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## SPRING IN THE VALLEY



Bill Rodgers

A spring photo by Bill Rodgers of Sulphur Lupine on Whiskey Creek.

## Providence Medical Group opens drive-through COVID-19 Fast Track Clinic at Urgent Care

### THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Providence Medical Group is now offering drive-through screening and testing at Urgent Care for people with symptoms of COVID-19.

The Fast Track Clinic is located at the white tent on the north side of Urgent Care, 1025 S. Second Ave. in Walla Walla. The drive-through is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week.

The Fast Track Clinic allows people to be rapidly screened and, if appropriate, tested without leaving their cars. They also receive COVID-19 information and directions for home care and isolation. It is important to note that due to shortages in testing supplies, testing will only be done if the patient meets criteria.

Drive-through patients with severe symptoms of possible COVID-19 or concerning vital signs are asked to enter the clinic to be seen by a provider. Patients enter through a separate door that was once the ambulance bay on the north side of the building. This ensures they remain a safe distance from other Urgent Care patients.

People going to Urgent Care for injuries and other concerns enter through the usual entrance of the Urgent Care clinic, and are asked not to use the drive-through.

The Fast Track Clinic is part of Providence Medical Group's ongoing efforts to meet the challenge presented by the virus in our community, while also providing safe care for other patients with medical needs separate from COVID-19. These efforts include:

Family Medicine's East Entrance Clinic for contagious illness that may include a cough and/or fever. The East Entrance Clinic, which also conducts COVID-19 testing, provides a separate entrance and processes for Family Medicine so those who are ill are not sharing waiting areas with people who are not.

Drive-up scheduled nurse visits for vaccinations at Family Medicine. Adults and children can remain in their cars while receiving a vaccination. To arrange a drive-through vaccination at Family Medicine, call (509) 897-3700.

ExpressCare Virtual at [www.virtual.providence.org](http://www.virtual.providence.org), which allows patients to be seen virtually through a phone, laptop, tablet or computer.

More virtual options are in progress that will allow patients to see their primary care provider and some specialists online.

Providence St. Mary Medical Center is a 142-bed regional hospital located in Walla Walla, Wash.



Tracy Thompson

The drive-through COVID-19 Fast Track Clinic was well-staffed and already seeing patients on Tuesday morning, March 31 at Providence Urgent Care in Walla Walla.

## Potential for COVID-19 outbreak has hospital district officials concerned

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—At the Columbia County Health System board meeting last week, CEO Shane McGuire shared his concerns about financial stability, emergency preparedness, and possible impact on patients and health system staff, in light of the potential for a serious local outbreak of COVID-19.

McGuire said, "We have stopped all non-essential visits in physical therapy, imaging, and the clinics. This volume generates about half of our monthly revenue. . . This is happening at the same time that we are spending increasing amounts of financial and human resources to prepare for a historic surge in volumes related to COVID-19."

The Health District currently has only thirteen days operating cash on hand, down six days from the month of February.

Add to that the higher cost if overtime hours are increased, and if extra agency providers are needed.

"There is no inexpensive way to look at this response, and it's only going to compound," he said.

McGuire told the commissioners about some measures he has taken to help stop the budgetary outflow.

He said a consortium of public hospital districts, including CCHS, just received a \$150,000 boost from the state Health Care Authority. That figure represents an additional three days of operating cash on hand.

"Three days on top of thirteen days is quite a percentage increase in days cash on hand, when you look at it," he said.

McGuire said he has spoken to state Rep. Skyler Rude about his concerns, which were then shared with state Reps. Ellen Cody and Joe Schmick, who are responsible for much of the legislation regarding health care.

He also spoke with U. S. Rep. Cathy McMorris-Rodgers during a Port of Columbia conference call on March 10, and has reached out to state Sen. Maria Cantwell's office, as well.

McGuire is hoping the recent passage of a federal stimulus package will help.

"We are going to be depending on whatever solution the Feds are going to come up with to help shore us up through this," he said.

### Protecting patients and staff

"The first order of business is to protect ourselves and our communities and try to get into a position to respond to COVID on our own, if we had to," McGuire said.

He said creating a good foundation is essential.

CCHS team members are currently working on refining emergency preparedness procedures, and the Human Resources Department is working on an emergency staffing plan.

McGuire said some employees are still recovering from the recent flood and are still on high alert, without this compounding factor. Some are now afraid of contracting COVID-19 and the possibility of infecting others, including their loved ones at home.

He said two employees are currently in self-quarantine because of possible exposure at one of the clinics and one caregiver is also self-quarantined.

"This is how bad it can get, quick," he said.

The hospital's Acute/Swing Bed Care unit has been modified to accommodate

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# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

## NEWS BRIEFS

### DAYTON'S AMERICAN LEGION ANNUAL SPRING BINGO CANCELED

Along with many annual fundraisers that help our local non-profit organizations, The American Legion Post #42's Spring Bingo scheduled for April 25 has been canceled. No future date has been set.

### CHEERS!

On March 23rd I fell out of my Wheelchair at the corner of 6th & Main. A woman stopped, then Jim Lynch stopped, and together they got me in the wheelchair. Before I could turn to thank the woman, she had gotten back in her car and left. So I would like to thank these two, it was nice of you.

THANK YOU  
Jim Wills

### COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR LOCAL GROCERY AND MEAL PROGRAM DELIVERY

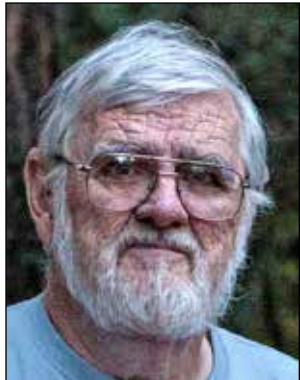
DAYTON—Dayton Mercantile can now process phone orders for groceries and CCPT will deliver the orders to residences.

CCPT will also deliver meals to the Starbuck Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, along with grocery orders to residences.

Volunteers are needed to act as intermediaries.

Call CCPT at: (509) 382-1647 to volunteer, or for more information. Contact the Dayton Mercantile at: (509) 382-2563.

## OBITUARY



Joseph Just

## Joseph Just (1937-2020)

Joe was born in Rochester, New York, and attended St. Michael's School in Penn Yan, NY, Penn Yan Academy, Cortland State Teacher's College, majoring in Education, and Geneseo State Teacher's College, majoring in Speech and Drama. Joe played football in High School and College and also played Semi-Pro Lacrosse for a local Box Lacrosse team.

While attending Geneseo State, Joe married the girl of his dreams, Virginia (Ginny) Foley, on August 25, 1958, in Geneseo, New York. God blessed Joe and Ginny with 4 children: Mary J Hutsell (Randy), Joseph A Just (Rexanne), James

C Just (Polly), and Jason D Just (Stacy); grandchildren: Katie, Miranda, Seth, Eli, Meg, Kate, Aubrey, Logan and David; and great-grandchildren: Declan, Farrah and Haiden.

From a very early age, Joe found himself addicted to fishing. It became such a great part of his life that he eventually found himself in the fishing tackle industry and made a career in both sales and development of numerous tackle items and lures.

Joe was always finding new and different areas to fish. Over the years, Joe fished in eleven different states, including Alaska, four different territories in Canada and even a rare opportunity in Ireland.

Before retiring, Joe was involved with the Valley Comedy company in Sunnyside, WA. He used his singing voice along with his native ability as an actor to play several parts in the company's annual musical comedy performances. Joe also wrote articles for model airplane hobby magazines. He wrote and published four novels.

Joe's real love of his life was his friend, partner and guide, Ginny. There was not a day of his life that he didn't thank God for having put Ginny in his. Joe smiled daily and remembered what he and Ginny decided to have engraved on their cemetery plot's stone - "Holding Hands Forever." As Joe approached the end of his life, he often quoted an old Italian motto to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren "Mani in su mento in giù" (hands up, chin down).

### CORRECTION

In Walt Gobel's obituary last week, his birthdate was erroneously listed as May 12, 1944. Walt was born on February 20, 1944.

### BLUE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CREATES COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND

WALLA WALLA—The Blue Mountain Community Foundation has created a COVID-19 Response Fund and is organizing an advisory committee so that charitable resources can be directed to nonprofit organizations assisting people affected by the Covid-19 virus pandemic in the Walla Walla Valley. Other local philanthropies are creating funds either on their own, or in partnership with BMCF. The Sherwood Trust, a privately held Trust in Walla Walla, Wash., made a \$10,000 grant to BMCF's fund, and an anonymous donor gave \$5000 to the Fund in addition to the \$100,000 that the Community Foundation has set aside for this purpose.

The COVID-19 Response Fund will provide flexible resources to organizations working with people who are disproportionately impacted by coronavirus and the economic consequences of the outbreak. The Fund is designed to complement the work of local, state and Federal resources and programs, and expand local capacity to address the outbreak as efficiently as possible.

A local Advisory Committee will be reaching out to nonprofit organizations soon about current impacts and anticipated situations due to the pandemic.

Donations to the Fund are eligible for charitable income tax deductions. Online donations can be made at [www.bluemountainfoundation.org](http://www.bluemountainfoundation.org) or individuals can send checks made out to "BMCF - COVID-19 Fund" to PO Box 603, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

For more information BMCF staff can be reached at (509) 529-4371 or [bmcf@bluemountainfoundation.org](mailto:bmcf@bluemountainfoundation.org).

### DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING TEMPORARY OFFICE CLOSURE

OLYMPIA—The Department of Licensing (DOL) is temporarily closing all driver licensing lobbies beginning March 31, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. All appointments are being cancelled at this time and no appointments will be made going forward.

"The safety and health of both employees and customers is paramount. Sanitation products continue to be difficult to purchase and ensuring appropriate social distancing during in person transactions is difficult" said Teresa Berntsen, Director of the Department of Licensing. "We appreciate patience and understanding as the Department of Licensing does its part to stop the spread of COVID-19."

#### Expanded Online Renewals

Most Washington residents are now eligible to renew their licenses, identification cards, or vehicle registration online. We strongly encourage everyone to take advantage of those services if at all possible.

Many rules have been relaxed to accommodate online services. Persons under age 24 and over 70 may renew online for the next 30 days, or longer if deemed necessary. Additionally, DOL is also suspending the requirement to visit a licensing office every other renewal.

Mail-in options are also available for a number of transactions, such as vehicle registration, original title transactions, and driver's license renewal.

#### REAL ID Enforcement Date Extended

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has announced that the REAL ID enforcement date has been extended to October 1, 2021. Customers who want a REAL ID will have an opportunity to apply at a later date.

#### Vehicle Titling and Registration online and by mail

Vehicle licensing offices (VLOs) are contracted through county auditors and may be open. VLOs handle vehicle tabs, boat decals, and new license plates, reports of vehicle sale or transfer of ownership, vehicle/boat registrations, trip permits, replacement titles, and disabled parking placards or tabs. It's a good idea to check a VLO's status and call ahead.

### Touchet Valley Weather April 1, 2020

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

<b>Wednesday</b> Rain & Snow Possible High: 48 Low: 30	<b>Thursday</b> Isolated Rain High: 49 Low: 34	<b>Friday</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 51 Low: 37	<b>Saturday</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 53 Low: 39	<b>Sunday</b> Few Showers High: 56 Low: 42	<b>Monday</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 55 Low: 41	<b>Tuesday</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 51 Low: 37

#### Weather Trivia

What is the earliest an Atlantic hurricane has formed?

**Answer:** In 1955, a hurricane formed on Jan. 2.

#### Weather History

**April 1, 1987** - Forty-five cities across the southeastern United States reported record low temperatures for the date. Lows of 37 degrees at Apalachicola, Fla., 34 degrees at Jacksonville, Fla., 30 degrees at Macon, Ga., and 22 degrees at Knoxville, Tenn., were records for April.

#### Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	53	36	58/39	0.00"	0.30"
Wednesday	49	33	58/39	Trace	0.53"
Thursday	52	34	58/40	0.00"	-0.23"
Friday	50	40	59/40	0.00"	46.2°
Saturday	55	43	59/40	0.07"	49.1°
Sunday	57	45	59/40	0.15"	-2.9°
Monday	55	45	59/40	0.08"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
First 4/1	6:31 a.m.	7:22 p.m.	11:36 a.m.	2:51 a.m.
Thursday	6:29 a.m.	7:23 p.m.	12:40 p.m.	3:43 a.m.
Friday	6:27 a.m.	7:25 p.m.	1:52 p.m.	4:28 a.m.
Saturday	6:26 a.m.	7:26 p.m.	3:10 p.m.	5:06 a.m.
Sunday	6:24 a.m.	7:27 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	5:38 a.m.
Monday	6:22 a.m.	7:29 p.m.	5:52 p.m.	6:07 a.m.
Tuesday	6:20 a.m.	7:30 p.m.	7:14 p.m.	6:34 a.m.

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## Community members issue boredom-combating challenges

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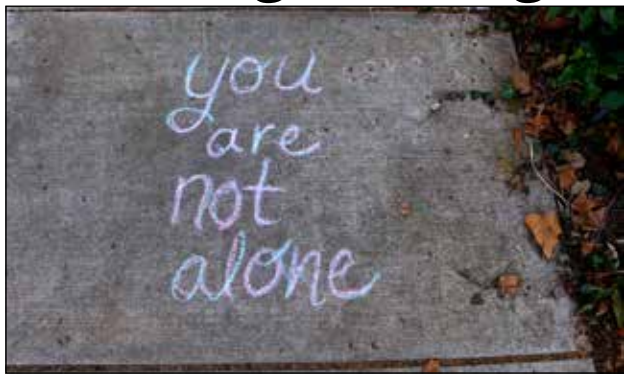
WAITSBURG—Waitsburg residents are refusing to let the quarantine boredom get the best of them. Over the weekend, a few community members issued community-wide challenges, finding creative ways to encourage social-distancing approved exercise.

Matthew and Krystal Wyatt went live on Facebook last week and challenged the community to use sidewalk chalk and decorate the areas in front of their house with encouraging messages. If you don't have a sidewalk, a driveway would do just fine! When the weather shapes up, grab some sidewalk chalk, get some fresh air, and tap into your artistic side!

The Wyatt's also painted "Ten Ton" rocks and hid them throughout town. Take a walk, stretch your legs, stay at least six feet away from other people, and search high and low for a chance to win a prize! Hints will be posted on Facebook, via the Helping Hands of Waitsburg forum.

Another resident encouraged Waitsburgians to place teddy bears in their window for a community-wide "bear hunt." Families are encouraged to look for the bears while out on walks or driving around, complying with social distancing guidelines. The first weekend was a hit, with more than 50 houses placing bears and other plush animals in their windows. A scavenger hunt is being planned for the weekend, so be sure to check the Helping Hands of Waitsburg Facebook page for hints and rules.

During these hard times, it is important to stock up on creativity, compassion and patience; not just toilet paper, flour and Clorox. Have a boredom-combating challenge you'd like to issue to the community? Send an email to beka@waitsburg-times.com.



Good news chalk art spotted in Walla Walla.

Tracy Thompson

## Grant funding provides car charging station

Pacific Power & Light funded electric vehicle station near Preston Park

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Electric and hybrid cars continue to grow in popularity. The City of Waitsburg recently embraced this growth, and in early February, City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe oversaw the installation of a public-access electric vehicle (EV) charging station at the city shop.

"My goal was to give people traveling through the city another reason to stop," said Hinchliffe. "With more and more electric cars on the road, I thought a charging station between the Tri-Cities and Clarkston was a good idea." The EV charging station is conveniently situated across the street from Preston Park; an already popular rest area for people passing through.

Hinchliffe said the charging station idea has been on the drawing board for a couple of years, and pursued the idea after he heard about grant programs through Pacific Power and Light (PP&L). The Charging Station Grants, offered to non-residential customers, provides selected commercial customers an opportunity to encourage environmentally friendly options.

The City of Waitsburg was awarded roughly \$9,000 in grant money in late 2019, which covered the cost of the SemaConnect charging station and installation. The original plan was to have a free-standing station near the north end of Main Street but without a transformer available the station needed to be relocated. Site evaluations through PP&L and Walla Walla Electric decided the best approach was a wall-mounted station attached to the city shop.

"Installing it by the park ended up being the best option since a lot of travelers stop to use the restroom or stretch at the park," Hinchliffe said. "I thought it might result in more people walking downtown to get coffee or look at the art."

Due to technical difficulties the station is currently set up to work without a fee. The City is working with the manufacturer to get a replacement station. Once the replacement is installed, there will be a small fee of \$1 per hour of charging use.



Waitsburg's new electric car charging station is situated across the street from Preston Park.

## DEFINING ESSENTIAL

Governor Jay Inslee's statewide order to close all nonessential businesses by March 25, unless the employees can work from home, leaves many Washingtonians asking what qualifies as an "essential" business and whether or not they need to go to work while the order is in effect.

People who qualify as essential workers include those working in the following sectors:

- Healthcare
- Emergency services
- Food and agriculture
- Energy
- Water and wastewater
- Transportation and logistics
- Other community-based government operations and essential functions
- Critical manufacturing
- Hazardous materials
- Financial services
- Chemical
- Defense industrial base

For the complete list of who is an essential worker, visit: [www.governor.wa.gov/](http://www.governor.wa.gov/)

For questions about status, to request inclusion as an essential worker or to report suspected violations of the governor's orders, go to [www.coronavirus.wa.gov](http://www.coronavirus.wa.gov) for more information.

## Dayton distillery pivots from brandy to sanitizer

THE TIMES



DAYTON—On Monday, March 30, XO Alambic, the Dayton distillery announced the immediate start of production of ethanol-based, anti-viral hand sanitizer, CovidEx AV. Friday, March 27 was the distillery's last day

of regular whisky and brandy production and the company has adapted its production schedule to answer the local need. Last week, the Columbia County Emergency Management Director, Ashley Strickland, asked XO Alambic owner and distiller, Rusty Figgins, if he would consider making ethanol-based hand sanitizer for the local hospital and for first responders.

The Emergency Management director stated that a national shortage prompted his call, and Figgins said, "We were quite happy to take a pause for the cause during these unprecedented times. I told Mr. Strickland that I am at his service and we quickly mobilized, procuring the raw inputs." The first 100-liter batches of CovidEx AV will be delivered to Dayton General Hospital and from there will be distributed also to first responders.



## Dayton School District breakfast & lunch delivery times

DAYTON—The Dayton School District began their meal delivery service to anyone 18 and under. Assistant to the Supervisor and Food Services director Jana Eaton noted on their first day of meal delivery they prepared 150 breakfasts and lunches.

Students are advised to look for a yellow school bus for in-town deliveries, and a white van providing rural deliveries at the following locations: (Times are approximate)

**Bus #1**  
11:00 a.m. – Valley View Court  
11:30 a.m. – Country Village  
12:00 p.m. – Cameron Court

**Bus #2**  
11:00 a.m. – 1st Street/Richmond Ave  
11:20 a.m. – 4th Street/Dayton Ave  
11:25 a.m. – Knoblock Apartments  
12:00 p.m. – 4th Street (Adventist Church Parking Lot)

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

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

## Waitsburg Schools breakfast & lunch delivery times

WAITSBURG—Pick up times and locations for Waitsburg students are as follows:

202 Harmon St.	9 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
705 Maple St.	9:20 a.m. - 9:35 a.m.
Whiskey Canyon Parking Lot	9:40 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.
High School Parking Lot	10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
900 Caroline St	10:20 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.
Preston Hall Parking Lot	10:40 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.
Catholic Church Parking Lot	11 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Waitsburg Grocery Parking Lot	11:20 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.

Brought to you courtesy of **Lloyd's Insurance, Inc.** Walla Walla 525-4110

## DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

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

**Thurs., Apr. 2**

Grilled ham steak  
Mac & cheese  
Baby carrots  
Tropical Fruit

**Tues., Apr. 7**

Tater tot casserole  
Mixed veggies  
Caesar salad  
Gelatin salad  
Milk

## WAITSBURG SENIOR LUNCH MENU

Waitsburg Senior Center  
504 Main Street

**Tues., Apr. 7**

Lasagna  
Italian veggies  
Garlic bread  
Salad bar

MOW: Please call  
(509) 527-3775  
ext 106

## Church Directory

St. Mark Catholic Church

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

Fr. Steve Werner

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

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

Pastor Stan Hughes

Waitsburg Chapel

320 W. 2nd  
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Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.  
337-6235  
Rev. Jimmie Daves

Waitsburg Christian Church

604 Main St  
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337-8898  
Rev. Matthew Wyatt

## HELP THE HELPERS

### Give to Walla Walla Valley COVID-19 Response Fund

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact the Walla Walla Valley. This means for most of us doing things very differently in the weeks ahead. Those fortunate to have work they can do from home are doing it. Those of us with reliable broadband and a smart phone are learning new technologies to stay connected to people we work with and care about. These are trying times for us all.

For those in our Valley in need, the COVID-19 pandemic is especially troubling, both in terms of accessing necessary services and in taking those precautions that minimize catching and infecting others with a deadly virus. If you're in homelessness, without basic food and medicine, or reliant on others for care, the pandemic can be a very dangerous situation to be in.

This is a right here, right now problem, one that will likely get harder before it begins to improve. Our Valley's nonprofit community is hard at work to address today's need. And though we, like you, are unsure of what comes next, we're sharing resources and planning so we can also be helpful in the weeks and months ahead.

It's a good time to remember the outsized work our nonprofits accomplish in our Valley. We especially want to support the courage and sacrifice many local nonprofit workers are undertaking in this pandemic on behalf of all of us here.

The Walla Walla Valley nonprofit and charitable organizations continue to provide critical services and support for people in need as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. These groups are priceless sources of aid and assistance for our entire community, particularly for the most vulnerable: people newly unemployed, the homeless, hungry, isolated and afraid, families with young children, elderly people, those suffering with mental health issues, and the animals that have become abandoned as a result.

This is not a complete list. Local arts organizations are also suffering with cancelled performances and closed venues, which in turn leaves many artists and musicians without paying work. Nonprofits across the board are missing traditional fundraising events they need to support the good work they do. Donations are challenged as donors are in very different giving circumstances than they were even a month

ago.

That means that many area nonprofit organizations are running on close to empty with many on the brink of shuttering essential programs and services. It's a good time to help the helpers.

To help keep core services available, the Blue Mountain Community Foundation (BMCF) has created a Walla Walla Valley Covid-19 Response Fund to support those nonprofits on the front lines of this crisis. We urge you to donate to this fund -- [https://bmcf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?funit\\_id=2231](https://bmcf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?funit_id=2231) -- or to give generously to the local nonprofits and charities about which you care the most.

The Walla Walla Valley Covid-19 Response Fund is being advised by a committee of community stakeholders. They have identified three priorities as of now: Food, Shelter, and Health/Mental Health.

We're also paying close attention to state and national initiatives meant to help ease the impact of this pandemic.

The CARES Act signed into law March 28, 2020 includes provisions to encourage more charitable giving this year. For more information about these changes please consult your tax advisor, and watch for informational updates at [www.bluemountainfoundation.org](http://www.bluemountainfoundation.org) and [www.wwymca.org](http://www.wwymca.org). We're hopeful this encourages needed donations. You can also donate to specific charitable and nonprofit organizations through either BMCF at [www.bluemountainfoundation.org](http://www.bluemountainfoundation.org) or United Way of the Blue Mountains at [www.uwbluemt.org](http://www.uwbluemt.org) by identifying the charity on your gift. Neither BMCF nor United Way charge for these pass-through gifts which may be directed to organizations tax exempt as 501 c 3 charities.

We're fortunate to have a robust and resilient group of nonprofits who work every day to improve lives and livelihoods here. It's time for us now to help these helpers continue to make that crucial difference.

The COVID-19 pandemic is a crisis that impacts all of us. We encourage you to donate now to the specific Walla Walla Valley Covid-19 fund or to the organization of your choice, either directly or through BMCF or United Way.

*Kari Isaacson*, Blue Mountain Community Foundation

*Karen Hedine*, Walla Walla Valley YMCA

*Brian Hunt*, Sherwood Trust



## STATE HOUSE CANDIDATE OFFERS ENCOURAGEMENT, REVAMPS CAMPAIGN STRATEGY

To the Editor:

When I announced my candidacy in January for position 1, Washington State House of Representative – Legislative District #16, I imagined discussions on neighbors' doorsteps and forums with engaged citizens. I imagined listening, learning, agreeing and agreeing to disagree. However, the word pandemic did not come to mind, yet here we are. According to the 4 county health departments that make up LD#16, each have confirmed cases of COVID 19 and sadly, 4 people have died in Benton county.

My campaign plan and strategy required a swift rework. In lieu of the recommendations from the CDC and Department of Health, gatherings will be postponed indefinitely, and canvassing will have to wait. I plan to use digital mediums to communicate plans and ideas and will organize virtual tele-gatherings. Campaign objectives remain the same, the process will adjust to our new reality. I continue to listen to people and hear their concerns. I continue to communicate my thoughts and positions on important issues, and like all campaigns, I work to raise money in support of my campaign.

As a nurse with 35 years of experience, I will continue to serve my community in my profession. This crisis highlights the need for strong leadership at all levels of government. Nurses are innovative, we will do whatever it takes to make things better. We can't always fix the problem, but we make it better. That's the kind of servant leadership I have to offer the 16th Legislative District.

I would like to recognize the unrelenting and invaluable work of state and local government health departments. They are our link to data and evidence. They keep us informed and advocate for us.

I would like to recognize the essential employees in our community. Despite the risk and anxiety of coronavirus, many continue on; health care workers, EMS, law enforcement, pharmacies, grocery stores, USPS, banks, utility workers, food preparation and delivery services. Please be careful and smart. When you see Purell, use Purell.

Please see my website for information on my campaign, [electfrances.com](http://electfrances.com). Thank you for your time, take care of yourself, wash your hands and stay home. Learn to crochet, bake a cake, read and spend time in the garden. We will get through this, together.

*Frances Chvatal*

(Chvatal is a candidate to represent the 16th Legislative District in the State House of Representatives. The seat is currently held by Rep. Bill Jenkins, R-Prosser, who plans to run for the 16th District Senate seat.)

## LETTER TO WALLA WALLA COUNTY RESIDENTS

To the residents of Walla Walla County:

Due to the restrictions put in place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, you, your friends, or your family members might be out of work, missing personal contact, favorite activities, or living and working in extra-stressful conditions.

As officials elected to serve the residents of this county, we'd like to thank everyone who is helping to keep our Valley safe and working to maintain a sense of normalcy during this crisis. Everyone has a part to play, including health care workers, first responders and dispatchers, school administrators and teachers, parents, transit, sanitation, and utility workers, nonprofit leaders, public servants, haulers and delivery people, grocery store employees, restaurant personnel — the list goes on. Thank you for being there when we need you.

We want you to know we're working together and with other local and state leaders to ensure our Valley gets the assistance and equipment our residents need. We're looking ahead at what might come next, and together we're making plans to help preserve the health and safety of our residents in any situation.

We will continue to provide our communities with current, accurate information through this ever-changing time. We update our jurisdictions' websites and social-media accounts regularly to keep you informed and to provide essential resources for local

residents and businesses alike.

We realize many people are stressed, scared, and uncertain of what will happen tomorrow or in the weeks to come. We have seen a lot of people reach out to help each other get through these tense times, and we appreciate this sense of community.

We're inspired by the ways our residents are working together to support one another during this crisis, and as your elected leaders, we will continue to work together to overcome any challenges that come our way. If we can provide any other assistance or answer any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

It is our privilege to serve the residents of Walla Walla County, and you have our commitment to do everything we can to keep you safe and healthy — both now and in the future.

Stay home, stay healthy — and when you must go to the store, practice social distancing, and please only buy what you need.

Sincerely,

*Gregory A. Tompkins*, Chair of the Walla Walla Board of County Commissioners;

*Tom Scribner*, Mayor of Walla Walla, on behalf of the Walla Walla City Council;

*Norma L. Hernández*, Mayor of College Place, on behalf of the College Place City Council;

*Marty Dunn*, Mayor of Waitsburg, on behalf of the Waitsburg City Council;

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# TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

## Waitsburg city elections see return candidates

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg City Elections are scheduled to be held on April 6, 2020. The City Council has three seats open, after council members K.C. Kuykendall, Kate Hockersmith, and Terry Jacoy decided not to run for re-election this year.



Karen Gregutt

**Karen Gregutt** is on the ballot for a return seat on the City Council. She hopes that by contributing her professional experience, she will bring fresh ideas to Waitsburg and its citizens. Gregutt's career includes 30 years as the managing partner at Kaye-Smith Productions in Seattle, producing and directing commercials and documentaries

for recognized companies, brands and non-profits. Gregutt and her husband, Paul, purchased their first home in Waitsburg in 2005 and moved to the town full time in 2011. In addition to completely restoring their 140 year old historic cottage and its gardens, the couple subsequently invested in four other historic cottages in town, while beginning the renovation of the Fender Building on Main Street, now owned by Ten Ton Coffee.

Gregutt's community involvement goes all the way back to 2006, when she founded the Waitsburg Garden Club. In 2010, Gregutt joined the City Planning Commission, which she currently serves as chairman. In 2016, Gregutt was selected to finish Marty Dunn's term on the city council after he became mayor. Gregutt says that her greatest desire is to guide Waitsburg towards thoughtful growth that nurtures our institutions, protects our neighborhoods, and revitalizes our downtown.

**Dave Paxton** has been a Waitsburg resident for nearly six years and ran for City Council in 2018. Paxton owns a chip repair business and is currently the



Dave Paxton

chairman of the Waitsburg Christian Church Board. Paxton said he volunteered for flood relief efforts through his church where he learned about many of the towns residential and commercial needs. As a city council member he looks forward to representing the people

and businesses of Waitsburg, working with fellow City Council members to come up with solutions.

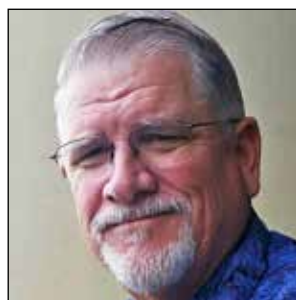


Karl Newell

**Karl Newell** has been a resident of Waitsburg for 14 years and has served on the Waitsburg City Council for seven years from 2008 to 2017. Karl is a retired electrician and has been a member of IBEW for 51 years. During his career he worked on both national and international projects including the U.S. Embassy in the former Soviet Union, dams

on both the Snake and Columbia Rivers, the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, the Boardman Cheese Plant and numerous housing and apartment complexes. He is married with two children and four grandchildren. He enjoys working to help and improve the community with the many volunteers he has met throughout the years.

**Jim Romine** is a lifelong resident of Walla Walla County and city council incumbent running for his fourth City Council term. He retired from the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office after 37 years of service. Romine currently serves as president of the Waitsburg Town Hall Board, chairman of the Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters 1 Disability Board. In addition to these positions, Romine also serves on the Walla Walla County Civil Service Board and is a mem-



Jim Romine

ber of the Waitsburg Lions Club. During his time on the City Council, Romine was asked to represent the council on the Flood and Emergency Preparedness Committee, and has worked to update the emergency plan, including establishing a command center and alternative

command center and setting up HAM radio and other crucial response tasks. Romine says he has much more he would like to contribute to the community, and, if re-elected, he hopes to be involved with the Personnel Committee to help assist, evaluate and mentor city staff. Romine says he is readily available to talk with citizens about any concerns, and he will continue to listen to the people of Waitsburg.



Kevin House

Incumbent council member **Kevin House** joined the Waitsburg City Council in 2010, after being selected as a candidate during the "Truth and Trust" caucus. A service manager for The McGregor Company, House says he looks at decisions as both a business operator and a resident, considering all possible impacts before making a vote. House

hopes to continue implementing long term projects like the flood control planning and improving city infrastructure, as well as regular business that comes to the council, and doing so in a way that is justifiable for the citizens of Waitsburg and their dollar.

*In response to the coronavirus pandemic, Waitsburg City Hall is currently closed. City ballots may be placed in the city payments dropbox until 8 p.m. on April 6.*

## MYSTERIOUS SIGHTINGS



Courtesy photo

Blurry image of a possible juvenile Bigfoot using the ATM in the Banner Bank lobby Saturday night.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### HELP WANTED

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The City of Dayton is taking applications for **two Temporary/Seasonal employees in the parks, cemetery or where needed**. Duties will include mowing, weed eating, trimming, restroom maintenance, general grounds keeping. The wage is \$13.50 per hour, no benefits included. The job will be for 90 working days. Must have a valid Washington State driver's license and be at least 18 years of age. Jobs are open until filled. Get an application at Dayton City Hall in Dayton, 111 S. 1st St., or call 382-2361. You can apply on line at [www.daytonwa.com](http://www.daytonwa.com). Any questions about the job call 382-4571 or 382-2361. Ask for Jim or Rob.

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## From hotelier to Events and Membership Coordinator for the Dayton Historic Depot

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Shellie McLeod brings her experience as an innkeeper to her new job as Events and Membership Coordinator for the Dayton Historic Depot Museum and the Boldman House Museum.

She said she worked at the Weinhard Hotel for Dan and Ginny Butler for ten years, before she and her husband, Gary, bought the hotel from the Butlers in 2008.

"As an innkeeper I organized events for our guests such as Murder Mystery Weekends, private retreats for clubs and organizations, as well as weddings, memorials, and reunions," McLeod said.

In her new position, McLeod will be responsible for increasing membership, and broadening outreach through events, direct communication, and through social media.

She will be responsible for coordinating annual festivities such as the Evening at the Depot, Dayton Historic Home Tours, Christmas Kickoff, Quilts in the Garden at the Boldman House, and partnering with the Dayton Chamber for the All Wheels Weekend and Dayton Days.

"I am really looking forward to introducing some interactive elements to the Depot's regular annual events, things to encourage light hearted participation and human interaction at these events," she said. "I also hope to develop some new public events, as well as opportunities for clubs and organizations to

utilize our two museums for private events and tours."

She said since this is a newly created position, there is a lot of freedom for bouncing ideas off the board for consideration

Right now, there has been no opportunity to share ideas about events and exhibits with the board because of social distancing, so she and Boldman House Museum Manager Amy Rosenberg are mainly "playing by ear."

McLeod will be sharing bits of "Romping in the Blues", an exhibit at the Dayton Historic Depot museum through social media, until people are able to see it for themselves.

McLeod grew up in Columbia County, graduating from Dayton High School in 1989. She said she was a stay-at-home mom until she went to work at the Weinhard Hotel. Her children are Paisley DeSiga and Derek DeSiga and she is the step mother to Winter and Brook McLeod. She and her husband have two grandsons.

The McLeods sold the Weinhard Hotel to Sev Jones and Christina Dingman, a couple from the Spokane area, in March of this year.



Shellie McLeod

## BIRTHDAYS

**April 2:** Dan Butler, Bill Butler, Kay Hawks, Sandra Nogle, Dawn Hinchliffe, Cassandra Leid, Jacob Smith and Bonnie Jones.

**April 3:** Donna Knotts, Deanna Huffman Tipton, Terry McCoy and Mary Beth Reese.

**April 4:** Tanner Patton, Carly Mary Jean Pearson, Dan Hofer, Jack Murphy, and Tarah McCaw.

**April 5:** David Smith, Ray Jeremiah, Frank Williams, Frances Allion, Susan Syferd, Jessica Meier and Rob Fry.

**April 6:** Dane Kiefel.

**April 7:** Griffen Hinchliffe, J. W. Clayton, Carla Gritman and Jo Polumsky.

**April 8:** Rita Green, Harlan Hulce, Lori Holmes, Carol Groom, Kris Griffin, Kassi Nix and Alan Kysar.

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## Amy Rosenberg is the new Boldman House Museum manager

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES



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Amy Rosenberg

DAYTON—What does it mean to be the new Boldman House Museum manager in a museum that is closed through May 1 because of the concerns around the novel coronavirus?

Amy Rosenberg is now conducting virtual live tours of the museum on Facebook, every Saturday at 2 p.m.

“I’ll be exploring different areas of the house and the collection every week,” Rosenberg said. “There’s so much to see, I’m sure I have months of content.”

Rosenberg has been a museum volunteer for the past couple of years and is currently presenting the children’s program Story Train on Facebook until the coronavirus shutdown is over.

Story Train, which uses stories, songs and rhymes to explore cultural and historical themes,

takes place on Thursdays at 10 a.m. She said volunteer Shakira Bye is presenting Story Train on the Instagram account on Mondays at 10 a.m.

“So, ‘like’ us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram, for lots of virtual content until we can open again,” she said.

She said while the museum is closed, volunteer garden coordinator Susie Rogers continues preparing the garden beds for spring.

“The garden is always open, and it’s fun to walk through in the spring and watch new things popping up, and blooming all the time,” Rosenberg said.

She said the garden is a teaching garden, which means everything is labeled with its common and Latin name.

### LEGAL NOTICES

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

No. 20-4-00052-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In re the Estate of WILLIAM P. ANNETTE 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 by RCW 11.40.070 by serving or mailing to 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 creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or
- (2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this 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.

Date of first publication: March 19, 2020 (anticipated)  
Personal Representative: Sarah J. Wik  
c/o Michael E. de Grasse  
Counsel for Personal Representative  
59 S. Palouse St.  
P. O. Box 494  
Walla Walla, WA 99362  
/s/ Sarah J. Wik  
Personal Representative  
Walla Walla County Superior Court  
Cause No.: 20-4-00052-36  
The Times  
March 19, 26, April 2  
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#### Superior Court of Washington, County of Columbia

In re: Petitioner: Terysa Lynn Marietta, aka Terysa Lynn Johnson aka Terysa Lynn Harvey aka Terysa Marietta Harvey No. 20-3-00002-2

Summons Served by Publication  
And Respondent/s: Ronald Charles Johnson Summons Served by Publication  
To: Ronald Charles Johnson - The other party has asked the court to end your marriage or domestic partnership. You must respond in writing if you want the court to consider your side. Deadline! Your Response must be filed and served within 60 days of the date this Summons is published.

If you do not file and serve your Response or a Notice of Appearance by the deadline: No one has to notify you about other hearings in this case, and the court may approve the requests in the Petition without hearing your side (called a default judgment). Follow these steps:

1. Read the Petition and any other documents that were filed at court with this Summons. Those documents explain what the other party is asking for.
2. Fill out a Response on this form: FL Divorce 211, Response to Petition about a Marriage. You can get the Response form and other forms you need at: The Washington State Courts’ website: [www.courts.wa.gov/forms](http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms); The Administrative Office of the Courts - call: (360)705-5328; Washington LawHelp: [www.washingtonlawhelp.org](http://www.washingtonlawhelp.org); or The Superior Court Clerk’s office or county law library (for a fee).
3. Serve (give) a copy of your Response to the person who filed this Summons at the address below, and to any other parties. You may use certified mail with return receipt requested. For more information on how to serve, read Superior Court Civil Rule 5.
4. File your original Response with the court clerk

at this address: Superior Court Clerk, Columbia County, 341 E. Main Street, #4, Dayton, WA 99328. 5. Lawyer not required: It is a good idea to talk to a lawyer, but you may file and serve your Response without one.

Date: 3-13-2020  
/s/ Marinella & Boggs By: Kimberly R. Boggs, WSBA No.24387, Attorney for Petitioner I agree to accept legal papers for this case at the above Lawyer’s address: PO Box 7, Dayton, WA 99328 VE  
This Summons is issued according to Rule 4. of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the State of Washington. MARINELLA & BOGGS Attorneys at Law PO Box 7-338 E Main Dayton, WA 99328 Telephone (509) 382-2541  
The Times  
March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020  
3-26-a

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

NO: 20-4-00063-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
RCW 11.40.030  
In re the Estate of: PHILIP J. BROOKS, SR., 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.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: March 26, 2020.  
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#### LEGAL NOTICE ALLEYWAYS MAINTENANCE PROJECT

March 30 - April 23, 2020  
The Public Works Department will begin the Alleyways Maintenance Project Monday, March 30, 2020.

The Department will be grading the alleys and adding additional gravel to smooth surfaces where it is deemed necessary.

In an effort to assist in making this a successful and cost-efficient project, the City requests that property owners remove all personal items currently encroaching upon the public alley right-of-way. If you continue to store items along the alleyway, leave a “buffer”

between your items and the alley right of way. This is to ensure adequate space for large equipment and trucks.

Remove trash cans from the right-of-way immediately after weekly trash pick-up.

Share this information with your neighbors. If the City is unable to get equipment into the alley, the entire block may be negatively impacted. Work together and make sure everyone is aware of the upcoming improvements so all alleys can be graded and leveled.

This project is predicted to run from Monday, March 30, 2020 through Thursday, April 23, 2020. However, this timeline may be adjusted if necessary.

The City will post weekly updates on the City’s website at <http://www.daytonwa.com/our-community/information/city-news/item/407-alleyway-grading-improvement-starting-3-30-20>  
If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 509.382.4571, City Hall at 509.382.2361 or email [info@daytonwa.com](mailto:info@daytonwa.com).

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March 26, April 2, 2020  
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#### CITY OF WAITSBURG determination of nonsignificance

Description of proposal: Reconstruction of Millrace Road

Proponent: City of Waitsburg

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: City of Waitsburg is located at

147 Main Street in the City of Waitsburg. The project location is from the intersection of Main Street and Millrace Road to the City Eastern Limits.

Lead agency: City of Waitsburg

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it 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.

•There is no comment period for this DNS.

•This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the DNS.

•This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by 04/09/2020

Responsible official: Randy Hinchliffe  
Position/title: City Administrator  
Phone: (509) 337-6371  
Address: 147 Main Street, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361

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# Frugality required

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

While continuing to shelter at home, we have tried to be productive; working, unpacking and organizing the homestead. We have been working in the yard, dragging flagstone, bricks and cinderblocks from scattered locations to one area. Now when I look at the Northeast side of our backyard it looks like a mason resides here. We have also been unpacking Daniel's boxes, mostly cookbooks, (30 boxes to be exact).

It's difficult to unpack the books and not look at the titles since I am a cookbook fan, and it certainly beats looking at my retirement and savings accounts right now. So glad we have that fully stocked bar! So, between the growing library and shrinking savings account, I found the perfect book in his stash: *The American Frugal Housewife dedicated to those who are not ashamed of economy*, by Lydia Maria Child. Ok, so the book was first published in 1829, it did start with two quite profound quotes: first, Ben Franklin's "a fat kitchen maketh a lean will" and the second quote, although no author attributed, is so true, "economy is a poor man's revenue: extravagance a rich man's ruin."

Considering the recent economic slowdown, I thought this is a book I need to read, it might provide some worthwhile suggestions for me during what could be trying times ahead. I was wrong!

Starting with coffee (one of my life's necessities), Mrs. Child suggests some economical substitutes; "some use dry brown bread crusts and roast them; others soak rye grain in rum and roast it; others roast peas in the same way as coffee."

None of these are very good; and peas so used are considered unhealthy." In contrast, another of his books *Eat, Drink, And be Merry, Poems about food and drink* by Peter Washington, is a book of poetry dedicated to food. Considerably more current, it was published in 2003. It includes a poem, which I consider to be the perfect antidote to Mrs. Child, and more in line with my thoughts on coffee:



## COFFEE

Coffee arrives, that grave and wholesome Liquor,  
That heals the stomach, makes the genius quicker,  
Relieves the memory, revives the sad,  
And cheers the Spirits, without making mad...

Frugal is one thing, just don't mess with my coffee!

Mrs. Child's thoughts on preserves: "Economical people will seldom use preserves, except for sickness. They are unhealthy, expensive and useless to those who are well."

Sorry, but I am addicted to marionberry jam (thank you Oregon). Don't mess with my jam either!

Although her book is outdated and obviously impractical, it did make me think about economic adjustments I can make.

Instead of buying skinless boneless chicken breasts, I will buy the whole chicken. It's incredibly less expensive, we both like the dark meat. I know how to cut up a chicken, I can take the skin off and I will use the bones for soup!

Leftover vegetables cooked one day, can be reheated and served over pasta, rice, couscous or quinoa or added to soup the next day.

Buy day old baguettes, slice them, brush on a little olive oil and salt, and bake. These crostini are great broken up as croutons in salad, or as crackers with cheese, or just as snacks by themselves.

Use the bones from chicken or meat, roast them, add enough leftover wine, or water to cover, along with pieces of onion, celery carrots, herbs if you have them, and make a stock to use now or freeze.

Working in a restaurant gave me a better perspective regarding waste; it's a business, every morsel, penny and onion skin count.

I may be watching a shrinking retirement fund, but if I have to work another 20 years I will, before I succumb to roasting breadcrumbs or peas for a coffee substitute.

# Law student adjusts to online learning, parakeet and kitty join in

By Emma Philbrook | THE TIMES

Some wannabe philosopher on the internet – the quarantine seems to be bringing them out of the woodwork in droves – recently commented that all this isolation is forcing people to face their true selves and some folks aren't handling the introduction very well.

I'd beg to differ. In the nearly three weeks I've spent hunkered down, the only thing I've learned about myself is that my bangs don't fluff up overnight if I brush them out before bed. Granted, I was a fairly solitary person before the quarantine orders hit and probably already know as much about myself as I'm going to figure out on my own. Instead, I've turned to pondering the mysteries of the universe, like why the Lysol bottle specifies different instructions for "sanitizing" and "disinfecting," and why the same internet connection that's good for endless hours of music videos inevitably clocks out when it's time to tune in to class.

Yes, classes are back in session now, after a fashion. Mercifully, only one of my professors is holding classes on east-coast time – the rest are pre-recording their lectures for us to watch at our convenience. It's certainly not as engaging as an in-person class would be, but the ability to pause and rewind is an absolute revelation. (Anyone who can make it all the



Emma Philbrook

notebook has to share the kitchen table with my laptop and occasionally the cat. The questions are via e-mail, except in the case of the professor who holds his classes live, in which case they are via webcam. (This allows me to get a nice view of my classmates' still-life oil paintings and quarter-sawn oak credenzas while allowing my classmates to get a nice view of my refrigerator.) Doing homework while snuggled up under a few fluffy blankets was one of my favorite small pleasures in law school, and so while I've been lucky enough to find all the materials I need online, the fact that I now have to read them sitting upright is

way through horizontal privity without zoning out at least once is either a Supreme Court justice or a liar, and quite possibly both.)

So what's it like? Well, the basic mechanics are the same – hear lecture, take notes, ask questions, do homework, repeat. Of course, now the lecture has to contend with my pet parakeet's ambition to sing lead in a heavy metal band. The

a persistent source of disappointment.

On the other hand, there are certainly upsides to studying at home. The commute is much more manageable. I no longer have to haul a gallon jug of quarters around to get my laundry done. I now have the space, the time, and the growing season for a little backyard garden, which I go out and tend every morning before I wipe all the doorknobs down. Grocery shopping is no longer my responsibility, which is just as well given that I've never been any good at contact sports.

You may be wondering how this change has affected my academic performance. Frankly, I have no idea. Law school grades are based almost entirely on final exams, with the remainder normally being made up by class participation. (For obvious reasons, the participation element has largely been waived this term.) There's some talk of changing the grading structure or even scrapping grades altogether in light of the pandemic. It's confusing. So is horizontal privity. That's why I study, to replace the general society-is-crumbling confusion with more specific confusion that will eventually be alleviated by the miracle of the rewind key.

I know that sounds weird. I'm weird. I know I'm weird. If you spend enough time alone, you learn these things about yourself. If you spend a little too much time alone, you run the risk of embracing them.

# Cookie Chronicles

Long way home

By Paul Gregutt

The first book I ever read cover to cover was *Winnie the Pooh* by A.A. Milne, and now, many decades later, it remains the best book I ever read. I mention this because the special relationship between Christopher Robin, and Edward Bear, aka Winnie the Pooh, is very much like the relationship I enjoy with my dog Cookie.

Like Pooh, who adored honey, Cookie has a nose for good food, especially bacon, but also whatever happens to be cooking at the moment in the kitchen. And much like Pooh, Cookie has a certain kind of bravery, of the sort that can lead to trouble, despite her best intentions.

Edward Bear was introduced to the world coming downstairs (actually being dragged down the stairs) on the back of his head. And Cookie came to me in much the same way. She was 18 months old, stranded in a neglectful neighbor's yard in the bitter cold, half frozen and filthy, and barking relentlessly. "Sometimes he feels that there really is another way" Milne wrote, and surely Cookie felt that same feeling.

As for me, I would have told anyone who asked I was not a dog person. In fact, I'd had nothing but cats all my adult life, and had no interest in acquiring a dog. Which is why it's fair to say that the dog acquired me.

When Mrs. G. grew tired of my complaining about the constant ear-piercing barking and ran out and grabbed the dog, promising that we'd take her to a friendly kennel in Seattle at the first opportunity, I remained solidly grounded in anti-dog sentiments.

As it happened to be New Year's Eve, it was promised that the first opportunity would be the following day, when we had planned a trip to the city for the holiday weekend. Being the kind soul she is, Karen took it upon herself to wash the poor beast, buy her some food, and settle her down for the night. The barking ceased, though I'm afraid my aggravation did not.

But the dog locked her eyes on me and wouldn't let go. Somehow, she knew that our fates were inextricably entwined. And she also instinctively knew that, come hell or high water, she was going to find a way to be my constant companion.

Sure enough we drove away the following day – New Years Day – with dog in tow. At the time we owned a small condo in the city, and the dog suddenly found herself in a strange city, with unknown people, riding an elevator to a fourth floor flat, where she was placed in a kennel and bunked down for the night.

Not a peep. Not a bark. The night passed quietly, and in the early morning, as we rode the elevator back down to the street, she waited patiently to do her busi-



Karen Gregutt

ness, as if it was the most natural thing in the world. Paul Gregutt welcomed Cookie, the terrier/poodle/chihuahua mixed breed dog, into his home and his heart. Cookie's transformation from half-frozen, unwashed rescue to the beautiful, blonde rescuer some liken to a canine Marilyn Monroe.

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As it was a holiday and the pound was closed, we decided to take the dog to a nearby park for some exercise. Across the street was a pet store which was open, and we purchased a few dog things, including a ball. I don't remember exactly what sort of a ball it was, but when we returned to the park and tossed the ball around it became clear that it was the right thing to do, and the game was on. At about that time I began to think about naming the dog.

There was no real logic to naming a dog I planned to abandon the next day, but somehow it seemed important. Having been given a bath, some decent food, and playtime for maybe the first time ever, it was easier to see that this was a blonde dog, not a dirty brown mutt. Yes there were the mismatched ears, bowlegged stance, and traces of frostbite on what was otherwise a rather pretty little face. As we later discovered, she was a terrier/poodle/chihuahua mix. At the time she was simply a high energy, joyful little tornado.

Simply based on her mix of white blond, tawny blond and darker caramel fur, I began proposing names such as biscuit and muffin. But when a friend suggested Cookie, it was instantly apparent that Cookie was the right name. And also apparent that Cookie was going to come back home to Waitsburg with us, and I was going to have a dog.

To be continued...

## Food and other resources in a time of need

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Waitsburg Resource Center (Food Bank), is working to ensure that their volunteers and neighbors (clients) are all safe. As a result, they are currently open on Thursday afternoon from 2-4 p.m.

Items are pre-bagged now, and the Resource Center will not be observing weight restrictions based on the number of people in each family group at this time.

Neighbors will not be allowed in the building for self-selecting items.

Neighbors are asked to wait outside on the sidewalk and bagged items will be set out for them.

The Resource Center is asking those who are sick to stay home, and they suggest one send a neighbor or family member pick up their items for them.

Children (or a parent) who currently receive weekend food packets may also pick up their items on Thursdays at the food bank.

Other food resources include the Blue Mountain Action Council in Walla Walla at 921 W. Cherry, which is hosting a weekly distribution every Saturday at their warehouse site to help provide food to people impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Pastor Matt Wyatt of the Waitsburg Christian Church commends the work that the Resource Center has been doing, saying, "The Waitsburg Resource Center has done an amazing job of still getting the food out to families while still practicing social distancing and safety."

He notes that the "Blessing Box" outside his church continues to be filled and emptied each day.

However, Wyatt has noticed that the people he

serves are having difficulty affording their medical prescriptions. "With people out of work and some being laid off, they are having problems paying out of pocket for their much-needed prescriptions. We have been able to keep up so far (with funding assistance), but our funds are slowly decreasing as this moves on."

Other difficulties people are facing include paying their rent and utility bills, as well as affording gas for their vehicles. Wyatt notes that the Waitsburg Ministerial Foundation has been able to meet the needs so far, however their funds are decreasing, and they would welcome financial donations. Tax-deductible donations can be mailed to PO Box 707, Waitsburg, WA 99361.

Father Steve Werner at the Waitsburg Catholic Church said that his congregation donates funds directly to the Waitsburg Resource Center and also encourages people to seek out the services of Project Timothy, in Dayton.

Although the Project Timothy office is closed, as it resides inside the Dayton St. Vincent DePaul building, which is also closed, residents can visit their food bank on Tuesday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. The food bank is located at 111 S. 1st Street in Dayton.

Project Timothy also serves as a clearing house providing financial assistance for emergency housing, rent and utilities, transportation, food, and prescriptions to families in need. Although they are not offering face-to-face service at this time, those in need can contact the office between 12 - 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday by calling (509) 382-2943, where arrangements can be made to access services.

## Veterans Committee Hall of Fame Selects Marvin Miller and Ted Simmons

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

If you are a baseball fan you are probably aware that the Baseball Writers' Association has elected both Derek Jeter and Larry Walker for 2020 induction to the Baseball Hall of Fame. What didn't get much press was that the Veterans Committee, now called the Eras Committee, elected both Marvin Miller and Ted Simmons as well.



Marvin Miller

If you like that baseball has free agency, then you are probably a fan of Marvin Miller. Miller was the Executive Director of the Major League Players Association (MLBPA) from 1966-1982. Before Miller, the only way a player could change teams was to be traded or released. Each year players could only negotiate with their existing teams for a new contract.

Minor league players had to wait for positions to open up on their major league team as they had no rights to free agency either. Miller negotiated baseball's first collective bargaining agreement in 1968. During the sixteen years he served as Executive Director, the average baseball salary rose from \$19,000 to \$326,000. In 2007 Miller had this to say about how he would feel getting into the Hall of Fame, "Would be nice, but when you're my age, 89 going on 90, questions of mortality have a greater priority than a promised immortality." Miller was put on the ballot in 2003, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2014, and 2018 before getting in this year.

Ted Simmons was a perennial all-star in the seventies and early eighties. He didn't receive much recognition because his career overlapped that of Johnny Bench and Gary Carter, the top two catchers by WAR in the HOF. His first time on the Hall of Fame ballot came in 1994 when he received only seventeen votes less than the minimum to be put back on the ballot in 1995. He was actually out voted by Pete Rose that year who received nineteen write-in ballots. Though Ted Simmons had a twenty-one-year career he didn't put up the big career totals of hits, home runs or runs batted in that the voters of that era looked for. The switch hitting catcher did manage to bat over .300 in seven seasons, hit twenty or more home runs for six seasons and had ninety or more runs batted in eight times. His lifetime 50.3 WAR total puts him ahead of the following notable hall of famers Orlando Cepeda, Nellie Fox, Sandy Koufax, Ralph Kiner and Lou Brock.



Ted Simmons



Lane Gwinn

The Blessing Box outside the Waitsburg Christian Church is emptied and refilled multiple times a day during this crisis. Please consider adding to the box with a can of soup, bag of beans, box of cookies or anything that could help keep our community healthy and safe. A well nourished person has better defenses to deal with illness.

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## Self-care in a pandemic

Addressing the cost of social distancing

By Antoinette McPherson-Charles

“On the Beach”, “Outbreak” ... “The Last Ship” ... these were all suspenseful, entertaining fictional escapes that many of us enjoyed watching. However, the current pandemic is manufacturing a surreal reality that is anything but entertaining. We all know the purpose of social distancing, but what about the cost? As the social distancing continues to govern most communities, we are seeing a rise in negative, but not unexpected, psychological/emotional reactions. What can we as individuals, as families, and as a community do to help?

First recognize and acknowledge that negative emotions are a natural response to unnatural situations. We are social creatures that take comfort in our freedoms. Social distancing robs us of our ability to connect in the usual ways and undermines our sense of autonomy – we don’t like being told what to do. In reaction, many people may feel an increase in anxiety, depression, loneliness, boredom and irritation. Although these are normal reactions, we can do things to mitigate their impact on ourselves and those we love.

### Maintain routines

Create a routine for yourself and your family. Routines and structure help us feel safe. Children and elderly are especially impacted by a breakdown in routines. Contemplate what your normal routine is and try to keep as much of it in place as possible. If you shower first thing in the morning, continue to shower first thing in the morning. If you usually put on make-up or shave at a certain time, continue to do so. If you work out after dinner, continue to work out after dinner with a brisk walk/run or complete an online workout. If you are used to your daily hit of caffeine and friendly conversation at Ten Ton, get your caffeine and then meet up with friends through a group text or a Facebook group. If you aren’t technically savvy, reach out to someone who is. If you are working at home, keep the same business hours. It may be tempting to throw yourself into work by extending your work hours, but this can often lead to burn out.

If children are home, try to keep their routine as predictable as you can: a time for meals, snacks, homework, playtime, and quiet time are beneficial to all.

Our routines can help normalize the disruption to our lives and help us maintain a sense of control over our lives.

### Connect with others

Make maintaining your connections with those close to you a priority. Be creative. Try new venues on the internet, FaceTime or Skype, or even grab a pen and paper and write an old fashion letter to a friend or family member that you haven’t talked with in a while.

Have fun with the people that you are living with. Brainstorm to think of new ways to connect during the extra time with your loved ones. Work on a family album, break out the board games, or have a family video game day where everyone plays the same game and competes for points and bragging rights.

Social connections are critical to your mental health, so don’t be afraid to reach out and let people know when you are struggling. Chances are they are struggling also.

### Assess coping skills

Take an honest look at your current coping skills for dealing with stress. Often we have coping/problem solving skills that we may use at school or work, but don’t always think to apply them to the home setting. Problem solve with those around you on how to best prepare for being quarantined or isolated. Being prepared can ease our sense of anxiety.

If physical exercise is one of your coping mechanisms, find some way to keep it up. Make sure your sleep schedule is regular and adequate. Too much sleep and napping or too little sleep impacts our physical and emotional resources. Eat healthy. Challenge yourself to find new, creative recipes. If you drink or use cannabis, do so in moderation. Although substances may temporarily improve mood, they are both depressants and lead to more significant mood problems if abused. Resolve interpersonal conflicts sooner rather than later. Have regular conversations with spouse and children to identify any sources of stress and /or conflict and deal with them before they become major family “blow-ups.”

After you have identified current positive coping tools, consider this an opportunity to add to your emotional “tool box,” by trying some new ones. Practice “mindfulness,” or being in the moment. This sounds complicated, but it’s just practicing existing in the “now.” By staying in the present we can avoid the anxiety associated with the future, and avoid ruminating about negative past events. Take a 20 minute walk and stop to notice all the colors, fragrances and sounds. Sit in your favorite room at home, breathe deeply, while you take 15 minutes to slowly look around the room and notice the different patterns, textures, and colorful objects. Practice deep breathing and progressive muscle relaxations. Distract yourself from negative feelings by keeping busy with positive tasks.

There are many phone and computer Apps or online resources to guide you if you want some extra help. “Virtual Hope Box” is a free app that can guide you through breathing exercises, meditations, and positive, distracting activities.

### Nurture Hope

Work towards optimism and hope. Remind yourself that this is a temporary situation and life will return to normal. This starts with limiting exposure to negativity. Keep your exposure to TV, social media, and radio short when it relates to the COVID-19, and make sure you are using reliable resources. You will find more factual helpful information on the CDC website than you will on Facebook. You may also want to limit contact with people and social media who are negative and pessimistic. Focus on things you can control, and avoid ruminating about things you can’t. Try to cultivate optimism.

Redefine this extra time at home as an opportunity to do some of those things on your bucket list, or to-do list that you can’t find time for when your schedule is hectic. Find positive music, books, movies, that make you smile. If you have spiritual beliefs that bring you peace and comfort, find time each day to practice your faith. Keep a gratitude journal for yourself, or as a family. Use it to focus on the small everyday things that often get overlooked.

Think of ways of helping others. It may require creativity to do such with social distancing boundaries, but research show when we focus on helping others, our mood and spirits naturally improve.

### Reach out if you are struggling

If you or your loved ones continue to struggle with anxiety or depression through this challenging time, don’t be afraid to reach out to professionals. Many health professions are utilizing telehealth or phone calls to care for people struggling with the current isolation and stress. There are also national /crisis lines available (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Disaster Helpline: 1-800-985-5990; and National Suicide Prevention Lifeline :1-800-273-TALK.) Depression and Anxiety Disorders are as real as COVID-19 and can be devastating if not treated. Treatment is available. Social Distancing does not mean suffering alone.

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## Celebrating our Native Mason Bees

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

Early morning strolls through the summer garden at our little McKay Alto homestead can only be described as an angelic wakeup call. The capacious songbird melody wafts on a gentle breeze as the golden rays of sun push through the cool air that has settled in our little draw. The dahlias, peonies, sunflowers, yarrow and lupine bloom rich burgundy, cotton candy pink, canary yellow, snow white, and intense purple. The flowers are abuzz with bees busy at their morning routine. As the steam rises from my coffee mug, tickling my nose hairs, a small, dark, peculiar bee avoids the others, settling in on an unoccupied sunflower bloom. I lean in for closer inspection.

What’s your first thought when someone mentions pollination or pollinators? Is it flowers? Bees? Honey? Allergies? A gambling man would put money on it being honey and honey bees (why wouldn’t it be, right?). While none of us could fathom a life without honey, the pollination is what’s critical to the success of native plant reproduction and diversity, and crop and fruit production.

Honey bees are a vital part of our ecosystem, and because of the succulent honey they produce, they are most commonly recognized for pollination and conservation efforts. But when it comes to effectiveness, honey bees will forever live in the shadow of our solitary natives.

Washington State is home to approximately 600 native bee species, ranging in size and shape from bumble bees to sweat bees, none of which build hives. But the lesser known and easily confused with other less desirable flies are the mason bees.



Courtesy photo

The furry face of a U.S. Geological Survey blue orchard bee specimen.

A few common species like the blue orchard bee (*Osmia lignaria*) frequent our gardens and orchards, as well as our landscaped city blocks and urban homes. While some native species, like the emerald green sweat bee *Agapostemon femoratus* are obvious, mason bees are nondescript, dark colored or lightly striped, and smaller than honey bees. These are the bees that we see frequently but pay little mind



Trumbo

One of Trumbo’s bee houses with a variety of materials and cavity sizes, many of which have been occupied by mason bees.

or mistake for something else.

Mason bees are aptly named for their reproductive habits. The female mason bee often occupies holes in wood with larvae secured behind mud plugs for safe development. Mason bees don’t excavate holes, rather they clean debris from suitable spaces, pack them with pollen that they carry in on their belly, and seal in an egg. The female repeats this process until the space is full with the female eggs deposited at the back of the space for protection from predators. Eggs are laid in May, and larvae hatch and feed on the pollen until the following spring, when they emerge to complete their lifecycle.

Mason bees are quite docile and lead solitary lives. Since they only reproduce once each year, they don’t need extensive hives or honey production, but also forfeit the glamour of their extraordinary pollination abilities. A single mason bee can visit up to 2,000 flowers per day and just a few orchard mason bees can pollinate the same number of fruit trees as thousands of honey bees. For this reason, the blue orchard mason bee is prized as one of the few native pollinators

managed in agriculture.

Similarly, mason bees have become rather popular on the pollinator market with bee houses readily available. Many houses use small, hollow bamboo shoots that can be replaced over time. Some scientists caution against the bamboo shoots in store-bought houses because the porous material holds moisture, promoting disease, mold and parasites. Other experts with the Xerces Society support the bamboo shoots, which seem to be a suitable material when kept sheltered from the elements. Storing occupied houses in an unheated shed or greenhouse over winter is a good practice. Materials like paper straws and breathable woods need to be replaced after the larvae vacate each spring.

Houses can also be hand-made by drilling holes in wood blocks 19/64th to 3/8th inch in diameter and six inches deep. Be sure not to pack them in too tightly, maintaining a minimum of ¼-inch spacing between holes.

Hang houses about six feet high and secured on an east-facing surface where they will receive morning sun to stimulate activity. Ensure the house is secured tightly and doesn’t swing in the wind. You may also want to enclose it in chicken wire to keep flickers and woodpeckers from discovering the tasty larvae. Finally, once the larvae have hatched in the spring, replace the disposable parts and sanitize the rest with a 1-part water to 3-parts bleach solution before re-hanging.

Native mason bees are a treasure of the Pacific Northwest, encouraging biodiversity and enhancing flower gardens and fruit crops. If you really want to see native bees at the height of their glory, take a hike in the Blues around mid-July. The wildflowers are at peak bloom and thick with native bees of all kinds.

If you are a gardener, have an orchard, or have an interest in conserving our native pollinators, you can reap their pollination benefits with a fraction of the time and space required of honey bees. Hanging a bee house sounds a bit silly, as does being excited to see the little holes plugged with mud. But it’s another way to interact with nature at home, and that is something worth celebrating.

Now is the time to hang that house given spring has sprung and the mason bees will emerge very soon. If you give it a shot, drop a Letter to the Editor this summer with your observations. Let us know if you can identify the other native bee making home alongside the masons (they use leaves rather than mud to secure their larvae).

For more information, the U.S. Geological Survey and the Xerces Society provide excellent online resources.

## Facebook caption contest declares a winner

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

One of the Dayton Depot Gallery exhibits this year is called "Romping in the Blues," and features photos, camping gear and journal entries from the early 1900s. Membership and Events Coordinator Shellie McLeod has kicked that off on Facebook with a Caption Contest.

This photo from the G.F. Jackson Family Photo Album from 1910, yielded the most likes for Paisley DeSiga's caption, which read "When It Came to Setting Up Camp, Harold was always draggin' his behind." DeSiga won a \$10 gift card to use in the Depot gift shop, after the museum reopens on Apr. 30.

McLeod plans to post a camping journal from the exhibit on the Facebook page asking people to share their own journal entries in the comment section.



G. F. Jackson Family

DeSiga's winning caption: "When It Came to Setting Up Camp, Harold was always draggin' his behind."

## PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago  
April 7, 2011

What's the Point? Cardinal pierced by javelin wonders why Oregon still allows use of dangerous steel-tipped spears.

Preliminary election results for Waitsburg's city government show incumbent Mayor Walt Gobel and the current five city council members returned to office by a landslide. With 357 votes cast, Gobel obtained 276 votes compared to challenger Bart Baxter's 64 votes.

[Photo caption] Karen Mohney and Skip Carpenter in front of Preston Park tile display which brought together student artists from the three Touchet Valley schools in a community leadership project they both supported.

Cardinal Kayla Huxoll's unfortunate javelin accident aside, the Carnival of Speed track meet in Oregon Friday was a success for W-P, bringing the Lady Cardinals to the top of the heap.

Twenty-Five Years Ago  
March 30, 1995

[Photo caption] Front view of Preston Hall shows new windows, top photo, while framing of east classroom wing at elementary school in Waitsburg includes new energy-saving windows as well. Preston Hall is being restored into a junior high. The grade school is being rebuilt. Schools are expected to open this fall.

The state auditor reported that loss of public money due to fraud reached a record in Washington last year—thanks to the city of Walla Walla. Auditor Brian Sonntag said in a statement that his office's "annual report on fraud" reports that \$903,304 was "misappropriated" from state and local governments in 1994.

Dayton Police Chief Larry Groom has introduced Ron Gilbreath as the department's newest officer. Gilbreath previously worked in Walla Walla. He replaces George Daniels, who took a job with College Place Police Department recently.

Fifty Years Ago  
April 2, 1970

Citizens of the City of Waitsburg will go to the polls on Monday, April 6, to cast their ballots for mayor, treasurer and five councilmen. The candidates for office include Roy Leid for mayor; Julia Davis, treasurer; Joseph Bodman, King Witt, Gilbert Sharpe, Don Hinchliffe, and Joe Abbey, councilmen.

[Photo caption] Young Mr. Larsen filled his plastic bucket to overflowing with the hard-boiled, multi-colored hen fruit.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Warehime of Waitsburg are the parents of a daughter, Tamara Sue, born March 27, at Dayton General Hospital. Birth weight was 4 pounds, 5 3/4 ounces.

A farmer wrote to a local paper to ask, "How long cows should be milked?" "Why the same as short cows, of course," advised the editor.

Seventy-Five Years Ago  
April 6, 1945

Miss Ethel Webber of Seattle became the bride of Donald Allen Wills, S 1/c on Thursday, March 29 at Oakland, Ca.

Colleen Collins, Phyllis Anderson and Gloria Jean Ray of Washington State College are spending spring vacation at their homes in Waitsburg.

Mrs. Dorothy B. A. Weintrob passed away in Oakland, Ca. on March 27. She came to Waitsburg in 1920 with her husband, David, when they established a clothing store here.

One Hundred Years Ago  
April 9, 1920

On Sunday evening of last week the dwelling on the Wes Manning ranch, on Eureka Flat, which is farmed by Roy Pollard, of Hunstville, took fire and was burned to the ground with all its contents. Mrs. Pollard was severely burned on her hands and forearms.

Sunday evening at the Christian Church the choir, composed of twenty-five voices under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Perrine gave an Easter Cantata entitled "From Death Unto Life," by Bartlet.

Mrs. S. F. Patton and children of Greenacres, Wash., has been visiting Mrs. Patton's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Neace.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago  
April 12, 1895

In passing through Huntsville this week we noticed, among other improvements, that Bro. Alcorn has a new woodshed.

Most of the time of the court lately has been occupied in hearing cases against cattle thieves, and in most cases the culprits are young men. But what is the country coming to?

The Kickapoo Medicine people left on Thursday. If medicines are no better than their shows, a very little of them ought to last a long time.

Our fire boys will have a new hose cart, and instead of sending their money out of the country they will have it made at home. Will Singer and Brand & Smith have the contract at \$120.

## DOWNTOWN WAITSBURG HOSTING SPRINGTIME VISITORS



Courtesy photo

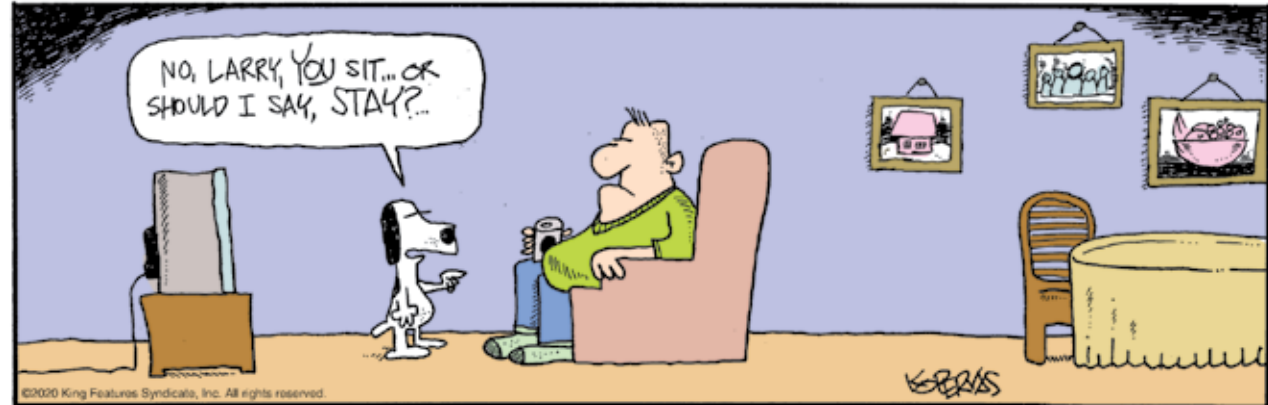
Unidentified juvenile Bigfoot or Sasquatch taking advantage of the Weller Library free box.

Since the statewide directive to shelter-at-home, the streets of Waitsburg have become eerily quiet. *The Times* has received information that the streets may not be as empty as they seem. Several anonymous sources have sent photos of encounters with what appear to be beasts who walk upright on oversized feet. Could these springtime sightings be proof there are hatchling Sasquatch in our area?



## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



## The Spats

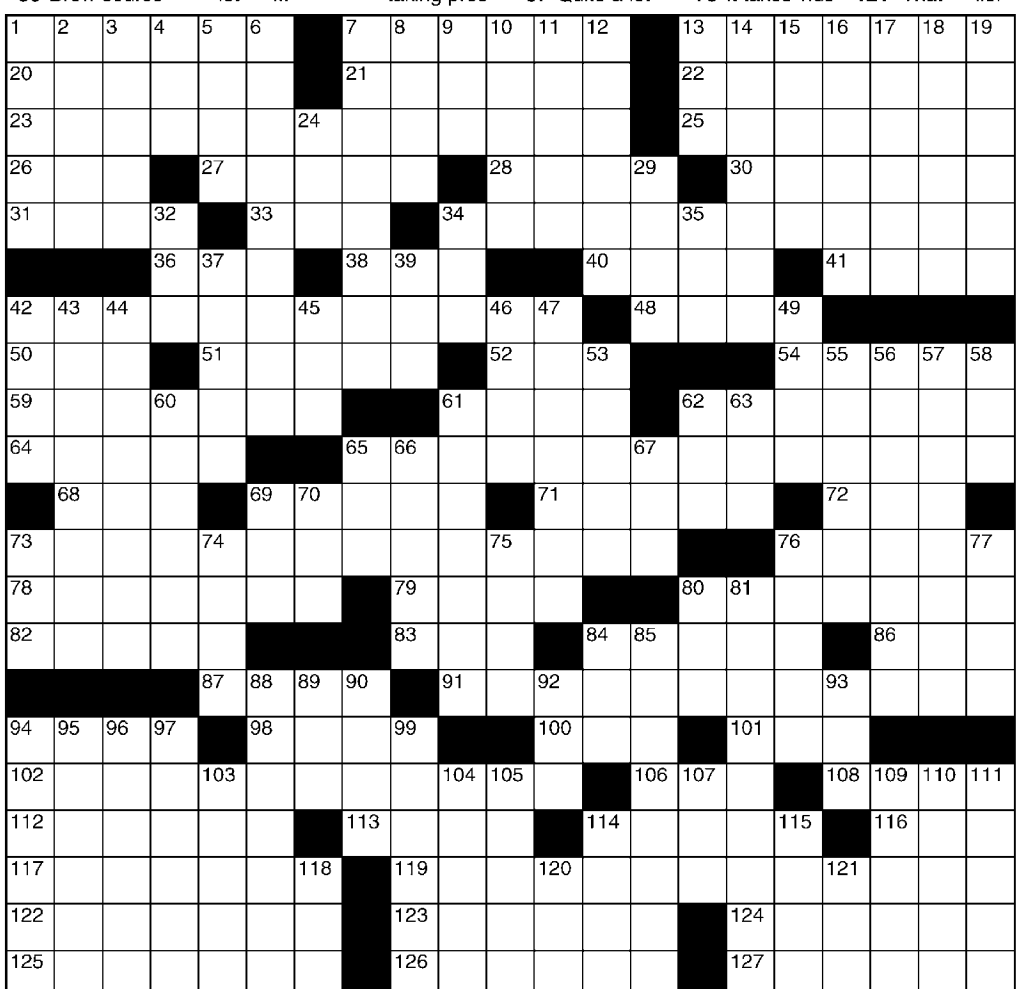
by Jeff Pickering



# FUN & GAMES

## Super Crossword THE THIN, THE FLAT, AND THE ROUND

- ACROSS**
- 1 Reddish-brown pigment
  - 7 Nitpicky know-it-all
  - 13 Fleet leader
  - 20 Instead (of)
  - 21 Win over
  - 22 Bishop's district
  - 23 User's storage component
  - 25 Gives approval
  - 26 Rock's Brian
  - 27 "My true love — see" ("Oh! Susanna" lyric)
  - 28 Without, to Jean-Luc
  - 30 Shrubby expanses
  - 31 Disorder
  - 33 NBAer — Gasol
  - 34 Occasion to say "King me"
  - 36 Pasty luau food
  - 38 Baseball card stat
  - 40 — flight (go by jet)
  - 41 Zing
  - 42 Ship-deck diversion
  - 48 Sauce giant
  - 50 Brew source
  - 51 Hotsy- — Crown
  - 52 Diver's gear
  - 59 "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" heroine
  - 61 Prefix with dose or ton
  - 62 Less lenient
  - 64 "Entertaining Mr. Sloane" dramatist
  - 65 Participant in the sport
  - 68 Yellow transport
  - 69 Draw — on (take careful aim at)
  - 71 — Brothers ("It's Your Thing" group)
  - 72 Hanoi's home, briefly
  - 73 It enables a motorist to stop
  - 76 Bog bird
  - 78 Naive
  - 79 Brazilian soccer star
  - 80 Tending to wear away
  - 82 "Hmm, let — ..."
  - 83 Former NBA star Ming
  - 84 Spiro who served with Nixon
  - 86 False tale
  - 87 K-P hookup
  - 91 45's place
  - 94 "Mickey" singer Basil
  - 98 Gives help
  - 100 In the style of
  - 101 "Try — might ..."
  - 102 It includes the sacrum
  - 106 Nellie of social reform
  - 108 Film-rating org.
  - 112 Paris' mother
  - 113 Author Jaffe
  - 114 He defeated Romney
  - 116 Put- — (deceptions)
  - 117 Like space debris
  - 119 Commonality of seven answers in this puzzle
  - 122 Turn loose
  - 123 Gathering, as bees
  - 124 Lie sheltered
  - 125 Fair- — (blond)
  - 126 Dictation-taking pros
  - 127 Mad Hatter's party pieces
  - 39 Tarzan's son
  - 42 French battle site of '44
  - 43 Clairol's area
  - 44 Newly rich people
  - 45 Ordinal suffix
  - 46 GPS options: Abbr.
  - 47 Wound from a mutt
  - 49 With 65-Down, charge to log on
  - 53 Bel — cheese
  - 55 Witches
  - 56 In a careless manner
  - 57 Animated film featuring Seinfeld's voice
  - 58 JFK landing: Abbr.
  - 60 Fumble
  - 61 Around June or July
  - 62 Sault — Marie
  - 63 Your, once
  - 65 See 17- or 49-Down
  - 66 Grating
  - 67 Elegant tree
  - 69 Smallest batteries
  - 70 Bibliophile's love: Abbr.
  - 73 It takes vids
  - 74 Film holder
  - 75 Wild plum
  - 76 Wolf cries
  - 77 — -do-well
  - 80 Goal
  - 81 Lender's expectation
  - 84 Co. that owns Moviefone
  - 85 Potpourris
  - 88 Discomfort
  - 89 Cage of film, informally
  - 90 Smell
  - 92 Fire
  - 93 Goal
  - 94 Simple top
  - 95 First act
  - 96 Kidman of Hollywood
  - 97 Accustoms
  - 99 Sluggish tree-dwellers
  - 103 PLO head
  - 104 Missed, as a bull's-eye
  - 105 Writer
  - 107 Loo, briefly
  - 109 Mile markers
  - 110 Body part below a shin
  - 111 Useful thing
  - 114 "This is bad!"
  - 115 "Zip- — Doo-Dah"
  - 118 Knight of TV
  - 120 Yang go-with
  - 121 "That — lie!"



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### SASSY SASQUATCH SIGHTINGS



Courtesy photo  
 Left: A dog walker was surprised by something staring back from the bushes.

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

#### Super Crossword

##### Answers

E P I T A P H   A E S O P I C   H O S E D  
 C A M I L L E   L A H A I N A   E R O D E  
 C R U E L A N D U N U S U A L   M E R G E  
 E S S   T R I G   S N A G   G E A R  
 S K E I N   A L O V E B I Z A R R E  
 A L U M N A E   C T R O S I N  
 C U R I O U S G E O R G E   O T T O M A N  
 T R I T T   U S S   A U S   A L A  
 E K E S   A I N T T H A T P E C U L I A R  
 D S L   E B B   E R N O   A N E M I C  
 E C C E N T R I C O R B I T S  
 O L D S O D I A M S   U N O   H A T  
 P E O P L E A R E S T R A N G E   R A R E  
 E N S   R O B   O N O   O O Z E S  
 N O T A B I T   O D D A S S O R T M E N T  
 G I N S U Y O M   B E T A R A Y  
 W E I R D S I S T E R S   M E L O N  
 A L O E   O N E I   S A Y A   E D U  
 D U N E S   E D D K O O K I E B Y R N E S  
 E D I T H   S T A Y D R Y   R E M A I L S  
 D E C O Y   S O L D E R S   S L A N D E R

#### Weekly SUDOKU

##### Answer

6	3	7	4	8	1	9	2	5
1	5	9	7	2	3	4	8	6
8	2	4	5	6	9	7	1	3
5	9	6	1	4	8	3	7	2
4	1	2	3	7	5	6	9	8
3	7	8	6	9	2	1	5	4
2	4	5	9	3	7	8	6	1
7	8	3	2	1	6	5	4	9
9	6	1	8	5	4	2	3	7

#### Go Figure!

##### answers

5	×	8	-	9	31
+	-	-	-	-	-
8	-	1	×	4	28
×	×	×	×	×	×
2	×	3	×	7	42
26	21	35	-	-	-

### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

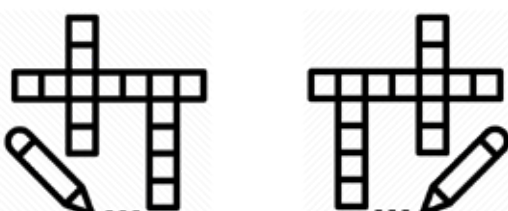
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		5		3				2
	4	2			5			1
	5			6				8
		6	9			3		1
	8				7			5

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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## Columbia County Public Health offers a weekly newsletter and COVID-19 resources

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—On Tuesday, Martha Lanman, Columbia County's Public Health Director, discussed the Health Department's response and activities regarding COVID-19 with the Board of County Commissioners.

She stated that there has only been one positive case of COVID-19 in Columbia County as of March 30. This individual has since recovered. Thirty-five tests have come back negative and there is one test pending.

The department goal is to "be prepared", she said. Department staff has been getting the word out about park closures, working with restaurants, and looking for volunteers who can assist with deliveries to people sidelined by COVID-19. Additional nurses are needed, as well.

Lanman said her department has just received a \$100,000 grant from the Southeastern Washington Health Network for COVID-19 preparedness. A housing grant is in progress to help people who have no proper way to be sheltered, or who need to be in quarantine or in self isolation.

The Health Department is also offering a newsletter subscription with facts and information about the outbreak. To subscribe to the newsletter, follow the link at <https://www.columbiaco.com/index.aspx?nid=18>.

Delphine Bailey is the contact person at the County Public Health Department for anybody who wants to assist in outreach to people sidelined because of COVID-19, and for nursing services. Volunteers will not come in contact with patients.

Bailey can be reached at the Health Department at: (509) 382-2181.

### HOSPITAL DISTRICT - FROM PAGE 1

eight isolation and negative air environment spaces. Changes have also been made to the screening and triage spaces.

The inpatient census, a daily count, is currently low at Dayton General Hospital, which is also true for other hospitals, he said.

"I have only anecdotal information that patients across the state are sitting in hospitals because discharge planners are not able to get nursing homes or swing bed facilities to accept them. . . There are likely some patients in hospital beds that should be discharged to step down facilities, but we are all protecting our beds in anticipation," he said.

**Securing Personal Protective Equipment**  
"I can say our community is amazing," McGuire said.

He told the commissioners Seneca Foods Inc. has donated three cases of N-95 masks. He said there are a number of people with sewing machines ready to make additional masks, however, they would not be USDA approved so cannot be accepted.

Gloves and gowns are in good supply. But procedure masks have been "impossible" to find.

McGuire said CCHS has rented two Philips Respironics V60 ventilators and is already in possession of one Philips Trilogy 100 portable ventilator.

In addition, County Emergency Management Director Ashley Strickland has located a Hamilton Medical Inc, Galileo Ventilator for use at the hospital.

CCHS is working with Strickland who is responsible for procuring the county's Personal Protective Equipment supplies.

McGuire said getting supplies from National Strategic Reserves will be difficult, unless there is an actual outbreak.

#### Relying more on virtual medical appointments

Chief of Staff, Dr. Kyle Terry can now assess patients through the use of a video cart in his office, keeping him and his patients safe from possible infection. That's good news for staff and patients but not necessarily for the financial health of CCHS.

McGuire said none of the rural federal waivers have allowed rural health clinics to bill for virtual visits.

He has been watching the progress of a U.S. Senate Bill, which would allow Medicare payments for virtual medical appointments in the clinics where Medicare patients make up 50-percent of all visits.

#### Rural critical access hospitals in jeopardy

"To say our rural hospital infrastructure wasn't under stress before COVID would be a fallacy," McGuire told the commissioners.

McGuire said the University of North Carolina is tracking nation-wide, rural hospital closures, and 160 have closed their doors since Jan. of 2005.

Pat Justis, executive director of the state's Office

of Rural Health, has said one third of the Washington State's 39 rural hospitals are doing well, one third are walking a fine line, and the last third are financially challenged, and are at risk of closure

While rural Critical Access Hospitals, like Dayton General Hospital, are allowed the use of federal and state funding such as cost based reimbursement for Medicare, grants and loan programs, these resources often fall short of providing enough support for them to survive. Some function precariously on local levies.

McGuire said the value of a recent *Washington Post* article about Dayton General Hospital is in generating additional interest from other national news outlets, and in shedding light on the plight of rural hospitals, which could help stop what he referred to as "the creation of healthcare wastelands" across rural America.

#### Stimulus Package

McGuire isn't sure how the \$2 trillion stimulus bill which President Trump signed into law on Friday, will help the health district's finances.

"That's a magic eight-ball question right now," he said.

The stimulus package includes \$100 billion for hospitals. There is also funding for telehealth programs, as well as funding for Personal Protective Equipment, ventilators and masks for the Strategic National Stockpile in the stimulus package.

## Tech Talk: Video Conferencing

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

SECLUSION—As our time apart stretches on seemingly indefinitely, the importance of alternative forms of communication rises. Fortunately, there's a heap of technology at the ready.

Unfortunately, deciding which method of digital communications can be a tangled web. Some decisions may be easily dictated by the device used to access it. For example, if you're using Android devices, Facetime will not be a video conferencing solution in your arsenal. The vast majority of popular options cater to both Android and iOS, making the choices a bit trickier.

Compiling information from app stores, user reviews, and personal experience from myself as well as currently matriculated students pursuing higher education who've been pushed into online learning platforms, I've compiled a quick guide to

help choose the video conferencing option best suited to the task.

Among the important criteria are the number of users per video call, price and a general pros and cons list. Students also noted the necessity for a "Brady Bunch" option, being able to see everyone in the call on screen at once as opposed to just the presenter as very important to their learning experience.

To avoid oversharing, or presenting something other than the intended content, keep your desktop's webcam covered until you are ready. *Times* staff uses anything from band-aids to electrical tape.

**Best for personal use:** The highest-ranking apps for personal use are FaceTime, Marco Polo and Google Duo. Marco Polo is best for video messaging, not necessarily for conferencing in real time.

**Best for business use:** Two of the highest-ranked video conferencing apps for business are ZOOM Cloud Meetings, and Google Hangouts Meet. Google Hangouts offers two different versions of its app. Google Hangouts Chat is for personal use, whereas Google Hangouts Meet is better for business. The closed captions feature is very handy, translating spoken information into text in real time which is a great backup in the event of loss of audio.

App	iOS vs Android	Messaging	Users in call	Brady Bunch	Price	Pros & Cons	Business or Personal
<b>ZOOM Cloud Meetings</b>	iOS & Android	chat	1-3 free; 100+ paid	Yes	Free for limited time; Pro for \$14.99/m; Business for \$19.99/mo	+Screen sharing, breakout rooms, co-annotate media, and recordings •free version limited	Business
<b>Facetime</b>	iOS only	No	32 people max	Yes, with expanding bubbles	Included with Apple products	+ Live video with animoji	Personal
<b>Marco Polo</b>	iOS & Android	Video messaging only, no chat	200 people max	No, one speaker at a time	Free download	+Good for different time zones, saves video in timeline	Personal
<b>Google Duo</b>	iOS & Android	Video messaging or live video, no chat	8 people max	Yes	Free download	+low light mode •videos erased after 24 hours, default video length is 30 seconds	Personal
<b>Google Hangouts Meet</b>	iOS & Android	Yes, chat	250 people max	Brady Bunch available on desktop only	Free download	•no Brady Bunch on mobile	Business
<b>Google Hangouts Chat</b>	iOS & Android	Yes, chat	25 people max (free)	Presenter is largest, and other users appear in a smaller timeline below	Free with G Suite account	+works seamlessly with Google Calendar, GIFs, Emoji and Stickers •not for business	Personal
<b>Houseparty</b>	iOS & Android	Notification invitations to join calls, not during	8 people max	Yes	Free with in app \$\$ for games	+can play games with friends •not for business	Personal
<b>Skype</b>	iOS & Android, better on mobile	No	1-24 free; 25+ with business account	Yes	Free standard; \$2 per person for Business	•Outdated, no updates since last August, buggy	Both, or neither
<b>Microsoft Teams</b>	iOS & Android	Yes, chat	100 people max	Yes	Free with Office 365 Subscription	+recording and sharing, background blur •buggy	Business
<b>Amazon Chime</b>	iOS & Android	Yes, messages and chat	8 people max	Yes	Free with Amazon	+view files and content •recent updates made notifications buggy	Personal
<b>WhatsApp from Facebook</b>	iOS & Android	Yes, chat	256 people max	Yes	Free	+end to end encryption •connected to Facebook which may not be ideal for professional use	Personal