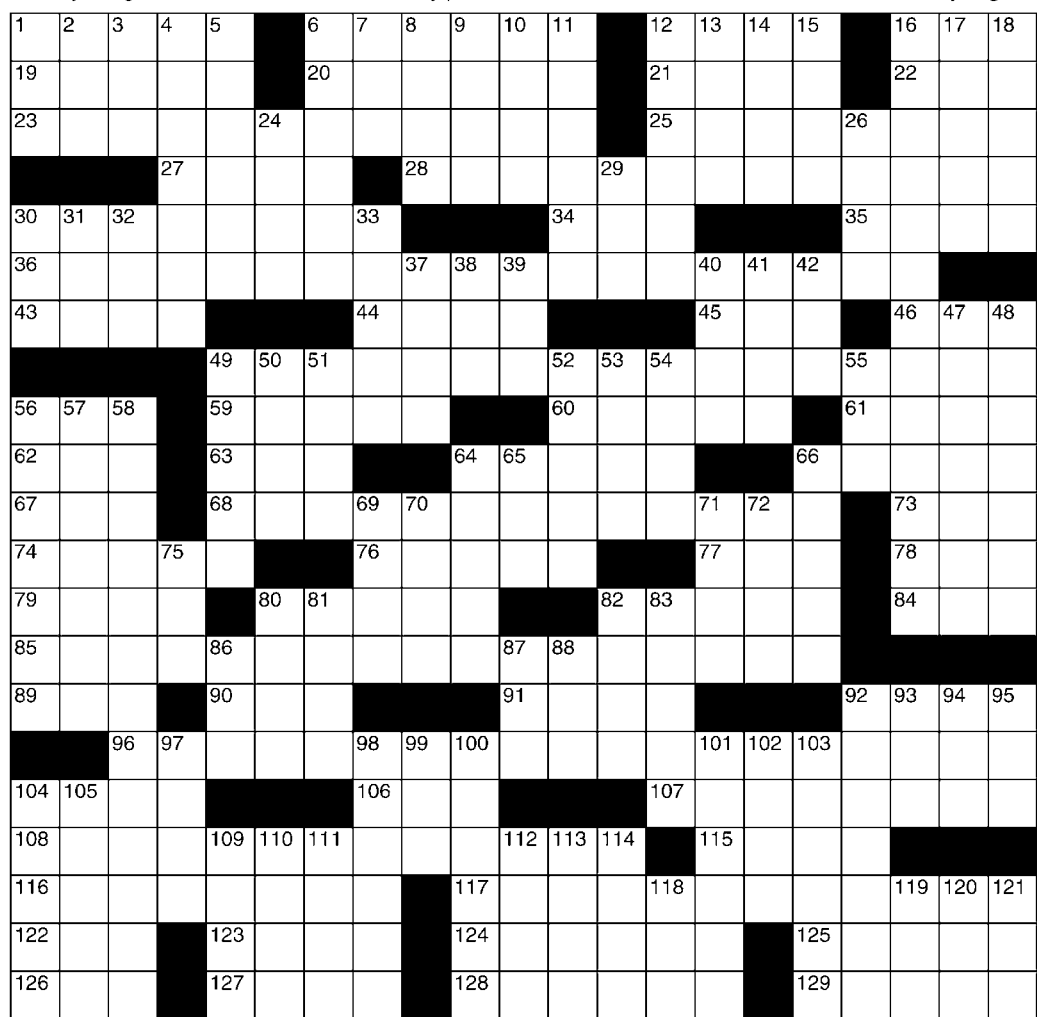
Married at the residence of D. H. Harris, Menaken, Robert E Hawks, of Huntsville, and Miss Jennie Fisher of Prescott. Rev. Lee A. Johnson tied the knot and tied it well.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

AM TOO!

- ACROSS**
- 1 Kuwaiti rulers
 - 6 Pin to hang a chapeau on
 - 12 Clothes
 - 16 "This is so frustrating!"
 - 19 Maui porch
 - 20 Single-celled creature
 - 21 Old term for margarine
 - 22 Sooner than, in sonnets
 - 23 Incriminated dancer
 - 27 Petri dish gel
 - 28 A handsome Greek god put half-and-half in his coffee?
 - 30 Scholars' milieu
 - 34 See
 - 56-Across
 - 35 Mini-plateau
 - 36 Cornhusk-wrapped treats found in an underground vault?
 - 43 Pizazz
 - 44 Psychic glow
 - 45 Volt-per-ampere unit
 - 46 Stephen of film
 - 49 Temporarily smiling broadly?
 - 56 With
 - 34-Across, "Green Eggs and Ham" character
 - 59 Sweetheart
 - 60 Oklahoma city
 - 61 Shoe retailer
 - 62 Former flying inits.
 - 63 Gas suffix
 - 64 Tuscany city
 - 66 Negative particle
 - 67 Iowa's tree
 - 68 Tony-winning musical performed in France's capital?
 - 73 Graynor of "The Sitter"
 - 74 Nabisco treats
 - 76 Valleys
 - 77 Wish to undo
 - 78 Pince- —
 - 79 6/6/44
 - 80 Colonel North, briefly
 - 82 Broadway star Rivera
 - 84 Spokane-to-Boise dir.
 - 85 Actor Ralph having reached a saloon's counter?
 - 89 "—-hawl!"
 - 90 Suffix with brilliant
 - 91 Rod go-with
 - 92 Memo starter
 - 96 Group journey that has made everyone really hungry?
 - 104 Memo starter
 - 106 British rocker Brian
 - 107 Cold carnival treats
 - 108 Group of truck drivers who were once in the same college fraternity?
 - 115 "After that ..."
 - 116 Belgium's capital
 - 117 Doubled radius of a toy on a string?
 - 122 Go astray
 - 123 Intro studio course
 - 124 By wagering
 - 125 Plant used to make tequila
 - 126 Hankering
 - 127 Pony pattern
 - 128 SEALs' mil. branch
 - 129 Renowned
- DOWN**
- 1 Pixieish one
 - 2 Damage a bit
 - 3 — funk (sad)
 - 4 Ninth Muslim month
 - 5 Gangster Bugsy
 - 6 Singer Emmylou
 - 7 "Yo te —"
 - 8 Roman wrap
 - 9 Small chirp
 - 10 Spanish river
 - 11 Illuminated like old streets
 - 12 "Beat it, kid!"
 - 13 Actor Guinness
 - 14 Back area
 - 15 Foreshadow
 - 16 Some math specialists
 - 17 French city
 - 18 Ibsen's "— Gabler"
 - 24 Matriarch
 - 26 Pitch a tent
 - 29 "—-di-dah!"
 - 30 Feasted
 - 31 Nev. neighbor
 - 32 Docs' org.
 - 33 — worse than death
 - 37 Rhine feeder
 - 38 Nev. neighbor
 - 39 Yoga pad
 - 40 Corn bases
 - 41 Cronus' wife
 - 42 Singer Sumac
 - 47 Audience extras
 - 48 Really suffer
 - 49 Licked parts of envelopes
 - 50 Actress Chaplin
 - 51 KOA patron
 - 52 Newsy bits
 - 53 Tax-free bond, in brief
 - 54 Israeli airline
 - 55 Adult males
 - 56 Supported
 - 57 Oscar winner, e.g.
 - 58 Not go right or straight while driving
 - 64 Paper unit
 - 65 Actor Ziering
 - 66 Lend — (listen)
 - 69 Inuit-language word for "house"
 - 70 Small error
 - 71 Chi-Town daily paper
 - 72 Let — sigh
 - 75 Popeye's gal
 - 80 Old Dodge
 - 81 Corrosive cleansers
 - 82 Rice — (cereal)
 - 83 Assists
 - 86 Archer's skill
 - 87 Pt. of NATO
 - 88 Ball balancer
 - 92 In a single try
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MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

Steak Au Poivre

Pepper-crusted love

This year, perhaps more than usual, many of us are planning Valentine's date nights at home. Beautifully sauced steaks served with a nice bottle of wine will surely impress while not trapping you in the kitchen. In this classic French recipe, pepper-crusted steaks are pan-seared in butter, then finished with a velvety cognac sauce, which gives a slightly sweet balance to the pepper's robustness. There is much lore behind the origins of this dish, but one version dates back to 19th century Normandy, where its popularity in late-night bistros was tied to the belief that black pepper was an aphrodisiac. Ooh la la!



Ingredients:

- 2 6-8oz tenderloin steaks (1 1/2" thickness)
- 2 tablespoons whole black peppercorns
- 2 1/2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 1/2 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons minced shallot
- 1/2 cup beef stock
- 1/3 cup cognac or brandy
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter softened
- 1-2 tablespoons heavy cream (optional for extra richness)

Directions:

Pull steaks out of the refrigerator and allow them to come to room temperature. Coarsely crush the peppercorns (see notes). Evenly coat both sides of the steaks with crushed pepper and use the heel of your hand to gently press into the meat. Allow peppered steaks to rest for at least one hour before cooking.

Heat 1 1/2 tablespoons of the butter with the oil in a heavy-bottomed skillet or sauté pan over moderate-high heat. While the pan heats, generously salt both sides of the steaks. The oil is ready when the butter foam dissipates and is shimmering but not smoking. Don't let it burn! Place steaks in the pan and gently swirl the butter around as the meat sears. Cook for 3 minutes and then flip, cooking 3 minutes on the other side. Reduce the heat to medium and flip the steaks again. Cook another 3 minutes on each side. Start checking for doneness after the last flip. Six total minutes per side should get you to medium-rare; 8 minutes per side will be closer to medium. A digital meat thermometer can be helpful; for medium-rare, the steaks should be taken from the heat when the internal temperature reaches 128-130, the temp will continue to rise to 130-135 as it rests. When finished, place steaks to rest on a warm platter and tent with foil.

Drain the excess fat from the pan, but don't wipe clean; leave the browned bits stuck to the pan. Add 1 tablespoon of butter and the shallots and cook for a minute or two over medium heat. Add the stock and raise the heat to moderate-high. Scrape all the browned bits from the bottom and incorporate them with shallots. When slightly reduced, add the cognac and boil off the alcohol. When reduced to a good sauce consistency, take off the heat and whisk in the softened butter, one tablespoon at a time. Taste and add more salt if needed. If using heavy cream, whisk in and return pan to low heat and gently heat through. Serve sauce generously poured over tops of steaks. See below for pairing ideas.

Notes:

Peppercorns should be crushed coarser than most peppermills will allow; use a mortar and pestle if you have one. Or place the peppercorns in between two pieces of parchment paper and smash with a heavy pan or mallet. I used the smooth side of a meat tenderizer.

If using a gas range, use caution when adding the cognac or risk losing your eyebrows. Flambé is a technique best kept in a professional vented kitchen.

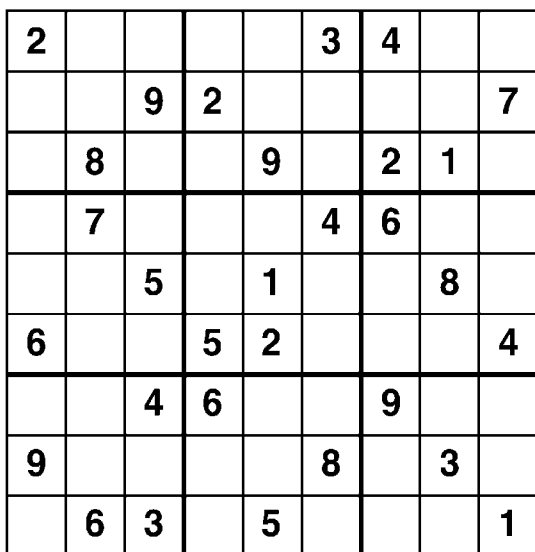
For this special occasion, I opted for pricey tenderloin steaks, but you could also use boneless New York strip or top sirloin steaks. The above recipe is for two, double or triple it for an elegant dinner party. Lucky guests.

Pair this rich peppery dish with a lush fruit forward red wine, such as cabernet, syrah or gamay. I served it with a 2016 Morgon "Vieilles Vignes" by Jean-Paul Thevénet, and it was sublime.

Bon Appétit!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

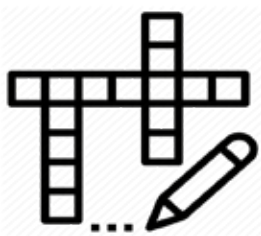


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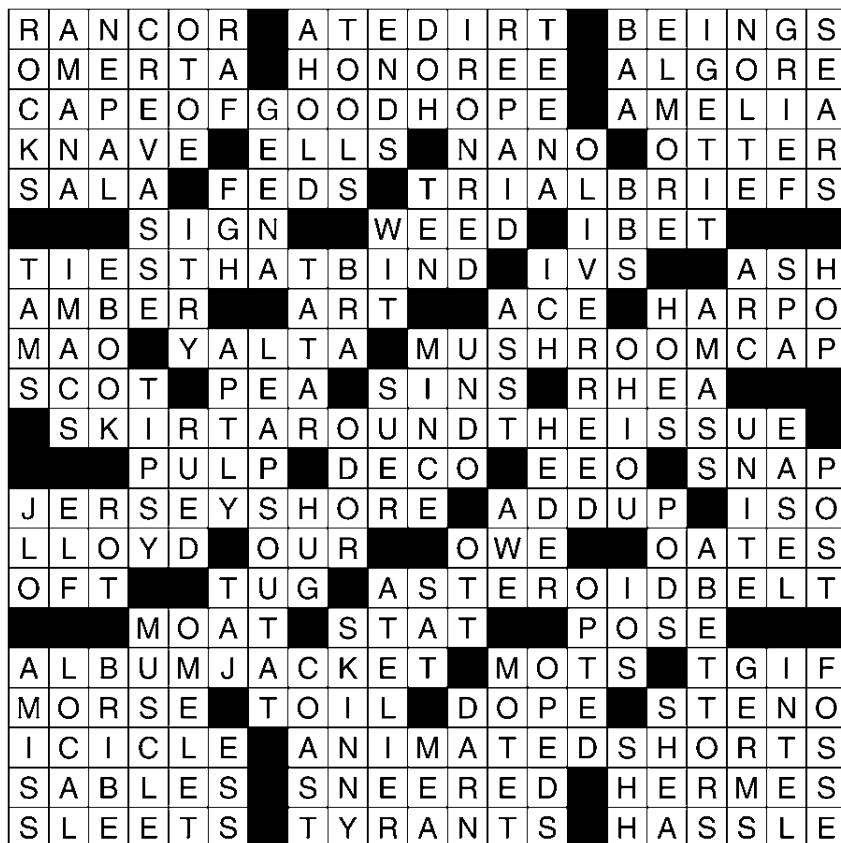
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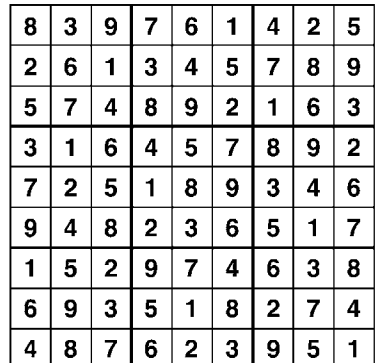
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Fort Walla Walla Museum's first Museum After Hours program for 2021

An Introduction to the Natural History of Southeastern Washington and Northeastern Oregon.

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—While Fort Walla Walla Museum may still be closed, their online programs will continue with the first Museum After Hours presentation of the year.

On Thursday, February 25, geologist Bob Carson will be discussing the various regions found in Southeast Washington and Northeast Oregon. It will take place on Zoom at 5 pm, with a live Q & A session to follow. The talk will address the factors that influence the region's physiography and biology, the different habitats they create, the resources they provide, and the risks that put them in peril. This presentation, part of the Master Naturalist Program that the Blue Mountain Land Trust offers, will demystify the fantastic landscapes that create the Inland Northwest and change how you see the world around you.

Robert J. Carson, Professor of Geology and Environmental Studies Emeritus at Whitman College, was raised in Lexington, Virginia. Mountaineering, white-water boating, and spelunking in Rockbridge County, Virginia, and during summers in northern New England, sparked his interest in geology, which he studied at Cornell University. Bob earned an MS at Tulane



Left: Geologist Bob Carson will share expert information while exploring the various regions of Southeast Washington and Northeast Oregon.



Photos courtesy of Fort Walla Walla Museum

Right: One stretch of the Blue Mountains, which will be the heart of conversation at an upcoming Museum After Hours event.

University while employed by Texaco, exploring for petroleum in Louisiana and phosphate in Florida. His Ph.D. research at the University of Washington led to positions with the Washington Department of Ecology and the Washington Geological Survey. Bob taught at North Carolina State University and the University of Oregon before joining the Whitman faculty in 1975. He taught on the Semester-At-Sea program, directed foreign study programs in England and Spain, and

leads trips around the world. Most of his research has been on Quaternary geology in Washington, Northeastern Oregon, Northwestern Wyoming, and Mongolia. His books include: *Hiking Guide to Washington Geology, Where the Great River Bends, East of Yellowstone, Many Waters, and The Blues.*

This Museum program has always been free for the public to attend. Find event details and registration link on their website at fwwm.org/virtual-events.

Dayton Development Task Force 2020 Year in Review

Projects benefit from funding through Main Street Market Tax Credit Program and donations.

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Despite 2020 being the year COVID-19 seemed to dominate the headlines and our lives, the Dayton Development Task Force accomplished much thanks to funding from the Main Street Tax Credit Program and donations from Sherwood Trust, the Warren Fund, and others.

The funding covered projects including in-ground electrical wiring added to the lawn in front of the Courthouse. The installation came in time to light up Santa and his sleigh and the wall in front of the building. Electrical access on the lawn will benefit events including All Wheels Weekend and Dayton Days and offer the opportunity to support new events.

Additional lighting was also added to Main Street.

Caboose Park was dedicated in late 2019, and the Task Force continues to provide maintenance at the park.

Funds were also earmarked for cleanup on the west end of Main Street.

The 40 plus Main Street Think Local banners, featuring local photographers' work, were made possible thanks to funding from the Task Force.

Owners of My Dad's Place completed their facade improvement project thanks to matching funds from the Facade Grant Program. The front of the building was restored to its original 1910 look by replacing the windows and installing new trim.

For the seventh year in a row, decorative flower baskets adorned Main Street during the spring, summer months, and into the fall. Funding covered costs for the purchase and maintenance of the baskets, including payroll for waterers. Additional funds were allocated for sweeping Main Street weekly through the leaf fall in the autumn.

Task Force funds helped promote Dayton Chamber campaigns, including the Shop Local campaign, production of a Dayton promotional video, and a redesign of the Dayton Chamber website. Funds were also used to promote downtown events and some administrative costs for the Main Street Program.

Planning and discussions have begun on proposed improvements to Commercial Street. By addressing areas of concern, including parking, street cleanup, curbs, gutters, and trees, the Task Force hopes to improve the area's economic vitality.

In addition, the String of Pearls Committee is working on adding historic signage along Commercial Street that will include historical vignettes about the early days in Dayton.

Want to help the Task Force through the Main Street Tax Credit Program? If your business plans to contribute again, or if you wish to participate in this valuable program for the first time, contact Bette Lou Crothers at (509) 520-5290 to learn more. Donations can be made payable to Dayton Development Task Force, 1 Port Way, Dayton, WA 99328.



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My Dad's Place finished the completion of a facade improvement project thanks to matching funds from the Facade Grant Program. The building's front was restored to its original 1910 look by replacing the windows and installing new trim.

