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Beka Compton

Exciting things are happening at the Weinhard Cafe & Bakery in Dayton. The new owners are busy getting ready to open, bringing a lifetime of culinary experience to the Main Street eatery.

City Council sets public hearing date for Main Street building future, discusses flood agreements

A public hearing for the potential surplus of 212 Main will be held on May 19

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg City Council met Wednesday, April 21, at the Lions Club Building. During the meeting, the council answered questions from concerned community members and set a date for a public hearing to discuss potential options for the library building, 212 Main Street.

Mayor Marty Dunn and Councilmember Paxton were unable to attend the meeting. Councilmember Paxton submitted a letter of resignation stating he and his family will be moving out of the area. Councilmember Karl Newell joined the meeting via phone.

Three community members had questions for both the City Council and City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe. The first speaker, Ron Henderson, inquired about the \$10 utility tax increase implemented in two phases starting in July 2020. The second phase was implemented in January 2021. The funds raised from the tax, which Hinchliffe estimates will be around \$70,000 in 2021, are reserved for flood repair and prevention efforts.

Henderson asked Hinchliffe whether the money was in a separate account or if the money was being put into the general fund, expressing concerns that the money would not be closely monitored and could be spent on unrelated projects. Hinchliffe explained that the money goes into the general fund because the flood budget is included in the fund.

The city is looking at significant engineering and repair costs in the coming year as they plan to rehabilitate the section of the levee that spans from the Preston Avenue Bridge to the former Waitsburg Grange. The levee was removed from the US Army Corps of Engineers rehabilitation program when the Waitsburg-Coppei Flood Control District went inactive. Efforts were in progress to reactivate the district through the county, however, the damaged levee continues to pose a risk to the surrounding homes. Henderson said that he, as a homeowner, did not feel protected against a future flood event.

For the levee to re-enter the rehabilitation program, the City of Waitsburg must fund the repairs and the administration costs. Due to the nature of the project and the aquatic ecosystems, there are many agencies involved, like NOAA, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Department of Ecology, that require specific, unique permits and inspections. Hinchliffe said that the city is working on preparing a temporary riverbank as a short-term fix for a large breach.

Henderson and another attendee had questions about the community pool,

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Dayton School District board meeting in April

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—June 5, at 1 p.m., has been tentatively selected for this year's senior class graduation ceremony, according to DSD Supt. Guy Strot, at last week's school board meeting.

Strot was short on details but said more information would follow after Governor Jay Inslee's May 7 COVID-19 update.

Sam Korslund, the Gear Up Academic Specialist, has been chosen for the position of Athletic Director for the remainder of the school year. Strot told the board there is one internal candidate and one external candidate for the permanent AD position.

Because of the low incidence of COVID-19 in Columbia County, there is no current negative impact on sports programs. The league for basketball is safe, Strot said.

Strot said there are eleven candidates for two open elementary school teaching positions. Interviews will take place on Apr. 28.

There are seven candidates for the position of the elementary school principal. Interviews will take place the first week in May.

Strot talked about using COVID-19 relief funding to repair the electrical system at the elementary/middle school and adding an HVAC system for increased ventilation.

Alternatively, Strot will apply in September to a state-funded grant program, which has no match requirement.

"We could make a substantial number of improvements to the school, for under five million," he said about the award.

If the District does not get the award, COVID-19 relief funds can still be used along with other funding mechanisms.

Strot talked about the need for a new radio system. He told the board the antenna that connected the radios in the school has been inoperable for many years. The two-way radios only work in the elementary and middle schools and in the District office. They don't work in the high school, Ag Building, the gym, or out to the football field. Radios will cost a little under \$8,000.

There are safety concerns right now. The lack of video cameras also poses safety concerns. School officials are working to obtain quotes from several vendors for video cameras.

Strot will report back to the board in May.

In June, representatives from Say Yes to Education will present their findings from a recent community survey completed by 54 staff, 22 community members, 136 parents, and between 90 and 95-percent of the students.

Supt. Strot, who is also the Elementary Principal, said he is finishing classroom observations in the elementary school.

Students in Grades K-5 received art instruction through Brushes and Brix last week.

MS/HS Principal Kristina Brown said a couple of different graphic designs for the DW Combine mascot are being reviewed.

Students in FBLA are participating in the virtual state final competition.

Fifteen students took the SAT on Tuesday, Apr. 13.

MS/HS Principal Kristina Brown said staff took part in the Hidden in Plain

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AT THE LIBERTY: THE COURIER

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April 30- May 4

The Courier (released in March 2021) is the true story of an unassuming British businessman Greville Wynne (Benedict Cumberbatch) recruited into one of the greatest international conflicts in history. At the behest of the UK's MI-6 and a CIA operative (Rachel Brosnahan), he forms a covert, dangerous partnership with Soviet officer Oleg Penkovsky (Merab Ninidze) to provide crucial intelligence needed to prevent a nuclear confrontation and defuse the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Some reviewers have stated that this is an old-fashioned British spy thriller that keeps you engaged. Rotten Tomatoes rates this film with 87% favorable reviews and an audience score of 95% favorable.

This film shows on **Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm, Sunday at 3:00 pm, and Tuesday at 6:30 pm (not 7:30)**. It is rated PG-13 for violence, partial nudity, brief strong language, and smoking throughout. The runtime is 111 minutes. Masks or cloth face coverings over both your nose and mouth are required, except while eating in your seat, and then put your mask back on. Management is legally required to insist on this. Your cooperation with face coverings and social distancing will allow the theater to remain open. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Touchet Valley Arts Council wishes to notify the public that it has openings for new members on the board of directors. Each seat is a two-year term obligation, and the deadline to submit a letter of interest is Friday, May 14. Anyone interested in becoming a board member should visit the Liberty Theater website, <https://libertytheater.org> for more information on how to submit a letter of interest.



CITY OF WAITSBURG DEBRIS DISPOSAL UNAVAILABLE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Due to the lack of capacity at the City of Waitsburg's Wastewater Treatment Plant, the City is currently unable to provide debris disposal on Monday and Saturdays. City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe said that the site will remain closed until further notice. No additional details were available.

THE CLUB ANNOUNCES SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Club has finalized plans to offer a summer recreation program for the youth of the Touchet Valley. The program will run June 21 through July 30, 2021, from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM on weekdays. It is open to students entering grades K - 6 in the 2021-22 school year. Activities are still being planned, but will include arts and crafts, STEM, music, field trips, and numerous unique and engaging experiences. Breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snacks are provided at no additional charge. The program fee is \$250 per child. Flexible payment options are available, as well as financial assistance for those who qualify. Enrollment begins May 3, 2021, at 11:00 AM, on The Club's website (www.theclubdayton.org/applications). Capacity is limited to 60 participants, and spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, contact The Club by email at info@theclubdayton.org, or by phone at 509-204-3146.

BLUE MOUNTAIN HEALTH COOPERATIVE HELPS BRIDGE THE MENTAL HEALTH CARE GAP

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—When Walla Walla's Alayna Brinton, LICSW, started Anchor Point Counseling in 2016, she quickly realized that the need for behavioral health services was greater than her single-provider practice could handle.

She brought on additional providers, but said that her practice was still receiving more referrals than it could handle. Even with more providers on staff, Brinton said that she still felt that something was missing and in 2020, took the first steps to opening the Blue Mountain Health Cooperative.

"In January of 2020, I started really solidifying what the vision was," she said. "We got slammed with all of these referrals, and no matter how many staff were on staff here at Anchor Point, it as apparent to me that there needs to be this bottom up approach to care, where we were building infrastructure down, where we had the ability to have bachelors and masters level people caring for people, and that there was access to free care for people who were underinsured or uninsured."

The non-profit Blue Mountain Health Cooperative not only addresses the need for affordable care, but it provides a clinical setting for behavioral health students to get real-life practice and provide supervised care while finishing out masters and bachelors degrees.



Chris Drake

The Blue Mountain Health Cooperative, located at 1103 S. 2nd Street, Suite B, in Walla Walla, is now open for your mental and behavioral health needs.

"Clinical placements were being cut," Brinton said. "Once COVID-19 hit, that even further limited the student's ability to find a placement. I just spoke with Deisy Haid, from Walla Walla University, and she said that they have had ten disruptions this last year, meaning that they had people placed for clinicals but they were unable to finish, which she said never happens."

Brinton expressed that creating a place for students to go through their clinicals was very important to her.

"If providers aren't coming into the field with practice and experience, how can they provide the care people need?" Brinton said.

Brinton, worked alongside Deisy Haid, LICSW and Melissa Adams, LICSW, and the health cooperative was brought to life. The first group of students began training in January 2021, and the clinic's doors officially opened in February of this year.

The non-profit clinic offers affordable, quality mental and behavioral health services for community members 13 years of age and older, whether they are uninsured or underinsured. The clinic offers walk-in mental health appointments from 10 a.m.- 6 p.m on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. on Thursdays.

The clinic also offers access to behavioral health navigators, who act similarly to case managers.

"If someone does not want direct counseling services with our providers, they can still come in and meet with a behavioral health navigator, and have the navigator work to connect them to care within our community," Brinton said. Navigators are able to help connect patients with providers in the area, offer follow ups, and help connect people to local resources for social determinants of health, like food, housing, clothing and more. These services are also available to people under the age of 13, but parental involvement is required.

The cooperative is excited to welcome Donna Braswell, NP, of Idaho later this year. Braswell will be able to prescribe medication as necessary.

Brinton said that the clinic is funded solely by grants and donations. Donations at the time of care are welcome, but not expected. To learn more about the clinic, visit their website at <https://www.blue-mountainhealthcooperative.org>. A donation link is available on the website for secure donations.

Touchet Valley Weather

April 28, 2021

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Wednesday	Partly Cloudy	71	52
Thursday	Mostly Cloudy	82	55
Friday	Mostly Cloudy	77	51
Saturday	Partly Cloudy	71	44
Sunday	Mostly Sunny	67	41
Monday	Partly Cloudy	69	44
Tuesday	Mostly Cloudy	68	41

Weather Trivia

What is wind shear?



ANSWER: When the wind's speed or direction changes sharply.

Weather History

April 28, 1921 - A severe hailstorm in Anson County, N.C. produced hail the size of baseballs. Gardens, grain fields and trees were destroyed. Some pine trees in the storm's path had to be cut for lumber because of the hail damage.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	65	34	63/42	0.00"	0.14"
Wednesday	69	36	64/43	0.00"	0.45"
Thursday	70	49	64/43	0.02"	-0.31"
Friday	65	46	64/43	0.00"	53.6°
Saturday	57	47	64/43	0.10"	53.5°
Sunday	61	45	65/43	0.02"	+0.1°
Monday	64	43	65/43	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	5:43 a.m.	7:58 p.m.	10:29 p.m.	6:49 a.m.
Thursday	5:42 a.m.	7:59 p.m.	11:48 p.m.	7:28 a.m.
Friday	5:40 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	Prev Day	8:17 a.m.
Saturday	5:39 a.m.	8:01 p.m.	12:57 a.m.	9:17 a.m.
Sunday	5:37 a.m.	8:03 p.m.	1:53 a.m.	10:24 a.m.
Monday	5:36 a.m.	8:04 p.m.	2:36 a.m.	11:35 a.m.
Tuesday	5:34 a.m.	8:05 p.m.	3:09 a.m.	12:47 p.m.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

Touchet Valley Trail information meeting well attended

Q&A session addresses some concerns

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—On Monday, as many as 101 people attended the Port of Columbia Touchet Valley Trail (TVT) information meeting and to ask questions of the presenters.

Brian Hansen, Principal Engineer for Anderson/Perry & Associates, Inc., shared the 30-percent design documents for the trail. He talked about the results of the surveying and ownership research through titles and deeds.

Ken Voorhis, a Principal Architect with SPVV Landscape Architects, presented the 30-percent landscape design drawings and talked about the character or theme of the trail, which will be primarily historical. Signage will be consistent with agriculture and business communities, he said.

Signage will be important in educating trail users about farming practices, said Tim Schultz from the Washington State Department of Agriculture.

Schultz said there have been minimal to zero complaints received by his department at other trails with a close interface with agriculture. He pointed out the diligence farmers must take when applying pesticides.

Clara McQuary, who is with the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, said there had been no impact on the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail due to farming practices. Positive relationships with farmers have been established concerning that trail.

Dave Mahan, Superintendent, Ranger/Operations Coordinator for the Bill Chipman Palouse Trail, from Pullman to Moscow, said that trail is a much-loved asset and said problems are few, most likely because the trail is visible from the highway.

Loreen McFaul, Executive Director of the Friends of the Centennial Trail, from Spokane to Coeur d'Alene, said people are increasingly using the trail for biking, jogging, running, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, walking, hiking, and biking, and pointed out the fundraising potential.

McFaul said survey results indicate users are happy with the cleanliness, safety and security, and maintenance of the trail. While homelessness is becoming more visible along the Spokane River, she said that it is not a trail problem but a western states' problem.

Columbia County Sheriff Joe Helm said his office will respond to any service call from landowners or people using the TVT trail if it is built.

Maintenance research results and the preliminary maintenance plan were reviewed at the meeting.

"Maintenance is not a stranger to us," said Port of Columbia Executive Director Jennie Dickinson.

The Port of Columbia will be in charge of coordinating maintenance with other organizations, just as it does for Lyons Ferry Marina, the Columbia/Walla Walla Railroad, Rock Hill Industrial Park, and the Blue Mountain Station, she said.

Greg Brown, the Blues Crew leader with the Blue Mountain Land Trust, said his group has successfully organized volunteers to maintain other trails. He is confident the Blues Crew will step up to provide support to the trail.

One idea mentioned is to use an adopt-a-mile approach like the one used for the Centennial Trail.

Other speakers at the Monday meeting included Joy Smith, former President of the Waitsburg Commercial Club, who pitched the trail as a boon to the local econ-

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Columbia County residents speak against proposed trail before Monday night presentation

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Port of Columbia hosted a more than two-hour long presentation on April 26, hearing from trail designers, various trail advocates, and agriculture representatives.

Before the meeting, a group of nearly 20 community members gathered in front of the Port's driveway, holding signs that signaled they were against the trail. The group assembled in part due to the feeling that the meeting would not let them speak or be heard. Though outside, the group did connect to the meeting through zoom.

Many of the members expressed concerns that the trail would attract vagrants, open up an avenue for drug use and distribution, and other security concerns for homes along the trail.

One local farmer, who wished to remain nameless, said that his concerns started with the chemistry of the trail committee. He said that he was worried about the lack of farmer and professional crop consultants on the committee. He was worried that the individuals on the current committee would not understand the severe implications that the trail could have on farmers, especially during spraying season.

"Jennie (Dickinson) says that we have the right to farm, but there are certain times of the year that we use certain chemicals, particularly if you have peas," he explained. "We have to use insecticides, and they are applied by tractors with long booms, and some of the labels on these products restrict access to the property for 48 hours."

He went on to say that the spray season that uses these particular chemicals falls around Memorial Days Weekend and the following week.

"That is right at the time that a lot of visitors and people in our community will want to use the trail," he said. He went on to say that, even if the farmers post signage along the trail, he was worried that trail users might not honor signs which could potentially cause legal trouble for farmers should someone fall ill.

"We have the right to farm, but our right to farm ends where trail users' noses start," he said. "It's a bit like smoking; smoking is legal, but your right to smoke outside ends where my nose starts. Sometimes there are residues or odors that can make people nauseous or feel ill, and they will believe they've been sprayed. We just have to be very cautious about that."



Beka Compton

A group gathered in front of the Port of Columbia building on Monday to show concern about their voices not being heard during planning process.

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Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

Waitsburg City Council:
Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Lions Club at the fairgrounds

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

Waitsburg Celebration Days:
Meetings TBA

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

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

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

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

Dayton School Board
Third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Dayton High School auditorium

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

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

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Every month on the Third Monday at 7:00 PM
Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting - Online
Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon
Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5598153650>

Starbuck City Council:
Second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Starbuck City Hall

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH

Dayton Senior Center
403 E. Patit St.
12 p.m.
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Thursday, April 29
Spaghetti
Green beans
Salad
Garlic bread
Peaches
Milk

Tuesday, May 4
Chicken fried steak
Au gratin potatoes
Mixed veggies
Gravy
Broccoli salad
Pineapple
Milk

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

Tuesday, May 4
Lasagna
Vegetable
Coleslaw
Garlic bread
Fruit

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, April 29
B: Breakfast pizza
L: Chicken crispito
Spanish rice
Bell peppers
Oranges

Friday, April 30
B: Waffle
L: Uncrustable
Chips
Baby carrots
Apples

Monday, May 3
B: Omelette & sausage
L: Corn dog
Potato salad
Baby carrots
Watermelon

Tuesday, May 4
B: Biscuit & gravy
L: Kaehler Mac & Cheese
California blend veggies
Apples

Wed., May 5
B: Biscuit & gravy
L: Kaehler Mac & Cheese
California blend veggies
Apples



Church Directory

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
504 Main
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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337-6589
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337-6235
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which the city will not be opening for a second summer. Hinchliffe said that the city has been struggling to secure certified lifeguards, stating that the pool has a short season compared to other local facilities. He also noted that, historically, the lifeguards are mostly high school students. The pool had an increase in staffing issues, as kids have to take time off for camps and other summer functions.

Twila Johnson-Tate, a new-to-town community member, asked if the city would consider volunteer guards, and Hinchliffe said that the city could not use volunteers as lifeguards or other staff positions due to liability issues. In addition, Hinchliffe said the pool has some significant structural issues, which the city has been aware of, including a large leak somewhere in the plumbing. Fixing the leak would require extensive construction, which is not in the budget right now.

Hinchliffe did share that he has been exploring options for a splash pad at Preston Park. He did not have many details to share, but he is hoping to meet with a designer to get a better understanding of the construction process and costs.

Johnson-Tate also asked about the potential surplus sale of 212 Main Street, which houses the Weller Public Library. She asked if the city had a plan to store the books and other materials, should the building sell, and if there was a space in mind for a new library. Hinchliffe said that there was no plan in place, stating that he anticipated the sale to span roughly six months from bid to closing. He hoped that a new space would present itself during that time.

At this time, the building is not for sale. The city council will hold a public hearing on May 19, at 7 p.m. at the Lions Building, to discuss options for the building. Community members are highly encouraged to attend the hearing.

There has been a lot of discussion about the building and the library recently. Some of the reasons the city is considering a surplus sale of the building include the lack of ADA compliance and the need for extensive repairs to the upper floor.

The City Council voted to approve Resolution 2021- 720, which allows the city administrator to sign an interlocal agreement with Walla Walla County regarding the Millrace Grade project. The entire agreement can be viewed in the meeting's agenda packet at www.cityofwaitsburg.com.

Hinchliffe presented the city council with two consultation agreements with Anderson Perry & Associates, regarding levee assessment on the Touchet and Coppei rivers. The consultation is the first step towards repairing long-neglected levees on each waterway. The contract for the Touchet River, which was ultimately approved by the council, stated that the city would pay no more than \$123,570 for the work identified in the scope of services. Bills will be provided monthly. The council did not approve the agreement for the Coppei River.

Councilmembers discussed updates to the verbiage regarding septic tank use in the city's municipal code. The proposed new language states septic tanks are not allowed on properties within 300 feet of a public sewer line and defined the minimum land required for a septic tank within city limits. The update is available to view on the city's website.

Councilmember David Paxton submitted a letter of resignation, effective immediately, which was approved by the council. The council voted to table the decision to fill the now-empty position immediately or wait until the county election in November until Mayor Marty Dunn was available.

The meeting adjourned after a brief discussion on lawnmower financing with the council approving a transition to RDO financing, as opposed to the state-funded financing agreed upon at the March meeting.

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omy.

Jennie Dickinson provided a preliminary economic impact forecast sponsored by the Port and the Palouse Regional Transportation Organization.

Dickinson said it is crucial to tap into outside tourism and recreation dollars because the local downtown and retail sectors are hurting.

She said no new taxes are proposed for the trail. The proposed trail is a 10-foot wide, 9.7-mile asphalt trail with two bridges over the Touchet River. The cost estimate is 10.38 million dollars.

Glen Mendell, who is on the TVT Steering Committee, told attendees the civil drawings are draft documents only, and that comments from the public are always welcome and will be integrated into future design documents. Anderson/Perry & Associates, Inc. will have 90-percent design documents ready by July 2022.

A recording of Monday's meeting is available online and at the Port of Columbia office. The Port will take public comment until May 12.

The 30-percent design drawings, 30-percent landscape plans, citizen concerns, the preliminary maintenance outline, and executive summary are posted on the Port of Columbia website at portofcolumbia.org.

The idea for a series of connecting nonmotorized trails going from Dayton to Waitsburg, Waitsburg to Walla Walla, Walla Walla to Milton Freewater, and Milton Freewater to Burbank, arose from a July 2015 Community Council of Walla Walla report on "Enhancing Outdoor Recreation Opportunities." The report examined ways in which added recreation would enhance social, environmental, and economic growth in the region.

In December 2015, local stakeholders attended the annual Columbia County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy meeting and identified a recreational path connecting Dayton with Waitsburg as their No. 2 priority. In December 2016, this was voted the No. 1 priority by stakeholders at the meeting.

Trail planning meetings were held early in 2017 in Dayton, Milton-Freewater, and Walla Walla, to gather public input.

The Blue Mountain Region Trails Plan (BM RTP) was completed and adopted, in Jan. 2018, with the 9.7-mile Touchet Valley Trail (TVT) identified as one of the top priorities in that plan. The BM RTP Plan was also adopted by the Palouse Regional Transportation Planning Organization, which serves Columbia, Asotin, Garfield, and Whitman Counties. The Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization adopted the plan in Feb. of 2018.

The Port of Columbia then applied to WSDOT for trail design funds through the Pedestrian & Bicycling Safety Program.

Additional public hearings were held, and the TVT concept was adopted into the update for the Cooperative Park Master Plan for the City of Dayton, Columbia County, and Port of Columbia.

In January 2019, the Port began developing a concept plan for the trail through a technical assistance grant from the National Park Service (NPS). Over 40 people attended meetings held in Dayton, to learn more from the NPS.

In June 2019, landowners directly adjacent to the trail corridor were invited to participate in a listening session with members of the TVT Steering Committee.

In October 2019, the Port of Columbia and the TVT Steering Committee, in partnership with the National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program, hosted an intensive two-day design workshop to develop early-stage general design concepts for the trail. Design professionals from the Washington Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects volunteered their time to facilitate the workshop. The public was invited to attend and provide input during the final portion of the workshop.

Since then, the design concept plan has served as a reference point as formal surveying and design planning has begun.

BIRTHDAYS

April 29:

Cole McMorris-Rodgers, Nancee Hinchliffe, Kenny Finch, Glenda Mings and Emily Yokel, Danielle Henry.

April 30:

Janice Wills, and Patti Eng.

May 1:

Josh Smith, Jennifer Jameson, Adam Erikson, Troy Larsen, Corinne Atkinson and Barbara Saxon Abbey.

May 2:

Kevin Davis, Patsy Fredericks, Bill Hopwood, Roger Hillis and TerriLynn Stensgar.

May 3:

Alexander Reese, Hanna Becker, Dorothy Wolfe and Andrew Peterson.

May 4:

Liya Senter, Tom Land, Anna Ray, Kathryn Fry and Ashley Janovich.



May 5:

Jim Tuttle, Dian McQuade, Pamela Parsons, Todd Wood, Rhiannon Chapman, Kin Hofer, Kelly Thomas Ward, Jim Crawford.

CCSO

April 20

Found property at Lyons Ferry.

Burglary at Columbia Straw Supply. Powers Road

Assist at Kyle's Towing. Cottonwood Street

April 21

Burn Complaint. Willow Street

Animal call. Highway 12

9-1-1 call. Main Street

April 22

Parking Complaint. Dayton Avenue

Parking complaint. 1st Street

9-1-1 call. Highway 12

April 23

9-1-1 call from Blue Home. Main Street

Traffic call at Pioneer Memorial Park.

Malicious mischief reported. 2nd Street

April 24

Animal call. Main Street

Fight at Dayton City Pool. 1st

WWCSO

April 23

A theft occurred in the county. Burbank

An unknown suspect attempted to steal a truck and damaged property gates in the process. Waitsburg

April 25

Suspicious person contacted and was arrested on Walla Walla Police Department PC. Waitsburg

April 26

A burglary was reported that occurred sometime over the last few days. Waitsburg

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Sara J. Wilson

February 10, 1939 – April 19, 2021

On April 19, 2021, Sara Joan Wilson lost her valiant battle with cancer passing away at her home in Walla Walla. Sara was born on February 10, 1939, at the family home at Yuma, Colorado to Alexander and Bertha Jones. She was the third youngest of 11 children. In 1941 her father moved the family to Hermiston, Ore for work at the Umatilla Army Depot. She attended Hermiston schools and graduated in 1956.

In 1958 she met her future husband (James "Jim" A. Wilson) at the movie drive-in when she was supposed to be at a church Bible study. The next day Jim drove out to her home. They married on August 23, 1959, in Hermiston. They lived in Seattle and Sedro-Woolley until moving to Waitsburg in 1961. They then moved from Waitsburg to Hermiston in 1965 after being flooded out in the 1964/1965 floods. Sara worked at the Umatilla Army Depot until they returned to Waitsburg in 1973. She then worked summers at the Green Giant Cannery in Waitsburg and as a clerk at the Waitsburg Post Office until her retirement in 1995. During this time, she raised three children. She moved to Walla Walla in the fall of 2019 to be closer to her daughter.

She was known in Waitsburg for her candy making, generosity, her cheerfulness, and her kindness. After her retirement, she traveled extensively with her husband Jim (until his death in 2005) and with her sister Doris. Family and friends were very important to her and she kept up correspondence with family members and friends throughout her life. Visiting them during her travels was one of the joys of her life. She was also a member of Columbia Grange in Hermiston. She will be missed and remembered by the many lives that she touched.

Sara is survived by her children Patricia Wilson of Walla Walla, James B. Wilson (Rebecca), and Kenneth Wilson (Cathleen), both of Waitsburg. She also leaves four granddaughters: Holly Elmer (Joel), Genevieve Zika (Zach), Emily McKie (Quinn), Sara Ann Wilson, and two great-grandchildren. Sisters Elizabeth Shaw, Doris Reid, and Edna Collyer all of Hermiston, and brothers Harry Jones and Galen Jones of Longview, WA, Franklin Jones of Woodland, WA and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Sara was preceded in death by her husband Jim, her parents, brothers William and Norman Jones, sisters Martha Wurtsmith and Iris Jones.

The family send heartfelt thanks to Walla Walla Hospice for their support and guidance the last weeks of Sara's life.

Memorials may be sent to Waitsburg PEO Chapter BE for its Citizenship Award to an educational scholarship to a Waitsburg graduating senior through the Herring Groseclose Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life will be held later this year.



Sarah J. Willson

Henry Vern "Bill" Zuger

March 1, 1931 – April 14, 2021

Henry Vern "Bill" Zuger, 90, passed away on April 14, 2021, in Walla Walla, WA.

Bill was born to Charles "Shanty" and Florence (Buroker) Zuger on March 1, 1931 in Walla Walla, WA. Bill grew up on the Zuger family ranch west of Waitsburg where he attended Bolles Junction School. He graduated in 1949 from Waitsburg High School. After high school, Bill attended Washington State College (now WSU), where he joined the Sigma Nu fraternity. While attending WSC, he met the love of his life, Kay Henry. In 1955, Bill earned a B.A. in English and Social Studies. Following graduation, Bill began a career in farming, raising wheat with his father on the family farm. He married Kay Henry on September 9, 1956. Together they had three children, Greg Henry, Ramona Delmar, and Rebecca Lynn.

Bill retired from farming in 1985, when son, Greg took over the operation. Bill then began a second career as shop foreman for the McGregor Company. He was known for his reputation as a "wizard" with mechanics. Bill had an amazing ability to fabricate machinery. He could visualize a project and make it happen. He retired from the McGregor Co. in 2002.

After a blessed 42 years of marriage, Kay passed away in 1999. In 2000, Bill married Janice Roberts Rocconella. He and Jan enjoyed traveling in their RV, going to Alaska many times to visit her son and to fish.

Bill was a charter member of Waitsburg Lions Club and a Past Master of Waitsburg Masonic Lodge No. 16 F&AM, a member of El Katif Shrine, the Scottish Rite and the Blue Mountain Shrine. He served on the Southeastern Washington Fair Board and the Days of Real Sport Board. He was President of the Waitsburg Commercial Club, served 6 years on Waitsburg City Council, followed by three years as Mayor (1998-2000). In 1984, he received the Lion of the Year Award. He was named 'Citizen of the Year' in 1995 by the Commercial Club and 'Pioneer of the Year' in 2010 by the Waitsburg Historical Society.

Bill enjoyed fishing and hunting. He shared many fond memories of hunting trips with his grandfather Henry, whom he adored.

Bill will be remembered by many as a true gentleman. His ingenuity, resourcefulness and volunteerism always marked his lifestyle, career and contributions to the community. He was a mentor to numerous young people and a true friend to many.

It cannot be denied that Henry Vern "Bill" Zuger fought the good fight more than once in his life. He recognized the power of his God-given choices, and he knew the consequences of living with them.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Bill is survived by his son Greg (Kelly) Zuger of Waitsburg, WA and their children – Brittany, Jace and Justin; his daughters Ramona Clark of Chaska MN and Rebecca (Martin) Dunn of Waitsburg, WA and their children – Brandon and Tyson Cole and Jacob Dunn. He is also survived by his wife of 21 years, Jan Zuger, stepsons, David Dunn of Salem, OR and Michael "Terry" Dunn of North Pole, AK and stepdaughter, Nicolette (Bob) Anderson of Athena, OR. He is also survived by numerous great grandchildren. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Shanty and Florence Zuger, his wife, Kay and his brother, Fred "Fritz" Zuger.

A private graveside service with Masonic rites will be held for family and close friends on Friday, April 30, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Blue Mountain Memorial Gardens in College Place, WA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children in Spokane, Alzheimer's Association or Walla Walla Humane Society through Herring Groseclose Funeral Home, 315 W Alder St, Walla Walla, WA. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.herringgroseclose.com.



Henry Vern "Bill" Zuger

NO WALLA WALLA COUNTY VACCINATION CLINICS THIS WEEK

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH) and healthcare partners will not open any first-dose vaccine clinics this week. Next week, there will be two first-dose clinics held at the Southgate Community Vaccination Clinic at the Providence Southgate campus, located at 1025 S. 2nd Ave. in Walla Walla. The first clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, from 3-5 p.m. and the second clinic will be Wednesday, May 5, from 3-5 p.m. There will be approximately 100 appointments available for each clinic. Walk-in appointments are welcome.

Those arriving at the clinic for a vaccine should use the main entrance of the building and are asked to not use the urgent care entrance of the facility. Appointments are available online now and individuals ages 16-years old and over can begin scheduling. Residents interested in receiving a vaccine must

be at least 16-years old, those who are not 16 are not eligible to receive the vaccine. People younger than 18-years old must have written parental consent or bring a parent or guardian with them to their vaccine appointment.

Everyone interested in scheduling an appointment should complete the following steps:

- Step 1: Go to <https://www.covidw-wc.com/clinics>.
- Step 2: Scroll to "Schedule an Appointment," and click "Schedule an Appointment," after confirming eligibility.
- Step 3: Select an appointment time and complete the registration process.

Residents without Internet or computer access can call the DCH helpline (509) 524-2647 and leave their name, date of birth, phone number, and a message stating that they do not have access to the internet or a computer.

DAYTON SCHOOL - FROM PAGE 1

Sight virtual activity through the Coalition for Youth and Families. The training was to educate teachers, parents, and community members about where to look for illegal substances and drug paraphernalia.

Ag. teacher Jennifer Crane has won a \$2,000 scholarship for professional development.

The annual plant sale is scheduled for the first Saturday in May, Brown said. ASB President Mackena Culley said Homecoming Week was a success. Monday was dress-up, throw-back day. Students made spirit sticks to bring to pep rallies. A Pep assembly was held on the front lawn on Tuesday. Voting for Homecoming Queen and King and ASB elections took place on Wednesday. On Thursday, the Queen and King were crowned, and everyone ate pizza. On Friday, students played volleyball. A Spirit Week with volleyball and food is planned for the end of May.

There will be no Prom this year because of social distancing requirements, according to the Junior Class President, Trista Villaro.

The Dayton School District board of directors adopted Resolution 2021-04, providing credit waivers to graduating seniors in the Class of 2020 and for those in the graduating class of 2021 who feel they have been harmed in some way because of the COVID-19 situation.

"You have to have completed a majority of credits, completed the High School and Beyond Plan, and have to have done a Pathway to be considered," Superintendent Strot explained to the board. "It cannot be for more than two credits and not more than one core credit."

Strot will make a plan recommendation to the board in May, with implementation in June.

PROTEST - FROM PAGE 3

The unnamed farmer did say that many of these concerns may be addressed during the meeting. He was unavailable for comment after the conclusion of the meeting.

Another concern, shared by many of the groups' members, was over weed control. Members of the group acknowledged that the Port has done well at keeping grass away from the railroad tracks, but other pesky, harder-to-kill plants, like goat head vines and russian thistle (tumbleweed) were still a major issue. Goat heads, in particular, have the potential to pop bicycle tires and injure a walker's foot. They are also easily spread and spraying alone does not slow them down.

Jude Strode, of Dayton, said she was particularly concerned about the trail being so close to the agriculture air strip near Huntsville. The spraying was a big concern to her, as well as the planes being played on or messed with by trail walkers.

While some in the group were against the trail, others said that they weren't necessarily against a trail being put in, but did have strong feelings about the way that the planning and design was happening. Many of those with concerns felt that they were not being heard. The group would like to see the trail be presented as an advisory ballot measure and put up for a vote. They are currently collecting signatures, with the goal of 1,000 names, to present to the Columbia County Commissioners as the first step to getting a measure on the ballot.

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Practice Route Bus Driver wanted. Must be available to work in the Spring and Fall from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and in the Winter from 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Benefits are available. Class B CDL with school bus endorsement is preferred but not required. Training is available. Contact Danon Griffen at 382-2292 or Jana Eaton at 382-2543. Open until filled. EOE

Position open in the Dayton School District for a custodian. For more information contact Jana Eaton at the District Office 382-2543. To apply submit a completed District Classified Employee application and resume to 609 S 2nd Street. Job Description available on-line at www.daytonsd.org. Closing date May 7, 2021 or until filled. EOE

POSITION

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for an immediate opening for a Special Education Para Educator (7 hrs./day). Must hold an AA degree or equivalent. Waitsburg School District has the following openings for the 2021-2022 school year: Certificated K-12 Music Teacher

Applicants must possess and maintain required teaching certificate with appropriate endorsements. Waitsburg School District also has openings for substitute teachers, substitute classroom para-educators, substitute building secretaries, substitute custodians, substitute school bus drivers and substitute food service assistants. Application materials are

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

NEWS & LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

NO. 21-3-0003-07
SUMMONS SERVED BY PUBLICATION
RCW 4.28.100; CR 4.1
In re:
Petitioner: LINDA LANDAVERDE
And Respondent: ISIDORO D. LANDAVERDE
To ISIDORO D.

LANDAVERDE: 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; The Administrative Office of the Courts - call: (360) 705-5328; Washington LawHelp: 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 St, 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.

Filed by: /s/ Linda Landaverde
Dated: March 18, 2021
Legal papers for this case accepted at:
211 E. Jackson St 1E
Dayton, WA 99328
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IN SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY

NO. 20-5-00497-0 SEA
SUMMONS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF PETITION/HEARING RE TERMINATION OF PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP
In re the adoption of:
Zyon Donivan Vaughn and Bazjeer Amari Conaway, persons under the age of eighteen

TO: UNKNOWN GENETIC PARENT, nonconsenting father/alleged father, you are hereby summoned to appear within thirty (30) days after the date of first publication of this summons, to-wit, within thirty (30) days after the 1st day of March, 2021, and defend the above entitled action in the King County Superior Court, and serve a copy of your answer upon the Attorney for Petitioner at the address below stated; if you fail to do so, judgment may be rendered against you according to the request of the Petition for Adoption and the Petition for Termination of Parent-Child Relationship which has been filed with the Clerk of said court.

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed with the Clerk of the above court requesting that a parent-child relationship between you and the above-named child be terminated. The object of the action is to seek an order terminating the parent-child relationship between you and the child and a Decree of Adoption declaring the petitioner(s) to be the legal parent(s) of the child.

BORN CHILD. The child, Zyon Donivan Vaughn was born on or around April 6, 2005 in the City of Walla Walla, State of Washington. The name of the child's first genetic parent was Andrea Vaughn at the time the child was born. You have been named as the father or possible father of the child.

The court hearing on the Petition for Termination of Parent-Child Relationship shall be on the 24th day of May, at 1:30pm in Courtroom W-325 of the King County Courthouse at 516 3rd Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98104 (hearing may occur by phone or videoconference depending upon King County Superior Court COVID-19 protocols). YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING MAY RESULT IN A DEFAULT ORDER PERMANENTLY TERMINATING ALL OF YOUR RIGHTS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED CHILD.

You may respond to this summons and notice by filing a written response with the Clerk of the Court and serving a copy of your response on the Attorney for Petitioner whose name and address appear at the end of this summons and notice. If you do not serve your written response within thirty (30) days after the date of first publication of this summons and notice, the court may enter an Order of Default against you permanently terminating all your rights to the above named child. The court may, without further notice to you, enter an order terminating your parent-child relationship and approving or providing for adoption of the above-named child.

You are further notified that you have the right to be represented by an attorney, and if you are indigent and request an attorney, an attorney will be appointed for you. You are further notified that your failure to respond to this termination action within thirty (30) days of the first date of this publication of this summons and notice will result in the termination of your parent-child relationship with respect to the child.

You are further notified that you have a right to file a claim of paternity under Chapter 26.26 of the Revised Code of Washington.

You are further notified that your failure to file a claim of paternity under Chapter 26.26 of the Revised Code of Washington or to respond to the petition for termination of parent-child relationship which has been filed herein, within thirty (30) days of the first publication of this summons and notice is grounds to terminate your parent-child relationship with respect to the child.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT IF THE CHILD IS EITHER:
(A) A MEMBER OF AN INDIAN TRIBE OR
(B) ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN AN INDIAN TRIBE AND THE BIOLOGICAL CHILD OF A MEMBER OF AN INDIAN TRIBE AND IF YOU ACKNOWLEDGE PATERNITY OF THE CHILD OR IF YOUR PATERNITY OF THE CHILD IS ESTABLISHED PRIOR TO THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP, YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY NOT BE TERMINATED, UNLESS:

(A) YOU GIVE VALID CONSENT TO TERMINATION OR

(B) YOUR PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP IS TERMINATED INVOLUNTARILY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 26.33 OR CHAPTER 13.34 OF THE REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON

NOTE: "INDIAN TRIBE" IS DEFINED IN 25 U.S.C. 1903. IT REFERS TO AMERICAN INDIANS OR ALASKA NATIVES.

One method of filing your response and serving a copy on the Petitioner is to send them by certified mail with return receipt requested.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2021.

King County Superior Court Clerk

FILE RESPONSE WITH:
Clerk of the Court
King County Superior Court E

609 King County Courthouse
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Seattle, Washington 98104
SERVE A COPY OF YOUR RESPONSE ON:

Attorney for Petitioners
/s/ J. Denise Diskin, WSBA #41425

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 21-4-00070-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of:
LILA JOANN MCCARGAR, Deceased.

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator 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 Administrator or the Administrator'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 Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
No. 21 4 00082 36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of:
DAVID ROYSE, Deceased.

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

(1) Thirty (30) days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the Notice to the Creditors as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or

(2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of the Notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims

against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

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Personal Representative:
SHAWN ROYSE
Attorney for the Personal Representative:

Mona J. Geidl of Minnick-Hayner, P.S.
Address for Mailing or Service:
Mona J. Geidl

Minnick-Hayner
P.O. Box 1757
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number:

Walla Walla County Superior Court, 21 4 00082 36
By: /s/ Shawn Royse
Personal Representative
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 21-4-00085-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of:
MARGARET A. CORCORAN, Deceased.

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

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 21-4-00086-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of:
DANIEL ANDREW NEEDHAM, Deceased.

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

(1) Thirty (30) days after the personal representative served or mailed the Notice to the Creditors as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or

(2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of the Notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA
No. 21-4-00012-7
NONPROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.42.030
In the Matter of the NonProbate Estate of
Jean F. Korsberg
Deceased

The notice agent named below has elected to give notice to creditors of the above-named decedent. As of the date of the filing of a copy of this notice with the court, the notice agent has no knowledge of any other person acting as notice agent or of the appointment of a personal representative of the decedent's estate in the state of Washington.

According to the records of the court as are available on the date of the filing of this notice with the court, a cause number regarding the decedent has not been issued to any other notice agent and a personal representative of the decedent's estate has not been appointed.

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 11.42.070 by serving on or mailing to the notice agent or the at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the notice agent's declaration and oath were filed. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the notice agent served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.42.020(2)(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 11.42.050 and 11.42.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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Columbia County Superior Court, Cause No. 21-4-00012-7

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NO. 21-4-00056-36
In the Matter of the Estate of

HARRY GERALD BURKE, Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to

the Personal Representative or the attorneys of record at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the clerk of this court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim will be 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 probate assets and nonprobate assets of the decedent.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: April 29, 2021

Personal Representative:
SCOTT G. BURKE
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NOTICE OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING (VIRTUAL)

Planning Commission Public Hearing
The Planning Commission will be conducting a public hearing on the following proposed development regulation amendment.

ZCA18-003 – Burbank Residential Density and Dimensions Code Amendments (see description below).

Amend Walla Walla County Code (WWCC) Chapter 17-18, Development Standards – Density and Dimensions, for the Burbank Residential (BR) zoning district. The Public Meeting would discuss the following three general options for the BR zoning district:

1) **No Action:** Take no action to adopt new regulations, which would leave the BR zoning district with no maximum density for single-family and manufactured home parks (except as limited by health standards and setbacks).

2) **One Residential Zoning District:** Retain the Burbank Residential zoning district and adopt a new low-density residential development standard for all residential uses; thereby reducing to the density of development that could occur in the UGA. The BR zoning district would be modified to have a maximum density (or minimum lot size). Adopt Manufactured Home Park standards. Single-family Residential density within the range of 4-8 units per acre is under consideration.

3) **Multiple Residential Zoning Districts:** Adopt three separate Burbank Residential zoning districts such as BR1, BR2, and BR3 which with various density requirements. Adopt Manufactured Home Park standards. New BR1 and BR2 districts would allow infill development consistent with existing development patterns and BR3 would establish low-density residential zoning for undeveloped portions of the UGA. Single-family Residential density within the range of 4-8 units per acre is under consideration.

The Planning Commission, following the public hearing, will make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) at the same meeting or on a date not yet determined. The Planning Commission will be asked to recommend that a proposed amendment be approved, approved with modifications, or denied. The process for review and recommendation of the final docket is described in Walla Walla County Code

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Remodel, Restore, Reinterpret

THE TIMES

Remodels, updates, and personal touches are some of the most exciting parts of owning your home, but can also be some of the most intimidating and overwhelming. As part of a special home and garden edition, *The Times* reached out to local homeowners about their homes, remodel efforts, and remodel experiences.

The Bond/Donohue House

Bruce Donohue and Allison Bond took on one of the biggest of the historical houses in town. The house was recently painted a beautiful blue with unexpected trim colors that make this home a showstopper.



Residence of W. B. Shaffer, Waitsburg.—Photo by J. E. Loundagin. 1908 2021

Q.—Brief description of the property, year purchased, year built.

A.—The Shaffer House was built in 1905, by Ida Mae Russell Shaffer and William B. Shaffer. Other owners have been Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Estes, Mr. and Mrs. Walter White, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lybecker. The current residents are Allison Bond, and Bruce Donohue.

Q.—When did you start your remodel?

A.—We bought the place December 20th, of 2010, and we started remodeling December 21st. The fireplaces and the chimneys were first, followed quickly by the plumbing as the main line ruptured leaving us with a geyser coming from the rock wall in the basement. That was soon followed by electrical anomalies, and we have been working on the house, continuously, ever since.

Q.—When did the project end?

A.—Ah Hahahahaha

Q.—The best thing you did in the remodel?

It is difficult to separate the necessities of new plumbing and wiring, from the cosmetic choices that we have made. However, removing the decades of wallpaper, was literally peeling back time, and what we found was that the original owners had made the same choices that we were making. That was very gratifying. Then stripping the Grey-Pink paint (we called spleen) from the woodwork, that had been added years after the Shaffers, and seeing the original, beautiful wood, well that was simply magnificent. It was the most expensive thing we did, it cleaned out our coffers more than once, but we are so glad that we followed through.

Q.—The thing you regret after the fact?

A.—For that much money, we could have been living like Kings in a forgotten part of the world.

Q.—Anyone you worked with that deserves a shout-out?

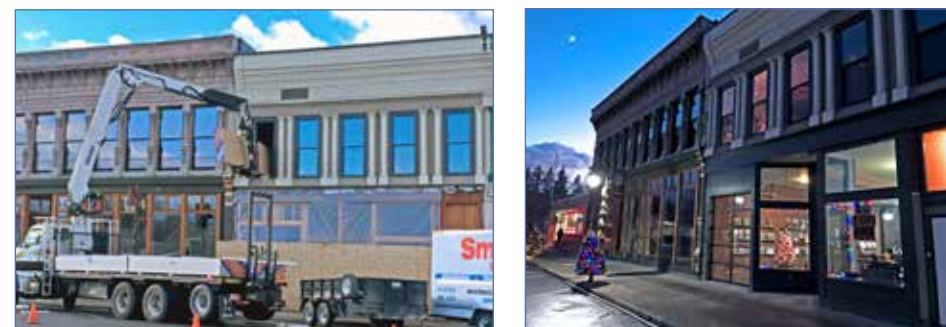
A.—All of them. It's hard to get people out here to work.

Q.—Any advice to those looking at a similar undertaking?

A.—Run away!

The Fender Building

In 2015, *The Times* publisher Lane Gwinn, bought one of the empty buildings on Main Street. A lot to learn when the remodel is almost 6,000 sq. ft. of blank canvas. It now houses Ten Ton Coffee and The Times offices.



Q.—Brief description of the property, year purchased, year built

A.—The Fender building on Main Street in Waitsburg, built in 1907 by the Fender brothers. I bought the building in 2015

Q.—When did you start your remodel?

A.—Pretty much immediately, 2015, the place was gutted and ready to go.

Q.—When did it end?

A.—The majority of the work was finished in 2016, with a large living loft upstairs and a printmaking shop downstairs. In 2018, I decided to create Ten Ton Coffee on the ground floor. Now I am putting The Times office in the back of the shop. End?

Q.—The best thing you did in the remodel?

A.—Putting the large glass roll-up door in the front. After the pandemic hit, we were able to use the door as the world's largest to-go window. It allowed us to keep the town caffeinated until we were able to open for indoor seating.

Q.—The thing you regret after the fact?

A.—Not putting a dumbwaiter in, I wanted to have a way for coffee and a scone to be delivered to the loft upstairs. It is still on my to-do list.

Q.—Anyone you worked with that deserves a shout-out?

A.—Tim Wert at Kettleson Construction, was my contractor and saved me time, money and my sanity on a large project I had no experience or business taking on. He made it a success and taught me how to make decisions!

Q.—Any advice to those looking at a similar undertaking?

Be clear about what you are going to use the building for. Ask others who they have worked with and if you have never done anything like it before, consider a contractor. They will make sure things get done right the first time. Remember to have fun.

Above Left: Drywall being delivered through the upper windows.
Above right: Last Christmas at Ten Ton Coffee.
Right: Ten Ton Coffee with its to-go window on the left under the umbrella. Wrecks's nose is seen in the fourth window from the left.



The Gregutt House

Owners Paul and Karen Gregutt have created a stunning cottage home surrounded by trees and a beautiful garden.



Q.—Brief description of the property, year purchased, year built

A.—One of Waitsburg's original farmhouses which we bought in 2005. Bettie Chase showed us a wedding invitation from this address dated 1875.

Q.—When did you start your remodel?

A.—We started on October 2005.

Q.—When did you complete the remodel?

A.—We like to say, "on the tenth of never." We just re-remodeled the bathroom.

Q.—The best thing you did in the remodel project?

A.—We built a wrap-around porch to tie the house together and create a much used outdoor living space. We also took out the lowered ceilings which were not original. This allowed us to replace windows in the original style.

Q.—The thing you regret most about the project?

A.—Not being here for some of the important work.

Q.—Anyone you worked with that deserves a shout-out?

A.—Lemer Electric came through to fix subpar electrical work done when we were not on site. We have used them on multiple projects and highly recommend them.

Q.—Any advice to those looking at a similar undertaking?

A.—When looking at buying a fixer upper, look at the land and location, with regards to the house remember anything can be ripped out!

Karen Gregutt fondly remembers Phil Monfort informing her that the area she has grown her rose garden was a chicken yard for forty years before she bought the house.

"That explains why I have never had to feed the roses!"



The Donegan Home

Susan Donegan rescued this house originally built in 1885. It is a trick to take an older home and keep its history while bringing it into the present. It is sophisticated in its design and color palette. Her front yard landscaping highlights a variety of garden plants that fill the space instead of lawn.



Q.—Brief description of the property, year purchased, year built

A.—Small city lot on W. 4th street, purchased in 2014 in very sad disrepair, both the house and the yard. From a county deed search the house dates to 1885. According to the contractor for my renovation, it appears to be two old cabins which were merged into one home.

Q.—When did you start your remodel?

A.—Fall 2014 – starting with removal of old landscaping for access and to lift the home up for addition of a foundation

Q.—When did it end?

A.—Moved into new home April of 2015, exterior didn't get painted until May/June

Q.—The best thing you did in the remodel?

A.—Kept the historic exterior appearance; screening-in my front porch where I hang-out all summer; spent most of my budget on the bathroom and the kitchen, where I spend most of my time; raised the ceiling to cathedral height in the newly added 100 square feet of living room.

Q.—The thing you regret after the fact?

A.—Not adding another 60 square feet so I could keep my baby grand piano; not expanding the root cellar when building out the foundation to provide more storage space

Q.—Anyone you worked with that deserves a shout-out?

A.—Allen Ketelsen, Ketelsen Construction of Walla Walla— he has a passion for old houses

Q.—Any advice to those looking at a similar undertaking?

A.—As the saying goes, double your budget and triple the time estimate – but to own a home with an interior custom designed to suit me perfectly was worth every dollar. Having such a wonderful space to quarantine in these past 12 months was very good for my mental health!



Above is the Donegan home coming into this spring.
Right: the home as it was in the Fall of 2014.

SPORTS

Native American mascots in public Washington State schools banned

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

Monday, Governor Jay Inslee signed into law House Bill 1356, a ban on public schools in Washington State from “..the inappropriate use of Native American names, symbols, or images as public school mascots, logos, or team names.” The new law will take effect on January 1, 2022. In the statehouse, the vote was 90 to 8, and it passed the state senate 40 to 9. Since the statehouse is currently made up of 57 democrats and 41 Republicans, and the state senate is made up of 28 democrats, 20 republicans, and one democrat that caucuses with the republicans, I guess this is what bipartisan support looks like.

The new law does come with some exceptions if the enrollment boundaries include a portion of “Indian country,” as defined in 18 U.S.C. Sec 1151, or public schools in a county that contains all or part of a tribal reservation or tribal trust lands. These schools will not have to change their names. Also, a school can consult with the “nearest federally recognized Indian tribe” to try to obtain permission for continued use that must be documented. Schools can continue with their current name this year as long as a new name is selected by December 31, 2021.

There is a plan to create grant money to help schools offset the cost of the name changes that will

need to go into effect. However, that money isn't currently approved and would have to be attached to an omnibus bill by June 30th of this year. So, there is no guarantee at this point that there will be grant money made available. There is language in the bill that states schools will be “incentivized” to select a new name by September 1, 2021, presumably to acquire grant money.

Since our community has recently gone through a mascot name change, I asked Athletic Director Sam Korslund to comment on what the costs might be for a school. Here is his response.

“Thanks for reaching out, and I wish I had a more concrete answer for you on this, but the mascot change we've recently done isn't quite the same thing as what this legislation will require. I'll do my best to explain the differences:

“One of the immediate expenses of a mascot change is new graphics and artwork. In our specific case, we had local graphic artists donate their time to create our new logos and artwork, so there was no direct cost for that. Once that is done, a school would have to address the existing logos and artwork within their facility, such as the gym floor, mats, signage, etc. In our case, both schools are maintaining their unique identities for everything but our combined sports. In other words, Dayton students will graduate as Bulldogs, and Waitsburg students will graduate

as Cardinals; they will compete in FFA as Bulldogs or Cardinals, etc. It is only when we combine for sports that we are the Wolfpack.

“As far as uniforms, a few teams have already received new uniforms with the “DW” logo we had been using while conducting a mascot search, so we will now be prioritizing those who are still using either Dayton or Waitsburg uniforms. We'll be purchasing new uniforms with the Wolfpack logo. Still, even that cost and the cost of uniforms already purchased with the “DW” logo is somewhat absorbed in the fact we would have needed new uniforms regardless of a mascot change. Other schools will undoubtedly find themselves in this situation as well but will have the burden of replacing all team uniforms at once, where we have already replaced some and so are now replacing the rest.

“Every school district needing to make a change will also incur the cost of employee hours spent conducting surveys on new mascot ideas, student votes, and other aspects of the selection process for the new mascot. We did experience that here, but I have no real way of quantifying that overall cost. I do know we were also able to rely upon volunteer hours for much of this effort as both of our communities are so supportive of our students that many people turned out to create this combined opportunity and make it a success.”

WOLFPACK BASEBALL EMBRACES WEEKEND LOSSES AS LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Coach Johnny Watts said that he is impressed with the improvement the young team showed between games

THE TIMES

The Wolfpack played against Columbia Burbank on April 24, for a double header game. Game one saw a score of 9-1, with Burbank winning.

The team took their first lead of the year into the bottom of the 3rd inning.

“For a team solely made up with underclassmen with limited experience they showed competitive grit and significant improvement defensively,” Watts said, in an email. “Due to numbers, many of the players were in positions that they normally don't get a lot of reps in much less game time situations.”

DW jumped out first yet again with the second

game of the day, taking a 2-0 lead into the bottom of the fourth. Unfortunately, Burbank was able to capitalize on the combination of unforced errors, free passes and timely hitting allowed by the DW defense, Watts shared.

“The bottom of the 4th turned into a 14 run inning for the Coyotes,” Watts said. “Although the final score was a bit lopsided, DW again showed tremendous growth both defensively and on the base paths. Monte Pettichord made an outstanding diving play in center field that saved multiple runs from scoring and was solid all day.”

Cyson Morris and Quinn Benevides completed DW's first double play of the year and there were multiple players recording their first hits of the season.

Game 1 Stats:

Score: Burbank-9 DW-1

Pitching: DW-Klint Kuykendall (6-innings pitched, 8 hits, 2 walks, 2 hit batters, 6 earned runs)

Hitting: DW-3 hits (Klint Kuykendall 2 for 3 with 1 RBI) (Zach Durham 1 for 3)

Runs Scored: DW-1 (Levi Boudrieau-1)

Game 2 Stats:

Score: Burbank-14 DW-2

Pitching: DW - Levi Boudrieau (3 and 2/3 innings pitched, 13 hits, 2 walks, 2 hit batters, 9 earned runs) DW - Zach Durham (1/3 inning pitched, no hits, no walks and no runs)

Hitting: DW - 4 hits (Klint Kuykendall 1 for 3) (Zach Durham 1 for 2 with one RBI) (Quinn Benevides 1 for 2 with 1 RBI) (Jasper Morrow 1 for 2)

Runs Scored: DW- 2 (Monte Pettichord-1)(Ryan Pitcher-1)

DW SOFTBALL GAME AT RIVERVIEW ON SATURDAY, APRIL 24.



Photos by Karen Huwe



The Wolfpack split the softball double-header losing the first game 14- 16 and winning the 2nd game 12-7. In the first game, DW allowed Riverview to score 12 runs in the 1st inning to take a 12-4 lead. DW held the Panthers to 4 runs through the next 6 innings.

Above left: Megan Forney hit 4 for 4 in the 1st game and had a homerun in the second to lead all DW batters.

Above right: Sadie Seney took over pitching in the 2nd inning of the 1st game.

Above center: Abbi Paolino in center field makes one of several catches.



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Bring bees to your flower garden

Choose flowers that can help protect the bee population in our area

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

Last week, the sounds of spring were loud and clear in my backyard. Birds were singing, kids could be heard playing all up and down the block, and my apple tree was vibrating with honeybees. It was the perfect complement to the 70 plus degree day.

Honeybees are one of the coolest creatures, in my opinion. They are not native to North America. They arrived in the 17th Century when European colonizers brought managed hives along for honey and beeswax. Some of the bees escaped and formed wild colonies. Before the bees' arrival, flies and beetles were the primary pollinators on the continent.

Honeybees are one of the most important pollinators in today's world. An article by the *Washington Post* shared that pollinator-dependent crops generate more than \$50 billion in the US alone each year. Worldwide, pollinator-dependent crops include coffee, avocados, and citrus fruits.

The bees have had a rough go in recent decades, unfortunately. In 2020, NPR's Short Wave featured an interview with Dr. Sammy Ramsey, aka "Dr. Buggs," a honeybee researcher with the US Department of Agriculture. During the talk, Dr. Ramsey estimated that the US lost 40% of its honeybee colonies to colony collapse disorder in 2019. Hives that were healthy and active suddenly disappeared, leaving scientists puzzled.

Honeybees are still struggling with the "Three P's," as Dr. Ramsey put it. Parasites, pesticides, and poor nutrition.

First, a variety of parasites impact the bee population. One of the worst is a mite that sounds like a comic book villain: Varroa destructor. The mites wedge themselves between the exoskeletal plates (the bee's skin, more or less), where it releases a concoction of digestive enzymes before slurping up what Dr. Ramsey called "bee soup." It's as brutal as it sounds and can be devastating to entire colonies.

Pesticides have also played a significant role in the decline of the bee. Many pesticides are systemic: Once they are absorbed by the seed, the chemical will end up in different parts of the plant before making its way out through the pollen. When bees bring the pollen back to the hive, the pesticides will spread throughout the colony as different bees perform their respective jobs.

Consumer-grade herbicides often have insecticides mixed in for preventative measures. So, say you spray the dandelions in your yard with everyday RoundUp. Dandelions are a literal bee magnet: Your neighborhood bees may stop by your dandelions before heading over to the nearby pea field, which has been treated with a commercial insecticide. Dr. Ramsey said that while each chemical may have been used responsibly by the individual applicator, the damage happens when a bee picks up multiple chemicals. As many as 14 different chemicals have been detected in a single colony, with Ramsey explaining that three to four chemicals are not



Beka Compton

The well-aged golden delicious tree is one of my favorite parts of my property. It has been buzzing this spring.

uncommon in a single hive.

The final "P:" Poor nutrition for the bee is due to a combination of scarcity and lack of plant diversity. Honeybees visit tons of flowers, where they forage nectar and collect pollen which is taken back to the hive. The nectar gets regurgitated into the hive's cells, eventually turning into honey, and the pollen is stored to feed the colony. If the bees cannot access flowers or enough diversity of flowers, they will starve to death.

According to Dr. Ramsey, starvation is not the only issue with nutrition, but they also require a diverse diet, similar to the concept of a well-rounded human diet.

"A person who eats only French fries is not starving, but they don't have the full complement of nutrition that they need in order to be healthy," Ramsey explained.

Now, if you're anything like me, you are chomping at the bit to get petunias and other brightly colored flowers into their boxes. This year, I'm planning my flowers to help my neighborhood bees. Here are some of my favorites, including some cold-hardy, early blooming options for an early-bird pollinator treat.

For reference, Waitsburg is in USDA Plant Hardiness Zone 7b.

Asters are cute, daisy-like flowers with enormous potential; the perennial can grow up to six feet tall, loaded with white, pink, purple, blue, and red flowers. Asters bloom from July to September and love bright, sunny areas.

Black-eyed Susans do well in our area, as they are hardy, drought-resistant perennials that often grow in mountain meadows. The bright yellow flowers are a target for bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. These easy-going plants bloom from June through August and do best in sun or partial shade.

Echinacea, or coneflowers, benefit everyone around them. Bees love the stiff, dry flowers, and the plants are deer-resistant. If you grow echinacea, let them be until winter, and the songbirds will flock to pick up the leftover seeds. Coneflowers bloom from June through October and love growing in sunny areas.

One of my personal favorites is the pansy. Cute as a button and known for their colorful faces, pansies are super easy to grow and thrive in both containers and directly in the ground. Pansies tend to do best in cooler areas of the yard that receive partial sun. They begin blooming in April and don't stop until October.

Herbs of all varieties are bee-friendly. I, personally, have an oregano plant and various mint plants that are left to their own devices and attract hundreds of bees a day. Both mint and oregano are easy to grow, and mine live in full sun. Vegetable plants, like tomatoes and zucchini, and flowering fruits like apples are a bee favorite, as well, and are likely on your to-plant list.

I will always suggest sunflowers, too. They are easy to grow, gorgeous, and come in all shapes and sizes. One of our contributors gifted me some of her seeds for giant sunflowers for Christmas, and I have become giddy watching these mammoths come to life. Sunflowers are late to bloom, typically in August, but they are so worth it. They require as much sun as that big ol' ball of gas can provide.

Bees are pretty lucky in an area like ours, where it seems even the most beginner of gardeners have green thumbs. Flowers are abundant, and the bees will appreciate a boost of power pollinators!



LEGAL NOTICES (Cont.)

(WWCC) Sections 14.10.070 and 14.15.070 which outline the criteria for consideration. The BOCC will then review the recommendation at a public hearing, pursuant to WWCC 14.10.070C(2) and 14.15.070C(2).

Any interested person may comment on this application, receive notice, and participate in any hearings. Persons submitting testimony may participate in the public hearing, request a copy of the final decision, and have rights to appeal the final decision. You can obtain a copy of the staff report from the Community Development Department by contacting the person listed below; the staff report will be available about one week prior to the hearing date.

Written comments regarding the above applications may be submitted prior to and at the hearing on May 5, 2021 for Planning Commission consideration. Send written comments to one of the following addresses:

Walla Walla County
Community Development
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c/o Lauren Prentice,
Director
310 W. Poplar Street, Suite
200; Walla Walla, WA 99362
planning@co.walla-walla.
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PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

Wednesday May 5, 2021,
at 5:30 PM (or as close thereto
as possible)

Location: Due to the

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Call in 1-408-418-9388
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An agenda, instructions on participating by phone or online, and a staff report, will be available approximately one week prior to the hearing. Contact staff directly for more information about how to participate virtually; if you provide your email address, we can add you to the email distribution list. If you want to run a test of the Cisco Webex system, we can do that too.

For members of the public without access to technology to participate, the County has arranged access to equipment at the Community Development Department office at 310 W. Poplar, Suite 200. Please contact the department at least 24-hours in advance to coordinate.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: For more information regarding this meeting, please contact Lauren Prentice, Director, at 509-524-2620, email us planning@co.walla-walla.wa.us or access documents, maps, and meeting recordings via the Project Website.

Walla Walla County complies with ADA; reasonable accommodation provided with 3-days notice.

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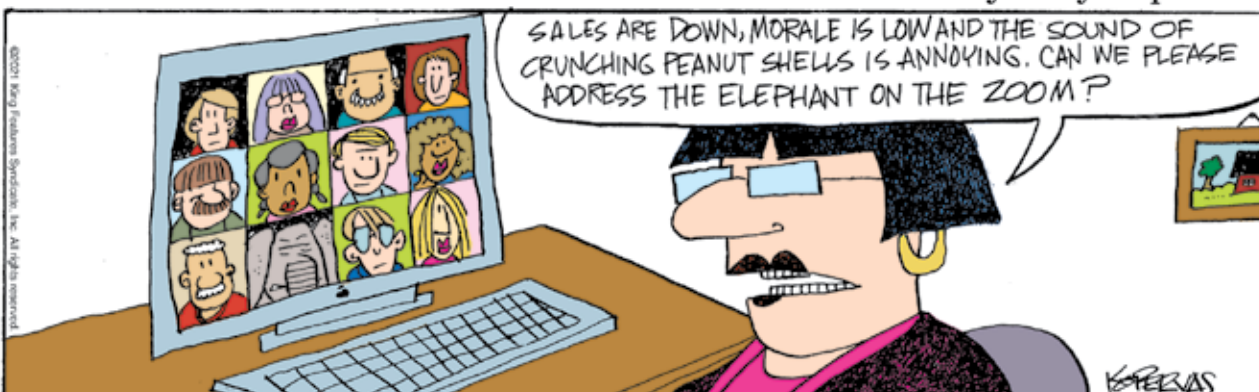
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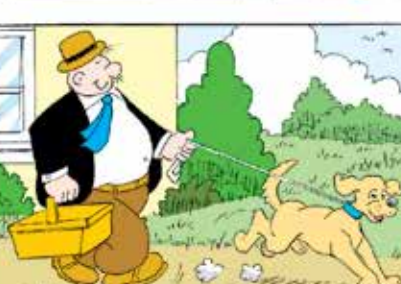
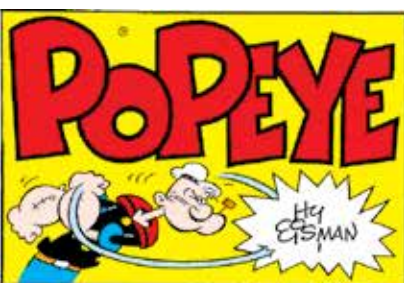
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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

April 28, 2011

The largest circus to come to Dayton in more than a decade, the Carson & Barnes Circus has the second-largest herd of elephants in the country. Local residents will have free access to the circus grounds to witness the care and feeding of these and many other animals on the morning of Thursday, June 30.

Wine critic Paul Gregutt and filmmaker Karen Stanton Gregutt are banking on the area's popularity as a wine destination, and their own connections to make their new company, Waitsburg Cottages, LLC., a success. "We'll have multiple cottages in town so visitors can experience Waitsburg in all its glory," Stanton Gregutt said. The Gregutts recently opened their first college modeled in part after their own remodeled home written up in Seattle Times'

Twenty-Five Years Ago

May 2, 1996

Stacey Wolfe, a junior at Waitsburg High School, will reign over the 83rd running of Days of

Real Sport, May 18-19. She will be riding her 12-year-old horse, a Tobiano Paint named "Russels Polo" in the DRS parade and during the "ride-in" queen introduction during the horse racing events at the fairgrounds race track. Stacey has been riding for nine years.

For the first time in over 25 years Waitsburg will have three teams competing at the state FFA convention at Washington State University this month.

Today's multiple choice quiz. How old do you have to be to fish in Dayton's juvenile pond a) Under 15, b) Under 14, c) Under 13, or d) All of the above, or at this point, nobody is sure. If you picked c, you'd be right, maybe. But if you picked d, you might be just as right.

The Fine Arts Gallery at Walla Walla Community College is displaying the works of Chinese artist Jiao Chao Wu through May 8. His watercolors will have won first place awards at many art shows. The gallery is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays and is near the east entrance of the main administration building.

Fifty Years Ago

May 13, 1971

Speakers for 1971 Wait-Hi Commencement are Jeannette Pearson, Charles Baker, Jo Ellen Watson and John Nordheim.

Hot pants have invaded certain sections of our fair city and its sprawling suburbs. An unidentified local matron, who lives on Whoop-Em-Up Holler Road, recently had her lawn planted by an enterprising city gardener. She claims that every time she waters the lawn, she gets an electric jolt which comes back through the hose. We told you that some of these new fashions were shocking, now, didn't we?

Alton Filan's field day for demonstration of the Slope Water irrigation unit is scheduled for Thursday afternoon, May 13 at 2 p.m.

Erwin "Turk" Ely was named Lion of the Year at the annual installation and awards night of the Waitsburg Lions Club.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

May 24, 1946

Lewis Dunn has received the Star Route contact between Waitsburg via Prescott to Clyde and return to carry mail for the next four years.

Pictsweet Foods, Inc. expects to start canning peas on Saturday, June 1, depending on weather conditions.

Miss Janice Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roberts has been selected as Queen of the Days of Real Sport in Waitsburg, May 24-25.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Spear entertained the grade school teachers and Supt. and Mrs. Leslie Taylor at a dinner Wednesday evening.

One Hundred Years Ago

May 27, 1921

Miss Sadie B. Bruch and Mr. Arthur Park were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents Friday morning, May 20th.

Miss Florence Rees who has just completed a successful year at Kiona, arrived home this week and will probably spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Rees.

Two Harkins Bros. of Railroad View Farm brought into town early last week, the first box of strawberries of the season. They were of the Hood River variety, Railroad View Farm will produce a fine crop of berries this season.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Miller and their four children who have lived here during the school year, left Saturday for their home near Mayview in Garfield County. Their older daughter, Alice, completed the eighth grade this year.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

May 26, 1896

Many mines in the Coeur D'Alene country are making wonderful yields and enormous dividends are being declared. These mines are tributary to Spokane and as a result that beautiful city again presents the appearance of days gone by.

Misses Edna Hilton, Ada Rice, Florence Lowry and Kate Turner visited with Miss Theresa Tucker last week and attended the entertainment at the Christian Church Friday night.

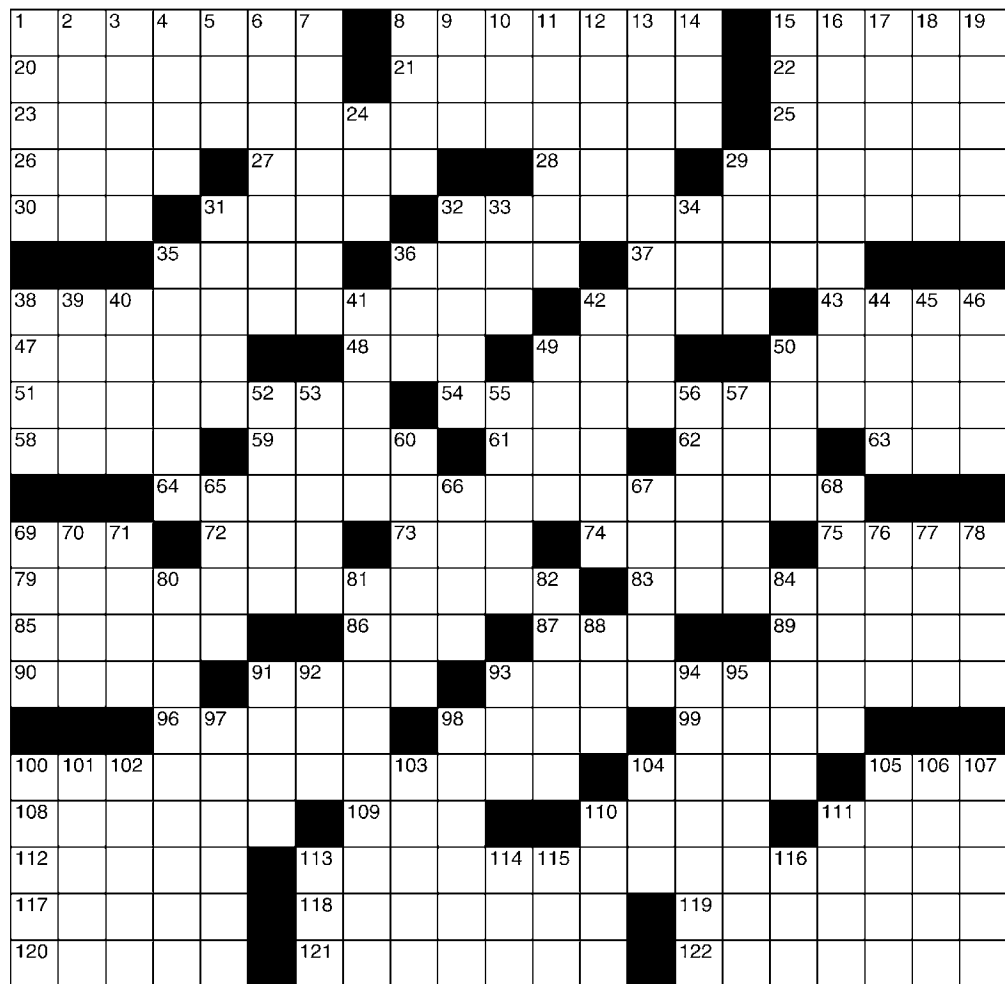
John Neace is in Montana, looking after shock. His place in the store is being filled by W. H. Fletcher.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

GEE,
THANKS!

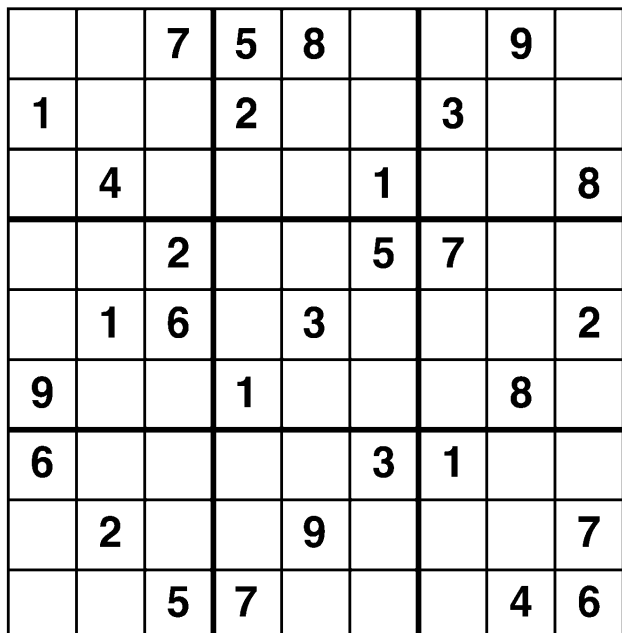
- ACROSS**
- 1 Participated in a PAC
8 Gridlock
15 Muffler, e.g.
20 "Amen to that!"
21 Blank-faced, as a comic
22 Gung-ho
23 Basic items on a canal boat?
25 Auto gear
26 Has it wrong
27 "Who is —?"
28 Day, to Diego
29 One hocking something
30 Nonclerical
31 Niche religion
32 Large-scale swindle?
35 Cubs hero Sammy
36 Hip dwellings
37 Make holy
38 Glowing molten rock?
42 Like acids
43 Rough- — (unfinished)
47 Wintry glaze
48 Dundee denial
49 "How precious!"
50 "John Q." actress Anne
- 51 Place to grow grapes
54 TV program about kings and queens?
58 Settles up
59 Assistant on an iPhone
61 Suffix with hepta-
62 Radius site
63 Granola grain
64 European city famous for post-drinking headaches?
69 In history
72 Pot-au- — (French stew)
73 Poem form
74 "Not so fast!"
75 Makes the decision
79 Press-on nails?
83 "Dream on!"
85 Radiant
86 Gun rights gp.
87 Old Pan Am rival
89 Tutu, e.g.
90 Comic Martha
91 Fill to excess
93 Placards that say "I'm only human?"
- 96 1991 Wimbledon champion Michael
98 Very light
99 Wry grimace
100 Weekly time to play some British football?
104 Chapel part
105 In a funk
108 Hasty glance
109 Mac
110 District
111 Flowing hair
112 Schoolyard retort
113 Spanning structure bought from a catalog?
117 Big name in watches
118 Made fit, as a suit
119 Snobbish behavior
120 When some early risers go to bed
121 Promises
122 Works for seven
- DOWN**
- 1 Insult in print
2 Fictional Scarlett
3 Bush fruit
4 Totes, e.g.
5 Intense anger
6 Visual acuity determiner
7 It may record a fender bender
8 Fateful March day
9 Grown boys
10 Gentle touch
11 Reebok rival
12 Neighbor of Andorra
13 Tongas may be placed in it
14 U.S. nav. officer
15 Auto types
16 Auto-cleaning services
17 Winemaking phase
18 Party hearty
19 Brother, in French
24 Use a couch
29 Boat landing
31 Like dirty chimneys
32 Wii user, e.g.
33 Nutrition fig.
34 Viral illness
35 "Good grief!"
36 Club swingers' gp.
38 Abbr. on an invitation
39 Tony winner Kazan
40 Refute
41 Drug banned by MLB
42 Title river in a Jolson hit
44 Canyon call
45 "Not so fast!"
46 Pond critter
49 Gung-ho
50 Service song
52 Emmy-winning Ed
53 Cobble together
55 Wetland bird
56 Schoolyard retort
57 Salvagers
60 Côte d'— (nation in Afrique)
65 Two or three
66 Writer Buchanan
67 Lunged toward
68 Terrier type, for short
69 At a distance
70 Reciprocal of nano-
71 YOLO part
76 Smug sort
77 Gull relative
78 Match parts
80 Loses all one's moolah
81 Alert
82 Tale
84 Topic
88 Lopsided
91 In — (as placed)
92 Prefix with puncture
93 Actress Wasikowska
94 Electrical units
95 Susceptible to being misplaced
97 Magnate
98 Bewildered
100 Gorbachev's wife
101 Perturb
102 "Capeesh?"
103 Software package
104 Have life
105 — Hawkins Day
106 Teen turmoil
107 Judges to be
110 Tallies (up)
111 Goalie glove
113 GPS graphic
114 Certain URL ending
115 Singer Des'—
116 Lacerate



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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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MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

Linguine alle Vongole

As a transplant from the west side of the state, I am often overwhelmed by a strong craving for ocean air and fresh seafood. This past weekend, I made an escape to the coast to satisfy such a hankering. At Klipsan Beach, on the Long Beach Peninsula, we stay in a beloved little cabin full of family history. It's a place to slow down, listen to the waves, and for me, cook seafood feasts. On the north end of the peninsula, in a town appropriately named Oysterville, there is an amazing shellfish market that is always a required stop. This take on a classic clam linguine, served with a traditional Italian breadcrumb gremolata, is a favorite beach cabin dinner.



Ingredients:

For the Gremolata:

1 cup Panko breadcrumbs
2 tablespoons olive oil
¼ cup chopped parsley
Zest of one lemon, save juice for later
Salt

For the linguine:

2 tablespoons olive oil
½ cup sliced shallot
1 cup sliced fennel bulb and stalks
½ teaspoon dried thyme
4 garlic cloves, sliced
½ teaspoon crushed chili flake
½ cup dry white wine
2-4 pounds manila or little neck clams
1 pound dry linguine
Chopped parsley and fennel fronds
Salt and fresh ground black pepper

Directions:

Wash clams and soak in bowl of water for at least 30 minutes while you prep all your other ingredients.

Prepare a large pot with salted water and set over medium heat. To make gremolata, place a Dutch oven over medium heat. Add panko crumbs to dry pan and toast for 5 to 7 minutes, stirring frequently. When panko starts turning golden add the olive oil and parsley, and toast until crumbs are a rich golden brown. Take off heat, mix in lemon zest, and a pinch of salt. Transfer to a bowl and set aside.

Wipe out pan, add oil and return to medium heat. Sauté fennel, shallot, and thyme for 6 to 8 minutes until soft. Add garlic, crushed red pepper and a pinch of salt, sauté for another 2 minutes. Add wine, and simmer until reduced by half. Drain clams and add them to pot, stir and cover with lid. Cook for 5 to 8 minutes, shaking pan occasionally as clams open. Transfer open clams to warm covered bowl. If any clams are still not open, cover pan and cook for another 5 minutes of so. Transfer remaining open clams to covered bowl and keep warm near stovetop. Toss any clams that do not open.

While clams are cooking, raise the heat on pot of salted water and bring to a boil. Add linguine and cook for 5 minutes. Use a heat proof measuring cup to reserve 2 cups of the pasta water. Drain, then add pasta to the pan with clam cooking liquid. Add one cup of the pasta water and raise heat to high. Cook pasta, stirring frequently as liquid gets absorbed, until pasta is al dente and sauce is thick and clinging to pasta, 3 to 5 minutes. Add more pasta water if needed, a splash at a time. When done take off heat, stir in butter with chopped parsley and fennel fronds. Add squeeze of fresh lemon juice with ¼ cup of the gremolata and stir well to thicken sauce. Add black pepper and taste for seasoning. Most likely, you will not need to add more salt.

Serve pasta in wide bowls or plates, with clams arranged on top. Sprinkle gremolata over top, with bowl of more on table for passing. Don't forget a big discard bowl on table for empty clam shells.

Notes:

When cleaning clams, scrub shells of any debris. Add a pinch of cornmeal to the soaking water to encourage the clams to purge any sand. Clams can also soak in fridge overnight to give more time to release sand.

The fennel is divided into three parts for this dish. The white bulb and the thick green stalks are sliced and cooked together with the shallots. The fronds are the lacy leaf ends of the stalks, which look like fresh dill. The fronds are chopped with parsley to finish the dish. Enjoy!

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Super Crossword

Answers

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

Answer

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



THE LAST PAGE

Weinhard Cafe & Bakery changes owners

Chef Daniel Rossi thought that moving to a small town meant a quiet retirement, until the Main Street Cafe caught his attention

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Chef Daniel Rossi thought that moving to a small, rural town like Waitsburg meant he could live out retirement peacefully, picking away at his banjo and sharing his musical knowledge.

In 2020, he hit the road just moments before the global shutdown was announced, escaping the bustling cityscape of Los Angeles and driving north. He spent the pandemic with his partner, Vicki Sternfield Rossi, doing exactly what he set out to do in the first place, for roughly a year. The kitchen kept calling to him and it was just over a year before he started a take and bake meal business, operating out of the Blue Mountain Station.

CounterFeat has been a success, but the experienced chef said that he still wanted something more, craving the busyness of a full kitchen, while still running the small to-go menu on the side. That's when he decided that the Weinhard Cafe



Jamon de Bellota and figs

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& Bakery would be his next venture. Rossi closed on the building, and the business, last week, and is now working towards reopening the beloved cafe.

Rossi has a rich culinary history. He grew up in Milan, Italy, and traveled the world visiting places like New Zealand, Sweden, and India. He has prepared food in fine dining establishments across the world, including Tokyo, Japan, and New York City. He has even moulded the next generation of fine chefs, sharing his knowledge at renowned culinary schools like the La Cordon Bleu and the Institute of Culinary Education.

He said that he has no plans to make the Weinhard Cafe into a city-style fine dining restaurant, but instead, would like to stick to previous owner and operator Mandi Wendt's style, infusing a casual space with to-die-for menu items and small-town prices. He plans on bringing back some community favorites, like the turkey panini and the famous Weinhard house salad.

Rossi said that learning to cook at a more casual level would be yet another learning experience, as he navigates being the only one in the kitchen and gets a feel for what the community likes.

"I have always worked in fine dining establishments," he said. "Seven different sets of hands handled a plate before it was served. Now, it will just be seven fingers, and they will all be mine."

At this time, Rossi does not have a set opening date, taking this time to focus on setting the space up so that it works for him. He will be posting updates on the Weinhard Cafe & Bakery Facebook page, so give them a follow to stay up to date!



Beka Compton

258 Main Street has a rich history in Dayton.

Low and zero down loans may be key for first-time buyers

We thought that we were years away from homeownership. Turns out, we just needed to research our loans

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

The home buying process can be terrifying, especially as a first-time buyer. While we haven't closed quite yet, my family is in the process of purchasing the house we have been renting since 2018, and boy has it been a rewarding learning experience.

Homeownership seemed like a reach for a mountain of reasons, and saving up for a 20% down payment was the most daunting. We started our journey with little to no idea there were options outside of a conventional loan. After some in-depth research, we found a handful of zero to low-down-payment programs through government-backed programs and private lenders.

One of the zero-down loans we considered is offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The USDA loan program is geared towards rural settings, like Waitsburg and Dayton, has generous credit thresholds and loan amounts. The interest rate was just slightly higher than the loan we ended up securing, but at 4.11%, there wasn't much to complain about.

The USDA loan program is government-backed, protecting the lenders should the borrower be unable to repay the debt. This assurance allows the lenders to offer lower interest rates and better terms to people who would not readily qualify for a traditional loan.

USDA Loans are great for first-time homebuyers and require the property to be a primary residence for the borrower. You cannot use the home or property for business purposes, which is one of the downsides

if you plan on opening an in-home office or want to get into farming. The closing costs were also slightly higher, with a little less flexibility than our bank-provided loan.

If a USDA Loan sounds like something that you are interested in, check out the program details at <https://tinyurl.com/22r9fuzw>, or talk to a mortgage company or loan officer. At Academy Mortgage in Walla Walla, Tara and her team helped navigate those first steps for us!

There is a good selection of mortgage services in our area and asking your friends and family for recommendations is a great way to find a company that is right for you.

If you can afford a small down payment and need something to accommodate a low credit score, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) offers a loan that may be perfect for you. Like the USDA loan, the FHA is a government-backed program and can offer lower interest rates and a better chance for first-time buyers to get approved. The required income thresholds are reasonable and require applicants to have at least a 500 on their credit score. The program determines the down-payment amount using credit scores; those between 500 and 579 qualify for a 10% down payment, and scores of 580 and above only need a 3.5% down payment. The FHA loan program is more understanding about extenuating circumstances, like bankruptcies and foreclosures than conventional lenders.

We ended up going through our credit union, which offered a zero-down, low-interest, 15/15 adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM). Our interest rate for the first 15 years of our loan is locked in at 3.5%, and at year 16, the rate will be adjusted once for the duration of the loan. There are specific caps to how high the lenders can raise these rates. ARM loans typically start with lower interest rates than a fixed 30-year mortgage and can work well for first-time homebuy-

ers. Research from the National Association of Realtors showed that the median length of time that people stay in their homes is just 12 years. That is, you're more likely than not to sell your home before you even get to the 15-year adjustment. That's especially true for people ages 36 or younger, where the median time spent in a home is just ten years.

It is always worth checking to see what your bank has to offer!

If you bank locally, both Banner Bank and Gesa Credit Union have excellent first-time buyer programs offering low or no down payments, competitive interest. Being local also makes it easier to meet with loan officers to discuss options.

If you are not eligible for no-down options and cannot reach the payment goal, there are down payment assistance programs (DPA) available. These programs help homebuyers with grants or low-interest loans that reduce the amount they need to save for a down payment. Many DPA and home loan programs require applicants to attend a first-time homebuyer course. Follow this link for both area-specific and statewide assistance programs and information: <https://www.wshfc.org/buyers/downpayment.htm>.

Six months ago, we thought that homeownership was out of our reach for the foreseeable future. Researching the options gave us multiple routes to start building financial security through homeownership. After comparing rent with mortgage options, we will only have a slight rise in our monthly housing costs. Of course, the most significant advantage over renting is that our mortgage payments will give us equity in our home. What we put in, we should be able to get out if we decide to sell. Your first home does not have to be your forever home, but it can be your entry to homeownership and asset building. Whether you're a first-time homebuyer or you have had credit problems in the past, homeownership may not be as far-fetched as you think!

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