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Pat Mohney is Celebration **Days Parade Marshal**

Mohney has been involved with Days of Real Sport since childhood

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Pat Mohney will trade in his traditional behind-the-scenes role in the Waitsburg Celebration Days parade to take a seat front-and-center as this year's parade marshal. He was selected by the Celebration Days parade committee for his years of volunteerism and service in the Waitsburg community and his ongoing involvement with the Days of Real Sport and Celebration Days.

Mohney moved to Waitsburg in the second grade and has made it his home ever since, staying to raise his two sons, Luke and Colter.

"It's a great community to grow up in. Good schools, good people. If you got out of line you got in trouble not only from whoever's parent caught you, but your parents knew it before you got home," he said. "Carl Henze was the policeman/night watchman and he kept a pretty close eye on the kids in town."

After graduating from Waitsburg High School, Mohney played football at Whitman College, left to work for Waitsburg farmer Kenny Smith, and eventually went back to school at Walla Walla Community College where he earned an associate's degree in applied sciences.

He then returned to farming for Kenny Smith, where he stayed for seven years before taking a job hauling fuel for the Walla Walla Farmers Co-op. Mohney returned to work the Smith farm for another five years before being hired as a grader operator for the Walla Walla County Public Works Department. He remained in the North District Prescott/Waitsburg area for nearly 25 years before retiring last October.

Unfortunately, he got to enjoy only a few months of his retirement before a fall in January resulted in a broken neck, which has had him sidelined since.

"I got to hunt through the fall, but only got to ride the 4-wheeler with tracks on once last winter," he said. His outdoor pursuits were temporarily put on



Pat Mohney is this year's 2019 Waitsburg Celebration Days Parade Marshal (whether he thinks he's old enough or not).

hold, but Mohney said he has plans to get back in the mountains as soon as possible.

Growing up, Mohney said the Days of Real Sport was always a much-anticipated event.

"I think my first memory of the Days of Real Sport was when I was nine-years-old, and we got to ride in the hide race. They get a cowhide and guys on saddle horses; it's a relay race, and you ride the hide. It was

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DISTRICT ALIGNS GRAD REQUIREMENTS WITH STATE STANDARDS

A seven-period day will allow students more elective options

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—In an attempt to retain students who might otherwise attend Running Start or SEATech, as well as address budgeting issues, the Waitsburg High School Board of Directors unanimously approved aligning Waitsburg School District graduation requirements with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) requirements at its April 18 board meeting.

OSPI alignment

The move was made to allow room for additional electives that may be more appealing to students. The change will also allow the District to avoid replacing the teaching slot vacated by high school health and life skills teacher Nancy Bickelhaupt who will retire with the end of this school year.

Both Waitsburg and OSPI require 24 credits to graduate. The difference is that the OSPI requirements are more general while Waitsburg has required specific math, science and social studies classes, as shown in the chart on Page 7. Waitsburg has historically required students to take health as well as Life Management Skills (LMS), which were both taught by Bickelhaupt.

The removal of the LMS requirement, which teaches life skills such as buying a vehicle, purchasing a vehicle, and completing rental agreements has met strong objection by many. Bickelhaupt spoke passionately about the importance of preparing students for life beyond high school and said the District has always prided itself on high standards for its students.

"We were awarded the Gold Standard Award in financial literacy because we have such strong financial literacy in our requirements. Now you're talking about settling for what the state of Washington has . . Our kids need this information. You may eliminate my position but I think it's a travesty to be a minimalist school district and I don't think eliminating financial literacy is the answer," she said.

GRADUATION - PAGE 7

Dayton welcomes possible alternative to retain current wastewater treatment facility

Planning Director Meagan Bailey is elected to serve on the Planning Association of Washington Board of **Directors**

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON-At last week's regular city council meeting, City Administrator Trina Cole spoke about a meeting that recently took place between city officials and representatives from Washington Water Trust and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The entities discussed the city's proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWT), water quality issues, and a willingness on the part of WWT and the Tribes to pay for improvements at the current wastewater facility, to keep water, in, or near the Touchet River.

Cole said, "It is exciting news in that it changes a lot of things. It just would keep everything where

The city had been given a deadline of 2021 by the Dept. of Ecology (DOE) to get effluent out of the Touchet River six months out of the year.

City officials have been scrambling to locate and purchase 200 acres of land suitable for a complicated and expensive Class C Pond system type of treatment, which would take effluent out of the river for twelve months and would use a land application method for irrigating crops.

Cole said the DOE is open to a change in plans for treating wastewater and that as long as the city is working toward a solution to Total Maximum Daily Load issues for the Touchet River there will be no penalty for not reaching the 2021 deadline.

"Nothing is written in stone," she cautioned.

Cole will meet with a WWT engineer on May 28, in Spokane, for further discussions and she will report back to the council.

Cole also said the DOE has recommended the city's inert waste permit application for approval.

She attended a Municipal Treasurer's Assoc. Conference in April, and learned about the importance of asset management, banking services, and preparing for disasters, as well as being financially ready.

In her report to the city council, Planning Director Meagan Bailey noted a wrap-up open house for Dayton's Comprehensive Plan will take place on May 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds youth building.

She also said a final public meeting for the proposed Flood Control Zone District will take place on May 23 from 2-6 p.m. at the Delany Building, at 111 S. 3rd St. Bailey said this will be an open house format and will provide the public with a more informal opportunity to ask questions and gain information.

A short course on the 2015 Washington State Energy Code will be presented on Thurs., May 30

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Photo by Michele Smith

Mayor Pro-tem Zac Weatherford has been approved by the Dayton City Council to serve as Dayton's mayor for the term ending Dec. 31, 2019.

This creates an open seat on the city council. The city will advertise, accept applications, and conduct interviews, after which an appointment will be made by the council to fill the remainder of Weatherford's term, which ends on Dec. 31, 2019.

Anyone interested in running for the term beginning on Jan 1, 2020 will need to file with the county auditor's office by May 17.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

Tech Talk: Troubleshooting

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

There it is. You've got a gadget, all new tech, fresh out of its box, it's shiny, it's sleek. Isn't it amazing they can make these so small? That's technology for you. As devices of all kinds become a staple in our everyday lives, so to are technical difficulties.

Do you know what they call people who fix Apple computers? Geniuses.

As if it isn't troubling enough to require assistance at all, you go to a Genius Bar and for [at least] \$250 they will troubleshoot and fix computer hang ups. Best Buy's tech support group goes by the monikker Geek Squad, but a rose by any other name would smell as sweet. When problems are encountered, who do you call?

I have a friend who calls her sister for Apple issues and her husband for PC problems. My grandma calls me. I call the internet.

If the internet teaches us anything it's that we're not alone. We are a community of people who can't find the driver, who don't know what a driver is, who can't run the app, who, maybe, couldn't identify a server to save our lives. Without a doubt someone has encountered the same issue and if you're savvy, can benefit from their experience/wisdom. Never hesitate to search for a solution online. If, however, your problem is connecting to the internet, see below.

Whether your IQ is high enough to qualify for Mensa, you are absolutely capable of more than you know. Before reaching out for potentially costly help, try troubleshooting on your own. At the very least this will give you something to tell the Genius besides it doesn't work.

Routers

As far as I'm concerned these things work by some kind of bioluminescent magic wherein you plug in a series of cables in a sequence until the lights flash and there is the internet. Voila! If Internet connectivity gets sketchy, the instinctive response is to turn it off, wait a minute, then on again. Unplug the big one. No points for originality here, make sure you put the plugs back where you got them.

The waiting is key, make sure all lights have gone off before initiating relaunch. Then wait for reboot. This process is called a *hard reset*. It's hard because patience is a vir-

With luck, the lights dance, blinking until they're solid and the internet flows once more. Rejoice!

If your luck has run dry, you have one of two options: sacrifice a wireless mouse (not recommended) or admit it is time to call the internet company. Though their phone lines are exasperating, they can often diagnose and solve problems for free.

Let's say your router is working, but a particular device is having trouble connecting to Wifi. Navigate to Settings, select Wifi. There listed are all the available networks in the immediate vicinity. Since the router is working you'll find its nickname here. Select it and enter the password. Tick the box beside the phrase show password to ensure the correct entry.

The majority of issues with Wifi

involve lack of authentication, usually caused by entering an incorrect password. Other times,



Wifi is simply glitchy, especially if multiple devices are connected and downloading or streaming video or games.

For an iPhone, Wifi issues can sometimes be aided by resetting the network settings. In Settings, ensure that, Airplane Mode is off. Open General, scroll down to Reset and select Reset Network Settings. It's important to know that the iPhone will remove all saved Wifi passwords, Bluetooth pairing records, VPN and APN settings.

Task Manager | Force Quit Applications

A slow and buggy PC can sometimes be rejuvenated without a hard reset by accessing the Task Manager. Press control + alt + delete at the same time. Select the program that is misbehaving and click End Task.

The iOS equivalent of Task Manager is the Finder. Finder is the program that runs continuously on a Mac. If a program is not responding, click the apple symbol that is always in the upper left corner to open the menu and scroll down to Force Quit. This prompts the Force Quit Applications window to open with a list of every program running. Select the one(s) not responding and wait a minute before restarting the pro-

TECH TALK - PAGE 4

Touchet Valley Weather May 15, 2019 Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast Thursday Wednesday Friday Saturday Sunday Monday Tuesday Few Showers Scattered Rain Few Showers Mostly Cloudy Few Showers Cloudy Few Showers High: 69 Low: 49 High: 69 Low: 51 High: 65 Low: 47 High: 71 Low: 53 High: 65 Low: 46 High: 68 Low: 49 High: 65 Low: 47 Local Almanac Last Week Weather Trivia Normals On average, what is the Day Precip Precipitation 0.00" wettest place in the United Tuesday Normal precipitation......... 0.48" 79 Wednesday 55 68/46 0.00" States? Departure from normal -0.48" 69/47 49 0.00" Thursday 78 Average temperature 67.5° 51 69/47 0.00" Friday Answer: Waialeale, Hawaii gets about 460 inches of rainfall per year. Average normal temperature 57.9° Saturday 69/47 0.00" Departure from normal +9.6° 69/47 0.00'Sunday 78 70/48 0.00'Data as reported from Walla Walla May 15, 1834 - The Northern Sun/Moon Chart This Week Atlantic Coast States were in the midst of their greatest May Sunrise Moonrise Day Sunset Moonset snowstorm of record. The hills 4:39 p.m. 5:20 a.m. Wednesday 8:18 p.m. 4:07 a.m. around Newbury, Vt. were 5:54 p.m. 5/18 Thursday 5:19 a.m. 8:20 p.m. 4:34 a.m. covered with two to three feet 5:02 a.m. Friday 5:18 a.m. 8:21 p.m. 7:07 p.m. of snow. Saturday 5:17 a.m. 8:22 p.m. 8:19 p.m. 5:32 a.m. 9:28 p.m. 6:07 a.m. Sunday 5:16 a.m. 8:23 p.m. First 8:24 p.m. 5/26 Monday 5:15 a.m. 10:31 p.m. 6:46 a.m.

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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago May 21, 2009

It was Hot N Sunny in the First Race....and the second...and the third...all the way to Sunday's Queen's Derby, with Chilly Wind a long shot that never got out of the gate for both days of the 2009 running of Waitsburg's Days of Real Sport.

The 91st Annual Dayton Days kicks off Friday with something for everyone, old and young. Friday is Family Night-just \$20 gets the entire family into Pro West Rodeo with a Mutton Bustin' event. Dayton Days 2009 Queen Brittany Prince is the daughter of Kelly Hagedorn and Orin Thomas of Waitsburg. The Dayton High senior rides a bay Quarterhourse Masimus, and has 12 years of experience in the saddle.

Elizabeth Abbey, is now Dr. Elizabeth Abbey, following commencement exercises at Virginia Tch Polytech Institute and State University on Sunday, May 18th. Her degree is in exercise nutrition. A 1999 graduate of Waitsburg High School, Beth has had a busy life. Beth is starting an internship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn

Twenty-Five Years Ago May 12, 1994

Photo Caption: Greg Zuger, right, hams its up with plucky pig to promote American Diabetes Association's "Kiss-A-Pig" contest as Waitsburg High School principal Dan Butler looks on. Two are Waitsburg's entrants in fundraiser contest. Lucky winner gets to kiss a pig.

Photo caption: Lois Stephenson of Waitsburg Apparel stands outside her business on Preston Avenue after members of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls surprised her with signs and balloons for Mother's Day. Stephenson is mother advisor for Waitsburg's Rainbow Assembly No. 68. One sign says" We Love our Rainbow Mom" 'Its wonderful' Stephenson said of the surprise.

Fifty Years Ago May 15, 1969

Photo Caption: Honored at the Lions Club award night last Tuesday were the following Lions members: Carl Henze, left, received his Past President's Plaque: former District Governor Dick Greenville who conducted the installation ceremony shakes hands with David McConnel, new Lions Club President, Jack McCaw received the Lion of the year Award while John Gagnon was the winner of the 100% Chairman Award.

The City Council drew up a resolution this week honoring Albert Land who is retiring as mayor this year after many years' service on the City Council dating back to the early 40's

Photo Caption: FFA members who attended the Central Washington Livestock Show in Toppenish recently and came home with first place banners in judging, beef, swine, and lamb herdsman ship are: left to right, Louis Gagnon, Joe Gagnon, George Gagnon, Tom Archer, Glenn Smith and Bob Johnson. Front row, left to right, Charles Hermanns, Dwight Thomas, Terry Lambert and Ed Lambert. Not pictured: Jeff Peterson, Howard Smith and Keith Carpenter. The Waitsburg Judging team won 16th place in the Spokane show this week out of 53 teams. Dwight Thomas was 13th in individual judging out of 159. The judging team consists of Dwight Thomas, Bob Johnson and Ed Lambert.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

May 22, 1959

Charles Volmer, a life-time resident of Waitsburg, will be parade captain for the 1959 Days of Real Sport Saturday morning.

The City council accepted the offer of pacific Power & Light Co to cut off the city flag pole and re-set it, and made plans to have the pole paint-

Joan Otterson ,Kennedy and Rosemary White will act as valedictorian and salutatorian respectively of the 1959 graduating class which has 20 members this year.

One Hundred Years Ago May 23, 1919

The Central Ferry route across the Snake River has been chosen and approximately \$500,000 will be used this year in improving the final link in the Inland Empire highway which connects Spokane and the coast cities.

The chairman of the committee on Fourth of July celebration made an optimistic report to the Commercial Club Tuesday night and from the tentative program outline Waitsburg will have one of the best programs in her history

The Memorial Day parade will be formed and march to the Christian Church in this order: Band, Old Veterans, American Legion, Ladies of G. A. R. and Boy Scouts. A program will follow at the church.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago May, 1894

William Philips came down from Asotin County on Friday evening and remained till Sunday evening. He is teaching school there and we are pleased to note is very successful as a teacher.

The picnic in this city on May 30 will eclipse any picnic ever seen in this neck o' woods. Excursion trains will run from Walla Walla and Dayton and hundred if not thousands from those cities will be here. You come too.

The Christian camp meeting will be held in Dickinson's , this city beginning June 8th. Rev J. M. Allen of Spokane, a very able minister, will conduct this meeting.

TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

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Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office **Daily Press Board Listing**

May 11

Assist: A vehicle was stopped for suspicion of DUI on Hwy 12 and Dewitt Rd. Washington State Patrol took over the investigation.

Warrant Service: A man was arrested on two misdemeanor warrants in the 900 block of Preston Ave.

EVENTS

COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 'MAKE-A-**DIFFERENCE-DAY' SET FOR MAY 18**

The public is invited to join the Columbia County Friends of the Fairgrounds (CCFF) and 200 volunteers from the Latter Day Saints church, region-wide, for "Make-a-Difference-Day" on May 18 from 8 a.m.

The fairgrounds and facilities will receive a major clean up and repair, according to Julia Mead, President of the CCFF.

Some of the tasks include interior and exterior painting, cleaning and repair of the west grandstands and providing for general maintenance and repair.

Anyone interested in helping can pick up a volunteer application at 341 E. Main St. in Dayton.

Donations are also being accepted to help with the cost of paint.

For more information about volunteering to work, or about donating to the cost of paint, contact Liz Carsons (509) 382-2480, or Chelsey Mann (509) 520-

Kelly Fulbright is the local contact for the region-wide draw of volunteers associated with the LDS church and he can be reached at (509) 382-5885.

DAYTON DAYS AT THE BOLDMAN HOUSE MUSEUM

DAYTON-Experience the daily life of a Dayton family from the early 1900s. On Sat., May 25 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., the Boldman House Museum at 410 N. First St. in Dayton, will demonstrate both old-fashioned chores and old-fashioned fun. Children can plant flowers in the Boldman Garden, do laundry with a tub and washboard, and make rope. They can also make butter, learn about old-time tools, try a reel mower and grind coffee. Visitors will discover how to cook with cast iron Dutch ovens and, starting around 11:30, there will be peach cobbler to sample. Join the museum staff and volunteers for this free activity.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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Prescott Story Time Prescott Library 11 a.m.

BINGO (every Friday) Eagles-222 E. Main, Dayton

Doors open 4 pm, Bingo 6pm

Dayton Memorial Library Board (third Friday)

Delany Building 7 p.m.

Prescott Lions Fundraiser Breakfast Corner of Hwy 124 & "D" St., Prescott 8-11 a.m. (Third Sat. & Sun.)

Col. Co. Fairgrounds Make-a-Difference Day Columbia County Fairgrounds

8 a.m. - noon

Book Chat The Not a Book Club Book Club (Third Saturday) Dayton Memorial Library 6ish – 8ish p.m.

Prescott Lions Fundraiser Breakfast

Corner of Hwy 124 & "D" St., Prescott 8-11 a.m. (Third Sat. & Sun.)

Waitsburg Story Time Weller Public Library 10:30 a.m.



BIRTHDAYS

May 17: William Keith, Sally Geiger, Kurt Wittman, Elizabeth Mech, Eric Keith, Drew Bennett and Janelle Meier, Jimmy Dunleavy.

May 18: Becky Hodges, Dinah Lindsey, Virginia Reece, Vicki Ruley, Tessa Dutton, Tyler Knox, Sean Stonecipher-Sollars.

May 19: Gerald Hawks, Tom Western, Gerald Collingwood, Terry John, Everett White, Walter Richard White, Joan Summers and Jimmy Crawford.

May 20: Nektarios Reese, Wanda E. Johnson, Brandee Wheeler, Don Glover, Greg Reser, Judy Largent, Lyndsey Huwe and Vickie Hamann.

May 21: Paul Powers, Johnathan Quigg and Jr. Eastwood.

May 22: Nancy Startin, Victor Langdon, Kathryn Kirk and Reed Olsen.

May 23: Allen Ford, Greg Bichsel, Kathy Maioli, Elizabeth Hermanns and Bill

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Washtucna School District is seeking a full time 4th & 5th Grade Teacher for the 2019-20 school year. Washington State Teaching Certificate required. Interested applicants must submit a District Certificated Application Form (available at www.tucna.wednet.edu), Letter of Application, Resume, three letters of Recommendation, Placement File from **Degree-Granting Institution** and copy of Teaching Certificate to Washtucna School District, Attn: Vance Wing, 730 E. Booth Ave., Washtucna, WA 99371. Open until filled. Washtucna School District is an equal opportunity employer Washtucna School District is seeking a full time 4th & 5th Grade Teacher for the 2019-20 school year. Washington State

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Columbia County Commissioners Meeting (Third Monday)

Commissioners' Chambers 311 E. Main St., Dayton

9 a.m.

Waitsburg Christian

Church Youth Group (first and third Monday) Waitsburg Christian Church 6:30-7:30

Kids Bike Decorating for the Dayton Days **Parade** (May 20-24) Dayton Memorial Library

3 p.m. - closing Kids bring their bikes to the library over the week to decorate them for the parade. On parade day, they will ride down main street as part of the library float. Permission slips required.

DW Combine Meeting Dayton Elementary School Library 6:30 p.m.

Waitsburg Senior Round Table

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church 11:30 a.m. Join local seniors every

Tuesday for lunch. \$4 suggested donation for those over 60. \$7 charge for guests under 60. Meals on Wheels are available. Call 337-8541 for more info.

Dayton Senior Round Table

Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.) 12 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 382-2836 to RSVP by

Waitsburg

Fruits & vegetables, nonfat chocolate and 1% white milk are offered with every meal.

Friday, 17

B: French Toast L: Pizza, Baby Carrots, Garden Salad, Pineapple Monday, 20

B: Scrambled Eggs & Sausage L: Hamburger ona Bun, Dark Green Leaf Lettuce, Tomato Slice, Oven Friens, Strawberries & Bananas Tuesday, 21

B: Biscuit & Gravy L: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Asparagus, Garden Salad, Blueberries Wednesday, 22

B: Cinnamon Roll L: Bean & Cheese Burrito, Spanish Rice, Cucumbers, Pineapple Thursday, 23

B: Breakfast Sandwich L: Chicken Nuggets, JoJos, Tossed Salad, Oranges

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Dayton Comprehensive Plan Wrap-up Open

House **Dayton Fairgrounds** Youth Building 6:30 p.m.

Discovery Kids Dayton Memorial Library 10 a.m.

Celebrate Recovery, **Dayton** Catalyst Church (311 S.

4th) 6:30 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery, Waitsburg

Waitsburg Christian Church 6:30 p.m.

American Legion Post

211 East Clay St., Dayton 7 p.m. (second and fourth Wednesdays)

Waitsburg Commercial Club

Waitsburg Town Hall Noon

Dayton Senior Round Table

Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.) Noon Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 382-2836 to RSVP by the day prior.

Dayton Kiwanis (second



and fourth Thursdays)

Waitsburg Resource

of Banner Bank)

106 Preston Avenue (side

Prescott School Board

(Fourth Thursday)

Columbia County

(Fourth Thursday)

Health System Board

Waitsburg Town Hall

Flood Control Zone

District Open House

Planning Director

Delany Room, Dayton

Meagan Bailey, Col. Co.

Engineer Charles Easton

and Emergency Services

Director Ashley Strick-

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Dayton Friends of the

and fourth Thursdays)

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American Legion

NO MEETING THIS

answer questions.

2-6 p.m.

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District Boardroom

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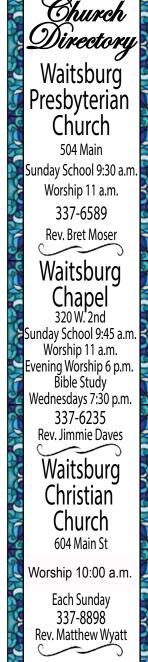
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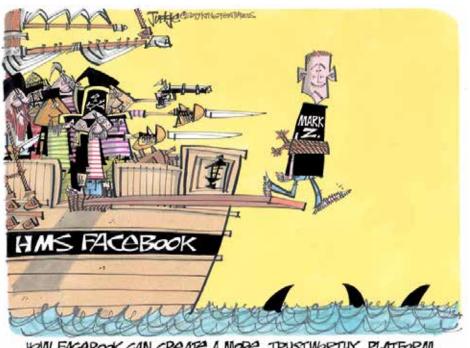
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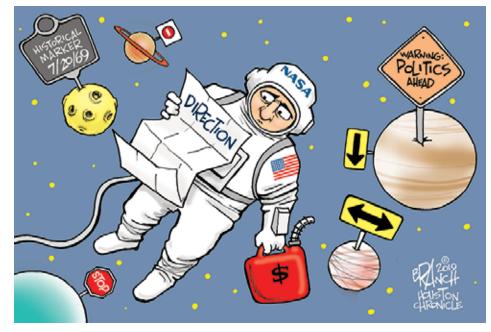
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COMMENTARY





HOW FACEBOOK CAN CREATE A MORE TRUSTWORTHY PLATFORM.

Washington's Big Tax Bump

By Don Brunell

That the dust settling from the 2019 legislative session, the focus is assessing the impacts on taxpayers and our economy.

Our state's budget grew by a whopping 17.5 percent, which is one of the largest increases ever. Gov. Jay Inslee and his Democrat colleagues who controlled the legislature came to Olympia last January set on raising taxes despite higher than projected revenue collections.

"Rather than looking for cost savings, lawmakers chose to raise more than \$1 billion in new taxes over the next two years and \$2.5 billion over four years," Association of Washington Business (AWB) President Kris Johnson said in a session-ending press release.

The \$52.4 billion budget is nearly \$8 billion more than the previous two-year spending authorization (2017-19). "It comes on the heels of double-digit growth in the previous two budgets, raising serious questions about the long-term sustainability of such spending," Johnson concluded.

It could have been worse. Inslee's proposals for new taxes on carbon emissions and on capital gains failed. However, large banks, high-end home buyers and merchants in border communities got clobbered.

In an end-of-session maneuver, Democrat law-makers raised the business and occupation tax (gross receipts) on large financial institutions — those making at least \$1 billion in net income per year — from 1.5 percent to 2.7 percent. Republicans argued it is illegal so it could be overturned in court.

Lawmakers also converted the flat-rate real estate excise tax (1.28 percent) into one with a graduated scale. It lowers the rate on homes selling under \$500,000, but jumped the tax on those selling over \$1.5 million.

That means if you are selling a home worth \$500,000 this year, you'd pay \$6,400 in taxes as compared to \$5,500 in 2020. However, if you are selling a home for \$2 million this year, you'd pay \$25,600 in taxes. In 2020, the tax will be \$55,000, according KREM-TV (Spokane) calculations.

Merchants in border communities are expected to see a drop in sales after the Legislature removed the sales tax exemption for out-of-state residents at the cash register.

The Times

A PROUD TRADITION

The Times was founded in 1878 by C.W. Wheeler and has been produced every week since then. It is one of the oldest newspapers in the state of Washington.

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For example, starting in January, Portland-area shoppers making a purchase in the Vancouver-area will be charged sales tax at the time of purchase. They can save their sales receipts and as long as the tax is more the \$25. They can mail in their receipts and be reimbursed by mail each year.

No doubt Washington lawmakers face mounting costs for public employee and teacher pay increases and pensions, health care, education, treatment for mental illnesses and drug addiction, homelessness, public safety and fighting wildfires. But higher taxes also have consequences.

In Connecticut, for example, individuals earning more than \$500,000, pay capital gains at 6.99 percent rate. Recently, according to the Wall Street Journal, Democrats who control the legislature approved the surcharge for individuals in the top income bracket. The surcharge would effectively raise the highest rate to 8.99 percent.

The result is a continued exodus of taxpayers in high-income brackets to lower taxed states such as Florida. The population flight is taking a toll on Connecticut's economy and tax collections.

WSJ reported recently the federal Bureau of Economic Analysis found Connecticut's GDP grew a paltry 1 percent in 2018 which is 44th in the country and the slowest in the Northeast after Rhode Island. Slow economic growth depresses tax revenue and contributed to Connecticut's \$3.7 billion budget

Our state's GDP grew by 5.7 percent (\$5.6 billion) last year thanks, in part to Microsoft, Amazon and Boeing. However, things change and our state's economy will face rough times. That's when full impact of the "big bump" in taxes hit businesses and families.

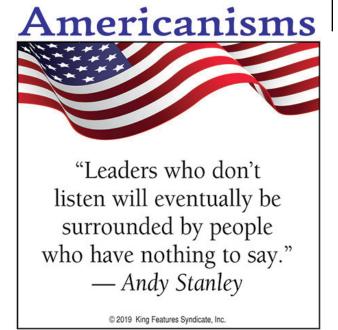
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Letters Welcome

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We reserve the right to decline to publish any letter that we deem inappropriate for our readership.



LETTERS

VOLUNTEERS KEEP THINGS RUNNING

Dear Editor,

Waitsburg Celebration Days is fast approaching. The reason for it was to maintain the date formerly held by Days of Real Sport after horse racing disappeared from the local scene. Volunteers are the key to the success of these events.

Waitsburg Commercial Club proposed doing something to reserve the third weekend in May and the result was Waitsburg Celebration Days. Many of those involved with the weekend's events are "retiring" due to various reasons.

Walt & Gwen Gobel have co-chaired the Parade Committee for many years and this will be their last. Pat Mohney, involved for decades, will no longer be in charge of the crew setting up and taking down all the barricades. Without folks to step up and take the place of these long-time volunteers the parade may follow the way of the horse races. And these are but a few of the many unsung volunteers who make the weekend a success.

The other events during the weekend also rely heavily on volunteers, which seem harder to find every year. Those activities are listed on the various fliers and ads and include the Sunset Cruise, the ATV ride, Brewfest, Burgers Bands and Brews, Car Show, to name a few. Some of these are sponsored by organizations in town which are made up of volunteers, as well

If you are willing to help, contact someone involved with those activities and let them know. Though it lasts only for a weekend it takes organization and planning far beyond that—but the amount of time needed is not overwhelming.

We are all busy but without many folks giving up a little time the many events of this weekend could become another of those "Remember when" things we used to enjoy. Please consider that while enjoying the various events this year. Sincerely,

Jim Davison, Vice-Chair Waitsburg Celebration Days Volunteer helper with Kids Parade

TECH TALK - FROM PAGE 2

Bluetooth

Bluetooth pairing can be tricky because there are different generations of Bluetooth devices that face compatibility issues even now. So, sometimes it just won't work. Other times there are apps that act as patches between adjacent technologies. In general, making sure both devices are on the same Wifi network can be the advice that makes the difference between wireless printing and frustration.

Error 404

The HTTP 404, 404 Not Found, 404, Page Not Found, or Server Not Found error message is a Hypertext Transfer Protocol standard response code, in computer network communications, to indicate that the browser was able to communicate with a given server, but the server could not find what was requested. This means the problem may not be on your end at all. Websites go down both unintentionally and for routine maintenance.

User Error

User error is hard to avoid. It happens to everyone. What you can avoid is the pattern of insanity that goes along with repeating ineffective methods. You click and nothing happens. Maybe it didn't hear you clicking. You click again. Still to no avail. You click again, harder this time so as to make your click clear and precise. Before descending into a click frenzy, check the progress bar to see if there is a hold up. Be patient, friend. At a certain point clicking a million times is only slowing the process. Breathe, and remember that technology is not the boss of you. Then try switching to another task and see if the problem is local to the program or app, or larger scale.

When in doubt, turn it off and on again. If you try all that and still have no luck, then activate the phone tree, whoever that may be for you. Failing that, succumb to the will of the Geniuses.

TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

Cadman Donovan Fundraiser is May 29

WAITSBURG—Community members are joining hands to put on a taco feed fundraiser and silent auction for longtime Waitsburg resident and Class of 2012 WHS graduate Cadman Donovan who was injured in a dirt bike accident on May 3. The dinner will take place at the Lions Club Building at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds from 4-7 p.m. on Wed., May 29.

Dinner will include tacos, salads and desserts and a suggested donation is \$10/person.

Donovan suffered injuries that required him to be Life-Flighted to Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane when he was riding his dirt bike in the back yard, hit a piece of cement, and was flipped over the bike. He broke three ribs, cracked vertebrae 6, 7 and 8 and received 127 stitches from his eyebrow to his neck. He is now back home but has several weeks of recovery ahead of him.

Cadman is the primary Above: Cadman Donovan and son, Aiden, prep breadwinner for the household a dirt bike. Community members are organizwhich includes his girlfriend ing a fundraiser to benefit Donovan who was Alyssa James and their three- injured in a biking accident earlier this month. year-old son. The fundraiser will help ensure the household will

remain in order while Cadman heals, and Alyssa takes time off work to care for him in his recovery.

A GoFundMe.com account has been set up under the Cadman Donovan medical recovery fund. Donations of salads and desserts or help with the fundraiser is

Courtesy Photo

welcome by contacting Donovan's aunt, Abby Grende.

WSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



Courtesy Photo

Waitsburg High School alumnus Bertha (Porier) Clayton was named Vice President of the Washington State University Alumni Association earlier this month. (I to r) Past President Ashley MacMillan, President Jane Yung, President-Elect Doug Wilcox, Vice President Bertha Clayton.

NEWS BRIEFS

PIANO ACCOMPIANIST AND HOSTS NEEDED

DAYTON—The Liberty Theater is in search of a piano accompanist for the Missoula Children's Theater, August 5-10. That person will need to meet with the MCT directors the morning of Aug. 5, then attend rehearsals on only Wed., Aug. 7 and Thurs., Aug. 8 from 10:30-12:30 and for the two performances, Fri. Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. and Sat., Aug. 10 at 7 p.m. The music score is at a simple intermediate level.

The theater is also in need of community members willing to host an MCT director. There are two directors, and each must have their own room for the nights of Aug. 4-11. They can stay in separate homes or one home in Dayton or Waits-

If interested, email Mike Ferrians at mike@liberty theater.org

PROVIDENCE AND WALLA WALLA PUBLIC SCHOOLS **OFFER FREE SPORTS PHYSICALS MAY 21**

WALLA WALLA—Sports physicals will be offered to students in grades 6 to 11 in all area schools on May 21 from 3-7 p.m. in the Walla Walla High School Big Gym. No appointments are needed.

The exams will be performed by Providence Medical Group providers. The Providence St. Mary Rehabilitation Department, Providence Medical Group, Providence St. Mary Foundation and the Walla Walla Public Schools are partnering to provide the free exams.

Students under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or come with the release and health history forms signed by a parent or legal guardian. The forms can be downloaded at www.providence.org/stmaryfoundation

For more information, call Britt Adkins at 509-526-8633.

FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION MONTH

The month of May has been designated National Foster Parent Appreciation Month. There are nearly 9,000 children currently in foster care in Washington State. Children enter foster care at no fault of their own and most have endured some form of abuse of neglect which made conditions unsafe to remain in their

Thankfully, there are caring adults who choose to become foster parents. Foster parents are willing to open their hearts and homes to the children in foster care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Foster parents provide the safety, love and nurturing that every child deserves, at a time when that child needs them the most. Fostering WA salutes all of the foster parents who have risen to the call to care for our most vulnerable citizens, children who have experienced abuse and/or neglect.

Individuals who live in eastern Washington and have ever wondered about how one can become a foster parent, please contact Fostering WA at 1-877-620-5748. All are welcome to inquire but foster parents are especially needed for sibling groups, children aged 12 and older, children with special needs, children who identify as LGBTQ and infants who have prenatal exposure to drugs/alcohol.

Learn more at https://sites.ewu.edu/fosteringwa

Club Notes

Editor's Note: The Times would like to bring back the former tradition of publishing local club notes. We welcome brief minutes or summaries of local meetings. Send your updates to editor@waitsburgtimes.com.

DAYTON KIWANIS

The Dayton Kiwanis hosted the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Dayton City Park. Dayton High School Honor Society students filled more than 1,000 plastic eggs with candy. Those who found the "Golden Eggs" received special prizes. Student applications have been received for \$4,000 in Kiwanis scholarships to be presented at the Dayton High Commencement. Our next community events include the Dayton Days Rodeo on May 25th and All Wheels Weekend on June 14th - 16th. And, a 'Shred Day' will happen on June 29th at HomeStreet Bank with a shred truck available to securely dispose of sensitive documents.



Cheers!

Did someone do a good deed or somehow make your day? Email editor@waitsburgtimes.com with the subject line "Cheers" and we'll aknowledge them here.

Cheers! Thanks to the Gardening Angel of Mercy who thoroughly weeded the foundation planting at the Wilson-Phillips house.

the Lewis & Clark walk.

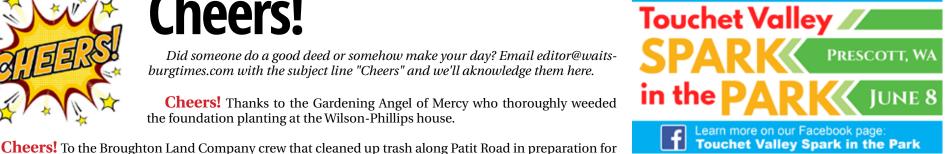
Cheers! To the local Girl Scouts who volunteered to serve at the fundraising dinner for Cadman Donovan. Also, to the many community members who are pitching in to help one of their own.

Cheers! To the Waitsburg volunteer firefighters for doing an amazing job of cleaning the city streets last Saturday morning.

Cheers! To the Dayton Subway worker who made someone's day with a note on their sandwich.











TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

FIREFIGHTER FOCUS

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG-As longtime volunteer firefighters retire and fresh faces fail to fill the void, the local volunteer pool continues to dwindle. With less than 20 active volunteer firefighters and four EMTs, Columbia-Walla Walla Fire No. 2 is actively recruiting new volunteers.

Two events are planned over the next weeks to introduce interested parties to the department and volunteerism. An open house is planned at the station on Main Street in Waitsburg, following the Waitsburg Celebration Days Parade. Volunteers will hand out free ice cream bars, offer tours of the station and equipment and be on hand to answer questions.

On June 8, the department will be on hand at Spark in the Park in Prescott. The department, along with LifeFlight, will be in the Prescott Park from 1-4 p.m. Volunteers will also man a booth at Pomegranate Park (between the Tuxedo Bar & Grill and Prescott Library) from 5-8:30, while The FrogHollow Band performs in

Over the next few weeks, The Times will profile some current department volunteers to learn about their experiences and how they work volunteering around the other responsibilities.

JAMIE ALLEN

Allen is currently the only female volunteer and has served the district for four years. She volunteers as both a firefighter and EMT and, as lieutenant, holds the honor of being Waitsburg's first female officer.

Allen originally earned her EMT certification in Idaho, but let it lapse after suffering back injuries. When she returned to Dayton she worked as a CNA in at Dayton General Hospital and took night classes at Walla Walla Community College to be recertified as an EMT in Washington. She volunteered in Dayton before moving to Waitsburg and becoming a volunteer with Fire

While most volunteers start in fire and then add EMT training, Allen did it the other way around. She was the lone female when she attended the Walla Walla Fire Academy in 2013 and came in first out of 26 partici-

"I kind of drug my feet about Waitsburg Grocery. getting into the fire end of

things, but I really enjoy the excitement of it," she said.

Allen said that when she worked as a CNA, the hospital was supportive of allowing her to respond to calls if they could afford to lose her on the floor. As the current owner of the Waitsburg Grocery store, she responds if the store has suffi-

McMillan said that volunteering is possible, even when its not always easy. As a single mom who has overcome four back surgeries, she is familiar with obstacles.

'When you have kids, you make choices. You may not always take that call. And when you volunteer, your whole family volunteers. You may be called out on a birthday or Christmas dinner. Hopefully, you have a family that will understand and encourage you," she said.

Allen said she likes being able to help in an emergency and admits she likes the adrenaline rush of responding to a scene.

"I'm a people-helper. It's who I naturally am. You never know what you're going to get. Someone may just need me to make coffee and a sandwich and visit or it may be a life-threatening situation," she said.

Community members interested in learning more about volunteering as a firefighter or EMT with Fire No. 2 should talk to any current local volunteer or stop by the department at the May 18 open house, following the Waitsburg Celebration Days parade.



Talk about Art

obody likes deprivation, being without, suffering a lack of something needed.

But sometimes, our very hardships are what make the difference, prompting us to wrack our brains for a creative solution. This is the option Walla Walla artist David Partridge took 60 years ago when his 4th grade teacher assigned the class to each carve a buffalo out of

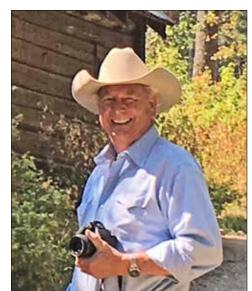
'My family did not have the money for a bar of Ivory Soap," Partridge recalls. "The teacher, Mrs. Hill, wanted to know what I was going to do for a grade. I told her I was going to do a painting of a buffalo."

So impressed was Mrs. Hill by the completed watercolor that she framed the picture and displayed it in the school's trophy case for a year. So struck was Partridge by her reaction that he

Photo by Dena Martin

Local volunteer firefighter and EMT Jamie Allen

takes a break from food prep at her business,



David Partridge

added art to his elementary and high school curriculum. Every opportunity he could, he learned more about painting, drawing, and sculpture. During his two six-month tours for the Navy in Naples, Italy, he sought out teaching from skilled local artists.

Through the years, which encompass a 33-year career as a journeyman millwright for Boise Cascade, Partridge has created hundreds of paintings. They have found homes with individual collectors throughout the Western states, as well as with various corporate offices at Boise Cascade. One painting of a large elk was displayed at the former Walla Walla Elks Lodge on Rose Street for many years.

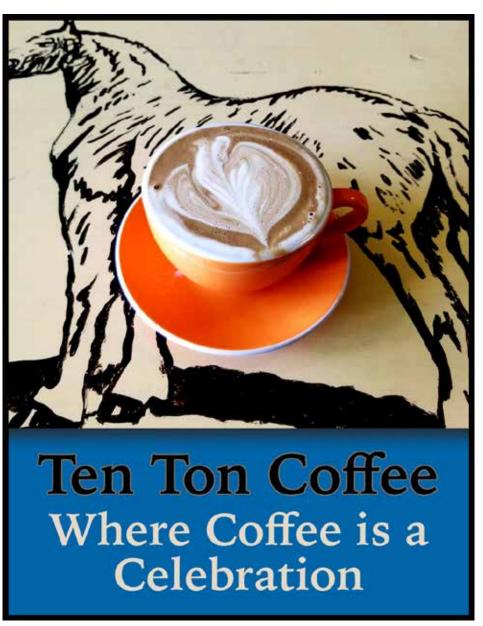
When management and colleagues at Boise Cascade discovered Partridge's aptitude for art, they approached him with projects, ranging from a commission to do as many paintings as he could in a month to decorate the new human resources building, to developing the face and persona of Gus the Goose, the Wallula Paper Mill's mascot. Engineers asked him for drawings giving them an idea of what their completed projects would look like.

Now retired, Partridge focuses full time on art: oil painting, wood carving, leather tooling, and welding, with the season dictating what he does next. When it's cold outside he paints, carves, works with leather. Warm weather finds him

creating metal sculpture. "I enjoy the beauty of the world around me," Partridge says. "It gives me great pleasure to create the things I see. As an artist, it is very rewarding to be able to challenge myself to do new things and create something people enjoy."

Through June 1, Wenaha Gallery (219 East Main, Dayton) is featuring a wall of David Partridge's western and wildlife paintings. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.





TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

Waitsburg math teacher Jim Leid retires next month

Leid has spent 15 years teaching at Waitsburg High School where he graduated in 1969

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—For Jim Leid, advocating for students and staff has been a priority throughout his teaching career. After 15 years teaching math at Waitsburg High School, Leid will retire from teaching, but hopes to maintain a voice in the community.

Leid was raised in Waitsburg and is proud to say he has lived here is entire life here, aside from a short stint in his toddlerhood when his father, former Waitsburg Mayor Roy Leid, was stationed at Chevron in Pullman and his college years.

Leid graduated in 1969 and recalls attending a high school of 160 students.

"We had all the people from the dams, the construction people and the union people. They were great people and their kids were wonderful. And some of them came back here and stayed," Leid said. Leid was a top athlete and is still an avid fan.

"We were a B school and played A schools because those were the schools that were closest to us," he said

He recalls being third in state football his junior year, going undefeated 9-0.

"There were no playoffs and third is where the press rated us," Leid said.

"We were fifth in state in basketball my senior year and we went to state in Seattle because we were playing A schools. Our record was 23-2. That team was loaded! It was a memorable experience," he said.

"I'd like to thank Glyn Davis and Dick Kinart and Mel Cox for believing in us and supporting us," Leid said

Leid attended the University of Montana in Missoula, Mont. where he was redshirted on a football scholarship and played defensive tackle.

He said that football was a great experience, introducing him to friends all over the world and paying for college. It is also how he met his wife, Liv, who he met on a blind date, set up by his roommate, who was a halfback on Liv's high school football team. The couple was married while they were still in college, in 1972.

"That's better than the football end of it," he said.



Photo by Dena Martir

WHS math teacher Jim Leid is one of three teachers retiring from the Waitsburg School District this year. Leid has been with the District for 15 years.

Leid earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education with a focus on math and political science. It would be some time before he put his degree to use, however

He graduated college in 1974 and returned to Waitsburg where he farmed for Gerald Vollmer for 30 years.

He has always been active in the Waitsburg community as a member of the Waitsburg Historical Society, Commercial Club, the Waitsburg Alumni Association and serving on the Weller Library Board of Directors.

Leid got his teaching certification in 1998 and substituted in Prescott, Waitsburg and Walla Walla, while continuing to farm. In 2004, Jerry Scott retired from teaching high school math and Leid assumed his fulltime teaching position.

Leid serves as the union president and worked with Sarah Reser and Waitsburg Education Associ-

ation (WEA) representative Jim Gow to develop the collective bargaining agreement between teachers and the WEA that was adopted in 2014.

Leid makes a point to stay up on education-related legislation and continues to advocate for teachers. He recently helped ensure that teachers are able to use school district professional development hours toward required continuing education hours.

"We need a voice. Before we felt like we didn't have any choices," Leid said.

When it comes to retirement, Leid says he will most miss the interaction with the kids and the parents. The people you teach with is a huge thing, too. It's amazing. It's a wonderful group of people you work with," he said.

And the feeling appears to be mutual.

"We wish Mr. Leid a happy and well-deserved retirement. Mr. Leid has been a huge support for our teachers as he works closely with the Washington Education Association to ensure our staff voice is heard. He was also part of a team of teachers that worked to insure an updated math curriculum was adopted for our students and this curriculum has been utilized for the past two years. Mr. Leid has been an asset to our WHS family and he will be missed. We sincerely wish him a joyful retirement filled with family and friends," said high school principal Stephanie Wooderchak.

"Jim comes from a family that was always involved in the community. He has the same heart-felt dedication to the school and community and the wish to keep them thriving. Teaching was a way to contribute to the legacy of Waitsburg High School on a different level other than being a student (1969). Jim will be remembered by many for his good sense of humor, his stories and staunch support of students and staff. I know he has plans to continue being involved in the community, and I am sure that will keep him busy in retirement, while still allowing him time to enjoy family, friends and his beloved Montana Grizzly games!" said colleague Nancy Bickelhaupt.

Leid plans to use some of his newfound free time to encourage former college teammates to return to Montana and root for the Grizzlies, hopefully from the sidelines. Beyond that, he hopes to improve his golf game and get in some fishing time with buddies.

Leid said he will also running for school board as a possible means of continuing to advocate for Waitsburg School District staff and students.

GRADUATION - FROM PAGE 1

Students Kevin Murphy and Melany Lane-Laudenslager appealed to the board on the importance of the practical lessons they learned in LMS.

"The biggest complaint about the school system is that it doesn't teach people how to live. Everyone in this room has used the skills taught in this class. As far as it not being a required class, I do not believe that children, high schoolers, have the drive to acknowledge they need these things," Murphy said.

High School Administrator Denise Winnet previously told the board that WHS alumni repeatedly list LMS as the most important and relevant class they took while in high school.

"I just want to say that because we're aligning with OSPI does not mean that a class like LMS can't be taught. The schedule that was submitted to us has a class like that. It's not that it can't be offered. If we replace Nancy's position, we have to cut someone else. It's a really hard decision. Where else can we cut?" said board member Christy House. "We're not doing this because we don't want LMS, we're doing this because we don't want to lose a person."

House commented that the skills taught in LMS and health can also be incorporated into other classes such as math, science, fitness and FFA.

"I have faith in our teachers that whatever is decided we will not give our kids minimalist education. Because a decision is made that doesn't go a certain way doesn't' mean that's how it ends up. We can always make course changes. Hopefully, this is a malleable situation and I believe our staff will rise to meet the needs and give our kids the education they need to be successful," said board chair Ross Hamann.

Board member Lisa Morrow said that students should have more options and the class should not be required.

She also said that by providing more periods in a day, students may choose to take LMS as an elective.

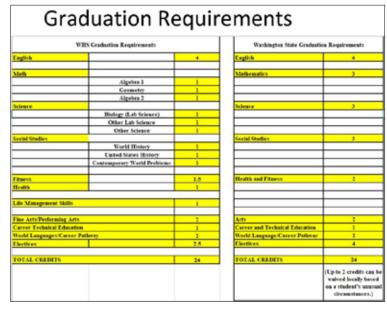
ective. Master Schedule

High School Principal Stephanie Wooderchak presented a draft master schedule for grades 6-12, developed by a committee that has worked on the project for over a year. The new schedule also allows for more electives.

The schedule consists of a seven-period day beginning at 8:30 and ending at 3:13, with 50 minute periods and a 30-minute lunch.

"Our goal is to get this approved so that teachers can write up class descriptors so that kids can leave school knowing what the classes are that they are taking for fall. We think that will keep them in District rather than them not knowing all summer," she said.

Among the new offerings is Cardinal Serve, a 9th grade leadership/service class taught by Roseann Groom. Mr. Elder will offer a yearbook class that



could include a school newsletter and he will also offer a debate/journalism class. Mrs. Abel will teach a 3D printing class, small engine repair and welding/woodworking. Gabe Keifel will offer a sports anatomy class and the new math teacher will teach a small business exploration/finance class. Liv Leid will offer a Sci Fi Fantasy/Social Communication class to 10th – 12th graders. Through a previous survey, students had expressed a strong desire for creative and art-related classes. Mr. Leahy will teach an art class as an option for 7th and 8th graders, though Wooderchak cautioned the board that art classes tend to be very expensive.



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NEWS





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Above left: The Waitsburg FFA Food Science team is ready to get down to business. (I to r): Devon Harshman, Seamus House, Koby Harris, Drew Farley and Daltin Lambert. Top right: The Conduct of Chapter Meetings Team (I to r): Caleb Barron, Kenzie Lewis, Alex Struckmeier, Alexis Reeves, Chloe Gleason, Brayden Miller

WAITSBURG FFA ATTENDS STATE CONVENTION

Competition, education and fun inspires local program

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

PULLMAN, Wash.—Fifteen Waitsburg FFA members attended the 89th Washington FFA convention in Pullman over May 9-11 under the direction of Advisor Nicole Abel.

"Along with the various contests and volunteer duties the students had, they participated in a leadership workshop of their choice, attended four general assembly session that heard keynote speakers from state and national officers as well as award recognitions, watched the WSU/UCLA baseball game, ate Ferdinand's ice cream, and experienced the WSU campus, dining hall, and dorms first hand," Abel said.

Students arrived in Pullman on Wednesday and stayed busy from breakfast at 6:30 a.m. through sessions ending at 9 p.m. Between practicing for competition and trekking across campus for various activities, members enjoyed meeting with more than 2000 FFA members from Washington State.

"The group worked hard and is looking to attend National Convention in the fall. The National Chapter application will be moving on to Nationals and Tom House will receive his American Degree," Abel said.

Four seniors, three juniors, one sophomore and seven freshmen attended the conventions. Anna Miller was the chapter delegate and Marely submitted the chapter scrapbook. Attendees included:

Food Science: Drew Farley, Seamus House, Devon Harshman, Daltin Lambert, Koby Harris

National Chapter: Anna Miller, Marley Ahler Conduct of Chapter Meetings: Kenzie Lewis, Brayden Mohney, Chloe Gleason, Alex Struckmeier, Alexis Reeves, Caleb Barron

Diversified Livestock Proficiency: Seamus House



Courtesy Photos

Clockwise from top left: Tom House was recognized as candidate for his American Degree. A great Showing by WHS!

Devon Harshman and Seamus House received their State Degrees.

State Degree: Devon Harshman, Seamus House

American Degree Candidate: Tom House Courtesy Corp: Marley Ahler, Austin James, Violet Smith

Waitsburg Judges: Nicole Abel – National Chapter and Conduct of Chapter Meeting, Christy House – Food Science, Melissa Ney – Food Science

Bus Driver: Pam Alexenko

"State and National Convention really inspires the kids and gives them great ideas and motivation to use at our school. It has been a great year. June 5 is the chapter banquet to wrap up the year with awards and recognition," Abel said.





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TICKETS ON SALE FOR MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL OFF-BROADWAY TOUR

WALLA WALLA—Pacific Power presents the Off-Broadway touring production of Menopause The Musical at Gesa Power House Theatre with five performances August 1-4.

Menopause The Musical is a joyous celebration of women who are on the brink of, in the middle of, or have survived "The Change." Four women meet in a New York department store at a lingerie sale with nothing in common but a black lace bra...and memory loss, hot flashes, night sweats, not enough sex, too much sex, and more! This hilarious musical parody is set to classic tunes from the '60s, '70s and '80s.

Menopause The Musical, now in its eighteenth year of production, is recognized as the longest-running scripted production in Las Vegas and entertains audiences nightly at Harrah's Las Vegas Hotel & Casino. The Off-Broadway touring version has entertained audiences in more than 450 US cities, nearly 300 international cities, and in 15 countries.

Performances of Menopause The Musical will be August 1, 2, and 3 at 7:00 p.m. and August 3 and 4 at 2:00 p.m.

Reserved seating tickets (\$47-\$35) are available online at www.phtww.com or by calling the box office at 509-529-6500. Group ticket sales are available by calling 509-876-1662.







Photos by Brianna Wray unless noted

Above left: The Spring Fling marks the beginning of outdoor weather; Pioneer Park is the perfect place to find shade and lounge. Above right: Steppin' Country is a dance club formed in 1992 to promote country dancing, improve dance skills, assist new members, and foster a spirit of family fellowship. Choreography includes couples and group routines that burn up the dancefloor.

Spring Fling offers Family Fun

Event honors community heroes and offers plenty of family fun

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA-Pioneer Park teemed with more life than usual as the Spring Fling got underway this weekend. Festivities began Friday evening with Fiddlesticks Stings and carried on through Mother's Day.

Attendees were treated to a collection of rare and antique cars onsite beside the budding grounds. A wide selection of both food and wares vendors lined the path which lead to the Locati stages where live performances took place.

The Walla Walla Spring Fling began six years ago when founders Liz and Gary Pierce "decided to see what we could do to invent a new community event... We had worked with all of the vendors at the other event and knew them well," continues Pierce, "we called a few of the long-time vendors asked if they'd follow us to Pioneer Park for this new event and indeed they did. Our first year was smaller than it is now as we enter our sixth year of Walla Walla Spring Fling with Food, Arts & Craft, Commercial and Kidz Zone Vendors."

Liz Pierce also painted a rock for each vendor and then the rocks were hidden all over town. On the back of each was a sticker that read Take me to Walla Walla Spring Fling May 10-12 at Pioneer Park to claim a prize from the vendor on the rock.

This interactive addition makes the Spring Fling as much a scavenger hunt adventure as much as it is a day at the park.

Walla Walla's real life superheroes were honored by nominations from their peers. Among those do-gooders nominated were Derek Ruffcorn who was awarded Resident Firefighter of the year from WWFD4 and WWFD3; Sam Rowley for being a good neighbor, Jonathan (Jono) Grant who is part of the Batman celebration; Gary Pierce; and Ben Lawrence who has been a volunteer on the Rural Fire Department since 2002.

Friday evening concluded with the event's first ever Karaoke contest sponsored by Kary & Kevin Donavon of Walla Walla Karaoke, hosted by Melissa Bates.

From the masses who competed, four singers David Long, Leslie Hubbard, Tommy Barnes, and Serah Shaw were selected to return Sunday and face off as finalists. Waitsburg's own David Long, who can often be heard singing at the Tuxedo Bar & Grill in Prescott on karaoke nights, walked away with the prize.







Clockwise from top left:

Decorated rocks could be found and turned in for prizes.

Waitsburg's David Long (I) walked away as the top karoake winner. (I to r) David and Naomi Long pose with their son, Landon. Long is the owner of Walla Walla DJ and regularly hones his skills at karoake nights at Prescott's Tuxedo Bar & Grill.

Lots of the vendor booths were decorated for this year's Luau theme. Festival attendees voted for best booth. The winning booth received \$25, and one voter won a gift certificate for helping choose the winner.

Square Dancers, was well trodden by a multitude of movers and shakers. Saturday morning the Walla Walla Dance Company took the stage, followed by Walla Walla dance group, Steppin Country.

Saturday evening concluded with songs by the Coyote Kings with Tiphony Dames. Video of their performance can be found on the Walla Walla Spring Fling Facebook page.

Sunday morning Ray Sample sang the national anthem for a special veteran's a military tribute and a performed cover of Hallelujah.

The Estrellas de Mexico Folklorica Ballet troupe

The dance floor, provided by Muddy Frogwater performed historic dances from Mexican culture followed by the Joker Band. The weekend of entertain ment ended with the Karaoke finals.

> By Sunday evening volunteers were on hand to help break down the dance floor, pick up trash, break down booths and overall clean up after the event. And just like that, the whirlwind weekend of food, music and fun is all over.

> Festival enthusiasts won't have to wait long for more family-friendly fun. Waitsburg's Celebration Days is this weekend May 18-19.

The Club summer program is fully funded

Board is working to build endowment fund to support ongoing operations

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Thanks to multiple funding sources, The Club's summer program is fully funded and the endowment fund is being replenished.

Summer Program

In an email update to The Club board members, Ginny Butler said that, in addition to the \$5,000 The Club had previously raised, Martha Lanman at Columbia County Health had applied for and received two grants and Blue Mountain Counseling unexpectedly donated \$5,000 for the program.

Butler said that the program already has commitments from the Prescott Pool, Friends of the Pool, Columbia County Transportation, the Liberty Theater, the Dayton Library, and the Walla Walla YWCA and YMCA.

The six-week summer program will begin June 24 and run through August 2. The fee for the six-week program is \$250 and will automatically enroll participants as Club members for the 2019-20 school year.

"We have \$5,000 in scholarship money from HomeStreet Bank so tuition will be covered for those who can't afford it," Butler said.

Stand Up for The Club

Butler said last month's Stand Up for The Club event grossed approximately \$46,000, which is about \$3,000 less than last year. She said expenses are generally under \$5,000.

"We have the best board any nonprofit could as for," she said.

Youth State Facilities Grant/Endowment Fund

The Club was also recently awarded \$80,000 from the State in a Youth Facilities Grant. These funds will be used to help replenish The Club's endowment fund, managed through the Blue Mountain Community Foundation. The fund was established with a \$150,000 donation by Butler's mother,

June Jones, before she passed away. In order to open in time for the 2019-20 school year, there was little time to apply for construction grants, Butler said. A \$10,000 donation for Michael Haight and Cathy Lee-Haight, the Eagles Auxiliary fundraiser, grants from Sherwood Trust and the Wildhorse Foundation, local group and individual donations helped cover the costs of renovations.

Butler said The Club still had to borrow \$100,000 from the endowment fund to cover the costs of construction. The Club applied for the maximum \$80,000 Washington State Youth Facilities Grant, with no idea if it would be accepted. They received notice that the funds had been awarded earlier this month. Butler said that state representatives said it was the first Youth Facilities Grant awarded to Columbia.

Butler said The Club is still working to replenish and grow the endowment fund to provide annual operations funding.

"This endowment is something that we hope to be able to add to in future years so that it could provide some substantial funding for The Club. With these funds from the Facilities Grant, the balance will be only \$130,000. Realistically, this could only provide about \$5,000 a year at this time. Ideally, we would like it to be about \$500,000 so that it could provide \$20,000 each year. This would take some real pressure off funding a total of about \$135,000 in operating costs each year," Butler said.

Haight Donations

Butler said she was also grateful to Michael and Cathy Lee-Haight for a recent second donation of \$10,000 to The Club. The Haight's also donated \$30,000 to the Dayton Historic Depot endowment fund and made a large gift to the Liberty Theater, she said.

SPORTS

DW SOFTBALL MOVES ON TO REGIONALS

AS #2 SOUTH SEED

Hannah Becker breaks school career run record

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

PASCO, Wash.—The DW softball team played in the district playoffs in Pasco at the TRAC center on Fri. May 10, to secure a spot as second seed in the Regional playoffs on May 18.

Game One vs. Liberty Christian

In the first gam, e DW Liberty Christian, the same team they finished their regular season against last week. DW broke out right away with big innings in the bottom of the 1st and 3rd. Neylon Bryan once again had the big hit with an RBI

This was a team effort with everyone in the lineup reaching base at least once. DW's defense looked much sharper with Liberty Christian line drives finding DW infielder's gloves, leading to a lot of quick outs and short innings. Though the game went the full seven innings, it felt a lot shorter as DW would win 8-2.

"The girls showed up ready to play ball. They executed both offense and defense effectively and had a really solid game. Our sophomore pitcher, Sadie Seney, and freshman catchers, Mya Wood and Olivya McFarland have stepped in to fill some big shoes," said Coach Shane Robins

Game Two vs. Kittitas

After defeating Liberty Christian 8-2, DW played Kittitas, the #1 seed in the district finals. The game started off great for DW as Tatumn Laughery would triple to start off the game and score on a groundout by Kaleigh White. The run broke Hanna Becker's school record of 162 career runs. Unfortunately, this would be the highlight of the game as DW only managed to get three runs off of six hits against Kittitas. The game ended after five innings, with Kittitas winning 14-3.

DW still moves forward as the #2 seed to the regional tournament next Saturday, May 18 at 10 a.m. at the Paul Lauzier Athletic Complex in Moses Lake.



Photo by Eric Umphrey

Elise Steinhoff collects one of her three hits against LC at Districts

GAME TWO VS. KITTITAS

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Battery

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Kittitas: C. Allphin and P. Hvatt HR - none

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Kittitas: C. Allphin 3, M. Webster 3, T. Coates 2, L. Allemond 1, A. Miller 2, N. Benavidez 3, J. Pryor



Photo by Eric Umphey

Tatumn Laughery triples against Kittitas in the District finals

GAME ONE VS LIBERTY CHRISTIAN

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LC: A. Croskey, E. Reed and J. Horne

DW: S. Seney and O. McFarland

HR - none

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DW: T. Laughery 1, K. White 3, M. Dobbs 1, N. Bryan 3, Mac. Forney 2, E. Steinhoff 3, Meg. Forney 1.

TRACKSTERS MILLER AND FINNEY HEAD TO DISTRICTS

Both athletes PR to qualify in multiple events

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Both Junior Kirsten Miller and Sophomore Mason Finney made personal records to qualify for District competition at the EWAC 2B Sub District meet in Dayton on May 17.

Miller took second place in the 300m hurdles and took third place in the 100m hurdles as well as the 100m and 200m dashes, to advance to District in all four events. Miller PRd in all but the 100m dash which she ran in 13.85. Miller ran the 200m dash in 29.30, took the 100m hurdles in 17.56. and finished the 300m hurdles at 50.75.

Other top ten girl finishers include fifth place for Julia Brooks in the 100m hurdles at 22.31, 10th place in shot put by Mackena Culley with a throw of 22-10.00 and seventh place in the javelin by Kira Boggs at 25-08.50.

On the boys' side, Phinney qualified for Districts in both the high jump and the 3200m run. Phinney placed third in the 3200m with a time of 11:09.89 and PRd in the high jump to take third place with a jump of 5-04.00.

Other top ten finishers mens' finishers include Justin McCord at fourth in the 100m with a time of 12.44, Max Schmidt placed eighth in the 200m at 26.22, Finney also placed fourth in the 110m hurdles at 21.39. Daltin Lambert and Justin McCord took eighth and ninth in the javelin with throws of 106-06 and 106-02, respectively. Dylan Bledsoe placed seventh in the long jump at 15-08.50.

"We had most of our athletes remain competitive through the end of the season, and two of them, Mason Finney of Dayton and Kirsten Miller of Waitsburg are going on to the district champion ships in Quincy this Friday. Mason will be competing in the high jump and 3200 meter run. His best prospect for going on to the state championship is in the 3200. Kirsten qualified for districts in the 100m, 200m, 100m hurdles and 300m hurdles, and is well placed to compete in all four events at State for the second year in a row," said Coach Dan Nechodom.

The official District 5/6 State Qualifier will take place on Fri., May 17 at Quincy High School, with the first event at 3:30. State championships are set for May 23-25 at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Wash.



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Taelor Carter tackles Bug Sur marathon

A case of drop foot set her running

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

CARMEL, Calif—Waitsburg graduate Taelor Carter was on a trip to Maine with friends when she woke up unable to lift her foot. Little did she know then that the frightening experience would ultimately result in her running her first marathon, which she completed on April 28.

Carter said she woke up with a case of drop foot about a year ago. Through physical therapy, and rest, the nerve eventually healed over a three-month period.

"During that time, I thought about all the people that don't have legs or don't have the use of their legs and I was still able to use mine with the assistance of a brace. I pretty much promised myself that when I got better I was going to do something real big, like run a marathon," Carter said.

Carter took advantage of Google to choose her first race, the 2019 Big Sur International Marathon.

"I Googled 'most beautiful marathons' and picked one that was fairly close," Carter said.

The run is staged entirely on Highway 1 and runners are treated with panoramic ocean views on their left and a coastal mountain range on the right. The marathon website describes the course as "a challenging course with rolling hills, a steady two-mile climb between miles 10 nd12, and often strong headwinds in certain sections."

A self-described non-runner, Carter said she hated running until she trained with her friend, Felicia Brown,

to run a 5k in celebration of Brown's 26th birthday approximately two years ago. She read the book, Born to Run by Christopher McDougall, and said it changed her thoughts about running.

To self-train for the marathon, Carter took three to four short runs a week and a long run on Sunday, following the plan detailed in the book Running Your First Marathon by Olympic runner Andrew Kastor. She said her fiancé, Jace Zuger, was instrumental in her training.

"Jace would make me blueberry and chocolate-chip pancakes before my long runs and he would usually have a bowl of pasta ready for me when I got back. I would map out runs and he would drop me off and pick me up," she

Carter said she got a bit of an extra "warm-up" excitement on race day when she thought she had missed the shuttle to the start line.

When I got on Google Maps to leave for the shuttle it said it was a 30-minute drive to the shuttle and I was going to miss it. I panicked. But then I realized the map was on the walk setting rather than the drive setting," she said, laugh-

Carter said the course was everything she had hoped it would be.

"The course was beautiful, and I couldn't have asked for better weather. I'm told it's the best it's been in years, with no fog. At the halfway point, you cross Bixby Bridge which is like heaven. It's the most beautiful place ever," Car-

Carter said her "real" goal was to make it to mile 21 within the allotted time to be spared "the humiliating bus ride to the finish line" required of any participants who hit mile 21 after 11:50

"Once I made mile 21 I felt like I had really made my goal. I lost so much en-



Taelor Carter is exultant as she crosses the finish line of her first marathon in Big Sur, Calif. on April 28. Carter says there are probably more marathons in her

ergy after that. My legs hurt, my feet hurt. But I kept telling myself 'you already have the shirt that says 26.2 miles, you can't take the bus back," she said.

Carter's mother and stepfather, Dan and Trina Cole, were on the sidelines to offer moral support.

"It truly was an incredible experience! For her to complete her first marathon at Big Sur took the perseverance that most may never experience. Words cannot express how extremely proud we are of her," Trina said.

Despite the pain, Carter says there

are probably be more marathons in her

"I've never been so challenged by myself or had as many arguments with myself as I did in that five hours," she said. "And also, because I can. There are a lot of people who can't do things like that and will never be able to," she said.

When it comes to advice, Carter's is

"Pancakes are a great pre-running meal. Definitely jump on that!" she

Siblings survive the Race to **Robie Creek**

Christy House and brother Mitch Davis run "toughest half marathon in the northwest"

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

BOISE, Ida.—Payback is a bummer! Christy House, who ran the Race to Robie Creek half marathon in Boise, Ida. side-by-side with her brother, Mitch Davis of Caldwell, Ida. on April 20, can testify to that. "When my brother turned 40, I thought it would be fun to do a 10K together so I signed him up. He thought it was terrible and has been looking for a way to get back at me. So, nine years later he signed me up for the Robie Creek Half Marathon. It's one of the toughest halfs ever. It is 8.5 miles up and then the remaining is downhill. It is AWFUL," House said.

House and Davis, at ages 47 and 49, respectively, have done several runs together over the years, including 5Ks, 10Ks and half marathons. They seem to take unique pleasure in challenges one another with worst courses imaginable.

The Race to Robie Creek is described by race organizers as "the toughest half marathon in the northwest." The starting line is just above 2,500 feet above sea level and runners reach an elevation of about 4,700 feet above sea level at the highest point in the race, as they trek through the sagebrush-covered hill area known as Rocky Canyon.

Davis said he signed up for the run as payback for the earlier "birthday" 10K that ran through a Walla Wal-

"We both got lost and ran more like 12K and it was hilly and awful," he said.

House said she started running in 2007 when her mother was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.

"I needed a way to deal with my grief and have stayed

with it since," she said.

House said she doesn't have any plans for a full marathon, but then, who knows what Davis might sign her





Courtesy Photos

Left: Mitch Davis and sister Christy House completed the greuling Race to Robie Creek half-marathon on April 20. The run was "payback" for a race the pair completed nine years ago, shown above with Christy's son, Seamus.

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great fun!" he said.

Mohney said he spent many years at the races helping his dad, Red Mohney, pony

"A bunch of us guys in high school helped pony horses here, Dayton and Walla Walla," he said.

"And, of course working for Kenny Smith, his crew spent many days at the race track each spring, working on barns and getting things ready. I don't know how many loads of those Powder River stalls I went to Baker City, put a load on a semi and brought back here," he said.

When it comes to favorite memories, Mohney said, "I love to watch the horses run! And the people - both the crowd and the guys you work with out there."

Mohney also worked as a field judge, a skill he passed on to son, Colter, and he set up and tore down the parade barricades each year.

Mohney said he usually rode in the Days of Real Sport parade, driving a buggy, or whatever was needed. As the event transitioned to Waitsburg Celebration Days, Mohney has found himself working behind-the-scenes, setting up barricades and working the staging area for the lineup.

Mohney pitches in as needed, the same way he does in the community at large. Modest to a fault, Mohney couldn't be cajoled into discussing his service or accomplishments, and while he is not one for joining clubs or organizations, he is always ready to lend a helping hand.

"You give a hand through friends and associations wherever it's needed. You do what you need to do," he said.

Mohney recently retired as a volunteer firefighter, which he has done for more than 20 years. And, though he would probably prefer that it not be mentioned, he is a local hero, having received an Award of Merit from the Washington State Patrol for jumping in to fend off two Rotweillers that were attacking a three-year-old in 2001.

Mohney said he was honored and surprised to learn that he had been selected as parade marshal but his first thought was, "I'm not old enough!"

Old enough or not, he is looking forward to the town's annual celebration.

"I enjoy the crowd and the people, just everything," he said.

OBITUARY/LEGALS

LEGALS

5 minutes

Columbia County Public Hospital District #1 **BOARD MEETING AGENDA** May 23rd, 2019

5:30 p.m. Dinner - 6:00 p.m. Meeting

Mission: Columbia County Health System is a value-guided organization whose mission is to partner with our customers, staff and communities to promote the health and well-being of the region. Vision: We strive to be a leader in rural healthcare and your partner for optimal health.

Values: To promote optimal community wellness To act with compassion, integrity and professionalism

To maintain confidentiality

To be responsible stewards of current and future resources

To foster a culture of continuous improvement

Responsible <u>Time</u> 1. Call to Order **Bob Hutchens** 2. Roll Call **Bob Hutchens**

3. Open Public Comment Period

Public/Staff 4. Patient Feedback Janet Ihle

5. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes **Bob Hutchens** 5 minutes

a.March 5th, 2019 - Regular Meeting b.April 16, 2019- Board Retreat Minutes

Ryan Russell 10 minutes 6. Calendar Review 5 minutes a.Infection Control 08/20/19 - at11:30 a.m.

b.Quality Improvement Committee 06/19/2019 at 12:30 pm Colleen to attend c.Finance Committee 06/25/19-at 12:00 pm

d.Board Meeting - 06/26/2019 at 1:30 pm e.Compliance Meeting - 06/26/2019 at 12:00 pm - Bob to

7. Chief of Staff Report Dr. Kurt Frauenpreis 5 minutes 8. QI Report 9. Financial Reports

Chervl Skiffington/Tom Mevers 30 minutes a.April Unaudited Financial Report b. Report on Warrants: Payroll & Accounts Payable

c.Reports on Columbia County Health System Bad Debt Write 10. Compliance Officer Update

Cheryl Skiffington 10 minutes 11. Medical Staff Privileges to be signed by Board Secretary Ryan Russell 5 minutes 12. Human Resources Report Laura Stevens 10 minutes 13. New Business

a.CFO position/ handing over rights for the Cheryl Skiffington

30 minutes Banner Bank & Home Street Bank Accounts b.Palliative Care Community Meeting

Stephanie Carpenter 5 minutes 14. Administrator's ReportShane McGuire

15. Executive Session 16.Adjournment

Bob Hutchens Bob Hutchens

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Notice of fraud upon title

to the homestead known as 790 Smith Drive Walla Walla County. Washington title land Patent # 197 and all nonfamilial claim to such title by assumed authority of contractual obligation is affected by fraud. Inquire: beryl. c/o general post-office. College Place. Washington. Near (99324). Nondomestic.

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Opening on City of Dayton **Planning Commission**

The City of Dayton Planning Commission is comprised of five members who hear and make recommendations concerning amendments to zoning ordinances and various land use decisions. Members serve on a volunteer basis and must reside within the Dayton city limits. The open position to fill an unexpired term, ending March 1st, 2021.

The Dayton Planning Commission meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM in the Planning and Building Office at 114 South 2nd Street. If you are interested in supporting your community by serving on the Planning Commission, please submit a letter of interest with contact information for review

Letters shall be submitted to: Meagan Bailey; Planner, 114 South 2nd Street, Dayton, Washington 99328. Letters may also be submitted via email to Meagan bailey@ co.columbia.wa.us. Letters will be accepted until filled.

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NO: 19-4-00083-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

RCW 11.40.030 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUN-OF WALLA WALLA In re the Estate of: PATTSY J. HENRY. 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 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

nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION: May 9, 2019. Janice A. Boone

the decedent's probate and

Personal Representative Attorney for Personal Representative:

Jeremy Hyndman, WSBA

Basalt Legal, PLLC 61/2 N. Second Avenue. Suite 200

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEET-ING

Columbia County Flood Control Zone District - Open House

This is notice that an informational Open House has been scheduled regarding the proposed Columbia County Flood Control Zone District. The Open House will offer ample opportunity for members of the public to seek information from City/County Staff and flood professionals. The FCZD Open House will be on May 23rd, 2019 at the Delanev Building, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton, WA 99328. The Open House will run from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Public attendance and participation in this open house is requested. Light snacks will be offered to the public. For more information: Charles Eaton, P.E., Columbia

Co. Public Works Engineer, 415 N. Guernsey Ave., Dayton, WA 99328.

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No. 19-4-00087-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASH-**INGTON**

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY **OF WALLA WALLA** In the Matter of the Estate

WARREN B. BUEHLER, Deceased.

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

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

(2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051, and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of first publication: May 16, 2019 (anticipated) Personal Representative: /s/ Martin D. Buehler, Sr.

c/o Michael E. de Grasse Counsel for Personal Representative

59 S. Palouse Street P. O. Box 494 Walla Walla, WA 99362 Walla Walla County Superior Court

Cause No.: 19-4-00087-36 Martin D. Buehler, Sr. Personal Representative The Times May 16, 23, 2019 5-16-a

Columbia County Planning Commission Opening

COLUMBIA COUNTY The Columbia County Planning Commission is seeking to fill a vacancy for the District 2 seat, Chair 1. The planning commission addresses issues related to zoning, land use, and development regulations and is currently working on the county comprehensive plan update. This is an ideal opportunity for an interested individual to give back and

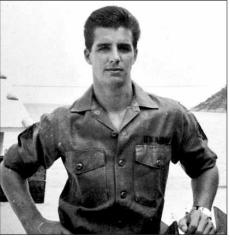
have a voice in the community. Regular meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Planning Department. A district map may be found at http:// www.columbiaco.com/DocumentCenter/View/4219. The open term is to fill an unexpired term, with a term end date of 12/31/2022

Interested individuals should send a brief bio and statement of interest to Planning Director Meagan Bailey via email at Meagan_bailey@ co.columbia.wa.us or mail to: Planning Department, 114 South 2nd Street, Dayton, Washington. Please call the Planning Department at 382-4676 with any questions. Letters will be accepted until filled.

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EUGENE DAVID CROTHERS

APRIL 25, 1947 - MAY 12, 2019



▼ollowing a four-year battle **√** with cancer, Eugene David (Gene) Crothers passed away at his home in Dayton, WA early Sunday Morning May 12,

Gene was born in Bend, Oregon. At the age of five, his family moved to Dayton, Washington.

He graduated from Dayton High School in 1966. He then served 3 years in the Army spending time in Vietnam and Germany.

Throughout his life, he had several occupations including: Appraiser with Columbia County Assessor's Office, Purchasing Agent at Green Giant, opened Cracker B's Pub with his brother Mike, self-employed carpenter, and retired as mechanic with the Corps of Engineers at Little Goose Dam.

Gene married the love of his life, Bette Lou Anderson, in Dayton, WA. They recently shared their 49th wedding anniversary on Feb-



ruary 14, 2019.

Gene truly loved life and was passionate about camping, boating, fishing, and most of all, his beloved game of golf. Gene was well known for his kindness and his deep love for family, friends, and

He was preceded in death by his father James E. Crothers, mother Rosemary Leedy Newman, and brother J. Michael Crothers.

Gene is survived by his wife Bette Lou, daughters Kimberlea (Byron) Seney, Jennifer (Casey) Hughes, son Daron McCauley; grandchildren Keelie Kirby, Tayven Seney, Sadie Seney, Bryer Hughes, Brittany McCauley, Hannah McCauley, great granddaughter Hope McCauley, and niece Megan Hahn.

Memorial Services will be held at the Dayton First United Methodist Church (Dayton, WA) on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Internment services will follow at the Dayton City Cemetery.

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from 10 a.m. -- 1 p.m. at the Delany Building, as well, she said. Discussion will include the 2015 Washington State Energy Code as it relates to new residential structures and remodels or additions to existing structures.

Code Compliance achieved full compliance in just a little over thirty days for a property at N. 5th St., Bailey said.

"We're not just seeing more success with Code Compliance, but faster," she

She said Code Compliance will be moving forward with an abatement case

Bailey said there is a vacancy on the Dayton Planning Commission, and she talked about work being done by the Dayton Historic Preservation Commission for a draft provision for the Dayton Municipal Code.

Trail, said Bailey, who serves on the steering committee for that project. Bailey has been elected to serve on the board for the Planning Association of

The Dayton to Waitsburg Bike Trail has been renamed the Touchet Valley

Washington, she said.

Cole thanked Bailey for her dedication to the city.

"I want to congratulate you on your Planning Association appointment. I do know Mayor George spent a lot of time involved in a lot of different associations, and he was one of the primary reasons to get our name out, and for people to love our community. So any time you can get people on an association of that magnitude brings a lot of benefits to counties and cities. So thank you,"

Special Guest Vicki Zoller gave the city council an update about activities of the Friends of the Community Center, of which she is the President.

Zoller said the original scope of the Friends of the Dayton Pool has broadened to include a senior center and early childhood education center, along with laundromat facilities.

She said expanding to include other community services will save the city from having to provide funds to subsidize the maintenance and operations for

"There is definitely a lot more money available for grants for community centers, especially in rural communities of need, like ours," Zoller said.

Zoller said the organization has been given contacts at the state Recreation and Conservation Office, and at the state Department of Commerce, as well as in Health and Human Services, regarding funding for community centers, operations of early learning centers and for technical assistance. A representative from the USDA with knowledge about rural grants will attending the June 25

'We are grant writing like crazy," she said.

Zoller said the Friends have raised enough money to send youth attending The Club to swim in Prescott four times a week and to pay a chaperone to accompany them. Columbia County Public Transportation will provide rides to the Prescott Pool free of charge.

"Anybody in Dayton can swim at the Prescott pool," Zoller added. "You just say you are from Dayton. They check you out a pass. You swim. You leave. And that pass stays there for the next family or whoever wants to swim," she said.

Zoller said and the Friends of the Community Center is currently writing a grant to pay for a community survey. She said they recently made a practice presentation at the Dayton Senior Center and are planning for two presentations to the public, in June. They will also work with the city to send surveys out

They are currently working with an engineering firm specializing in community centers, she said.

Also last week, the city council approved Mayor Pro tem Zac Weatherford's authorization of the reappointment of Byron Kaczmarski to the Dayton Planning Commission with the term ending March 1, 2023.

They also authorized a proclamation declaring the month of May to be Older Americans Month and they authorized an interagency agreement with Washington State Department of Natural Resources to examine and create a strategic management plan for Main Street trees.

OUTDOORS





Play it Safe at Palouse Falls

Washington's state waterfall is well worth a visit

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

WASHTUCNA-The Palouse River runs through a narrow cataract and drops 200 feet to a churning bowl. From there, the current moves swiftly, through a winding gorge of columnar basalt, to its southern end at the mighty Snake River.

Carved more than 13,000 years ago, Palouse Falls is among the last active waterfalls on the Ice Age floods path. This natural wonder was named Washington's state waterfall in 2014, when the state Legislature passed a bill written by third, fourth and fifth graders of the nearby Washtucna School, who advocated for the designation.

Palouse Falls State Park's lush 105 acres is as much a destination for hikers who hit the well-worn trails as it is for artists with easels or cameras and tripods.

The park offers three distinct views of the falls. The lower viewpoint, reached by a set of steps from the main day-use area adjacent to the parking, provides a direct view of the coursing waters.

The second, at the end of a paved interpretive path, tells the story of the secluded canyon. Both the interpretive path and gravel secondary parking area lead to the third and highest viewpoint, the Fryxell Overlook, offering panoramic views of the falls and Palouse River Can-

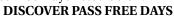
Though the falls were first documented in 1841, during a survey of the region led by Captain Charles Wilkes of the United States Navy, they are well-attended to-

Visitors should beware and prepare for a remote recreational experience. Many of the trails are steep, slippery, and made of loose rocks that shift underfoot. Signs mark where previous visitors have fallen to their ultimate demise and urge visitors to stay behind them.

Play it safe at Palouse Falls. Drink plenty of water and look out for one another. There is no phone service at the park, and staff and volunteer hosts are not always on site so emergencies are best avoided when possible.

A Discover Pass is required for vehicle access to state parks and recreation lands such as Palouse Falls that are managed by the Washington State

Parks and Recreation Commission, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR). One pass can be transferred between two vehicles. Otherwise, park visitors are welcome on one of the Discover Pass Free Days listed below.



Washington State Parks offers several "free days" when a Discover Pass is not required to visit a state park. Following are the remaining 2019 State Parks free days:

June 1 — National Trails Day June 8 — National Get Outdoors Day (State Parks and

Fish & Wildlife free day)

June 9 — Fishing Day (State Parks and Fish & Wildlife

Aug. 25 — National Park Service 103rd Birthday Sept. 28 — National Public Lands Day

Nov. 11 — Veterans Day

Nov. 29 — Autumn day



Photos by Brianna Wray

Clockwise from top left: Views from the lookout at the top of the falls are stunning whichever direction you look. The Times lifestyles reporter Brianna Wray plays it safe and stays seven feet from the edge at any given time based on a formula created by her Grandma Jo. To determine how far you should be from the edge of any cliff, add your height, plus your arm's length. Hikers and viewers need to be aware of the dangers of unstable cliffs and trails.

SAFE BOATING WEEK IS MAY 18-24

State parks boating program provides tips and resources

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Last year, there were 103 reported boating accidents with 21 fatalities and 57 injuries, with over 70 percent of those taking place between May and August, according to Washington's recreational boating accident data.

The Washington State Parks Boating Program recommends the following safety tips and resources.

- Many recreational boaters in Washington must complete an approved boating education course and carry a card. Even those not required to carry cards can take a safety course to increase their safety knowledge. Learn more at www.boatered.org.
- Local marine law enforcement have certified vessel examiners who will perform a free vessel safety check. Checks are performed dockside or at a boat ramp and take 15 to 30 minutes. There is no charge and no consequences for not passing. Learn more or schedule a check at www.cgaux.org/vsc/.
- All vessels, including kayaks and stand-up paddleboards are required to have one property fitted Coast Guard-approved life jacket for each person onboard. All children, age 12 and younger are always required to wear one. Learn more at www.wearitwashington.org.
- Boaters should carry two forms of communication that will work when wet, such as a whistle, waterproof cell phone or VHF marine radio. Flares, a signal mirror and an air horn are also recommended, as are personal locater beacons (PLBs). Read more on communications at http://bit.ly/boat_comm.
- Stay sober. Washington state's Boating Under the Influence (BUI) law applies to all boats including kayaks, canoes, rowboats and inflatable fishing rafts. Learn more at www.boatsober.org.
- It's important to check and understand the weather including wind and wave forecasts and tide and current conditions. Learn more at http://bit.ly/boating_
- Falling into water under 60 degrees in dangerous and many of Washington's water remain below 60 degrees all year, even during hot weather. The biggest risk is not hypothermia, but cold-water shock, which occurs in the first stage of immersion. Learn more at https://bit.ly/2Gl9YqN
- For more information on the Washington State Boating Program visit www. parks.wa.gov/boating

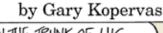


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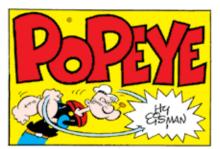


FUN & GAMES

Out on a Limb







THERAPY...

ALREADY ELIMINATED

MARVELOUS!















"Just wait 'til the marshal gets home!"

LAFF - A - DAY



"Could you make it as soon as possible? My husband is talking of fixing it himself."

Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - YES!

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the te them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What is the question you can't answer yes to?

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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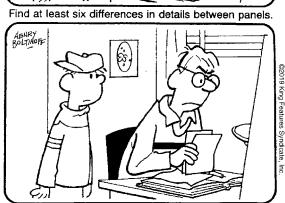
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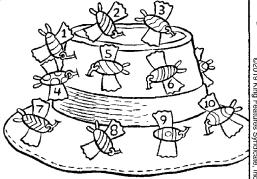
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



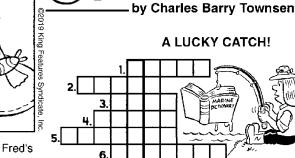


2. Desk papers are missing. 6. Boy's shirt has no letter 'T.' Differences: 1. Boy's hat is different. 2. Picture has been added. 3. Blinds are lower. 4. Man's sweater has a stripe.



CAN YOU REEL IN the two flies on Uncle Fred's hat that are exactly alike?

Answer: 2 and 8.



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tures of the sea. The hints below

In the grid to the left, there is room to enter six words

EVEN STEVEN!

Can you make an "odd" 7 "even"?

Answer. Drop the "S" from the word "SEVEN" and you have the word "EVEN,"

LET THE GAMES BEGIN! At right is a word square. You are challenged to find the four five-letter words that match the definitions below. All words used must read the same

- both across and down. 1. Track and Field (Games, in place).
- 2. To put up with. 3. To imitate closely
- 4. A formal command.
- 5. Small, religious groups. Answers: 1. Games. 2. Abide. 3. Mimic. 4. Edict. 5. Sects.

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- 1. The favorite fish of lucky people.
- 2. The favorite fish of gamblers.
- 3. The favorite fish of shoemakers. 4. The favorite shell fish of barbers.
- 5. The favorite shell fish of jewelers.
- 6. The favorite fish of photographers. There is a dark frame around one of the

columns in our grid. If you correctly solve the puzzle, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will tell you how most fish eventually travel.

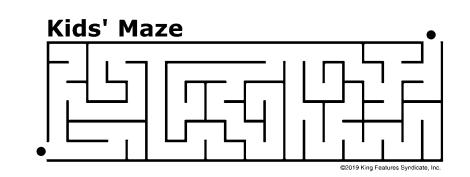
Answers: 1. Fluke. 2. (card) Shark. 3. Sole. 4. Razor (clams). 5. Oysters (pearl). 6. Snapper. The dark frame column spells "Frozen."

Are you sleeping? Riddle Answer

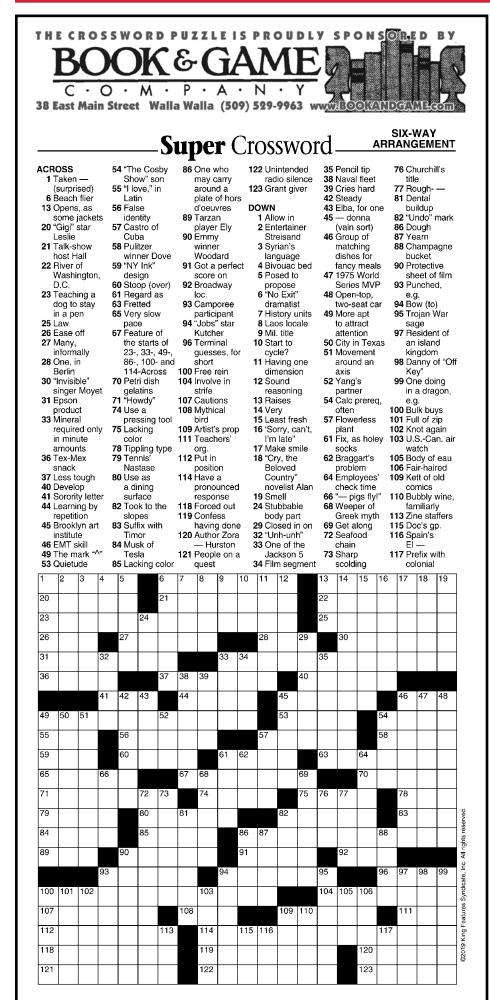
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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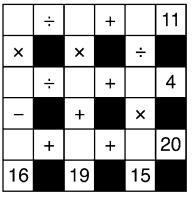
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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.



★★★ GO FIGURE!



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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Mexican Beef Supreme

The reviews on this recipes spoke highly of it (4.5 stars out of 5) and that it is a keeper, with some revisions. I haven't made it yet. For one, I don't often eat or think of Mexican food but I'm trying to remember that many do.

One of the commentssaid, and those of us who have cooked with stew meat know, that stew meat doesn't cook in 10 minutes or so. If it is to get tender, it takes about an hour and half. In



my opinion, this would work well in a crock pot or perhaps those with Instant Pots.

INGREDIENTS:

1 Tbsp olive oil

1 onion, diced

1 pound cubed beef stew meat

1 ½ tsp minced garlic

½ lime, juiced

1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and chopped

3 green onions, chopped

1/4 c. chopped fresh cilantro, to taste

1 tsp dried oregano

1 (7 oz) can green salsa

DIRECTIONS:

Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the onion, and cook for a few minutes, then stir in the beef and garlic. Cook, stirring frequently until meat is evenly browned.

While meat is cooking, stir together the lime juice, jalapeno, cilantro, and green onion. When the meat is browned, stir in the cilantro mixture and oregano. Pour in the salsa, cover and cook for about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally until the meat is cooked through.

MY NOTES:

ENJOY

I read a few of the reviews and if you would like to read them as well, it is on All-Recipes.com.

One lady said she added extra salsa and let it cook for about an hour and half, letting the meat get tender and soak up the juices. Some then used it for tacos and burritos. Another review suggested adding the fresh

We have often purchased a cheap roast and cubed it into stew meat. The recipe as-is was suggested to be served plain or over rice

As we have mentioned before, many recipes can be altered to one's own taste. If you make this, please let me know what you did differently.

THANK YOU FOR

The Times

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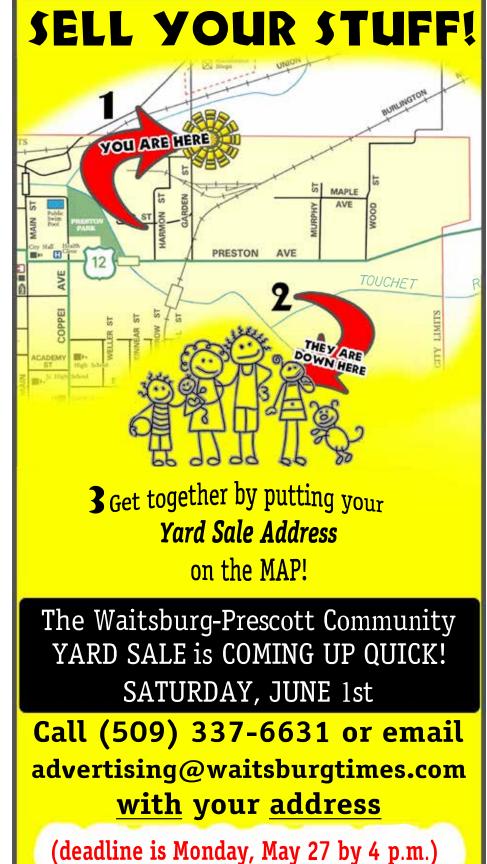
Photos by Brianna Wray

Top: Nancy's Dream Garden Center owner Janet Laurence enjoyed a busy grand opening. Above: Flowers "create happiness". The tag even says so.

WAITSBURG-Nancy's Dream Garden Center celebrated its Grand Opening this weekend with a raffle, tea, cookies and free samples of lotions. Susan Donegan, president of the Waitsburg Garden Club, has nothing but kind words for Nancy's.

"I reached out to Doug and Janet at the beginning of March to discuss ordering plants from them for the Main Street Pots, which were planted on April 28th this year. They were easy to work with, were able to order almost everything we had planned to plant and once the plants came in, they took good care of them until the 28th," Donegan said.

Not only are Doug and Nancy easygoing and helpful, "they also offered a discount to support the effort of the Garden Club and Town Hall to beautify our Main Street. I've been back to purchase plants for my own yard and really appreciate that they have stocked some organic soils, mulch, etc. Nancy's Dream Garden Center is a real blessing for our town."



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