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Beka Compton

A small herd of whitetail deer swam across the Touchet River on a sunny January afternoon, before running along the levee at the north end of town. What was once a grassy, hard-to-enjoy path has been transformed into a wide walkway, as excavators made necessary levee repairs. Enjoy Waitsburg's walkability, check out the local wildlife, and get some fresh air. Remember to leash your pups, and be sure to remain physically distanced if you cross paths with other walkers.

## CWWCFD2 terminates Chief contract at Commissioners' meeting

*The motion was made to terminate pursuant to Section V, at will, with or without cause.*

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Columbia-Walla Walla County Fire District 2 (CWWCFD2) Board of Commissioners met on January 13, 2021, via Zoom call. More than 20 community members, commissioners, and volunteers logged in to attend the meeting on Zoom.

Columbia-Walla Walla County Fire District 2 commissioners are Chairman Jake Long, Randy Farley, Randy Charles, Deb Fortner, and Bruce Abbey. Anne Higgins serves as the District Secretary. All commissioners were present, with the exception of Commissioner Deb Fortner.

Higgins informed the board that the Walla Walla EMS report is nearly complete. Chairman Long asked the board if there were any fiscal or clerical questions, which there were none.

Long gave an update on the ongoing Station 2 clean up and repair project. He shared that there had been some delays on the contractor's end due to COVID-19 restrictions. The original plan was to have completed the project by the beginning of 2021, but it has been pushed back. One of the dumpsters had been moved out and was now gone. There are still some cabinet repairs that they are waiting to finish.

At a previous meeting, ID cards for active volunteers had been discussed and are still on hold, and no update was provided.

Interim Chief Colter Mohny said that he was working with Luke Mohny to put together various fire-fighting training sessions. One training is a PPE-related training that was being worked on for an unspecified Richland-area district. He also shared that there had been a good turnout for the 'base clean up' on the Saturday before the meeting.

The floor was opened to public comment. There was no comment during this period.

The board of commissioners exited the public portion of the meeting for more than 40 minutes for an executive session. Zoom meetings allow the host to push members into a virtual waiting room. The first session lasted roughly 20 minutes, with the board requesting an additional 20 minutes to discuss personnel matters.

Following the executive session, the board voted to terminate the chief contract with Michael Moynihan. Moynihan accepted the position in mid-2020 and began working at the station in September. Prior to moving to Waitsburg, Moynihan had served as a career firefighter in California and brought more than 30 years of experience to the area. During his nearly 20 years with the San Francisco Fire Department, Moynihan held both lieutenant and captain ranks.

While the grounds for termination remain unclear, the motion was made by Randy Farley to "terminate Chief Moynihan's contract, pursuant to Section Five, effective January 31." The motion was seconded by Bruce Abbey. Abbey, and Jim Hickam voted to approve the motion, while Randy Charles opted to abstain from the vote. There were no votes against the motion.

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## New phased approach for COVID-19 vaccinations announced this week

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—When it comes to COVID-19, *the Times* tries its best to deliver up to date, factual information, but it is hard to keep up when the data changes so quickly.

Take the information released to the public, over the last couple of weeks, from the Columbia County Public Health Department and officials in charge of the vaccination process here in Columbia County.

On Thursday, Jan. 7, *the Times* reported that COVID-19 vaccinations would be administered through a phased approach from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This meant high-risk workers in health care settings, high-risk first responders, residents, and staff in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other community based congregate living settings would be first in line.

In Phase 1b, according to the CDC, all workers in health care settings, including; essential frontline workers such as firefighters, police officers, corrections officers, food and agriculture workers, postal service workers, people in the education sector, public transit workers, grocery store workers, daycare workers, and people 75 years old and older, would be next.

In Phase 1c, according to the CDC, people aged 65 and over and people age 16-64 with underlying conditions would follow.

At a Town Hall meeting on Jan. 12, the Public Health Department and the vaccination team at Dayton General Hospital announced vaccines would be given according to a phased approach from the Washington State Department of Health. According to that guidance, individuals over the age of 70, and people over the age of 50 who live in multigenerational households, would be next in line after the initial phases.

On Monday of this week, Gov. Jay Inslee announced a switch from guidance announced at the Town Hall on Jan.12 to a new phased approach following the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services guidelines.

Effective immediately, the first Tier of Phase 1b vaccine distribution will now include people 65 and older. This will make the vaccine more accessible to more people in high-risk categories.

The state has rolled out a Vaccine Phase Finder to help people identify which phase they are in. This tool can be found on the state DOH website at <https://www.doh.wa.gov>. Those not yet eligible for the current phase can register to be notified when they become eligible in their area. The state also announced plans to work with the National Guard and local health officials to set up four additional mass-vaccination sites. Locations for these new sites include the Spokane Arena in Spokane and the Benton County Fairgrounds in Kennewick. Stephanie Carpenter, COO at Columbia County Health System, is in charge of the vaccination plan for Columbia County. On Monday, Jan. 18, she said the Health System has been working in conjunction with county officials to locate a site to be used as a vaccine clinic. The county fairgrounds is a likely candidate; however, it will take a week or two to set the clinic up.

In the meantime, people over the age of 65 will begin receiving their first dose of the Moderna vaccine on Wednesday of this week at Dayton General Hospital.

Carpenter said people who have received their first dose of the Moderna vaccine would begin receiving their second dose next week.

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# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

## NEWS BRIEFS

### CCHS CEO SPEAKS TO VACCINATION PHASES AND CURRENT GUIDELINES

THE TIMES

In a press release on Tuesday afternoon, Columbia County Health System (CCHS) CEO Shane McGuire said Governor Jay Inslee had expanded the B1 group to include all people aged 65 or older and 50 years or older in multigenerational households. Inslee permitted community health systems to begin widescale vaccination of this phase in addition to expanding the group. The number of people in this category for the Hospital District is approximately 1,300 people. CCHS has already started vaccinating community members from this category at the hospital and plans on moving to a larger, offsite facility the week of the 25th to accommodate a much higher throughput.

CCHS has partnered with Columbia County to use the buildings at the fairgrounds as a mass vaccination site. Columbia County Fire District has agreed to provide emergency medical personnel to monitor vaccine recipients for the required 15 minutes post-vaccination. The District is working with Public Health to facilitate the scheduling of interested community members and the necessary data reporting.

“We plan on working our way through the remainder of the list provided by Public Health,” said McGuire. He also encourages all community members wanting the vaccine to call Columbia County Public Health at (509) 382-2181 to get their name on the list.

“As we continue to progress to later phases, we will schedule from this list, so even if you are younger than 65, we encourage you to secure your place to be called when we reach your phase. Lastly, regarding the phases: There currently is no consideration for co-morbidities (underlying health conditions) until phase B3, so the list is being worked in the order that people called in and by phase,” said McGuire.

### STATE GOAL TO VACCINATE 45,000 WASHINGTONIANS DAILY GEARED TO INCREASE VACCINATION

State rolls out [www.FindYourPhase.org](http://www.FindYourPhase.org)

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—As part of a new plan to increase the number of Washington residents vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus, Governor Inslee Monday announced changes to state infrastructure for increased vaccinations.

To assist with the administration of vaccine doses currently on hand, the Department of Health (DOH) will coordinate volunteer vaccinators in Spokane, Kennewick, and Bellevue. It will connect all vaccine administrators across the state to assess where additional assistance is needed to reach the new goal of 45,000 Washingtonians vaccinated per day.

High vaccination sites are being established to prepare for future vaccine distribution. Some sites will build upon existing infrastructure, with the National Guard assisting with set up. The DOH will coordinate with local health officials to aid in preparation.

Four sites are being set up to begin vaccine distribution as early as next week, including The Spokane Arena in Spokane, Benton County Fairground in Kennewick, and the Clark County Fairgrounds in Ridgefield.

Rogelio Riojas, president, and CEO of SeaMar Community Health Centers, said this infrastructural growth is necessary to protect all Washington residents.

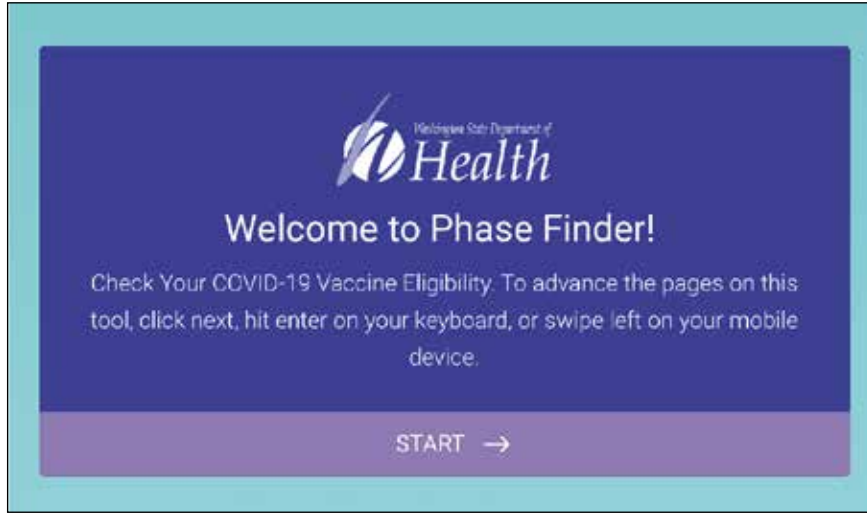
“We need to expand our efforts and work seven days a week on our vaccination plans to defeat this dreaded virus,” Riojas said. “Essential workers, especially farmworkers and people of color, are disproportionately getting sick and dying because they cannot work from home. We must get them vaccinated.”

Vaccines allocated after January 25 will be equally distributed between these sites and local pharmacies and clinics to begin vaccinating Washingtonians in Phase 1B.

In addition to these changes, the DOH announced their new Phase Finder tool, designed to help Washington residents find out if they are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination now, and if not, how to sign up to be notified when they become eligible.

The Phase Finder tool can be found on the Washington State Department of Health website at [www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov).

Please be patient as there has been very high traffic on this site over the past few days, and the site has been down for short periods at this time. It will provide the most updated and comprehensive data regarding vaccine availability throughout the state as the situation continues to change frequently.



Courtesy photos

Left: Columbia County Health System CEO Shane McGuire. The Columbia County Fairgrounds is being transformed into a vaccination clinic, following new allocation and administration guidance.

Right: The Phase Finder tool is one of many new components of Washington's COVID-19 vaccination distribution and administration plan. Phase Finder is a quick, easy-to-navigate way to determine if and when you are eligible for the vaccine. If you are unsure of when you will be eligible for your COVID-19 vaccination, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y3rrplwt>, or the Department of Health website, [www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov).

### Touchet Valley Weather Jan. 20, 2021

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

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### WWCC'S AMERICAN DREAM ACADEMY STARTS FEB. 1

Free workshops in Spanish and English run Feb. 1-Feb. 5

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla Community College is recruiting area students and parents for its American Dream Academy. This program prepares families with little or no higher education experience to successfully manage their students' transition from high school to college.

WWCC offers a series of five free classes designed to provide all the information students need to make college a reality. These half-hour to 45-minute sessions will be offered online over Zoom beginning Feb. 1 through Feb. 5. The evening sessions will be offered concurrently in English and Spanish.

Topics covered will include: Preparing for college; understanding college terminology; applying for college; obtaining financial aid, and preparing for success. Participants will have a chance to win a \$300 WWCC Foundation scholarship or gift card to the WWCC bookstore.

“Our goal is to provide great information that helps parents and kids feel more confident and informed,” said Melissa Rodriguez, Director of Outreach at WWCC. “First-generation students and, really, anyone who has just started thinking about going to college—not just WWCC but any college or university—can benefit.”

S. Garcia, a parent who attended American Dream Academy workshops with her son this past fall, reports that she thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

“I learned a lot,” she said, “and I feel satisfied and secure in continuing to offer support to (my son) in his professional career.”

Questions? Call (509) 730-0897. Ready to sign up? Please go to: [wwcc.edu/academia](http://wwcc.edu/academia).

## Community land trust one potential solution to housing crisis

*Common Roots Housing Trust was introduced on January 11, an example of how a CLT can work.*

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The housing crisis in the Walla Walla region has reached a tipping point. Thankfully, this problem is not unique to the region. With a decrease in affordable housing across the nation, community-based groups have been experimenting with creative solutions to alleviate the problem. These efforts to provide access to safe, comfortable housing to low and middle-income families have led the charge for communities like ours.

In 2018, the Walla Walla Community Council (WWCC) recognized that access to affordable housing had become increasingly challenging within the community. They conducted a region-wide study to assess cost-burdened homes and rentals, housing availability, and housing-associated costs.

The study found several areas of concern, including a high percentage of the region's renters are considered cost-burdened, as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD defines affordable housing as no more than 30% of pre-tax income.

According to the WWCC assessment, 52% of renters in Waitsburg are financially burdened by housing costs. In Dayton, 46% of renters were living in cost-burdened housing. In Prescott, a steep 81% of renters were residing in 'unaffordable-by-definition' homes.

Housing costs have been rising steadily for the past five years, jumping nearly 45%, according to data from the Walla Walla Community Council, while overall wages have increased only 17%.

Since wage increases are not keeping up with rising housing costs, more families are unable to afford to live in the area.

The affordable housing issue is not exclusive to rentals. Homeownership has become less accessible to many middle and low-income families. In Walla Walla County, the average cost to build a new home is around \$285,000. Purchasing a home has an average price tag of \$285,000 to \$300,000. However, low to moderate-income families (or individuals) can afford \$140,000 to \$230,000 without becoming cost-burdened, according to HUD. The median sale price in Walla Walla is \$301,600, as of January 11.

A household of four, earning the Walla Walla average median income (AMI) of \$69,000 a year, can afford a mortgage payment of \$1,750 (or a 30 yr. mortgage of \$295,000). The same size household making 60% of the AMI can afford a monthly payment of \$1,050 (or a 30 yr. mortgage totaling \$170,000).

On January 16, the internet online real estate app Zillow listed two houses and two mobile homes for sale in Walla Walla, priced within the affordable scale for low-medium income buyers. The houses were priced at the high-end of the 'affordable' scale between \$228,000 and \$229,000. There was one home listed in Dayton, no homes available in Waitsburg, and eight homes available in Milton Freewater that were within the affordable range. So, what is a community to do? WWCC's findings and strong recommendations from many involved in the study suggest the creation of a community land trust as one possibility to help alleviate the increasing problem.

Community land trusts are non-profit organizations that purchase land to provide permanently affordable housing for the residents of the communities which they serve. After developing the land, the trust sells the homes, and leases the land to the homebuyers. This makes the purchase price more affordable as the homebuyer is buying only the house, not the land.

When homeowners wish to sell the home, they agree to selling at a restricted price, keeping the house affordable in perpetuity.

Common Roots Housing Trust has been created as a direct result of the Community Council's housing assessment performed less than three years ago. While still in its early stages, steps have begun to purchase, or receive by donation, property throughout the Walla Walla region. The trust's long-term plan is to develop permanently affordable low to medium-income housing.

The effort is being led by local community members, including Rachel Elfenbein, Community Council Advocacy Coordinator, and Catherine Veninga, Community Council Study Coordinator. Established organizations, including the OPAL Community Land Trust on Orcas Island, are providing guidance to the new trust.

Right now, the Common Roots Housing Trust relies on volunteers for staffing. Blue Mountain Action Council (BMAC) is currently serving as the fiscal sponsor. The housing trust has already secured several small grants and continues to apply for more grants as the concept gains local traction.

The first step, according to Elfenbein, is to hire a dedicated staff member to handle all coordination

efforts. Funds are currently being raised to fill the position, but until then, Elfenbein and Veninga are the acting volunteer employees. One major role of the new CLT employee will be to prepare documents assisting potential homeowners during the buying process and maintain records that align with the needs of most lenders to streamline the loan process. Last Monday, January 11, during the town hall meeting to introduce Common Roots to the community, attendees heard from Julie Brunner, housing manager from the OPAL Community Land Trust. Brunner described how land trusts work and specifically her organization's program on Orcas Island.

To build the assets for the trust, Common Roots must obtain land. As a non-profit, the trust can purchase the land with donated funds or accept land donated to the trust directly. In 2020, Governor Inslee signed into law two bills that simplify the process for donating low-value surplus property by city-owned utilities. In an interview with *The Times*, Elfenbein mentioned that Common Roots are in early discussions with the City of Walla Walla about potential property. They have also begun working with the Port of Columbia concerning potential land in the Dayton area. She said that a multi-jurisdictional commitment to solving the housing crisis is very exciting.

The next step would be development. Because the homes are being built to last, Brunner noted that most CLTs are willing to pay for high-quality products and focus on energy efficiency. Once the development is finished, the homes would be offered for sale. The land trust would lease the land which the home is built on, for a modest fee, to the homeowner. The lease would grant exclusive use to the owner.

"We separate the title to a home so that the homeowner buys the house, but the community land trust maintains ownership of the land underneath that house," said Brunner. "The homeowner then enters into a 99-year lease with that community land trust, to have sole and exclusive use of the land while they own their home."

The lease is 'balanced,' meaning that it is not structured to represent the landlord, like a typical lease. It is geared towards balancing the interest between the community trust that owns the land and built the home, and the homebuyer. One interesting element of most CLT leases is the provision that the lease can be passed on through inheritance.

"When we talk about ongoing affordability, it is really this idea that in exchange for buying a house at a below market price, the seller agrees to limit the

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## 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](http://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:

January 25 at 7 p.m.  
<https://tinyurl.com/y4dhmnba>

#### 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](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

November 10 at 6 p.m.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

### DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

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

#### Thursday, January 21

Roast beef w/ gravy  
Mashed potatoes  
Broccoli salad  
Roll  
Gelatin & Milk

#### Tuesday, January 26

Fried chicken  
Mac salad  
Carrots  
Salad & Roll  
Peach cobbler & Milk

### WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

#### Tuesday, January 26

Spaghetti & meat sauce  
Italian blend veggies  
Coleslaw  
Garlic bread  
Fruit

### WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

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#### Thursday, January 21

B: Cook's choice  
L: Cook's choice

#### Friday, January 22

B: Cook's Choice  
L: Chicken crispos  
Spanish rice  
Cucumbers  
Pineapple

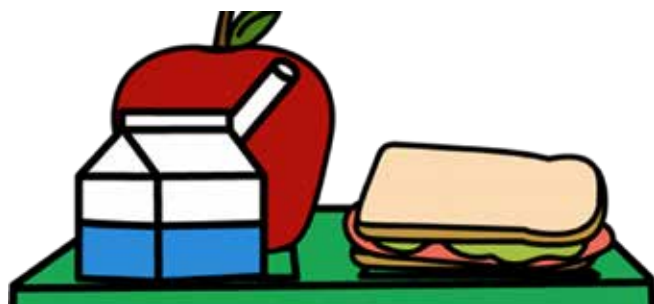
#### Monday, January 25

B: Omelet & sausage  
L: Chicken strips

Baked beans  
Apples  
Cookie

#### Tuesday, January 26

B: Biscuit & gravy  
L: Grilled cheese  
Tomato soup  
Mixed fruit



*Church Directory*

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

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**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

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**Waitsburg Christian Church**  
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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Each Sunday  
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## LETTERS

### WAITSBURG'S "ONE OF A KIND" PRIDE ATTACKED

Change is the only thing permanent in the world since the beginning of time. Though not popular or easy, it can be progressively profitable.

Absolute honesty and unselfishness are usually the missing factors omitted from decisions made in secrecy. Discharging Fire Chief Michael Moynihan is a blemish on the character of Waitsburg's "One of a Kind" pride. It must be challenged.

Sincerely,  
Phillip Monfort  
Waitsburg

### HOUSING - FROM PAGE 3

price at which they can sell that home in the future," Brunner said.

At last week's town hall, one listener asked Brunner how the CLT ensures homes are maintained and how the CLT enforces upkeep. Brunner explained the homeowners are required to maintain the home, and it is enforced through the lease.

"There is a provision in there that says, 'before you sell your home, the buyer gets an inspection, and you need to fix anything that is broken,' Brunner said.

She then went on to explain that OPAL has long-term maintenance reserves, funded by small fees from community homeowners; OPAL has a \$50 per month fee attached to its homes that goes to the maintenance reserves, which is available to assist homeowners during large repairs, like replacing a roof. Certain items, like HVAC systems, and other homeowner improvements may be reimbursable upon sale depending on the structure of the lease.

So, who is eligible and how does a CLT determine eligibility? According to Brunner, there are income qualifications that you must meet when purchasing and selling, which will vary from trust to trust. Once you own the home however, there is no limit to wealth and the land trust does not ask about wealth or income after the sale.

Brunner shared a light-hearted story of one OPAL resident who won a three-million-dollar lottery. The resident, who opted to sell their OPAL home, could have stayed.

"She could have kept her home, and that is really important to us. That is one of the tenants of home ownership- the fact that you don't have to move anymore, ever again if you choose, is really foundational to homeownership and we want to protect that," Brunner said.

She also shared that, like in a traditional home, homeowners may leave the home to anyone. However, if it is left to someone other than a child or spouse, they will be subject to the same income qualifications to live in the home. If they do not meet the qualifications, they must sell the home and would receive the proceeds from the sale.

According to Brunner, any size lot is acceptable. She shared that OPAL just purchased a 30-acre lot. They have also received small-lot donations suitable for 800 square-foot houses. The land just has to be within the CLT's service region.

Common Roots Housing Trust is following the lead of communities like the OPAL Community Land Trust to provide affordable housing for families in the Walla Walla Region. If you would like to get involved, whether in leadership or monetarily, contact Rachel Eifenbein at [relfenbein@wvcommunitycouncil.org](mailto:relfenbein@wvcommunitycouncil.org).

## Waitsburg levee: before and after



Photos by Beka Compton

Before (left) and after (right) photos of levee repair along a section of the Touchet River. This area, which runs parallel to Willard Street, sustained significant damage in February, 2020. Enough bank was washed away during the flooding that old train trestles were exposed, leaving the bank and property above extremely vulnerable.

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Due to volume during election season, *The Times* is unable to print all letters received. We strive to print as many as possible on a first come, first served basis. Letters that don't fit are moved to the following week.

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## Dayton City Council report for January

Flood mitigation, wastewater treatment project discussed

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Mayor Zac Weatherford talked about mitigating damages to the Dayton portion of the levee caused by the 2020 February flood in his report to the Dayton City Council last week.

There are three projects which will be done in the spring and summer months, he said. The projects include; the Front Street Bridge Rip Rap Replacement Project and removal of less than 50 cubic yards of sediment from the Touchet River, the North First Street Rip Rap Replacement Project, and repairs to the damaged sewer outflows at the City's wastewater treatment plant.

Weatherford said the US Army Corps of Engineers has signed off, as acceptable, on some work the city crews have done to remediate some problem areas on the north portion of the Dayton levee.

"Hopefully, this year, we are a lot better prepared for a potential flood or high-water event," he said.

Weatherford said the City has 3,000 sandbags, and an additional 2,000 have been ordered. The City is working with the Department of Corrections to have inmates fill and stack them on pallets. The pallets will be stored in different locations throughout town, he said.

Mayor Weatherford also discussed progress on the city's proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) project, a constructed-wetlands- by- design type treatment plant.

He said the city is looking into acquiring two properties for the WWTP, and the owners are allowing the City to move forward with geotechnical exploration.

Environmental review forms have been submitted to the state Dept. of Ecology for both sites. Work will include shovel probes and test holes for archaeology purposes.

The City will submit a stewardship plan to the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board and the Blue Mountain Land Trust for review. The Salmon Recovery board meets on Jan. 26, and the mayor is hoping the stewardship plan will be approved at that meeting.

Weatherford said the City would like to incorporate data from the aerial survey done for the Touchet Valley Rails to Trails project into the WWTP project.

He said the City is also asking for a letter of support for the treatment plant project from the Department of Ecology.

"Sometimes the project seems slow, but we are moving forward," Weatherford said.

Weatherford also gave an update on the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the County for Law and Justice, Municipal Court, and Dispatch services. The contract has not been signed yet.

The ILA is under review by the city's attorney. The City's Safety Committee, Public Works Department, and city staff will also review the agreement.

"Generally, the contract looks good," he said.

Weatherford said the process for appointing someone to replace Matt Wiens, who has resigned from the Dayton City Council, will begin soon.

Finally, Dain Nysoe was appointed Mayor Pro-tem by the Dayton City Council for fiscal year 2021.

The Dayton City Council also authorized the following:

**Ordinance No. 1973;** an ordinance granting PacifiCorp, Inc., its successors and assigns the right, privilege, authority, and a nonexclusive franchise to set, erect, lay, construct, extend, support, attach, connect, maintain, repair, replace, enlarge, operate and use facilities in, upon, over, under, along across and through the City of Dayton's public right of ways to provide for the transmission, distribution, and sale of electric energy for power, heat and light, and any other purposes for which electric energy may be used. The term of the franchise agreement is for ten years.

**Resolution No. 1452;** rejecting the bid received for the Front St. Bridge Railing Repair Project. Mayor Weatherford said only one bid was received. The City's insurance company has asked the bid to be reopened because the bid received was higher than the engineer's estimate.

## OBITUARIES

### Robert Edwin Newbury

June 13, 1955 — January 4, 2021

Robert Edwin Newbury passed away on the evening of January 4, 2021 after a long and excruciating battle with Ankylosing Spondylitis. For a man enduring unimaginable pain and suffering each day, he was incredibly caring, thoughtful, and loving. Bob had an amazing sense of humor and loved nothing better than to bring a smile to anyone's face, no matter how his own day was going. Bob was a miracle. He was sustained by the love and devotion of his wife Clarece Elaine Newbury who gave her all to see him through to the end. He loved her to his dying day and she, him. His pride and joy were his three children, Rhonda Juergens, Anna Johnson, and Nicholas Newbury, and his seven grandchildren they gave him; Avery and Kendall Juergens, Morgan and Claire Johnson, and Selma, Miles and Cleo Newbury.



Robert Edwin Newbury

Even with his disabilities, he would move heaven and earth to try and help others however he could. Robert was preceded in death by his mother and father, Alma and Arthur Newbury. He is survived by his wife and family as well as his brother Arthur Bryan Newbury.

Beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend...

May our dearest Bob finally find rest and comfort. He will be so very missed.

A celebration of life is being planned for July of 2021 in the Blue Mountains, pending COVID-19 restrictions. In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to Spondylitis Association of America.

### Roy Allen Shea

Roy Allen Shea, passed away Thursday, January 14, 2021 at Booker Annex Rest Home in Dayton, WA. He was 90 years old. Roy was born April, 7, 1930 in Dayton to Clarence Shea and Olga McCauley Shea. He was the oldest of four boys born to the couple. When their parents divorced in 1940, all of the young boys moved in with their grandparents, Thomas and Bertha Shea. They were raised at the family home on 4th street. Roy graduated from Dayton High School in 1948. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served during the Korean conflict in Radar Gunner Maintenance. Following his honorable discharge, he worked for Boeing in Seattle. Roy then purchased a home on Lake Wenatchee, WA where he started his career as a carpenter/craftsman, building custom homes all over the area there. As age, health and the maintenance of his home was setting in, Roy chose to move back to his hometown of Dayton to be closer to his brother and cousin, Bob McCauley. He has resided at Booker Annex for the last few years. A lifelong bachelor, Roy is survived by his last remaining brother, Darrel Dean Shea of Waitsburg, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers Gerald Gean Shea (1950) and Clarence Wayne Shea (November 2020)

No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are being made through Hubbard-Rogg Funeral Home of Dayton.

## BIRTHDAYS

**January 21:** Paige Wood, Haily Larsen, Vicki Christensen, Tony Scott, Amanda James, Joe Gagnon, Rick Davis, Bob Hillis, Geoffrey Kellman, Julio Mercado.



**January 22:** Betty Bruce, Laverne Mayberry, Tammie Huwe.

**January 23:** Eden White, Evelyn Munden, Kurt Baker, Brittany Zuger, Daniel Moser.

**January 24:** John Liebermann, Faith Mayberry, Barbara Huff, Darryl McCauley, Bill Davis, Treavor Zuger, Barbara Brown, Rita Donnelly and Kynde Kiefel.

**January 25:** Bob Miller, Matt Schiermeister, Markeeta Little Wolf, Lula Mae Cameron, Nick Baumann, Matt Frohreich and J. C. Picton.

**January 26:** Hirut Senter, Bruce Brunton, Marie Hayes, Rebecca Wilson, Howard Smith, Christopher Brunton, Peter Jones, Deanne Donovan, Kimberly Huwe, Zach Brown.

**January 27:** Diane Estes, Micki Box, Gayle Broom, Casey Acevedo.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### HELP WANTED

**Help Wanted: Garden Assistant**

The Boldman House Museum seeks a part-time, seasonal Garden Assistant. See the job description and application instructions on our website, [daytonhistoricdepot.org/employment](http://daytonhistoricdepot.org/employment).

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### FIRE CHIEF - FROM PAGE 1

Section Five of the chief's contract refers to a 'termination without cause.' This section states that the position is an 'at-will position,' and that the department may terminate the contract at any time without advance notice, for any reason, with or without cause. Termination without cause will not be subject to the district's disciplinary policies and procedures and are not subject to any grievance procedures. Chief Moynihan was placed on administrative leave earlier this month, and his position will effectively end on January 31, 2021.

No further details or time for public comment were provided following the vote. *The Times* was informed a statement will be issued after January 22.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY NO. 20 4 01323 06 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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January 7, 14, 21, 2021  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO. 20-4-00235-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re the Estate of GENIDA A. PURCELL, 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: MARIA L. MEDLEY  
Date of First Publication: January 7th, 2021  
/s/ MARIA L. MEDLEY  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA Case No. 21-4-00001-36 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In Re the Estate of JAN-MARIE ELLIOTT, Deceased.  
The Personal

Representatives named below have been appointed and have qualified as 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 Personal Representatives or the Personal Representatives' 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 Representatives 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: 01/05/2021  
Date of First Publication: 01/14/2021

/s/ WILLIAM K. FLETCHER  
/s/ KOREY D. FLETCHER  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO. 21 4 00005 36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re the Estate of MARY K. STOCKDALE, 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: TAMMY LISTAK  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON In and for COLUMBIA County

No. 20-4-00032-7  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
RCW § 11.28.240  
In the Matter of the Estate of:  
SHIRLEY J. NETTLETON, Deceased.  
The Personal

Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW § 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced.

The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty (30) 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 (4) 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 non-probate assets.

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Court of Probate Proceedings  
Columbia County Superior Court  
Cause Number 20-4-00032-7  
Dated this 9th day of January, 2020.  
GRAVIS LAW, PLLC  
/s/Matthew R. Johnson,  
WSBA #47821  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 21-4-00006-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030  
In re the Estate of: PATRICIA ANN BINGHAM, Deceased.  
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (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.

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### MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE – Dayton Assisted Living Facility

**Description of proposal:**  
The proposal requests a Conditional Use Permit to allow for the development of five (5) 5,379 square foot assisted living units. Total capacity of these combined units is 50 beds. The proposal includes the development of paved access, parking, and associated site utilities, for an estimated total impervious surface total of 59.7% of the entire project area. Fill is not anticipated to be brought in, but is expected to be utilized from excavation occurring throughout the project area. It is anticipated fill will only be required in the SW portion of the project area. While the project area is adjacent to the Touchet River, the proposed developments lie outside the Native Conservation Areas of the Dayton Shoreline Master Plan. Additionally, the FEMA FIRM identify the project area as Zone X (area of 500-year flood). Stormwater, as proposed, is anticipated to be retained and treated onsite in infiltrative swales. Duration of construction is unknown at this time, but construction activities will be limited to daylight hours. The application identifies an approximate 50 – 100 trips per day to and from the site during peak hours.

**Location of proposal:**  
912 South 3rd Street, Dayton, Washington 99328 (Col. Co. PID's 264702 & 275595)

**Lead Agency:** City of Dayton, Washington  
The lead agency for this proposal has determined that this project does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2) (c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2). The City will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issue. Comments must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. by the closing of the comment deadline if they are intended to alter the DNS. The Responsible Official will reconsider the DNS based on timely comments and may retain, modify, or, if significant adverse impacts are likely, withdraw the MDNS. If the MDNS is retained, it will be final after the expiration of the comment deadline.

Responsible official: Meagan Hayes, CFM  
Position: Director of Planning and Community Development

Phone: 509-382-2361  
Email: info@daytonwa.com  
Comment period end date: January 28, 2021 at 4:00 pm  
The Times  
January 21, 2021  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION – Dayton Assisted Living Facility

The City of Dayton hereby gives notice that an application(s) has been received and found complete for the following project: Dayton Assisted Living Facility. Comments relative to the approval and conditioning of this application are requested. Approval of the Conditional Use Permit application requires a public hearing and final decision by the Hearing Examiner. Appeals to the approval/denial of the Conditional Use Permit are made to the Planning Commission. This notice will be published in the paper of record and distributed to surrounding property owners. A public hearing for the Conditional Use Permit application will be scheduled and advertised at a later date.

**Project name:** Dayton Assisted Living Facility  
**Project location:** 912 South 3rd Street, Dayton, Washington 99328 (Col. Co. PID's 264702 & 275595)  
**Project description:** The proposal requests a

Conditional Use Permit to allow for the development of five (5) 5,379 square foot assisted living units. Total capacity of these combined units is 50 beds. The proposal includes the development of paved access, parking, and associated site utilities, for an estimated total impervious surface total of 59.7% of the entire project area. Fill is not anticipated to be brought in, but is expected to be utilized from excavation occurring throughout the project area. It is anticipated fill will only be required in the SW portion of the project area. While the project area is adjacent to the Touchet River, the proposed developments lie outside the Native Conservation Areas of the Dayton Shoreline Master Plan. Additionally, the FEMA FIRM identify the project area as Zone X (area of 500-year flood). Stormwater, as proposed, is anticipated to be retained and treated onsite in infiltrative swales. Duration of construction is unknown at this time, but construction activities will be limited to daylight hours. The application identifies an approximate 50 – 100 trips per day to and from the site during peak hours.

**Permits/approvals required:** Conditional Use Permit; Construction Permits  
**Comment period dates:** Written comments relative to the review, approval, or denial of the Conditional Use Permit application may be submitted at any time, up to the date and time of the public hearing (to be scheduled and noticed accordingly).

Application materials may be reviewed at Dayton City Hall between the hours of 7:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday. Written comments may be submitted in person or via email.

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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 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.  
BASALT LEGAL PLLC  
By: Jeremy Hyndman,  
WSBA #44320  
6½ N. Second, Suite 200  
Walla Walla, WA 99362  
509-529-0630  
The Times  
January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2021  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO. 21-4-00010-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re the Estate of ELIZABETH E. FLANAGAN, 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: CARY M. FLANAGAN  
Date of First Publication: January 21, 2021  
/s/CARY M. FLANAGAN  
Personal Representative of the Estate of ELIZABETH E. FLANAGAN  
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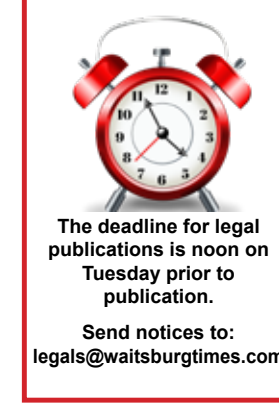
### ORDINANCE SUMMARY BY TITLE ONLY FOR PUBLICATION PURPOSES ORDINANCE NUMBER 1973

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON AMENDING**

The full text of Ordinance 1973, adopted the 13th day of January 2021, is available for examination at Dayton City Hall, 111 S. 1st St., Dayton, WA during normal business hours, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.

Section 1: Grant of Franchise and General Utility Easement.  
Section 2: Term.  
Section 3: Acceptance by PacifiCorp.  
Section 4: Non-Exclusive Franchise.  
Section 5: City Regularity Authority.  
Section 6: Use Fee.  
Section 7: Indemnification.  
Section 8: Annexation.  
Section 9: Planning, Design, Construction, and Installation of Company Facilities.  
Section 10: Relocation of Facilities.  
Section 11: Abandonment of PacifiCorp's Facilities.  
Section 12: Vacation.  
Section 13: Insurance.  
Section 14: Subdivision Plat Notifications.  
Section 15: Vegetation Management.  
Section 16: Performance Guarantee.  
Section 17: No Waiver.  
Section 18: Transfer of Franchise.  
Section 19: Amendment.  
Section 20: Default.  
Section 21: Choice of Law.  
Section 22: Entire Agreement and Effect.  
Section 23: Notices.  
Section 24: Severability.  
Section 25: Effective Date.

By: /s/ Zac Weatherford, Mayor  
Attest: /s/ Trina Cole, City Administrator  
Approved as to from: /s/ Quinn Plant, City Attorney  
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# Winter hiking beats the blues

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

Now in the heart of winter in the Blue Mountains, the days are short and wet in the wheat country and snowy in the higher timber. Aside from the usual chores neglected over autumn and the holiday season, staying active is important to ward off the suffocating clutches of cabin fever and depression in our short and sometimes foggy days of the early calendar year. Of the myriad ways to entertain oneself, the most popular outdoor activities are rather obvious. Ski Bluewood is a prime option. But what about those of us with a high center of gravity? While a fall is inevitable, some of us are far more skilled at falling than remaining upright, myself included.

Winter hiking and snowshoeing can be just as exhilarating as a swift flight down the mountain. Every winter activity has its hazards but meeting inanimate objects at speed is much less of a concern on foot or snowshoes.

Time spent in the snowy forest is far different than any other condition, particularly when the wind is calm, the snow is fresh or soft, and a bluebird sky allows the warmth of the sun through the evergreen canopy. Golden rays dance across delicate ice crystals, creating a prismatic experience like walking atop cake frosting scattered with glitter.

Amid the winter stillness of the forest, every sound is significant. The pecking of a nuthatch seeking bugs in flaking tree bark. The chatter of chipmunks and red squirrels as they forage while the weather is favorable. The hollow “snort” of a mule deer as it blows its alarm call. And the echo of the raven, cawing as it rides the thermals above the deep canyons.

When disturbed, forest life is quick to return to business-as-usual once things settle down. I recall a glorious morning in the Wenaha with 18 inches of snow in the shadows while the southern faces had already melted clean. An alarmed elk barked in the canyon below, so I settled down to try to spot it. The deafening silence of the forest erupted into a bustling community only minutes after I ceased lumbering through the middle of the busy lives scurrying about.

Snowshoe hares are a gem of the Pacific Northwest, residing in our Blue Mountains. Their massive tracks crisscross mountain meadows, seemingly competing with those of the mule deer. They remain motionless amid the dappled shadows of vegetation much of the day, feeding largely at night to avoid detection. But on a lucky occasion, a hare can be seen with a little time and patience in an area where they are active.

The American red squirrel is our native chatterbox with the bushy tail. With a tie to evergreens, they are as western as spruce grouse, feeding on cones and other parts of pines and firs. It doesn't take long for these speedy critters to appear if you take a short



Brad Trumbo

Above: Winter hiking is fun for the entire family.

break. They have little fear of humans and are quite mischievous. On many occasions, these boisterous rodents have dropped debris on my tent at the first light of dawn, chastising me for camping in their domain. They often clamber closer to cast squirrel obscenities at the intruding human, presenting a photo opportunity, perhaps posing atop an overhead limb.

These warm January days with temperatures in the mid-40s present a prime opportunity for a family outing or a peaceful solo stroll to gaze upon the grand panoramas visible from some of the local mountaintops. When venturing into the snowy wilderness, it's good practice to carry a backpack with water, snacks, and an extra shirt and sweatshirt or jacket, in case you end up wet.

The winter forest is also prime for photography and journalism to record observations of fur, feather, and landscape. Winter photos can be dramatic but are often overexposed due to the snow's reflectance. If you carry a point-and-shoot or mobile phone, post-editing filters or exposure adjustments are likely needed. If you happen to carry something more sophisticated like a single-lens reflex (SLR) camera with adjustable aperture and shutter speed, be sure to take a few early test photos and dial in your desired exposure before setting up to capture that magazine cov-



Photo by the National Parks Service

Right: An American red squirrel enjoying an evergreen cone breakfast.

er-worthy image of a chipmunk with bulging cheeks or a grouse that flushed onto a nearby limb.

Winter nature hikes are fun for everyone. Exercise, tranquility, and the beauty of our natural world are soothing and refreshing. Grab your camera and boots, and immerse yourself in the soul replenishing inspiration of our natural winter world.

## Chats with Mike: Roslyn “Roz” Edwards

*Being read a story: It isn't just for kids*

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

I've known Roz Edwards for almost thirty years. I've also known how fun storytelling can be for kids and what she began to do when the world shut down with COVID-19 is a story I needed to hear.

Edwards, like many grandparents, has always enjoyed reading to her grandchildren. In March, she read a book about Marco Polo to her youngest granddaughter, Margot, through Zoom. That month, schools went to distance learning, and she knew many kids weren't going to have that experience. It was also time for Spring Break.

“What were kids going to do?” Edwards asked herself. “There wouldn't be the usual Easter bunny appearances or egg hunts like they'd had before. So, I started looking at my collection of old children's books. I decided I would read a book every day during Spring Break.”

Edwards doesn't have a Facebook account, but her husband, George, does. He suggested they start recording and posting her storytelling for friends and family. It quickly moved to the All Things Dayton, WA Facebook page.

“The feedback I got was amazing, even from adults who were touched by it. Someone said I was like Mr. Rogers. So I promised I'd read once a week until school was out for summer.”

She took a break, then started reading again in the fall. She read over the Thanksgiving holiday and read every day for winter break.

The community loved it.

For several years, Edwards had also been reading stories aloud to her mother-in-law, Ava Jean, a resident at Whitman Place Senior Living in Walla Walla. After the COVID-19 pandemic started, a few other residents began to join the Zoom sessions. She was Dayton Elementary School's librarian from the mid-1990s until her retirement in 2015. Of course, story time was a key part of that role.

And Edwards knows about roles: she's been a member of the Touchet Valley's community theater family since 2000. She has never been shy about getting on stage. Acting out a story with a touch of costuming here and there is how Edwards brings stories to life. Sometimes she sings a song or does a little dance. Sometimes she uses finger puppets. When she finds something that resonates with her, she shares it. Edwards dressed as a cowgirl while reading from *Cowgirls: Women of the Wild West* by Elizabeth Clair Flood.

Remembering my fourth-grade teacher, Mrs. Krebs, and how she read to us every Friday afternoon of my tenth year, I asked Edwards why she thought reading to children is so important.

“It's another way of experiencing the story. It gets them excited about reading,” she said. “I love watching kids' brains catch on fire and ask questions. I always ask them questions, too, about the story. Their answers can be amazing. And it mag-



Roslyn “Roz” Edwards reading *The Quilt Maker's Gift* with a quilt for a background.



Photos by George Gagnon

Edwards' collection of finger puppets help bring a story to life. “I never really grew up,” said Edwards.

nifies the story and the impact this experience has on them.”

Edwards chooses books with great pictures and stories that often have a deeper meaning. She uses the images as a springboard for the questions she asks. Especially during the pandemic, she has often reminded listeners to keep hopeful, be extra kind, and help one another.

“Children especially need to be reminded of these things,” she said, “They need to be reminded of their own resiliency and the positive people in their lives.”

So, it turns out that my fourth-grade teacher was helping me prepare for a pandemic. Her spirit has always remained with me, one of the positive people in my life nearly 50 years ago, infusing my life with imagination, creativity, resiliency. Reading to children is that important.

And it turns out I could have asked that question about people of any age. A book club is one thing but having someone read a story to us is something we seem never to outgrow. In conjunction with Black History Month in February, Roz has begun reading “A Band of Angels,” a story inspired by the famed Jubilee singers of Fisk University. It is written for young people, but Edwards is reading it for the residents of Whitman Place. For them, she must be like an angel on a mission of mercy.

She now reads to George every night.

“At first, he said, ‘I'll probably fall asleep,’ but he likes it,” she said. “He insisted on it.”

# SPORTS & LIFESTYLES

## NFL Conference Championship Preview

Bay vs Bay

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

Tampa Bay travels to Green Bay this week to determine who will represent the NFC in this year's Super Bowl. During Aaron Rodgers' storied career, it's easy to forget that he has played in and won the Super Bowl just once. It was back in the 2010-2011 season when he defeated the Pittsburgh Steelers 31-25. Rodgers has only made it to the Conference Championship game four times, in 2010, 2016 2019, and 2020.

Tom Brady is 9-4 in Conference Championship games and is 6-3 in the Super Bowl. The Buccaneers are healthy except for wide receiver Antonio Brown who is listed as questionable with a knee injury. For the Packers, linebacker Krys Barnes is listed as questionable with a fractured thumb during their win over the Rams.

In their only matchup this year, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers beat the Green Bay Packers 38-10 in week six at Tampa Bay. The Buccaneers scored 28 points in the second quarter to pull away with the victory. It was Rodgers' worst game of the season, throwing for 160 yards with two interceptions for Green Bay. Rodgers would throw only three more interceptions the rest of the year. If Tampa Bay can

contain Green Bay's running game, as they did in the regular season, they have a chance. However, I expect the Packers to win this one at home.

In the AFC matchup between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Buffalo Bills, a lot will depend on whether Chiefs Patrick Mahomes will be cleared to play after he was removed from last week's game for concussion protocols. Backup quarterback Chad Henne got his first taste of the playoffs in his eleven-year career. Henne's last start at quarterback was in week seventeen. Before that his last start was in 2014 with the Jacksonville Jaguars. Beyond Mahomes, the Chiefs have some other injuries to starting players. Clyde Edwards-Helaire RB, Willie Gay LB, and Sammy Watkins WR are all listed as questionable for this game.

Running back Zack Moss has been placed on injured reserve for the Bills and is the only significant team injury. In week six, Kansas City defeated Buffalo 26-17. Chiefs running back Edwards-Helaire ran for a season-high 161 yards. As a team, the Chiefs rushed for a total of 245 more than Mahomes passed for and more yards than Buffalo's total offense for the game. Buffalo hadn't made it to the Super Bowl since the early 1990s when they lost four Super Bowls in a row (1991-1994). Kansas City is the best team in the NFL this season, but if I had to pick an upset this week, it would be the Bills over the Chiefs this week.



## West Coast Conference Women's Basketball

	Conf.		Overall				National Rank
	W - L	GB	W - L	Home	Away	Streak	
Gonzaga Bulldogs	7 - 0	—	12 - 2	4 - 0	5 - 1	W11	#20
BYU Cougars	4 - 1	2.0	8 - 2	5 - 0	3 - 1	W2	
Portland Pilots	4 - 2	2.5	7 - 5	3 - 2	4 - 3	L1	
San Diego Toreros	2 - 1	3.0	5 - 3	4 - 2	1 - 1	W2	
Loyola Marymount Lions	3 - 2	3.0	4 - 7	2 - 3	2 - 3	W1	
Santa Clara Broncos	4 - 3	3.5	8 - 5	1 - 2	7 - 3	W1	
Pacific Tigers	2 - 2	3.5	4 - 3	1 - 2	2 - 1	L1	
San Francisco Dons	1 - 6	6.0	4 - 8	1 - 3	3 - 5	L2	
Pepperdine Waves	0 - 3	5.0	3 - 4	3 - 3	0 - 1	L4	
Saint Mary's Gaels	0 - 6	6.5	2 - 10	1 - 3	1 - 5	L6	

\*Neutral site games cause Home and Away games not to add up to overall record.

## West Coast Conference Men's Basketball

	Conf.		Overall				National Rank
	W - L	GB	W - L	Home	Away	Streak	
Gonzaga Bulldogs	5 - 0	—	14 - 0	7 - 0	2 - 0	W14	#1
Pacific Tigers	2 - 0	1.5	5 - 1	4 - 0	1 - 1	W4	
BYU Cougars	2 - 1	2.0	11 - 3	6 - 1	4 - 1	W2	
Santa Clara Broncos	2 - 1	2.0	8 - 3	5 - 0	3 - 2	W1	
San Francisco Dons	3 - 3	2.5	9 - 7	3 - 1	3 - 4	L1	
Loyola Marymount Lions	1 - 1	2.5	6 - 4	6 - 0	0 - 4	L1	
Pepperdine Waves	1 - 1	2.5	5 - 6	4 - 3	0 - 2	W1	
San Diego Toreros	0 - 2	3.5	1 - 5	0 - 2	1 - 3	L3	
Saint Mary's Gaels	0 - 3	4.0	9 - 5	7 - 3	0 - 0	L3	
Portland Pilots	0 - 4	4.5	6 - 7	5 - 3	1 - 4	L5	

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Beka Compton

## Derailed, rerailed on Bolles Road

A train derailed just outside of Waitsburg last Friday, along Bolles Road. It was a non-injury event, and crews were on site with cranes to lift the car back onto the track.



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Green Bay, Wisconsin, USA—October 15, 2011: Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The stadium is the second largest in Wisconsin. Home to the NFL team Green Bay Packers. The stadium was opened in 1957.

## There once was a roof

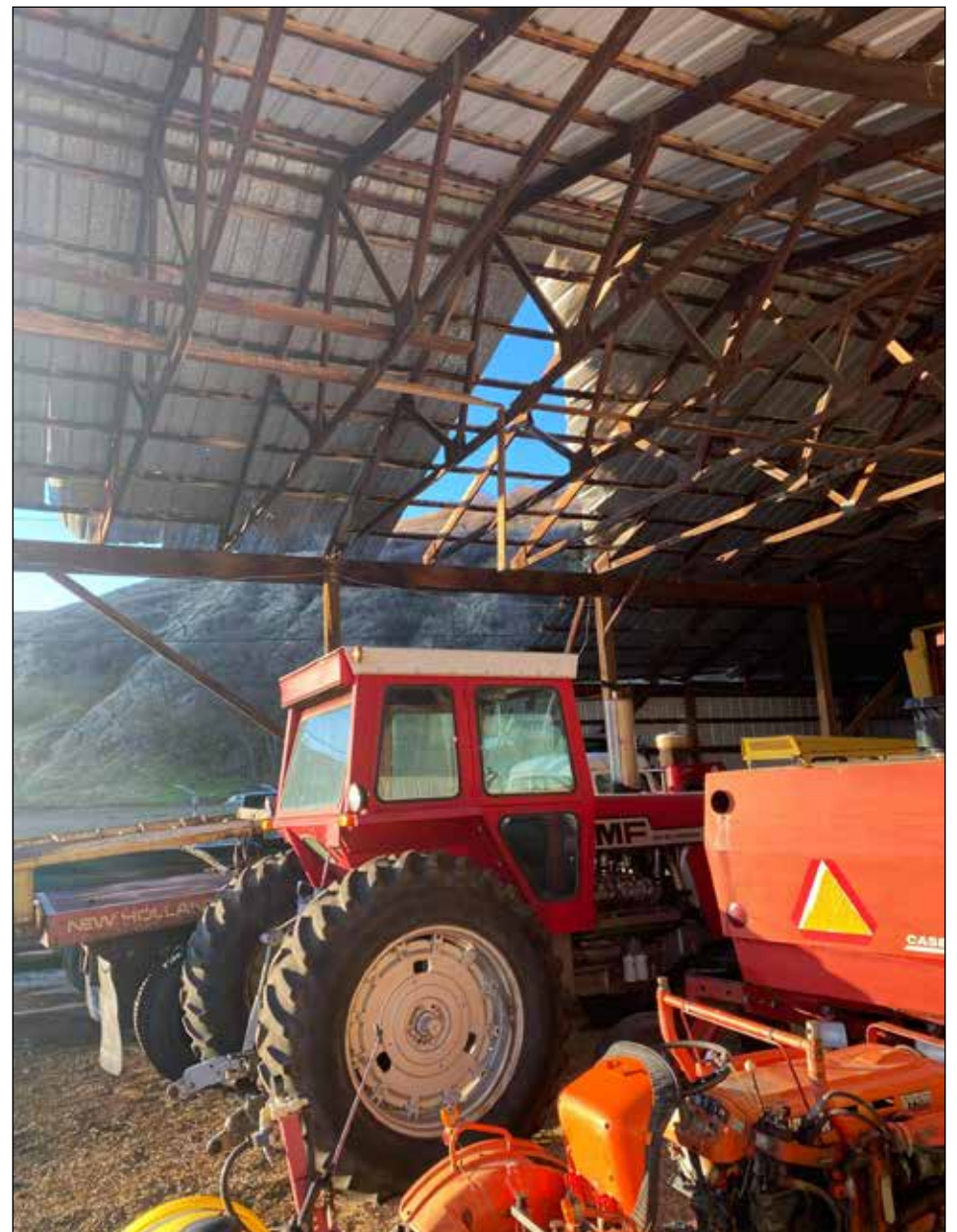


Photo courtesy of Lori Sharp Davis

So far, 2021 has done a fine job of proving itself. From national headlines to local weather, it has been textbook crazy. On January 13, an atmospheric river flooded over the Pacific Northwest, pelting residents with extreme winds and heavy rains. The weather triggered landslides that eventually closed I-84.

Data provided by the U.S Weather Service (USWS) Pendleton showed gusts peaking at 70 mph in Walla Walla. Data specific to Waitsburg was unavailable, as there is not a USWS in the area.

Some residents, like Lori Sharp Davis, shared some wind damage photos. Davis, who lives on HWY 124, roughly a mile outside of Waitsburg, said a 'mini tornado' ripped through her property, ripping an entire side off of one shop, damaging a farm pickup and other equipment.

"Our brand-new Massey Ferguson was spared," Davis said. "Bill was happy about that!"



## My Waitsburg perch

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

My “office” is a built-in desk located in an alcove upstairs in what is now our master bedroom. Next to our library, gym, and my staging area for Zoom business meetings, it’s a cozy little space. Zoom cocktail parties work on the couch or at the dining room table; but, when I have a Zoom business meeting, I strategically place the computer on a table in the library with our over-flowing bookshelves as a backdrop. Just like TV news reporters and politicians, it provides a perception of intelligence, and they say perception is truth.



Back in my bedroom office, to the right of my desk, is a large window that overlooks Orchard Street. I have this wonderful perch where I can be a voyeur to the goings-on in our little town. And, considering I am very easily distracted, it provides an excellent procrastination tool when I work.

An important advantage to my perch is that I can see the UPS or FedEx trucks pull up to our house. I can bolt down the stairs, prove to the driver that I am over 21, and as COVID-19 requires, “virtually” sign for our wine deliveries, thereby avoiding the need to rearrange a different delivery day. Wine is a priority in our house!

I watch with envy as my neighbor Jennifer walks her three huskies with more authority and control than I can muster over a twelve-pound mutt. Maybe, besides all the gardening tips, and wonderful cuttings and plants she has graciously gifted to us, I can get some dog training advice.

I watch with awe as my neighbor Pat religiously, whether rain, snow, or blinding sun, walks with so much “pep in her step” to the Post Office or grocery store every day. I only hope that when I’m in my later years, I have as much fortitude and determination as she does in her 90s.

A few weeks ago, I watched a group of kids attempting to build a snowman in their front yard. They were determined, even though the snowman was probably made up of half snow and half gravel and rocks. Sadly, it melted within a few hours. But I was entertained watching them.

I watch the parade of kids on bikes, scooters, and tractors cruise by, even in this cold weather. I’m wearing my sweatshirt, socks, and a scarf, while the kids in short sleeve shirts don’t seem to notice it’s cold outside. Am I old? Or, just still not acclimated to cold weather?

Then, there is the slew of cats in the neighborhood. When they aren’t hanging out on our front porch tormenting Mugsy, they seem to love sitting in the middle of the street. Every time I see or hear a car coming, I hold my breath, but they seem to know they need to move instinctively. Maybe they do have nine lives and just like flaunting it to us mortals.

I love to open the windows in warmer weather and shout “hi” to friends walking by. Sometimes it startles them, and they try to figure out where I am or if it’s the voice of God calling from above. Eventually, they see me waving my arms excitedly and wave back. In pre-COVID-19 times, I could further stretch



Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi  
View from the perch

my procrastination by inviting someone in for coffee, wine, or just a chat.

I did notice this past spring and summer that I could see when the neighbors were heading to their porch with wine glasses in hand. That’s the perfect time to take Mugsy for a walk and just coincidentally meander by, with a smile and a bottle of wine, and of course, some zucchini to share.

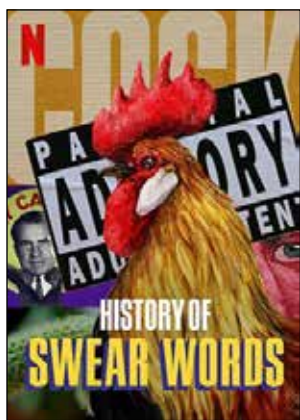
I love my office perch!

## New to Netflix, Hulu, Disney+, and Prime

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

Ouch, Netflix opted to start 2021 a little harshly by removing *The Office*, all nine seasons of which have gone on to stream exclusively via Peacock, NBC’s new streaming platform. In its stead, Netflix has added new episodes of original series such as *Disenchantment* and pick-ups like *Magicians*.

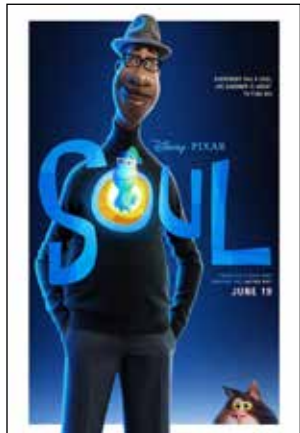
*History of Swear Words* (2021) is a solid comedic docuseries starring Nicolas Cage. The show delves deeply into the etymology of all the dirtiest expletives and digs into what makes them so satisfying to say and such an indelible part of our culture.



Another noteworthy Netflix endeavor is *Death to 2020*, starring Samuel L. Jackson. It has a similar energy, except it’s a satirical documentary that does a great job of succinctly chronicling the events that rocked 2020’s headlines. It is incredibly satisfying to make fun of a year that’s

given so many people such grief, even more so when it’s the deadpan stylings of Jackson, who is known to have a history with swear words all his own.

Disney+, following the success of its original series, *The Mandalorian*, is pulling out all the stops for the streaming season. *Soul* is an animated feature-length film in which music teacher Joe (Jamie Foxx) leads an all-star cast on a heartwarming romp as he lands the gig of a life-



time at a jazz club in town. One misstep lands Joe in a fantastical place: The Great Before. There, he teams up with Soul 22 (Tina Fey), and together they find answers to all the big questions. Heartwarming down to the very cockles. Fun for ages four to 104.

The Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) is stirring with *WandaVision* at the center of the buzz. Fans of *The Honeymooners*, *the Dick Van Dyke Show*, and other vintage classics will rejoice in the throwback black and white style and banter. Yet even as Wanda and Vision play out their wholesome new life, tension builds as other Marvel mayhem is in the works.



Amazon Prime is now streaming *My Spy* (2020), a live-action comedic-spy movie starring Dave Bautista, who is also Drax the Destroyer in the MCU. Nine-year-old Sophie catches JJ (Bautista), a hardened CIA operative, spying on her family during a routine surveillance operation. In exchange for keeping his cover intact, JJ begrudgingly agrees to

show the precocious girl how to become a spy. What at first seemed an easy task soon turns into a battle of wits. Sophie proves you don’t need a lot of experience to outsmart a seasoned agent.

Prime members can also enjoy *I, Pastafari: A Flying Spaghetti Monster Story* (2020), directed by Michael Arthur. This is the elusive story of the flying spaghetti monster religion. Members of the church are determined to evangelize the church’s message of the Flying Spaghetti Monster while fighting against the



intolerance of skeptics and for the freedom to access religious rights. R’amen.

Perhaps new on Hulu only to me, I invite you to the visual spectacle that is *DreamCorp LLC* (2016). *DreamCorp LLC* is an absurd comedy set in a neglected dream therapy facility. Each week desperate patients have their dreams recorded, analyzed, and sometimes “adjusted” by DreamCorp’s absent-minded professor, Dr. Roberts, and his team of scientists. The live-action sequences are spliced with animated interpretations of each patients’ dreamscape. This show is altogether outlandish and hilariously highlights the desperate funding needs of scientists.

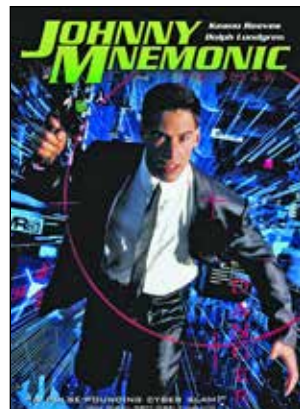


If you enjoy irreverent comedy at the expense of millennials, *Save Yourselves!* (2020) is a must-see movie. A young Brooklyn couple heads to an upstate cabin to unplug from their phones and reconnect with each other. Blissfully unaware of their surroundings, they are left to their own devices as the planet falls under alien attack. You’ll finish

the film feeling capable and authentic.

And a bonus flick: Watch *Johnny Mnemonic* (1995), which is set in futuristic 2021—gasp! This gem stars an unbelievably young Keanu Reeves on a mission to recover lost memories.

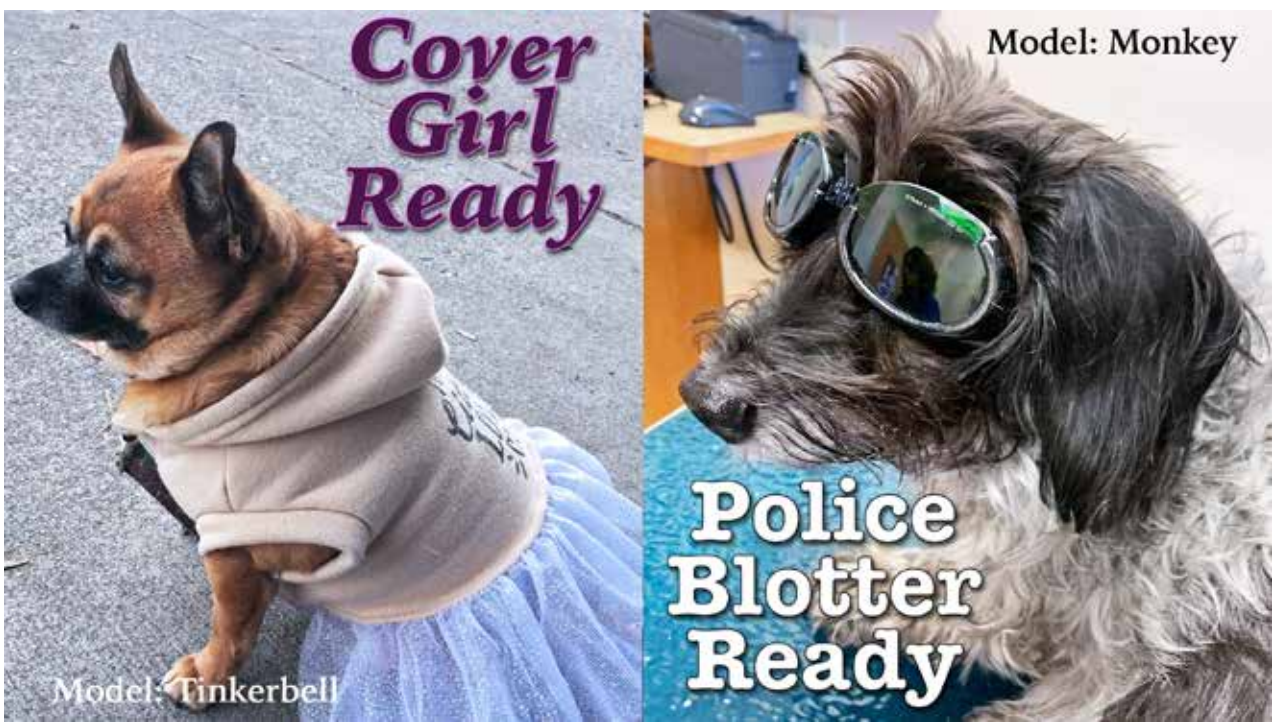
People remember, we’re living in the golden age of television. There is no shortage of knockout entertainment, but with the onset of some occasional early spring weather, I invite you, in those instances, to take the advice of an old show called *Zoom*: “If you like what you see, turn off your TV and do it!”



# FUN & GAMES

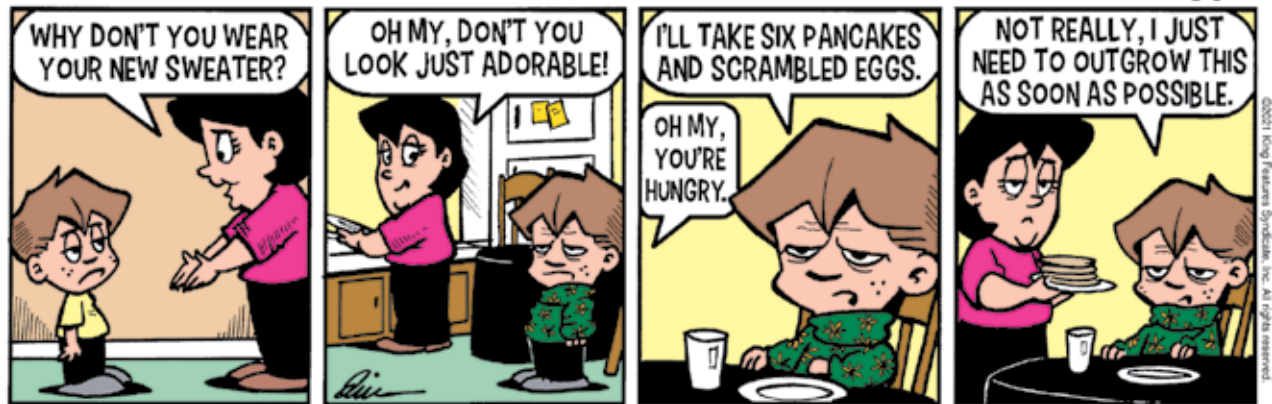


Pasagna to Go, a Walla Walla based food truck, was in Prescott on January 16. According to posts on the Prescott Happenings Facebook page, organizers are already planning on a second food truck event. Courtesy photo



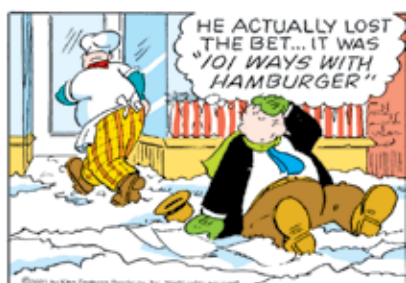
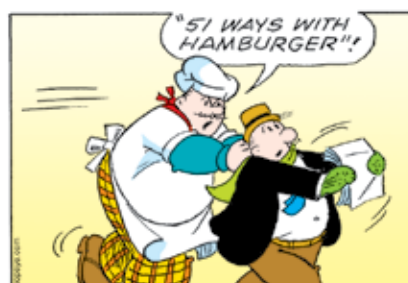
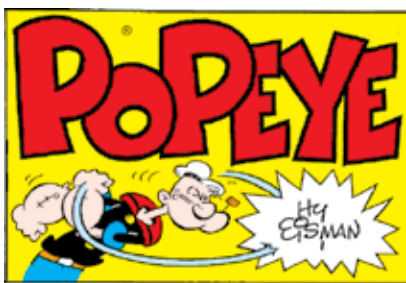
## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



## PIONEER PORTRAITS

### Ten Years Ago

January 20, 2011

Reid Helford, the popular and award-winning manager of the Liberty Theater, has announced his resignation and will leave his position by the end of April.

When a building grows to be as old as the First Christian Church in Dayton, it collects stories. The 125-year-old structure has stood on the corner of Third and Park Streets in Dayton, overlooking the schoolyard across the street for so long, it has seen generations of Columbia County residents come forth into the world, mature to adulthood, and sometimes move on.

Glen Hagfeldt, member services engineer at Columbia REA, is retiring from the rural energy cooperative at the end of this month after 37 years of service to the company and in the community.

Marci Jo Lanning and Jorge Martinez were married Oct. 2, 2010, on a beautiful day at Lewis & Clark State Park in Dayton. The bride graduated from Waitsburg High School, and the groom graduated from Touchet High School and currently manages The Personal Touch Carpet Cleaning in Walla Walla.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 25, 1986

[Photo caption] Youngsters at Waitsburg Elementary School made a giant snowball last Thursday during the snowstorm. At least 3 inches of new snow fell on Waitsburg Tuesday night, closing local schools.

Publisher of *The Times* Jane Smith of Waitsburg has been elected to the board of trustees of the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association. She was elected by the association's membership. She will serve a three-year term. The association promotes community newspapers in the state and offers such services as the statewide classified ad network and a "hotline" for editors to get answers to libel and privacy legal questions.

The brightness of street lights is increasing in Waitsburg. City Council members have agreed to allow Pacific Power to put 22,000-lumen street lights along Main Street, beginning at 4th Street and running south. A lumen is equivalent to one candle.

### Fifty Years Ago

February 4, 1971

[Photo caption] A bit of action in the Pee Wee circuit between the shirts and the skins took place in the Wait-Hi gym last weekend between halves. Here is a small tussle for a loose ball —which takes place quite often as the Pee Wee style lends itself to quite a few run and gun situations.

Alton Filan of Waitsburg received an award of \$100, and the designation of the Best Invention of 1970 for his "Slope Water" irrigator at the Horticulture Show held last week in Portland, Ore.

Mrs. Rodney Miller, nee Joan Land, has been accepted for enrollment at the University of Washington medical school. Mrs. Miller is presently doing graduate work at Washington State University.

People who cough never go to the doctor. They go to the theater.

### Seventy-Five Years Ago

February 8, 1946

Ernest Kison, who was Scout Master of the local troop prior to entering the service, has again assumed responsibility of that organization, following a meeting of the Scout committee Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Byron Gusse has been ill with the mumps for the past week.

Donald Ford is now employed as a clerk at Waitsburg Grocery.

At St. John's Congregational Church near Dusty Sunday, Jan. 20, Miss Elsie Broeckel became the bride of Darrell O. Mock of Waitsburg.

Mrs. Clifford Hermanns underwent surgery at St. Mary Hospital in Walla Walla last Wednesday.

### One Hundred Years Ago

February 18, 1921

Wheat prices have "bobbed back" to about the \$1.50 mark this week. A number of farmers are anxious to let go at this price, but so far, no buyers have been in the market.

The Willing Workers of the Methodist Church held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. J.W. Morgan last Wednesday afternoon. About 60 ladies were present, and the afternoon was spent making rugs.

Miss Carolyn Bickelhaupt is spending a few days vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Bickelhaupt. She is attending school at W. S. C. this year.

### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

February 14, 1896

Our public schools are now running without friction with regular and prompt attendance and good work among all the students. May it ever be thus.

Yesterday afternoon the Ladies Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church had a royal good social time and served an elegant lunch at Riverside Farm, the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Laidlaw.

L.T. Parker this week purchased H.D. Conover's place, seven acres on the Coppei adjoining the city on the south, consideration \$1,700.

The Pomeroy council has removed City Marshal Labin from office for leaving town without permission.

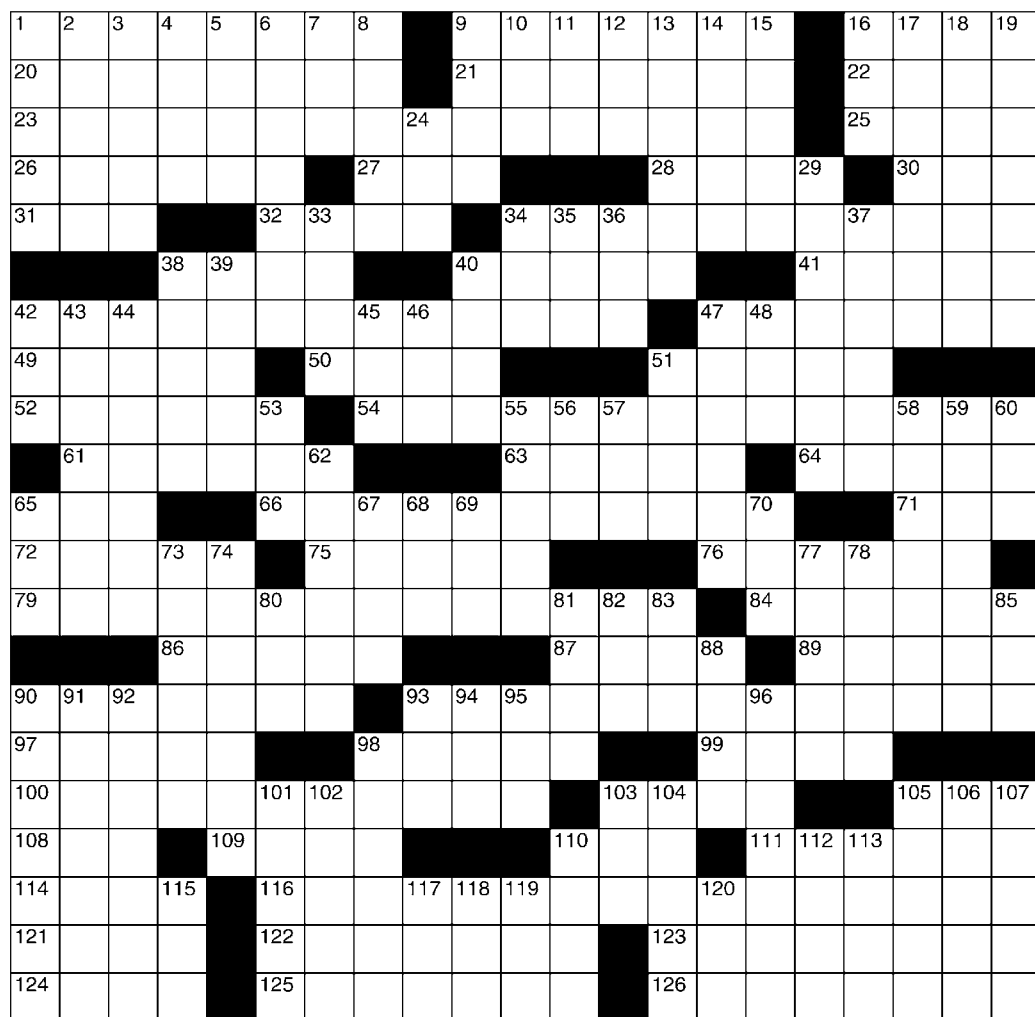
Miss Bertha Latimer is attending teachers' examinations this week, her place is being filled acceptably by Mrs. Mary Weller.

# PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

## Super Crossword

O - E VEY!

- ACROSS**
- 1 Much of the Western Hemisphere, with "the"
- 9 Accuse of misconduct in office
- 16 Aloe —
- 20 Base for some dressings
- 21 Tiny sand bit
- 22 Kiln, for one
- 23 Group of shorthand pros throwing dice?
- 25 "— all been there"
- 26 Remember
- 27 Fork out
- 28 Russian news agency
- 30 Lip
- 31 Monet works
- 32 Besides that
- 34 Take a hammer to one's Mexican coin?
- 38 — Cola
- 40 Part of LED
- 41 '60s protest
- 42 Study every method of seizing defaulters' property?
- 47 Small knapsack
- 49 — Island (immigrants' gateway, once)
- 50 Pull back (in)
- 51 Liveliness
- 52 Andrew Lloyd —
- 54 Command to list a team's players?
- 61 "Last Stand" general
- 63 Watergate senator Sam
- 64 In want
- 65 \$\$\$ source
- 66 Particular style of rounded roof?
- 71 Rail support
- 72 Crackly
- 75 Implied wordlessly
- 76 Sticky — (tough spot)
- 79 Jazz instrument that tightens your face when you play it?
- 84 C.S. Lewis' land
- 86 Tropical kin of a raccoon
- 87 Rumble (up)
- 89 Betray by selling out
- 90 French circle dance
- 93 Greek philosopher who never overtook other travelers?
- 97 Vacuous
- 98 Earthy shade
- 99 Sea marker
- 100 Locating a city in Alaska?
- 103 Slugger?
- 105 Fuel additive brand
- 108 Lao- —
- 109 Entre —
- 110 Rankle
- 111 Inaptitude for music
- 114 Teeny-tiny
- 116 Rejection a president issues with no doubt whatsoever?
- 121 Schnozzola
- 122 Generally
- 123 Tall, tapering pillars
- 124 Eat away (at)
- 125 Sheetlike gray cloud
- 126 Requiring no cables
- DOWN**
- 1 "Ad — per aspera"
- 2 HBO host
- 3 Pick by ballot
- 4 — avis
- 5 Shrine figure
- 6 Amass
- 7 Feel malaise
- 8 Missteps
- 9 Rapper — Azalea
- 10 Wife's title
- 11 Butter slice
- 12 Suffix with benz-
- 13 Mommy or Daddy's sis
- 14 Loose coat
- 15 Novelist
- 16 Promise
- 17 Actor Sloane
- 18 Drop in again
- 19 Flowerlike sea polyp
- 24 Scot's denial
- 29 Vidal of hair care
- 33 Bert who played a lion
- 34 Drink a bit of
- 35 Besides that
- 36 Ave. crossers
- 37 Trudeau of Canada
- 38 Baby beds
- 39 Beginning
- 40 Lairs
- 42 Ayres of "Holiday"
- 43 Prefix with acoustics
- 44 74-Down in egg whites
- 45 Poetic "always"
- 46 — de Janeiro
- 47 Small, silver fish
- 48 Sheepskin boot brand
- 51 X minus two
- 53 Like blood
- 55 Choppers
- 56 Go wrong
- 57 Campers, for short
- 58 Warming in hostilities
- 59 Particular issue
- 60 Bagel variety
- 62 Go in circles
- 65 Perform
- 67 Long skirt
- 68 "Green" prefix
- 69 CEO or prez
- 70 Diary author
- 73 Part of ESL
- 74 Product of amino acids
- 77 Freightage
- 78 Word before Kat or Glue
- 80 Coll. entry exam
- 81 Baseball's Vizquel
- 82 Precursors of xis
- 83 Precursor of tee
- 85 Year, in 46-Down
- 88 Brothers, e.g.
- 90 Donating
- 91 Jennifer of "Friends"
- 92 Redgrave of "Atonement"
- 93 Cpl., for one
- 94 Resistance unit
- 95 —-wee Herman
- 96 More wacky
- 98 GM security system
- 101 Cosmic bursts
- 102 Party invitee
- 103 To and —
- 104 "No kidding!"
- 105 Smarts
- 106 Carpet nails
- 107 Paper printer
- 110 Cold treats
- 112 Inactive
- 107 Musician Tennant
- 115 Hedge shrub
- 117 "... boy — girl?"
- 118 Umpire's cry
- 119 Winter worry
- 120 DOJ division



## MY RECIPES

Brianna Wray

# Plum-Apple Cobbler

All sorts of stories aim to explain how this dessert got its name, but we have not come to any consensus (according to Wikipedia, anyway). I've heard the pastries were invented by a shoemaker's wife who stared down the cobblestone lane waiting for her sweet to return. She put together a smattering of sweet and tart fruits for her husband, the cobbler, to gobble.



Similar desserts have been and are still called by various names such as tart, pie, etc., with only subtle differences between them. There are people in the south who will argue all day about acceptable crust composition, whether it be attached for floating, etc. Me? I'd rather eat it than define it. Is a rose not a rose by any other name? I think we can agree that cobblers are an American deep-dish fruit dessert with a thick crust. The rest is up to you.

### INGREDIENTS:

- 12 red plums
- 1 pizzazz apple, grated
- 3/4 cup white flour
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 beaten egg
- 1 cup melted butter, divided
- 1 sleeve graham crackers, pulverized
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1 tsp vanilla bean paste

### DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350°

Combine 1/2 cup of the melted butter and 1/4 cup of the white sugar with graham crackers and press into an ungreased 8x8 baking dish. Bake for 10 min, then allow to cool before filling.

On the stove, cook plums and grated apple until skins fall off and all water is cooked out of the fruit. Add white sugar to taste. Add vanilla extract and vanilla bean paste. Once cooled, spoon compote over graham cracker crust.

Mix the remaining sugars, flour, baking powder, and salt. Then combine this dry mixture with the egg. Spoon this mixture over plums. Drizzle with remaining butter.

Bake for 40 minutes or until the crumble crust on top is brown. Serve with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

### NOTES:

The fruits can easily be substituted by season and preference. Combinations I've tried are apricot-pear and peach-mango.



## LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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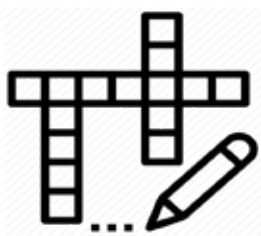
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## Super Crossword

### Answers

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# THE LAST PAGE

## JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF WASHINGTON PARTNERS WITH THE STATE OF INNOVATION CHALLENGE, INVITING WA YOUTH TO DESIGN SOLUTIONS TO THE STATE'S CRITICAL ISSUES

### THE TIMES

Auburn—Junior Achievement of Washington is partnering with the Office of the Governor and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the STEM Education and Innovation Alliance, and Career Connect Washington to launch the State of Innovation Challenge. This virtual, career-connected problem-solving challenge invites Washington state youth to design and share their solutions to some of the biggest issues Washington's employers and communities are facing now. Issues including COVID-19, the state food supply, and creating sustainable communities, students will explore these issues in-depth and work with educators and industry leaders to design solutions.

"Washington has always been a state of dreamers, doers, and innovators," Gov. Inslee said. "This year, as we face some of the biggest challenges our state has ever faced, we want to invite the next generation of problem solvers to help us find the way forward."

The Junior Achievement of Washington program's focus is on financial empowerment, career readiness, and entrepreneurship is the ideal complement to support youth in the Challenge, helping them connect classroom topics with real-world issues. JA is providing the JA Be Entrepreneurial and JA Launch Lesson programs, particularly as they introduce the concept of design thinking and prepares students for engaging with entrepreneurial leaders. "We're thrilled to partner with so many statewide education groups to launch the State of Innovation Challenge," said Natalie Vega O'Neil, President & CEO of Junior Achievement of Washington. "JA programs are uniquely positioned to help guide youth in their research and work as they innovate and create solutions that can have a profound impact on the future of Washington state. Furthermore, the Challenge creates pathways for youth who may face barriers to further education and opportunity. We need to be tapping into the potential of this next generation of leaders to pave the way for brighter tomorrows."



Photos by Beka Compton

Waitsburg massage therapist Andrea Villa, her son, Emerson, and one of his friends walked along the Touchet River. A sunny winter day and a freshly-repaired levee gave the kids the perfect excuse to run around and just be three year olds.

## Cheers!

A shout out to the friendly and fast response I received from City of Waitsburg's public works specialists, Devin Griffen and Kyle Gradwohl.

This morning, as the two city workers were attending to a repair on a Main Street sidewalk, I told them about a concern I had about water coming into the basement of my commercial building on Main St. More a soaking than a leaking, but disconcerting and new to the building. After they finished their work, they went back to the office and relayed my issue with Jim Lynch who immediately sent them back to check out my basement. I want them to know how much I appreciate their responsiveness and cheerfulness. Another reason why I love Waitsburg!

*A Main Street business owner*

## WWCSO

### January 11

Assault witnessed at Lourdes Hospital. Burbank  
Vehicle stolen out of Walla Walla was recovered. Waitsburg

### January 13

Deputies answered questions on reporting a runaway. Walla Walla County  
Male was in a single vehicle collision and cited for DUI. Walla Walla County

### January 14

A stolen generator was recovered. Burbank  
An assault was reported. Waitsburg

### January 15

A subject was transported to SMMC for evaluation. Prescott

### January 16

A subject was arrested for violation of a protection order. Burbank

## Black and white and RED all over

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**Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Columbia County Annual Weed Board Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom in collaboration with several other Blue Mountain Counties. There is no cost to attend. The agenda is below:**

### Blue Mountain Weed Management and Cereal Grain Update

Virtual Zoom Meeting

January 28, 2021

9:00am to Noon and 1:00pm-3:00pm

**Important Note: Both internal and external WSU meeting attendees must be signed into Zoom to join the meeting.**

Please refer to this guide on [Joining WSU Zoom Meetings](https://confluence.csg.wsu.edu/display/KB/Zoom+-+Joining+Meetings+and+Best+Practices) before trying to join the meeting:

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8:45-9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00-9:50 a.m.	2021 State Noxious Weed List and Legislative Update, Mary Fee, Executive Secretary, Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board (1 credit)
10:00-10:50 a.m.	WSDA Pesticide Seasonal Reminders and Updates, Ethan Estalilla, Pesticide Investigator, WSDA. (1 credit)
11:10-12:00 p.m.	Herbicides and Biological Control of Weeds Using Integrated Weed Management Methods to Achieve Long Term Results, Paul Brusven, Nez Perce Biocontrol Center Coordinator (1 credit)
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00-1:50 p.m.	Hessian Fly Management in Spring Wheat, Dr. Mike Pumphrey, WSU Spring Wheat Breeder (1 credit)
1:50-2:00 p.m.	Break
2:00-3:00 p.m.	Integrated Weed Control in Cereal Grain Systems, Aaron Esser, WSU Adams County Extension Director and Regional Agronomist (1 credit)

Attendance of this full day class will provide five recertification credits through WSDA. If you have any questions, please contact the Columbia County Weed Board at 509-382-9760 or [columbiacountyweedboard@hotmail.com](mailto:columbiacountyweedboard@hotmail.com)



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