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Graduation rolls through town

Waitsburg's Class of 2020 graduates as the town cheered them on

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—"It never fails, the hottest day of the year is always graduation day," spectators echoed jokingly last Friday at the Waitsburg Football Field. Instead of gathering in the Waitsburg High School Gym, as is tradition, friends and family of the Class of 2020 stood outside the field's fences and watched a socially distanced high school graduation.

If you've ever attended a WHS graduation ceremony, you know that they fall on what seems like the hottest day in spring, with the infamously long ceremonies starting later in the evening to combat the heat. In years past, each student was recognized for major accomplishments and scholarships and explosions of ap-

plause for military-bound graduates.

Tradition is something that Waitsburg takes seriously, unfortunately, a global pandemic wreaked havoc on many traditions this year. Prom, spring sports, club conventions, fairs and more have been cancelled leaving the Waitsburg School District staff, school board members, and community determined to make the best of the Senior Class' graduation.

Before any of the graduation festivities kicked off, Valedictorian Kailyn Lewis, Salutatorian Kirsten Miller, and Honorary Speakers Grace Coulston and Amy Farley met at the high school and, one by one, recorded their speeches. The speeches were shared on the school's website and Facebook page on Friday. On Wednesday students had cap and gown photos taken and an opportunity to record their favorite memories from high school.

"The home of the Cardinals will now be the home of future doctors, lawyers, technicians, marine biologists, and many more extraordinary careers," Kailyn

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Marty Hall will run against incumbent Mike Talbott for Position 2 on the Board of Columbia County Commissioners

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Rancher Marty Hall will face incumbent Commissioner Mike Talbott, for Position 2 on the Board of County Commissioners in the November general election.

"I want to do what I can to keep Columbia County a good place to live, to do business in, and to attract more families with good living wage jobs," Hall said.

Hall said the most important issue facing the county is the budget shortfall because of damages to county from the recent flood, and from the consequences of the COVID-19 challenge, which he called a "tsunami effect".

He said agriculture will also be hard-hit because of

the COVID-19 challenge, and that worries him.

Agriculture is the heart of the community, Hall said.

"Our strength is in the things that grow in the county," he said.

Hall said he would like to see the creation of more value-added agriculture in the county.

For instance, he said his family is looking into additional ways to market the meat grown on their cattle farm.

"You can get more out of the land you have," he explained.

Hall said sharing the county's bounty of natural resources through tourism can be good or bad, depending on the circumstances, but spin off businesses from recreational opportunities is usually beneficial.

A good city/county partnership is important.

"As the city rises or falls, so does the county," Hall said.

With regard to housing availability, Hall said there are plenty of houses in Dayton for families with good jobs, but some of them need work.

"We need the type of housing to attract the kind of people we need,"



Marty Hall



Left: Protesters gathered on Sunday, May 31 in response to the recent death of Minneapolis, MN man, George Floyd, by a police officer who is in custody for his murder. Several hundred people gathered at Walla Walla's Land Title Plaza, with people filling sidewalks on both sides of Main Street from Colville Street beyond Spokane Street.

Right: Protesters took a knee for a moment of silence at Sunday's protest.

Peaceful protest in Walla Walla on Sunday calls for justice for George Floyd

WALLA WALLA—The announcement for the protest was seen on a Facebook post, listing the 1 p.m. time, the Land Title Plaza as the place, with the words 'Peaceful Protest' as the title. The post also featured an image of George Floyd's face and the words "I Can't Breathe." George Floyd's death on Memorial Day in Minneapolis, under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer, sparked other protests across the country, in Europe, and beyond.

The idea for the event came to social media specialist Lindsey Luna of Walla Walla after she saw a lone young woman sitting in Land Title Plaza on Friday with a sign protesting police violence. Luna asked to sit with her and did so in solidarity for an hour.

On Saturday, Luna began sending an image to her contacts about assembling at the Plaza on Sunday, May 31 at 1 p.m.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

WAITSBURG GROCERY VANDALIZED IN EARLY HOURS

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Early morning on Monday, June 1, glass from one of the front doors as well as glass from a side door were broken in a possible attempt to gain entry at the Waitsburg Grocery on Main Street.

Video from the store shows the same vehicle passing in front of the store early Monday morning nine different times, with two suspects rattling the front door at 1:45 a.m.

Owner Jaime Smit-McMillen said that the glass on a side door was broken and the security bar was removed. The end caps from the bar were then thrown through the glass on the front door at 2:27 a.m.

Once the window was broken, store video captured the suspects running away without entering the store. The suspects were allegedly stopped by a passerby who questioned the two males who claimed they were chasing the window breakers. The passerby took their license plate number and called the Walla Walla County Sheriff department.

Smit-McMillen reported that no theft from the store occurred and that when her employee arrived at 4 a.m. a WWCS deputy was stationed in front of the store.

Undersheriff Joe Klundt stated in an email that “Two suspects have been identified but they are not in custody at this time. Probable cause is being build (sic) and the Deputies are trying to get video from the store and or the bank across the street. The vandalism is being investigated and charges will be filed if it is determined that the subjects that have been identified are in fact responsible for the damage to the store.”

The Times will update when further information becomes available.

WALLA WALLA'S SUDBURY LANDFILL RETURNS TO NORMAL HOURS

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Normal operating hours at the Sudbury Landfill resumed on Monday, June 1, and the Household Hazardous Waste Facility will reopen. Operational hours will be 8:30 a.m.- 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. The pit area closes at 5:30 p.m. If you have questions, please call the Landfill at (509) 524-4591 during operating hours. More info: <https://www.wallawallawa.gov/government/public-works/solid-waste/landfill>.

DUMAS STATION OPEN FOR TASTINGS, DONATES TO BMAC

DAYTON—Dumas Station winery conducted a soft opening recently and were pleased with their social distancing setup, giving them confidence in their ability to conduct tastings in a way that will keep their customers and their team safe.

The winery will now be open by reservation only - no drop-ins. Initially they will be open only on Saturdays with nine tasting spots available for groups of five people or less. Tasting groups will be seated at a table, and once seated, patrons will be served six different wines they will pour themselves, in sanitized glasses. In addition, there will be individual water bottles, disposable tasting notes, hand sanitizer and individually wrapped servings of crackers, cheese and salami.

Additionally, the winery's pledge to donate 10 percent of their April wine sales to Blue Mountain Action Corps (BMAC) along with \$50 for every new Wine Club member, raised \$1,658. The Station plans to make another donation at the beginning of June for the second half of May.

INSLEE ANNOUNCES RELIGIOUS AND FAITH-BASED SERVICES GUIDANCE

Limited outdoor services may begin immediately

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Gov. Jay Inslee announced on May 27 the state's plan for restarting religious and faith-based services for Phases 1 and 2 of Washington's “Safe Start” reopening plan.

Currently, religious and faith-based organizations in Phase 1 counties may host up to 100 people for outdoor services. In Phase 2, they can host up to 25% of their capacity or 50 individuals, whichever is less, as well as conduct in-home services of five people.

“As I have said before, this crisis may affect our ability to physically connect but it should not affect our power to strengthen our emotional connections,” Inslee said during a press conference Wednesday. “I have been heartened to see the ways religious groups found to not only continue to connect, but to give back and to support their communities in this time of suffering and uncertainty.”

Pastor Matt Wyatt of Waitsburg's First Christian Church said he is planning on holding outdoor services this month but does not have the details yet, as he is set to take a vacation this week. Neither St. Mark's Catholic Church in Waitsburg, or Waitsburg Presbyterian were available for comment at publication time.

The religious services covered include all worship services, religious study classes, religious ceremonies, religious holiday celebrations, weddings and funerals.

The Governor's guidance is available here: <https://tinyurl.com/ydbsn2e5>.

PHASE 3 ON THE HORIZON FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY

DAYTON—On Monday, the county Board of Health accepted a recommendation from the Columbia County Medical Director, Dr. Larry Jecha, to apply for Phase 3 of Governor Jay Inslee's four-phase coronavirus recovery plan, and the Board of County Commissioners adopted that recommendation.

“I see no reason for you in Columbia County not to go to Phase 3,” said Dr. Jecha at the meeting of the BOCC.

Jecha said he was basing his recommendation on adequate hospital preparedness and no new cases of COVID-9 since last March.

“Fifty people is the magic number,” Public Health Director Martha Lanman said about the difference between being in Phase 2 and Phase 3.

During Phase 3 the following activities will be permitted:

- Professional sports without audience participation.
- Outdoor recreation/sports activities (limited to groups of no more than 50 people).
- Restaurants operating at less than 75 percent capacity with a table of fewer than ten guests.
- Gyms at less than 50 percent capacity.
- Movie theaters at less than 50 percent capacity.
- Customer facing government services (with continued telework encouraged).
- Libraries.
- Museums.
- All other business activities not yet listed except for nightclubs and events with greater than 50 people.
- Social gatherings of up to 50 people.
- Resume nonessential travel

High risk populations should continue to 'Stay Home, Stay Healthy.'

Lanman said she will finish the application and send it to the state Secretary of Health on Tuesday of this week, and she hopes to hear good news at the first of next week.

PEARL JAM, BRANDI CARLILE AND MACKLEMORE HEADLINE A VIRTUAL CONCERT

WA—Some of Washington's most notable musicians are coming together for a livestream benefit event dubbed “All in WA: A Concert for COVID-19 Relief”. The concert takes place Wednesday, June 10th at 7 p.m. PDT, and will feature a number of our state's favorite musicians and personalities.

Among the confirmed talent are Pearl Jam, Brandi Carlile, Death Cab for Cutie's Ben Gibbard, Sir Mix-A-Lot, Macklemore, Allen Stone, Mary Lambert, and The Black Tones—all of whom are Washington state natives. Some famous transplanted residents will also appear, including Dave Matthews, Ciara and her husband/Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson, and Seahawks coach Pete Carroll. More guests will be announced soon.

The concert will broadcast live on Amazon Music's Twitch, as well as on local Seattle NBC affiliates KING 5 and KONG. Amazon Prime will also host video after its live airing.

“All in WA” is a statewide relief effort raising money to support Washington residents impacted by the coronavirus pandemic on all levels. The group's fund has already raised \$20 million of a \$65 million goal.

Touchet Valley Weather June 3, 2020

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Few Showers	Few Showers	Mostly Cloudy
High: 79 Low: 52	High: 77 Low: 54	High: 78 Low: 56	High: 68 Low: 48	High: 66 Low: 46	High: 64 Low: 48	High: 65 Low: 45

Weather Trivia

Do tornadoes occur in January?

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Answer: Yes, the average year sees 47 tornadoes in its first month.

Weather History

June 3, 1987 - Six days of flooding in south Texas culminated with five to six inches of rain from Bexar County to Bandera County and five to nine inches of rain in Gonzalez and Wilson Counties. Damage to crops was estimated at a total of 500 million dollars.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	
Tuesday	75	58	73/51	0.00"	Precipitation 0.19"
Wednesday	77	52	73/51	0.00"	Normal precipitation 0.50"
Thursday	82	51	74/51	Trace	Departure from normal -0.31"
Friday	88	60	74/51	0.00"	Average temperature 66.5°
Saturday	91	55	74/51	0.06"	Average normal temperature 62.6°
Sunday	69	50	74/52	0.13"	Departure from normal +3.9°
Monday	73	50	75/52	Trace	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
Full 6/5	5:04 a.m.	8:39 p.m.	6:20 p.m.	3:54 a.m.	New 6/21
Thursday	5:03 a.m.	8:39 p.m.	7:39 p.m.	4:25 a.m.	
Friday	5:03 a.m.	8:40 p.m.	8:55 p.m.	5:02 a.m.	
Saturday	5:02 a.m.	8:41 p.m.	10:03 p.m.	5:47 a.m.	
Sunday	5:02 a.m.	8:42 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	6:41 a.m.	First 6/28
Monday	5:02 a.m.	8:42 p.m.	11:47 p.m.	7:42 a.m.	
Tuesday	5:02 a.m.	8:43 p.m.	Prev Day	8:47 a.m.	

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Inslee announces Safe Start — Washington's phased reopening by county

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—On Friday, May 29, Gov. Jay Inslee announced the expansion of Safe Start—Washington's Phased Reopening plan. The expansion comes as the current 'Stay Home, Stay Healthy' order ended on midnight Sunday, May 31.

The expansion moves Washington through the phased reopening on a county-by-county basis. With this new approach, counties will have more flexibility to demonstrate they can safely allow additional economic activity based on targeted metrics.

"We are able to do this thanks to millions of Washingtonians pulling together, in the face of sacrifice and suffering, and doing their part by staying home," Inslee said during a press conference Friday. "But this does not mean that we are returning to normal. It means that after three months, we are successfully moving forward."

Starting on June 1, any county can apply to John Wiesman, secretary of Washington State Department of Health to move to the next phase from the phase that they are currently in. The application process will include target metrics set by the secretary and must be submitted by the county executive for review.

As of June 1, 27 counties have been approved to move to Phase 2. Counties in Phase 2 must be in that phase for a minimum of three

weeks before becoming eligible for Phase 3 variance. The earliest any county could move to Phase 3 would be June 3.

In this new approach, counties will now have more flexibility and the ability to apply to the secretary of health to demonstrate they can safely allow additional economic activity based on metrics and a holistic review of their COVID-19 activity and ability to respond.

These metrics are being taken in whole, and the goals here are targets, not necessarily requirements. Each will be evaluated in total.

The secretary may approve a county moving in whole to the next phase, or may only approve certain activities in the next phase.

This new option, for counties in Phase 1 who do not meet Phase 2 criteria, would allow variance to enter a "modified" Phase 1. This would allow some Phase 2 activities to begin in those jurisdictions.

The same option is available for counties in Phase 2 that may not be fully ready for Phase 3, allowing for increased economic activity but sustained health and safety protections.

Conversely, counties may identify when they need to return to an earlier phase, and the secretary has the authority to return a county to an earlier phase if the county chooses not to do so on its own and the secretary has identified a need to do so.

The order is set to expire at midnight on July 1, 2020.

Read the full plan here: <https://tinyurl.com/y9o6mzvw>

INSLEE ANNOUNCES FACIAL COVERING REQUIREMENT TO START JUNE 8

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—In addition to the new Safe Start reopening plan, Gov. Inslee also announced new safety and health requirements for businesses operating in Washington.

Beginning June 8, all employees will be required to wear a cloth facial covering, except when working alone in an office, vehicle, or at a job site, or when the job has no in-person interaction. Employers must provide cloth facial coverings to employees, unless their exposure dictates a higher level of protection under the Department of Labor and Industries' safety and health rules and guidance. Refer to Coronavirus Facial Covering and Mask Requirements: <https://tinyurl.com/y9vfoeq9> for additional details.

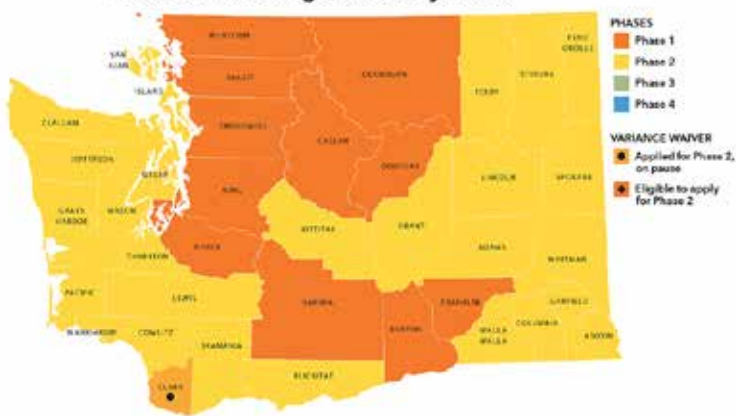
Employees may choose to wear their own facial coverings at work, provided it meets the minimum requirements.

Employers must also post signage at their place of business strongly encouraging customers to wear cloth facial coverings. Businesses are encouraged to require customers to wear cloth facial coverings, in order to protect employees from exposure to COVID-19 in the workplace.

Inslee stressed the importance of wearing cloth facial coverings in public as business activity increases in the state.

"Wearing a mask is strongly encouraged in most circumstances to protect the health of our communities," Inslee said. "As we start to increase travel, recreation, and economic activity, it is critical that we remain diligent in order to avoid a sharp increase in exposure. We will continue to closely monitor disease data to determine whether additional steps are needed to protect public health."

Safe Start Washington: County Status



NEW DEFINITION OF A CLOSE CONTACT

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—On Friday, May 29, the Washington State Department of Health updated the definition of a COVID-19 close contact to align with new CDC guidance. The new guidance states that a close contact is defined as someone who was within six feet of someone with COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes. Previous guidance stated 10 minutes.

"Our guidance has changed over time as we learn more about COVID-19, and will continue to do so in the future," said State Health Officer Dr. Kathy Lofy. "This update doesn't change our recommendations for members of the public. We continue to urge people to maintain physical distance to protect themselves and others."

Sherwood Trust grants \$400,000 to support Walla Walla Valley nonprofits

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Twenty-seven local nonprofits will receive a total of \$400,000 in grants from Sherwood Trust.

The grant recipients, announced this week, are from the Trust's 2020 General Support Grant program. This one-time grant program is different from the Trust's traditional core grants in that grants are available for unrestricted operational costs for Walla Walla Valley nonprofits. The Trust's Core grant program will return next year and continue its long-term focus on specific nonprofit initiatives.

"We know our local nonprofits are being really challenged by the pandemic," said Board President Chuck Fulton, "They are also really necessary now to help address the impact the Covid-19 pandemic is having across all sectors of our Valley."

Sherwood Trust's mission is to support, through grants and education, those organizations working toward a thriving region where everyone has a sense of belonging and contributes to a cohesive and vibrant community.

"The pandemic's impact on our local nonprofit community is profound," said Sherwood Trust CEO Brian Hunt. Like area businesses, nonprofits are facing disruptive revenue and staffing challenges.

"This impacts their ability to support people in need at the same time they're working with many more people here who need support because of the pandemic's economic impact on families" said Hunt.

A total of 44 eligible organizations applied for the grants that were originally set to fund up to 20 organizations at up to \$20,000 each. Based on the applications the Trust will offer grants to 27 nonprofits. That includes an additional contribution to the Blue Mountain Community Foundation's Covid-19 Response Fund that supports local organizations focused on providing basic services such as food, shelter, health and mental health.

All grant monies are to support work in the Walla Walla Valley.

The 2020 General Support Grant recipients are:

Blue Mountain Community Foundation's Walla Walla Valley Covid-19 Response

Fund, \$19,450, Blue Mountain Humane Society, \$10,000, Camp Fire, \$20,000, Camp Kiwanis Foundation, \$10,000, Carnegie Center, \$5,000, Catholic Charities of Eastern Washington, \$20,000, Children's Home Society of Washington, \$15,000, Christian Aid Center, \$20,000, Community Resilience Initiative, \$7,000, Walla Walla Early Life Speech and Language, \$10,000, Friends of Children Walla Walla, \$20,000, Helpline, \$20,000, Lillie Rice Center, \$15,000, Milton Freewater Neighborhood Senior Center Inc., \$10,000, Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington and North Idaho, \$15,000, Plus Delta After School Studios (The Club), \$10,000, The Salvation Army, \$20,000, Son-Bridge Community Center, \$20,000, Student Health Options, \$20,000, United Way of Blue Mountains, \$15,000, Valley Residential Services, \$20,000, Walla Walla Alliance for the Homeless, \$15,000, Walla Walla Senior Citizens Center, \$20,000, Walla Walla Valley Bands, \$3,550, Walla Walla Disability Network, \$10,000, Walla Walla YMCA, \$10,000, YWCA of Walla Walla, \$20,000. For more information on Sherwood Trust, please visit sherwoodtrust.org.

Dayton School District breakfast & lunch delivery times

Meals will be delivered by school bus to the following locations: (Times are approximate)

Bus #1

11:00 a.m. – Valley View Court
 11:30 a.m. – Country Village
 12:00 p.m. – Cameron Court

Bus #2

11:00 a.m. – 1st Street/Richmond Ave
 11:20 a.m. – 4th Street/Dayton Ave
 11:25 a.m. – Knoblock Apartments
 12:00 p.m. – 4th Street (Adventist Church Parking Lot)

Meals will also be available for pickup at the Dayton Elementary Multipurpose Room at 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, please contact the administration office at (509) 382-2543 or Jana Eaton at (509) 520-7051. Arrangements can be made for rural deliveries.



Waitsburg Schools Meal Drop off

WAITSBURG—Starting April 20, Waitsburg School District will be delivering meals to your home. Please visit www.waitsburgsd.org to sign up.

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

Dayton Senior Center
 403 E. Patit St.
 12 p.m.
 Drive up only

Thurs., June 4

Sloppy joe
 Baked beans
 Fruit & milk

Tues., June 9

Beef stroganoff
 Cauliflower
 Garlic bread

WAITSBURG SENIOR LUNCH MENU

Waitsburg Senior Center
 504 Main Street

Tues., June 9

Lasagna
 Caesar salad
 Garlic bread

Church Directory

St. Mark Catholic Church

405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg
 Mass Sunday 5 p.m.
 382-2311
 Father Bob Turner

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

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

Waitsburg Chapel

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

Waitsburg Christian Church

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 Worship 11 a.m.
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 Rev. Matthew Wyatt

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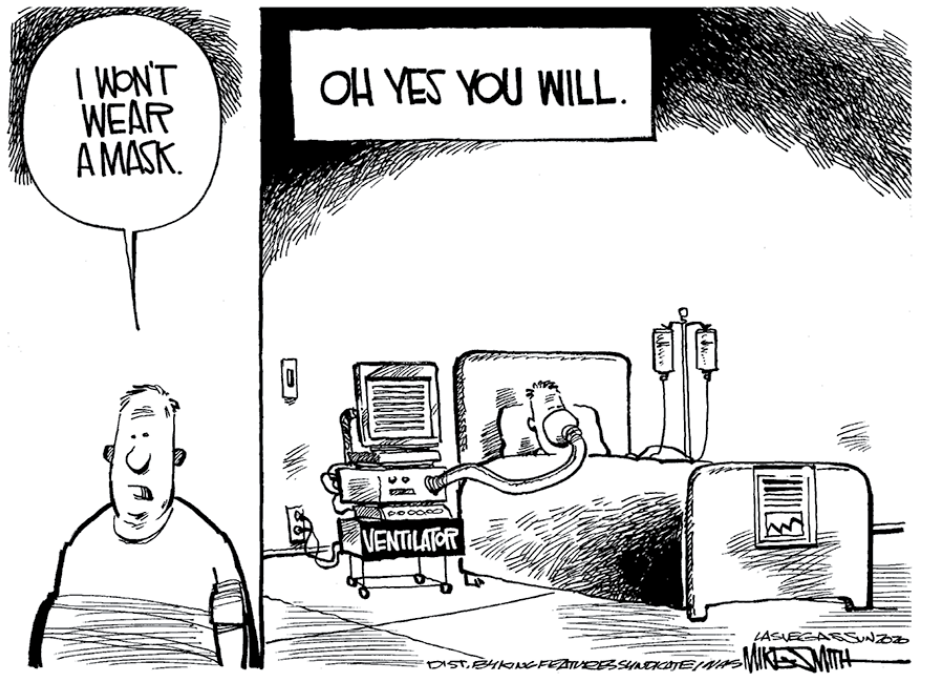
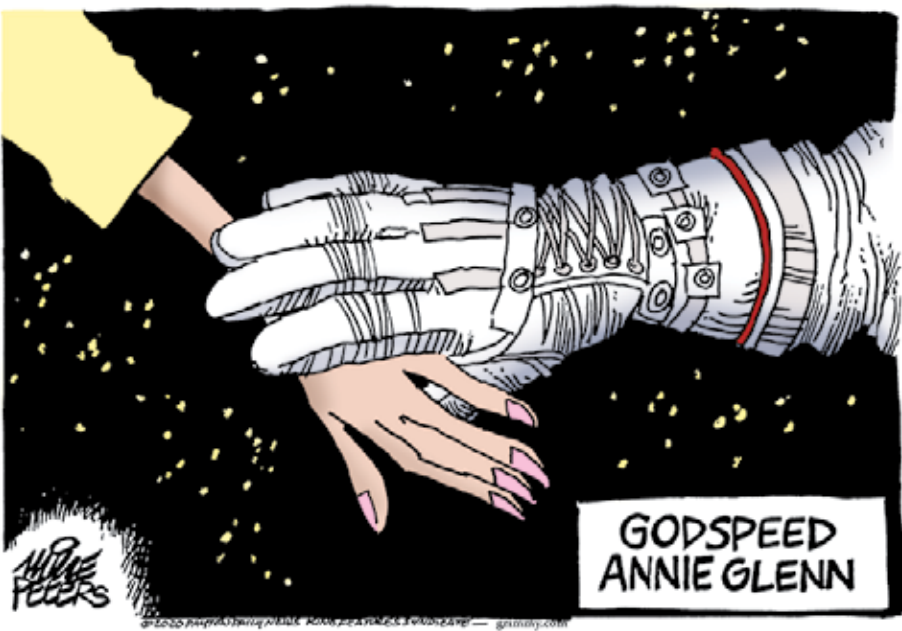
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COMMENTARY & NEWS



IN APPRECIATION...



Mark Pickel

Dear Waitsburg Families,

As the final month of the 2019-20 school year approaches, we want to take a moment to thank you all for the tremendous efforts you are making to help your children stay engaged in learning from home. Our staff truly appreciate the partnerships that were made with you during this difficult time in our

state and nation. We know that this is a stressful time for students and families, and we are committed to helping all of our students finish the school year strong.

With a little over two weeks left of school, together we want to continue to do all we can to help keep students engaged in learning until the last day of school. We will send out a survey next week to students, staff and families to get feedback about distance learning. The feedback collected will provide important information moving forward and it will help as we take a look ahead to fall.

In terms of planning for fall, we want nothing more than to be able to resume normal school operations.

However, we do not yet have any concrete information to share about what the fall might look like in our district. The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has gathered together a "Reopening of Schools Work Group" to discuss potential scenarios for reopening.

This workgroup is made up of 123 individuals from across the state, including teachers, administrators, education support professionals, elected officials, community-based organization representatives and other education partners.

This group is looking at health data and studying potential options for how to safely reopen schools. They are scheduled to complete the work by June 5 and submit their report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for review. The Superintendent's office will share the report the week of June 8 - 12. Once we receive the report, we will be able to move forward with developing a plan for our district.

We know that this school closure and the current model of continuous distance learning is not a sustainable, viable model for students and families. We know that this situation has been a hardship for our families. We miss our students, and we are eager to be able to develop and communicate our plan for the fall. Please look for more information in June.

Sincerely,
Mark Pickel
Superintendent

BIRTHDAYS

June 4: Kyle Dozier, Anthony Morgan, Dick Hodge, Angela Campbell, Charlee Long.

June 5: Robert Zuger.

June 6: Angie Lincoln, Bill Wert, and Melissa Lehr.

June 7: Judy Adkins and Dana Maki.

June 8: Jamie Gritman, Patty Hendrickson, Sarah Price, Gary Cox and Kevin Erickson.

June 9: Kay Heady, Jack Roberts, Barbara McCauley, Edward Fisher, Ed Sickles, Jenny Rencken, Marne Henderson, Cathy Abel.

June 10: Jake Long, Belinda Johnson, Linda Doyle and Mike Drew.

June 11: Frank Donnelly and Kathie Payne, Katelyn Lambert.



CORRECTION

Two mistakes were brought to our attention regarding the article 'The candidates have filed, and the races are on!' in the May 28 edition. Tom Cooper, candidate for Walla Walla County Commissioner District 1, is a former, not a current employee of the Walla Walla County Sheriff Department. Current Walla Walla County Commissioner Jim Johnson resides in Walla Walla, not in Waitsburg.

WWCSO

May 8
Victim had to leave his vehicle between the hours of 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. on Stateline and Locher Rd. During the night, unknown suspect(s) caused \$12,000 worth of damage. Touchet, WA.

May 13
Adult male reported lost firearm on Hanson Loop in Burbank, WA while on a walk the night before.

May 14
Male contacted at hospital with gunshot wound. Address listed was in the 30000 block of W HWY 12 in Wallula, WA

May 16
Deputies investigated a report of hit and run accident on 151 E. Langdon Road, Walla Walla County.

May 17
Officers responded to a domestic disturbance call at an address in the 800 block of Reser Road, in Walla Walla.

May 18
An individual was contacted at an address in College Place for failure to register as a sex offender.

A residential burglary and theft was reported at an address on Adair Road, in Burbank, WA.

May 19
Adult male reporting lost valuable Banjo sometime in early February at an address in the 20000 block of W HWY 12 in Touchet, WA

Man was arrested for DUI on Wilson Hollow and Nordheim Road in Waitsburg, WA

May 20
Deputies took a report of malicious mischief to county property on 315 Main Street in Walla Walla.

A burglary was reported at an address in the 100 block of Poplar Street in Burbank, WA.

Amazon account fraud and theft was reported in the 2000 block of Kendall Road in Walla Walla County

May 21
Assault between two inmates was reported at 300 W. Alder Street, in Walla Walla.

A report of identity theft via phone scam occurred at an address in the 200 block of York Street in Walla Walla County.

May 23
Female arrested for assault for domestic violence at an address in the 12000 block of Touchet North Road in Touchet, WA.

A domestic disturbance occurred and was investigated on E. Third Street in Prescott, WA.

May 24
Adult male taken into custody on warrant and DWLS 3rd degree at an address on Preston Ave. and Coppei Ave. in Waitsburg, WA.

May 27
A burglary occurred at an address in the 7000 block of Harvey Shaw Road, between 0600 hours on 05/25/2020 and 1930 05/26/2020. Unknown suspects entered a barn and an International model truck at the address and stole three transfer pumps with attached Honda motors. Prescott, WA.

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GOV. JAY INSLEE ACTIVATES NATIONAL GUARD, RESPONDS TO TRUMP'S SPEECH

Statewide protests and inflammatory rhetoric during a national crisis

THE TIMES

Gov. Jay Inslee ordered a statewide activation of the Washington National Guard on Sunday, May 31 in response to the spread of destructive protests and looting in Washington state.

The activation will allow unarmed troops to be deployed in response to requests from local governments. The governor already authorized at least 600 troops earlier this weekend to help in Seattle and Bellevue.

The state received a request from Spokane County on May 31 for National Guard assistance after what was described as a rogue group began looting and damaging property in downtown Spokane. Earlier in the day, thousands of people protested peacefully.

Maj. Gen. Bret Daugherty, commander of the Washington National Guard, will work with local law enforcement to determine details of deployments in response to requests by cities or counties.

On Monday, June 1, President Donald J. Trump gave a remarkable speech from Rose Garden of the White House, where he declared, "I am dispatching thousands and thousands of heavily armed soldiers, military personnel, and law enforcement offices to stop the rioting, looting, vandalism assaults and the wanton de-

struction of property."

The country has been gripped with protests nationwide as Americans react to the killing of George Floyd, an unarmed black man, under the knee of a City of Minneapolis Police Officer.

Amidst the peaceful protests have been disruptive actors, which the President characterized as "gripped by professional anarchists, violent mobs, arsonists, looters, criminals, rioters, Antifa and others," in his Rose Garden Speech.

Washington State Governor Jay Inslee released this statement shortly after the President's remarks:

"This president has repeatedly proven he is incapable of governing. He has shown nothing but false bravado throughout the chaos that has accompanied his time in office. His admiration of authoritarians around the world should not allow him to violate 200 years of American tradition of local law enforcement. We have activated the National Guard in our state and made them available to any community who requests it.

"Our country is defined by our collective character and democratic ideals, not by reactionary calls for division and not by threatening Americans with their own military."

Protests continued in Seattle, Bellevue, Kirkland and Snohomish areas again on Monday, June 1. Local law enforcement and city leaders continue to work with the National Guard to provide protection for property owners, business owners, onlookers and protestors as well as the right to peacefully to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.



Brianna Wray

JUSTICE - FROM PAGE 1

"I am doing this for my father, he is biracial and I watched as he experienced racism his entire life."

A few rumors circulated before the event and Luna said she was aware of some of the threats, but that they did not deter her from assembling. She said she did not speak directly to the police who were in attendance but noted their polite presence at the corner of Colville and Main, at Spokane and Main and elsewhere.

Despite the threats, hundreds of people young and old calmly protested on Sunday carrying signs and chanting the names of those lost to police violence. Much like past demonstrations held in the city, this one was peaceful and respectful. There was no real presence of counter-protestors or people trying to disrupt the protest.

Luna said she used her time at the protest to encourage mask use and proper social distancing.

Leah Sandven, a Walla Walla business-owner and mother of four, attended the protest with her husband Dr. Tor Sandven, her father-in-law Lars Sandven, and her oldest son, also Lars, who is 11 and will start the 6th grade this fall. She left her three young-er children, ages nine, seven and four, at home with

their grandmother.

"We went because we decided that staying silent was more detrimental than speaking out," she said. When asked if she was nervous about attending, she said "well, there had been some rumors that maybe it wasn't an actual protest—that it was a set up by people trying to make trouble. I didn't want to be intimidated, that's what black people face every day, and we decided that we could be brave just for one day, for them."

Powerful moments at the rally included moments of silence while all in attendance took a knee in honor of the lives lost. Some members of the crowd were openly weeping, adding a plaintive sound to the gathering. Passersby in vehicles honked in solidarity and showed raised fists through the windows of their vehicles.

Luna has plans to organize a rally this coming Sunday and is currently looking for a space to gather. She hopes to include musicians, speakers, poetry and more with a focus on education, encouragement and change. While she is part of no established organization, with her media skills and passion she has already proven that she can mobilize the energies of Walla Walla area residents who want to stand for racial justice. Luna can be reached at blacklivesmatter-wallawalla@gmail.com.



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NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)
In Re the Estate of DAVID ALAN COPELAND 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.

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/s/ Name: SUSAN M. COPELAND
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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

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Columbia County Public Hospital District #1 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - 2020

June 10, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Meeting
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 June 10, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Administration Building on the District's Dayton, Washington campus. The purpose of the meeting: to present Financial Audit results of 2019 and discuss strategic planning of

the Assisted Living Facility. Final disposition shall not be taken on any other matter at such meeting.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2020
Item-- Responsible
Call to Order Wes Leid-Chairman 2.
Roll Call Wes Leid-Chairman
Financial Audit 2019 Presentation -Tom Dingus, DZA
Strategic Planning Discussion- Tom Dingus, DZA
Adjournment- Wes Leid, Chairman
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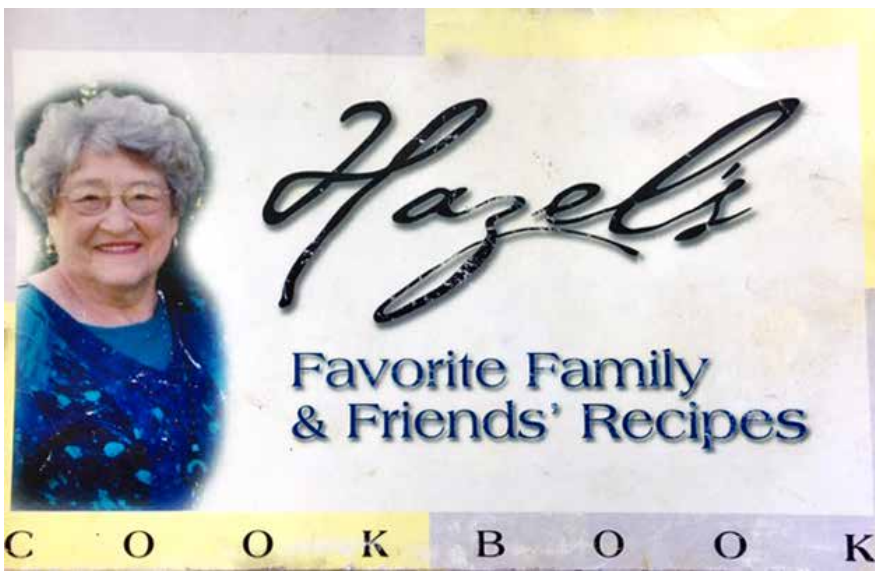
REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Walla Walla County Conservation District is accepting bids to spray false indigo along a 3 mile stretch of the Touchet River. All applicants must have a valid WA pesticide applicators license and an aquatic endorsement. Accepting bids until June 19 at 3 p.m. For bid document please contact Joanna Cowles Cleveland at 509-956-3760 or email joanna.cowles@wwccd.net
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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Ranger Cookies



How have I lived this long and never heard of Ranger cookies? The Cookie Monster has nothing on me when it comes to cookies.

While on one of my recent walks, I chatted with Claudia (socially distant) and the subject went to hand written recipe cards, which lead to this recipe as one of the family's favorite cookie recipes. She shared that her mom added dates, walnuts and used corn flakes instead of rice krispies. For those who have been in this area for a while, Claudia shared her mom, Hazel Pennell Jacobson was the youngest daughter of Claude and Anna Pennell of Prescott. She was a Home Economics teacher in Sunnyside.

I did Google it and the only thing it mentioned was using quick oats and sweetened coconut, which was probably understood. The comment was these were crispy on the outside, cake like on the inside, (good description)

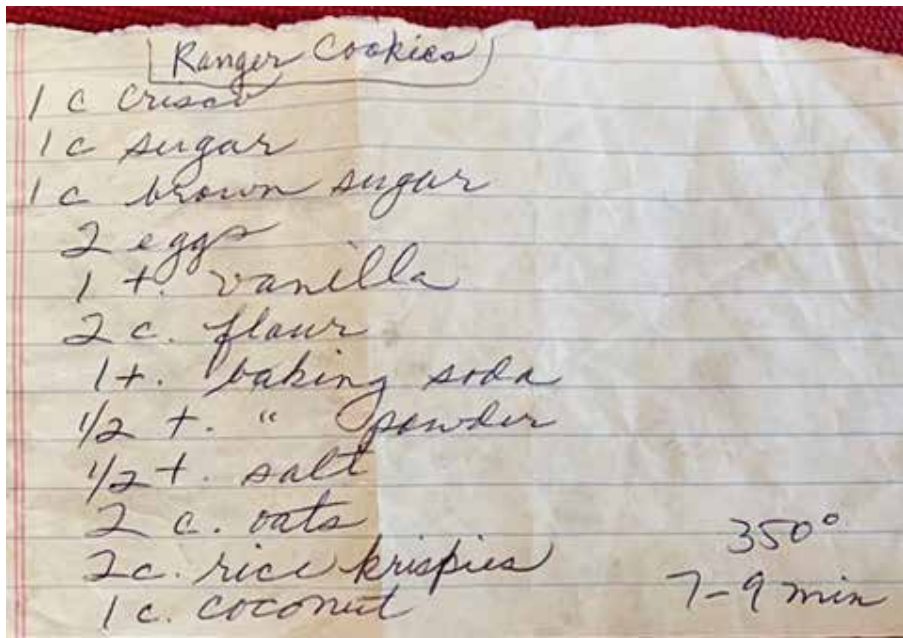
I didn't get a chance to make them this weekend. I made Buttermilk Honey Bread and finally finished the Bran Muffin mixture, but Claudia invited me to stop by and have one. We did an old fashioned exchange, her cookies for my bran muffins. They are a keeper for sure.

Speaking of bread, and the shortage of yeast! Good heavens, seriously, did everyone decide to start making bread? I'm curious if they will continue to do or will have an extra supply of yeast hanging around? I looked it up and those who make yeast were not prepared to have so many people buying it. They are prepared for it in November and December. Interesting year for sure.

I am adding the hand-written recipe card without the usual instructions because we all understood what needed to be done. The other picture is of Hazel's favorite recipes compiled by her family. How fun! And I noticed it was 191 pages.

Do you have a family recipe that you have written on a card, and you dig it out each time to make? Some of mine have smudges and smears. One I had to actually write over the ingredients because it had faded.

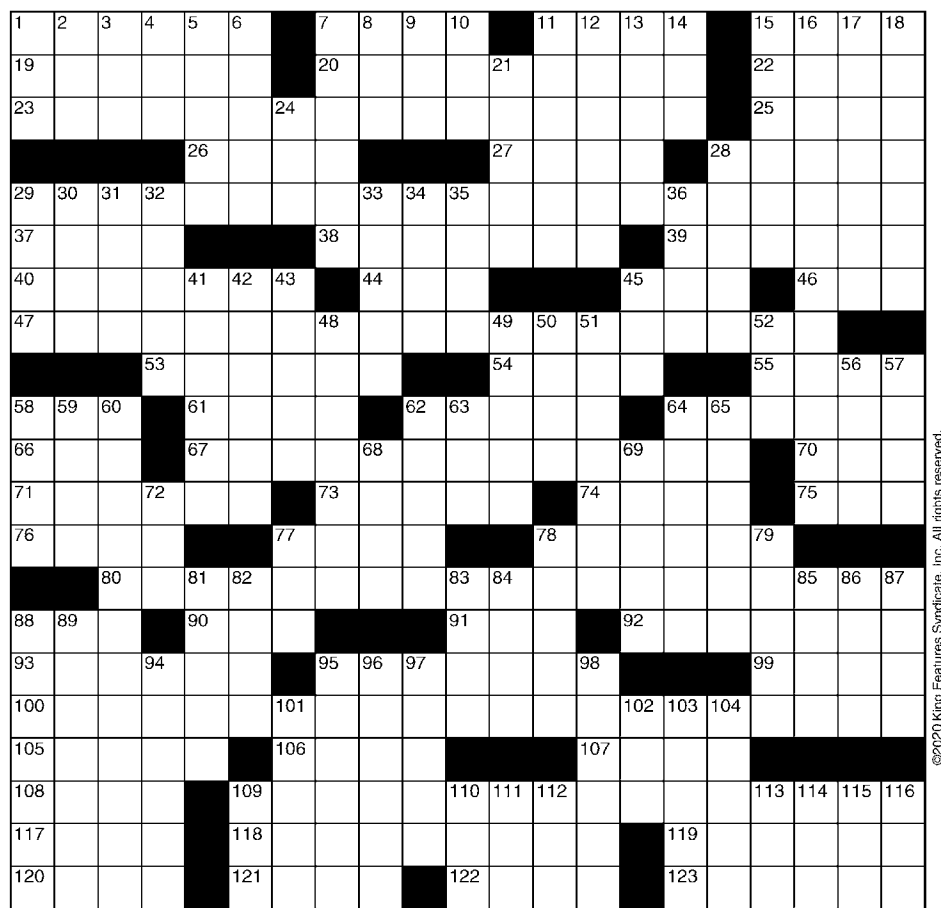
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| 1 "Alto Rhapsody" composer | 55 Waikiki whereabouts | 105 Wise words | 10 Elver, e.g. | 45 Flat — board | 83 On — (of equal value) |
| 7 Amount of medication | 58 Coll. e-mail ending | 106 Mr. Spock's pointy pair | 11 Lauren of "Key Largo" | 48 Radiates | 84 Nero's 53 |
| 11 Very close pals, briefly | 61 Coyote kin | 107 Flood figure | 12 Natural talents | 50 Tolerate | 85 Faithful wife of Geraint |
| 15 Lay away | 62 Stopped sleeping | 108 Feeling, informally | 13 Daughter, in Dijon | 51 50-50 gamble | 86 Suffix with bachelor |
| 19 Handbook | 64 Actress Dana | 109 Riddle's answer | 14 Paradise of "On the Road" | 52 Cheat | 87 Booming jets of old |
| 20 Among other things, in Latin | 66 Truckload | 117 "— do in a pinch" | 15 Manatee or dugong | 56 Use one's | 88 Nero's wife |
| 22 A, in Austria | 67 Riddle, part 4 | 118 Desirous of equaling someone else | 16 Praise with a cap motion | 57 Impulse | 89 Crassness |
| 23 Start of a riddle | 70 Kid's "it" game | 119 Advanced to the starting point, as a tape | 17 "Just the last item is left" | 58 Guesses at JFK | 94 Winged ones in heaven |
| 25 With the stroke of — | 73 Supreme Court justice | 120 Floor votes | 18 Tried to get | 59 Judo hall | 95 Absorb |
| 26 Busily engaged | 74 Get-out-of-jail fee | 121 "Fat chance" | 21 Kingly | 60 Too large to be strained, maybe | 96 Part on a drama series, say |
| 27 Actress O'Grady | 75 Metal-bearing rock | 122 Deleted, with "out" | 22 Snapshot, for short | 62 Former UN leader Kofi | 97 Dreadlocks wearer, often |
| 28 Actor Baio | 76 Tarnish again | 123 Salsa brand | 23 Blues singer — Monica Parker | 63 Doughboys' conflict: Abbr. | 98 Basked |
| 29 Riddle, part 2 | 77 — vu | DOWN | 29 Stepped off | 64 Bleach | 101 "I love you," in Spain |
| 37 Brain part | 78 Mortar and — | 1 German car | 30 Little snack | 65 Shout at | 102 Sushi sauce |
| 38 Vends again | 80 Riddle, part 5 | 2 Yell of cheer | 31 Wind instrument | 68 Magic hex | 103 Vanzetti's partner in anarchy |
| 39 New York port on Lake Ontario | 88 Mo. no. 10 | 3 California's Santa — | 32 Prove false | 69 Actress Smith of Tyler Perry films | 104 D-day time specification |
| 40 Some weather lines | 90 I-10, e.g. | 4 Castaway's shelter | 33 Indigent | 72 Bullfight holler | 109 Forest lair |
| 44 Untold millennia | 91 — mater | 5 Irked with | 34 General — chicken | 77 Passing grade, barely | 110 Ingested |
| 45 Gallery works | 92 Smears with holy oil | 6 Sluggish mammal | 35 Monopoly card statistic | 78 Greek philosopher | 111 Mingle |
| 46 Frat.'s counterpart | 93 Engender | 7 One trying to lose weight | 36 Spear | 79 Slezak or Eleniak | 112 Rd.'s cousin |
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CANDIDATES - FROM PAGE 1

Hall said. "Which comes first the chicken or the egg?"

He summed up his philosophy by saying, "We have greater success with the little, small steps,"

Hall has been ranching with his father-in-law, Don Howard, "on the Tucannon" since 2001. He is a twenty-five-year member of the Columbia County Cattlemen's Association, and he serves as a volunteer firefighter with Columbia County Fire District No. 3. He also attends the Starbuck Community Church with his wife, Ilene, he said.

Mike Talbott

If re-elected in November, Mike Talbott will serve a third four-year term on the BOCC.

Talbott said the county's reserve budget was only \$300,000 when he was first elected in 2012. That figure has increased to \$1,700,000 at the end of last year, which will help considering the financial issues the county is facing because of the recent flood and the COVID-19 situation.

Talbott said the decision to run for re-election was tough for him, but not to run would leave the two junior commissioners, Chuck Amerein and Ryan Rundell, without the voice of experience.

"There are some tough times ahead because of de-



Mike Talbott

clining tax revenue, which will require experience to solve," he said.

Talbott said the commissioners have taken an early, hard look at the current expense budget, and they have managed to slash \$100,000 from the current expense.

"We jumped right on it," Talbott, a financial conservative, said.

The county has also chosen to leave some positions unfilled, and is putting the long-hoped for HVAC system at the courthouse on the back burner, he said.

He said he is hoping the county can spring back and continue to focus on economic growth. He would like to see the expansion of agriculture-based business, and manufacturing, at the Blue Mountain Station, and elsewhere in the county, and he welcomes tourism.

He would like for local youth to have more job opportunities, as well.

Prior to the COVID-19 challenge discussions had taken place between the county engineer and the Dayton School District superintendent about creating an internship program, for youth, who could be interested in becoming an engineer and working for the county.

Talbott spends much of his time at the courthouse talking with county employees.

"You get a good feel for what's going on," he said.

His prior service to the community includes two years on the county Planning Commission, 17 years on the Dayton School Board, and six years on the Columbia County Grain Growers board.

He currently serves as Chairman of the Columbia County Public Transportation board, and is on many

other committees, including the Walla Walla Watershed Management Partnership, and the Port of Columbia Economic Development Steering Committee.

As Chairman of the Columbia County Health Board Talbott has been working closely with the county Medical Director, Dr. Larry Jecha, and the county's Public Health Director Martha Lanman regarding the COVID-19 situation, and re-opening the county for business.

Ryan Rundell

County Commissioner Ryan Rundell was appointed by the BOCC in 2019 to fill the remainder of Norm Passmore's term on the BOCC, which is over at the end of December, 2020. He is now running unopposed for his first four-year term in Dist. No. 1 in the November General Election.

Rundell said he wants to continue serving the community by working on issues facing the county.

He is in agreement with the other two candidates about the most important issues facing the county.

"I have learned a lot and I feel like there are things I can contribute and I want to follow through," he said.



Ryan Rundell

CONGRATULATIONS DHS CLASS OF 2020

Dayton High School Class of 2020 Graduates

Valedictorian

Kylee Laughlin

Salutatorian

Kira Boggs

2020 Graduates:

Marissa Barzo

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Alex Jenkins

David Lewis

Kiya McCaw

Carlos Norris

Lillian Patterson

Quinton Rapoza

Sergio Rivera

Tayven Seney

Elise Steinhoff

Josiah White

Congratulations Dayton High School graduating class of 2020!



Kristina Brown

I believe that what starts here at Dayton High School can change the world. Although this year's path has been rocky, twisty, windy and rough, you have overcome and will be the change you want to see in the world.

I have always loved Dr. Seuss. One of my favorite quotes from one of my favorite books declares: "You're off to great places! Today is your day! You're mountain is waiting, so get on your way!"

What starts here changes the world, but it will not be on your terms, nor your timeline. As we can see right now more than ever, the world does not ready itself for our plans. Your ability to live a life that's full of love and meaning, to make a world a braver and kinder place, to disrupt and reshape the future, has very little to do with the greatness of your plan, it depends completely on your ability to get back up and begin again when your plan fails. This year has been a year of uncertainty, and certainly unprecedented. You have risen above flooding, illness, death, difficult classes, and consequences of COVID-19 such as school closure, cancellations of athletics, activities and dreams. If you are committed to getting back up and beginning again, the same number of times that you fall or are pushed down, you will climb mountains—and you will change the world.

This senior class of 2020 is a class of resilience, strength, compassion and courage. I have seen you volunteer to sandbag and do the messy, dirty clean up after the flooding in our community. I have belly laughed during your lip-sync contests, and stood tall and proud, marching with you throughout our community for Homecoming. I have shed tears for you when school closed. I look forward to smiling with you and seeing the joy from your faces at graduation. You are demonstrating hope in a time of hopelessness, and renewing our faith in the youth of our community and nation. Choose courage over comfort, and remember "You're off to great places, today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way!" Keep your hearts open, stay curious and courage on. You've got this!

Kristina Brown

Dijulio Designs reflects on banner making process

Rita Pruczinski says she felt she knew Waitsburg's seniors after finishing the custom banners.

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

Shortly before graduation the idea to line Main Street with custom banners honoring the graduating seniors quickly gained traction. Senior Advisor Matt Wyatt contacted Dijulio Displays in Brier, Wash., to help him create and print the banners. This is the same company who worked with Scott Kirk on Dayton's senior banners.

Rita Pruczinski, of Dijulio Displays took on the task of printing the red banners and developed an unexpected relationship with Dayton and Waitsburg's Classes of 2020.

A small-town based, but large-scale printing and design company, Dijulio Displays prints banners and creates displays for many cities and events including the Pendleton RoundUp.

Dijulio Displays printed many large school's senior banners across the state this year, however, Rita was more involved with the smaller schools, like the Dayton and Waitsburg High Schools. Due to restrictions from the pandemic, many towns and schools hired the company to print banners of all shapes and sizes for their graduation celebrations.

"After proofing and having to re-proof and all of that, I felt like 'oh, wow! I know these kids!' It really felt like I knew them," Rita said. "It ended up being really special." Rita said she is an old friend of the late Waitsburg Mayor Walt Gobel and his wife, Gwen.

She appreciates the closeness of the communities, and how willingly community members stepped up to make the last part of Senior Year memorable for the students in both towns. She said she enjoyed working with senior class advisor Matt Wyatt and Times publisher Lane Gwinn in Waitsburg and Scott Kirk in Dayton.

Being from a smaller town herself, she said she was happy to be a part of these projects.

"I really think these kids are special," Rita said. "The Class of 2020 will go down in history as a special group, period."

Dear 2020 Dayton/Waitsburg Graduates

Congratulations on graduating from high school. That seems normal to say this time of year, but as we all know too well, nothing is normal now. Watching all the social media posts, the downtown banners, and the school pride displays has educated all of us on how special this class of 2020 truly is.

As a High School coach, I always think back to what the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) says about participating in High School activities. "Activity programs instill a sense of pride in school and community, teach lifelong lessons and skills of teamwork and self-discipline and facilitate the physical and emotional development of the nation's youth." As you graduate into this new world of uncertainty, know that you are more prepared than you believe because of your participation in extra-curricular activities from your Dayton and Waitsburg High Schools.

To my football student athletes: It is hard to even write down how proud I am of each one of you. As freshmen you came into the first DW Combine football program with 18 seniors to learn from. With such a large team, you competed for JV playing time and fought hard for your positions. And fight you did, working hard to give the varsity the best scout looks possible, and always ready to fill in on Special Teams or even to fill up water bottles. After the run to the state quarterfinals we never thought the next three years would be such a struggle. My love for you grew day after day as you guys defined what the football brotherhood is all about. It would have been easy for you to walk away and concentrate on something else. But what I saw was a class willing to put in the work when nobody was looking, and a class willing to play multiple positions. Playing those multiple positions in a single game, is not ideal or easy to do. Many times, when we would fundraise usually the only student athletes showing up was from this class of 2020.

You will be successful in the future at whatever you choose to do. Over the last four years I have talked to you a lot about football being more than just a game. You represent what NFHS learned from their studies. "Participating in football has shown to give you better educational outcomes: enhanced school engagement and sense of belonging, positive youth development/life skills, healthier behaviors, post high school positive results, developing as better citizens, and school and community benefits." I am confident in whatever path you chose that when an obstacle arises you have the skill set to be successful. Be confident that you can work within a team environment, and that individually you know how to work and dig deep inside yourself to find the answer. And don't worry if you have a setback, you will come out of it stronger. Remember there are no losses, there are just opportunities to learn.

Know that as I sit in my office deleting each of you off the 2020 roster, you will always be in my heart as the leaders that saved the football program. Without your leadership, determination, and love for the game, football might look different here today. Instead you laid the foundation for DW football to rise again.

I will always be here for you.

Your Coach,

Troy Larsen



Troy Larsen

To all DW Senior athletes,

I would first like to congratulate all of you on all your accomplishments and graduating this year! I know this was not the way you seniors had in mind on how you would have liked to end your high school athletic careers, I did not either, but you will move on and accomplish new goals. I would like to thank you for allowing me to be part of your lives. It has, and always will be, an honor and a privilege to work with and get to know you. When you seniors go out to college, work, military, or whatever it may be, the advice I can give is to adapt, work hard, overcome, and enjoy life. Down the road plans will change, so you will have to adapt to the change and make it work. There will be many times when things



Josh Wilson

get really tough, so you will have to bite that lip and get that head down and push forward and keep working hard and occasionally stop and look up and see the mini victories you have won. Lastly, enjoy life. Do not get caught up on overworking yourself and missing out on some things. When things become too overwhelming and draining, it is totally ok to stop for a little while and enjoy life. Go and adventure out and do whatever it takes to get you to re-start that fire that you had in the beginning.

I cannot stress enough on how proud I am of you seniors and honored to have witnessed the growth and development on becoming the awesome young adults. I know you seniors will accomplish a lot more down the road and I cannot wait to hear about it and see it. Hopefully one day we can see one another and catch up on life and become friends. Once again, congratulations on everything. You seniors have earned it!

Best wishes,
Josh Wilson

GRAD ISSUE



Valedictorian: Kylee Laughlin

After high school, Kylee will attend Washington State University, where she plans on studying criminal justice, with a minor in psychology. Kylee is unsure of what career she wants to pursue, but she is excited to be a Cougar!



Salutatorian: Kira Boggs

Kira will attend Grand Canyon University this fall, where she will be studying nursing. Her goal is to become a pediatric nurse.



Marissa Barzo

Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today. -Malcolm X



Kenzie Dobbs

Kenzie will be heading to Pullman this fall, where she plans on studying Zoology at Washington State University.



Jurnee Griffen

Jurnee plans on studying early childhood education at Walla Walla Community College for two years. After that, she will continue her studies at Eastern Washington University.



Emma Houdak

Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school. -Albert Einstein

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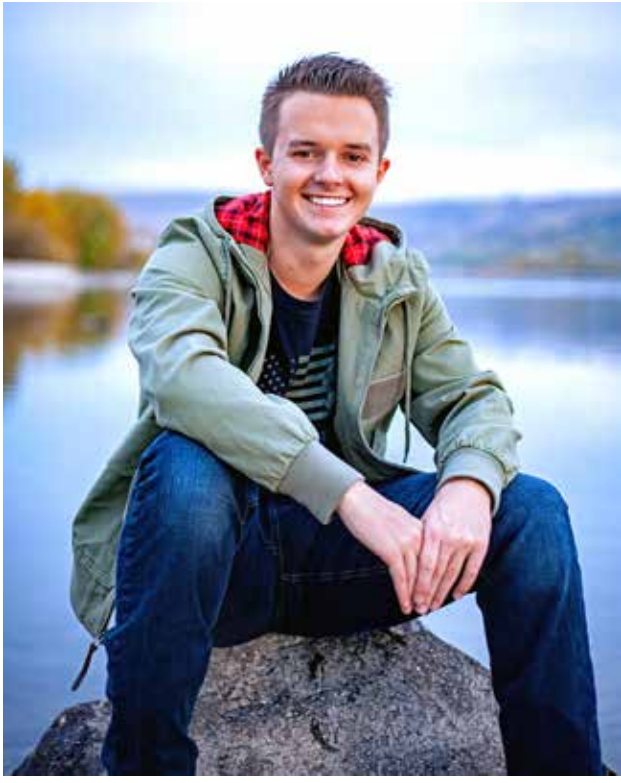
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GRAD ISSUE



Alex Jenkins

Alex plans on studying architecture at the University of Idaho. He is looking forward to moving out and starting a new chapter in his life.



David Lewis

David will be attending Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne, Wyoming this fall. He will be studying fire science while also enrolled in the residency program at Laramie County Fire District 2.



Kiya McCaw

Kiya plans on taking a break from school for a year. After that, she will be going to Columbia Basin College where she plans on studying early childhood education.



Carlos Norris

Carlos is not quite sure what career path he wants to pursue. He will be taking a bit of time away from school to explore interests.



Lillian Patterson

Lilli plans on taking a year off of school to spend time with her husband, so they can figure out their future plans and where they will take their family.



Quinton Rapoza

You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have. -Maya Angelo

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Congratulations Graduates Good luck on your future adventures.
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GRAD ISSUE



Tayven Seney

Tayven will be studying Agriculture Technology and Production Management at Washington State University this fall. After college, he plans to come back to the Dayton area and farm alongside his father.



Elise Steinhoff

A well-educated mind will always have more questions than answers. -Helen Keller



Josiah White

It's kind of fun to do the impossible. -Walt Disney

GRADUATION - FROM PAGE 1

Lewis said, during her speech. "What matters right now, despite what has been happening recently, is that we are all here together to recognize and celebrate our achievements, our triumphs, and our victories that we have made individually and as a class."

Thursday night before the graduation, WHS seniors heard from Michael Franzese. Franzese is the son of former Colombo crime family underboss, John "Sonny" Franzese. After being sentenced to 10 years of prison on racketeering conspiracy convictions, Franzese denounced the life of organized crime and became an author and motivational speaker.

On Friday, instead of gathering at the high school and rehearsing the graduation ceremony, WHS Seniors brought a variety of vehicles to Preston Park to decorate for the Gallery Drive through town. An anxious locker room wait until Pomp and Circumstance started playing was replaced by the sound of friends laughing and pickups and cars starting as the procession began to leave the park. The seniors were cheered by family, friends and as the seniors made their way through town on a carefully planned route to their unusual graduation ceremony.

The route ended on E.Tenth Street where the cars and trucks drove onto the track at the football field.

The students were driven, one by one in their own cars, to a stage that had been decorated by school board members Sarah Boudrieau and Christy House, class advisors Matt and Krystal Wyatt, Tracy Barron, and Tami Bohlman. Fred Hamann was the emcee for the ceremony, announcing each graduate and their post-graduation plans as they walked across the stage, diploma in hand.

"We can plan and plan all we want, but no matter how carefully we plan things can go askew. That doesn't mean we are worse off for it though, in fact, we may be better because of it," honorary speaker Grace Coulston said. "Learning to adapt to our sur-

roundings is something that many species have done since the beginning of time. This has allowed the species to continue to survive and thrive. That is what we are doing now, adapting."

The graduation celebrations were all carefully planned working within the guidelines to protect everyone's health and well-being. Though the events of the day were an alternative to tradition, the determination and creativity of the school board, staff, families and community have created a few new traditions for our town to enjoy in the future. The colorful senior banners, posting the honor speeches for everyone to enjoy and the celebratory parade through town would be welcome new additions to WHS graduations. Congratulations to Waitsburg High School's Class of 2020!



Sergio Rivera: The more things you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go! -Dr. Seuss



Cars line up on the track at the football field, waiting for the drive through graduation ceremony to stop.

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THE LAST PAGE

Emma's escape - treasure sought, curse avoided?

By Emma Philbrook | THE TIMES

You know what sounds great right now? Some nice escapist literature. You know what I'm not in the mood to do right now? Think up a nice escapist plot. This, then, is the story of an intrepid adventurer (and also her mother) on a quest through the plague-stricken wastes of Middle America to retrieve the long-lost Treasure of Apartment 1-B in time to avoid the Curse of the Lost Security Deposit.

Our quest begins at an obscenely early hour as our two heroes race down the darkened highways of Southeastern Washington towards Pasco Airport.

"Gadzooks!" exclaimed the intrepid adventurer. "We're being tailed!"

"Not quite," corrected the adventurer's mother. "But it does seem to want to pass us - egads! A deer!"

A quick pump of the brakes brought our heroes' vehicle to a halt, but the car behind them took the opportunity to swerve around them and speed off, heedless of the possibility that there had been any logic behind the sudden stop. Luckily, the deer made its way across the road in time to avoid becoming venison.

"Here's hoping that's not the pilot," muttered the intrepid adventurer.

The remainder of the journey to the airport was uneventful. The two parked and donned paper masks, readying their supplies for the next task ahead of them: the Gauntlet of the Grumpy Gate Guardians.

"How very mysterious!" the intrepid adventurer's mother commented as they began to sacrifice their travel shampoos to the gaping Maw of the Scanner Doo-hickey. "The Grumpy Gate Guardians seem... glad to see us?"

"Just go on through the All-Seeing Vortex and perform the dance which is illustrated in the yellow hieroglyphics!" chirped one Guardian.

"They, like everyone else in these dark times, must be happy to interact with fellow humans," mumbled the intrepid adventurer.

Our heroes proceeded through the gauntlet without incident and gathered at the foot of the Pedestal of Gate Five, where the airline's chosen shaman announced that boarding would proceed from the rear seats to those in front, a stark change from the customary ritual, which involved those who had paid lower prices for tickets being the last to board and having to shove their way around five or six people before being able to sit down.

"Can it be," asked the intrepid adventurer's mother during takeoff, "that this horrible plague has caused the airlines to repent of their barbaric ways?"

"It is almost more than one could dare to hope," the intrepid adventurer murmured, "but given that it isn't safe to touch the in-flight magazine, it's not as though I have anything better to do than hope."

After a little less than an hour of hoping, our heroes touched down in Seattle. But to their horror, the once-bustling airport was all but dead, its coffee shops shuttered and its Muzak silent. Instead, its cavernous halls were filled with the cries of those fearsome beasts which lurk in airports the world over.

"Look, Mother!" exclaimed the intrepid adventurer. "Unruly toddlers whose parents can't be bothered to supervise them!"

"That's not our biggest problem, dear," she replied. "Look at how crowded it is!"

"Most airports are crowded, Mom," the adventurer noted.

"Yes, but look at all these people taking off their masks! We can't get six feet away from them!"


"Goodness gracious!" the explorer explained, observing the same phenomenon. "Don't they realize that the point of wearing a mask isn't for one's own protection, but to prevent oneself from infecting others when social distancing isn't possible?"

"What do we do?" her mother asked. "We can't lecture the whole airport on the importance of wearing masks - even if it were possible, it would be rude! And this layover is three hours long!"

"We'll have to use our wits," said the intrepid adventurer through gritted teeth. "Our quest must not fail!"

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