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## Millstone Cafe and Bakery opens their doors on April 23, 2020

*If you love the smell of fresh baked pastries early in the morning, you're in for a treat!*

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Homemade red velvet doughnuts, build-your-own sandwiches and themed dinners will soon be served at 206 Main Street, as the Callahan family wraps up the last few preparations for a soft opening of Millstone Cafe and Bakery.

"I have always wanted to own a restaurant," owner Deb Callahan said. "I have been cooking all of my life, I've catered a good portion of my life." Deb said that her husband, Jim, is getting ready to retire and they are looking forward to having a business that, with the right employees, they can operate while still taking the occasional vacation.

The cafe will be doing a soft opening on April 23 in adherence with Governor Inslee's 'Stay Home, Stay Safe' order. During the soft opening, Millstone Cafe and Bakery will serve their breakfast menu, soups, and sandwiches to-go. The cafe will also offer take-and-bake pizzas.

Once the restrictions are lifted, Millstone Cafe and Bakery will offer a Sunday breakfast buffet and themed dinners, like Chinese Wednesday, Fish Friday, and Sunday Supper, as well as the only salad bar in the Walla Walla Valley. Deb said it is hard for small town restaurants to keep a full menu stocked and she thinks the themed dinners will help reduce waste. If the restrictions continue longer than anticipated, they will offer the dinners in a grab-n-go style.

"We will have a senior menu, and we will always deliver to seniors over 65," Deb said. She wants to create an environment that the kids enjoy and feel at home with, so each kid's meal will come with the choice of an ice cream cone or ice cream and a freshly baked cookie.

Callahan and her son, Brian, have been traveling to the Tri-Cities regularly to participate in bread and cinnamon roll classes.

"He is the one who is pushing the sourdough," Callahan said, referring to Brian. "He wants to have a traditional Waitsburg sourdough starter. As a matter of fact, we are fighting over what we are going to call the sourdough. He wants to call it Preston-Schaffer Sourdough" said Deb good-naturedly.



Beka Compton, Deb Callahan

Left: Deb Callahan, owner of the Millstone Cafe and Bakery, has been busy perfecting her breads, cookies and pastries. The cafe's soft opening will kick off with fresh cinnamon rolls, biscuits and gravy, and sandwiches to go.

Right: Red velvet doughnuts made fresh. Deb Callahan says her love for baking comes from her southern roots, and she can't wait to share them with Waitsburg.

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## Walla Walla County seeing broader community transmission of COVID-19

*Fifteen additional cases since April 10, including five at Prescott's FirstFruits, Inc.*

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH) has confirmed that Sunday, April 19th, 2020 had the largest spike in daily cases for COVID-19 in the county. Over the weekend, they reported six additional cases of COVID-19, five of which resulted on Sunday.

A total of seventeen additional cases have been confirmed since Friday, April 10th, 2020 increasing Walla Walla County's case count to thirty-seven. It is important to note that the local daily case count for COVID-19 is not at its peak.

According to the April 21, 2020 DCH press release, five of the new cases are employees at FirstFruits, Inc. in Prescott.

DCH states that FirstFruits has been engaged in preventative measures prior to their first reported case:

FirstFruits told all employees that they did not have to come to work, thus they are able to keep six feet of physical distancing between their team members throughout most of their operation.

In areas where they could not further separate team members, face coverings are required. First Fruits worked to supply masks to all employees, but procurement was difficult, and the company could not get enough supply, thus several employees have made masks or face coverings for their co-workers.

In addition, FirstFruits is screening for symptoms before entry into the facility, and are cleaning surfaces per the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations.

Health officials caution that the local daily case count for COVID-19 is not at its peak.

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## Dayton School District board report for April

*Continuous learning, budget discussed*

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Learning has taken a curious shape in the Dayton School District since brick and mortar schools were shut down on March 17.

The school closures have provided opportunities for teachers and staff who are working from home to provide continuous learning in different and creative ways, and not just distance learning, said Superintendent Doug Johnson, at last week's board meeting.

"We're trying to continue educating the students in any manner, shape or form we can between now and when we can return to school," he said.

Johnson said teachers in the elementary school have been trained in a Google application that allows them to meet with their classroom students, as a whole.

"They talk about how exciting it is, for kids, because they get to see each other and talk with each other a little bit just like when they are at school," he said.

Teachers began sending activity packets home to students the second week after the school closure was announced, and he is pleased with the efforts of staff, parents, and students.

Students have been supplied with around 75 Google Chromebooks and the District has been working with local internet service providers to make sure all students have access to the Internet.

Johnson said there are only a dozen students not connected to the internet and they are being contacted mainly by phone, along with home visits.

The United Way has donated \$3,000 to the Adopt a Bulldog program for the cost of internet connections for the months of April, May and June.

"I'm very thankful for that opportunity," Johnson said.

High School/Middle School Principal Kristina Brown said, "There's a lot of good contact and a lot of good things happening between the teachers, students and parents."

She said the goal is for every teacher to reach out

to every student, in each of their classes, at least once a week, through email, by phone, or by sending a learning enrichment activity to them.

The District is currently focusing on math and English, with history and science in the mix, which is accomplished using cross-curricular instructional methods where possible.

Middle school students are spending between two and three hours a day on school work, and high school students are spending three to four hours a day on school work.

Superintendent Johnson said the state has been slow in issuing guidance about grading and attendance.

"The main concept, formulated and supported by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the governor's office, is that we wish to do no harm to students," Johnson said.

He said the state legislature and the OSPI have heard from many that it isn't possible for every student to do an assignment every day in each of their classes.

"Unfortunately, some families lack a kitchen table for students to work at. Some families have multiple children trying to utilize the same computer," he said.

Johnson said, "In an effort to make sure no harm is done I think there is a tendency to give a lot of flexibility and loosen credit and grading requirements."

He and the secondary staff are formulating a plan for grading, which could include a pass/fail option.

He said elementary teachers are in the process of mailing out report cards.

Johnson said unless the teacher and parent were talking about having a child repeat a grade before the March 17 school closure, students will advance to the next grade, regardless of how much school work is accomplished before the last day of school, on June 9.

Students will be supported at whatever their level of learning when school resumes in the fall, he said.

### Graduating seniors

Johnson said any senior on track to graduate in June, who was passing their classes on March 16, will receive a diploma. Seniors who were not on track to pass a class will receive additional help so they can graduate.

"The question is going to be, of course, when, and how?" Johnson said about graduation.

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# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

## NEWS BRIEFS

### STATE RECALLS 12,000 COVID-19 TEST KITS DUE TO POSSIBLE CONTAMINATION

CAMP MURRAY, Wash.—On April 17, 2020, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) was alerted by UW Medicine to discontinue use of a recently-procured batch of COVID-19 specimen collection kits that UW Medicine believed may have a quality control issue. As a result, on April 16 DOH recalled approximately 12,000 kits sent to local health jurisdictions, tribal nations, and state agency partners across the state.

“Though the quality control issue has only been observed in a small number of tubes of viral transport media, we adhere to the highest quality standards for COVID-19 testing in Washington state,” said Secretary of Health John Wiesman. “We are working with our partners to have them discard the product and will work to replace them as quickly as we can.”

Viral transport media (VTM) is the fluid that preserves a specimen during transport, in this case collected via nasal swab from a person being tested for COVID-19. Some of the vials of VTM were an unusual color, which prompted UW Medicine to reach out to DOH to work together to investigate potential contamination. DOH officials believe there is no health risk to patients, as the VTM does not come in contact with patients during a COVID-19 test.

Testing completed on April 17 at UW Medicine has indicated that the quality issues observed in the small number of the VTM tubes did not impact COVID-19 test results. While this investigation is still ongoing, DOH is choosing to recall both the VTM and the nasal collection swabs out of an abundance of caution.

The recalled specimen collection kits were procured by UW Medicine and donated to DOH from Lingen Precision Medical Products. No other supplies previously used for testing are impacted by this recall.

The state is working closely with both the UW Medicine and local health partners to replace the recalled specimen collection kits as quickly as possible.

### DESPITE STAY-AT-HOME ORDERS, PROTESTERS GATHER REGIONALLY

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

According to Associated Press reports, thousands of people gathered in Olympia, WA on Sunday, April 19 to protest Gov. Jay Inslee's stay-at-home order designed to combat the spread of the coronavirus. Protesters could be seen holding signs that read “End the Shutdown” and “Give Me Liberty or Give me Covid 19”.

In nearby Richland, WA, the *Tri-Cities Herald* and *YakTriNews.com* reported that hundreds of protestors of all ages lined George Washington Way in front of John Dam Plaza with signs, American flags, and bullhorns. Hundreds of protestors also gathered at the Columbia Point Marina in Richland on Saturday, April 18 to protest Washington state's ban on fishing.

Gov. Inslee's March 23, Stay Home, Stay Healthy proclamation applies to private and public gatherings. These include some of the most deeply meaningful gatherings in communities, such as weddings and funerals. Inslee said it's crucial to reduce social interactions where this highly contagious virus can spread.

The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America as well as the Center for Disease Control continue to advise Americans to avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people, and to avoid discretionary travel, shopping trips, and social visits. The guidelines also instruct the public to follow the directions of state and local authorities. ([whitehouse.gov/coronavirus.gov](http://whitehouse.gov/coronavirus.gov))

As of 5 p.m. on April 21, there were 12,282 cases of COVID-19 in Washington state, with 37 confirmed cases in Walla Walla County. The city of Walla Walla has 21 confirmed cases, Burbank/Wallula and College Place each have seven cases, and there are two cases in Prescott.

### LITTLE FREE PANTRY IN DAYTON



Teeny McMunn

This cute redesigned cabinet is the home of the Little Free Pantry located at the First Congregational Church, corner of Third and Spring Street, Dayton. Take what you need, leave what you can.

### PRESCOTT SEEKS A PARKS COMMISSIONER

PRESCOTT—Prescott Joint Parks and Recreation District recently announced the retirement of Patsy Welch Adams Warnock, a 13-year member of the local Recreation District. Her post at Position #2 expires in 2021, therefore the Commissioners must seek a replacement in the meantime. This is a four year volunteer position that helps direct the activities of the town, including the Prescott Pool. Interested persons can contact the PJPRD office at (509) 849-2314 for more information.

### APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR VACANCIES ON WAITSBURG-COPPEI FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WALLA WALLA—There are currently three open positions on the Waitsburg-Coppei Flood Control District Board of Directors. The district has been inactive for some years. There is an interest in reactivating the district to assist with certain flood control activities in the City of Waitsburg. By state law (RCW 85.38), such vacancies are filled by appointment by the board of county commissioners in which the largest part of the district property is located, which is Walla Walla County. Appointees shall hold office until the next district election.

Applicants must be qualified voters of the district and own property within the district. The boundaries of the district run along the Touchet River from the Lewis and Clark State Park to Bolles Road and along Coppei Creek from Coppei to its confluence with the Touchet River, and is situated primarily in Walla Walla County, although some portion is contained within Columbia County, Washington.

Board members engage in flood control activities and plan, construct, maintain and operate improvements to prevent inundation or flooding, to include dikes, levees, dams, etc., and also engage in drainage control and storm water and surface water control, and many other powers as defined in RCW 85.38.180, by generally performing all such acts necessary to carry out the operation of the district.

Board application forms may be obtained from the County website ([www.co.walla-walla.wa.us](http://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us)), or by calling the Commissioners' Office at (509) 524-2505. Interested persons are encouraged to call or email ([wwcocommissioners@co.walla-walla.wa.us](mailto:wwcocommissioners@co.walla-walla.wa.us)) with questions.

Completed applications must be returned to the county commissioners' office by Friday, May 1, 2020. Applications may be mailed or emailed to [wwcocommissioners@co.walla-walla.wa.us](mailto:wwcocommissioners@co.walla-walla.wa.us). As a part of the selection process, applicants may be interviewed. The Board of County Commissioners will make final decisions regarding appointments to fill the vacancies.

#### Touchet Valley Weather April 22, 2020

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
Rain Likely	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Few Showers	Few Showers	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy
High: 58 Low: 45	High: 62 Low: 44	High: 67 Low: 45	High: 68 Low: 44	High: 66 Low: 42	High: 64 Low: 44	High: 59 Low: 35

#### Weather Trivia

Just how cold can temperatures be on Earth?

Answer: In the South Pole, temperatures can fall to 130 degrees Fahrenheit below zero.

#### Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	66	42	62/42	Trace	0.05"
Wednesday	60	35	62/42	0.05"	0.44"
Thursday	61	31	62/42	0.00"	-0.39"
Friday	71	34	63/42	0.00"	52.9°
Saturday	68	46	63/42	0.00"	52.3°
Sunday	67	44	63/42	0.00"	+0.6°
Monday	72	43	63/42	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

#### Weather History

April 22, 1989 - Twenty-seven cities in the central United States reported record high temperatures for the date. The high of 96 degrees at Omaha, Neb. was an April record and the high of 100 degrees at Lubbock, Texas equaled their record for April.

#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
<b>New 4/22</b>	5:53 a.m.	7:50 p.m.	6:10 a.m.	7:33 p.m.
Wednesday	5:51 a.m.	7:51 p.m.	6:31 a.m.	8:36 p.m.
Thursday	5:50 a.m.	7:53 p.m.	6:55 a.m.	9:41 p.m.
Friday	5:48 a.m.	7:54 p.m.	7:23 a.m.	10:45 p.m.
<b>First 4/30</b>	5:46 a.m.	7:55 p.m.	7:57 a.m.	11:48 p.m.
Sunday	5:45 a.m.	7:57 p.m.	8:38 a.m.	Next Day
Monday	5:43 a.m.	7:58 p.m.	9:29 a.m.	12:48 a.m.
Tuesday				

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# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

## Happy birthday, Doris Huffman!



Lane Gwinn

Deanna Tipton planned a birthday parade to celebrate her mother Doris Huffman's 90th birthday this past Monday. Friends and neighbors drove by her Orchard Street home with signs and merriment to celebrate.



## How are Waitsburg teachers connecting with their students?

THE TIMES

"I am using a combination of methods—old and new—to communicate with my students and their parents. During the first week I sent a letter home to seniors and their parents, encouraging them during this strange time and reminding them about some things they could be doing during our six weeks apart. The second and third week I used Skyward (our online platform for grading and communication) to send individual classes messages. I've also sent some messages and pictures through the Waitsburg High School Facebook page. Some of the other high school teachers are using Google Classroom or other apps to contact the students, while others make phone calls. It is wonderful when my students respond either to let me know they are doing okay or to share some of the work they are doing for the class." **Roseann Groom** teaches English & Leadership Teacher at Waitsburg High



Courtesy photo

Teacher Roseann Groom shared this image of her mom's poodle Cleo reading *The Scarlett Letter* on Facebook to encourage her students to remember to read during their time away from each other.

"Firstly, the last few weeks has been so strange. I am used to seeing so many faces and talking to so many people that it has been difficult. I really miss my students and colleagues. Before the closure on March 16, the other teachers and I put together learning packets to send home with students. We didn't have much time, but as a parent of a 2nd grader and a 3rd grader in the district, I can tell you that our teachers are amazingly resourceful people who know how to problem solve in a pinch. Since the schools have been closed, I have worked on making contact with students and families. What I've noticed is that students are craving interactions and parents are grateful for their students having work to do. Almost every family I've spoken with has reported that they are doing their homework. Most families are keeping a schedule and staying on top of work." **Gabe Kiefel** teaches Physical Science, Biology, Forensic Science/Criminal Justice, and Sports Anatomy at Waitsburg High

"Communicating with students during this shut down has brought some challenges. Not everyone prefers using the same form of communication. I have received emails, texts and phone calls from students and parents regarding their assignments. Making phone calls home just isn't the same as seeing my students every day. I miss everyone, and I am very anxious to get back to our normal routine. We are all learning as we go, and knowing that we will get through this together is very reassuring." **Heather Ball** teaches 6th grade ELA, Reading, Typing, and Social Studies. 8th grade ELA, Social Studies, and Health.

## Dayton School District breakfast & lunch delivery times

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

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

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

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

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

## WAITSBURG CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg City Council met on Wednesday, April 15 via conference call. Mayor Marty Dunn, Councilmembers Jim Romine, Kevin House, Kate Hockersmith, KC Kuykendall, and Terry Jacoy were present. Incoming council members David Paxton, Karen Gregutt and Karl Newell were present, as well as city administrator Randy Hinchliffe.

The council reviewed and certified the 2020 Election results. Hockersmith, Kuykendall and Jacoy stepped down and voters filled the empty positions with Gregutt, Newell and Paxton. Marty Dunn was re-elected as mayor.

Randy Hinchliffe presented the board with a Flood Control Assistance Account Program (FCAAP) grant agreement. If approved, the City of Waitsburg could receive a grant for approximately \$33,000 to help cover costs of flood repair. The grant money would be used to help cover costs incurred in hauling riprap, gravel, and other materials for dike repair. The council voted to approve the grant agreement as presented.

Mayor Marty Dunn thanked the outgoing council members for their hard work and dedication over the years. He also welcomed the new council members and said he looks forward to working with them.

Terry Jacoy stated that his time on the council had been a great learning experience and he felt his voice was no longer strong enough to be heard on the council. He wished the new council members well wishes.

Kate Hockersmith welcomed the new council members and thanked everyone for their time on the council. Hockersmith will remain on the Emergency Preparedness Committee.

During the administrator's report, Hinchliffe opened himself up for questions concerning the dumpsters that BDI provided for flood debris. BDI is waiting to see if Waitsburg will receive FEMA assistance before deciding how to bill the City.

The Waitsburg City Council will continue to meet via conference call until the temporary gathering bans have lifted. The public is welcome to participate in public comments and listen in on these meetings by using the call-in numbers found on the city website, [www.cityofwaitsburg.com](http://www.cityofwaitsburg.com).

## DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

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

**Thurs., Apr. 23**  
Country fried steak  
Au gratin potatoes  
Green beans  
Broccoli salad  
Angel food & Milk

**Tues., Apr. 28**  
Spaghetti  
Mixed veggies  
Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Peaches & Milk

## WAITSBURG SENIOR LUNCH MENU

Waitsburg Senior Center  
504 Main Street

**Tues., Apr. 28**  
Meat Loaf  
Mashed potatoes  
Vegetables  
Salad bar  
Bread & Cake  
**MOW: Broccoli salad**



Wash your hands

## Church Directory

### Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

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

Pastor Stan Hughes

### Waitsburg Chapel

320 W. 2nd  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Bible Study  
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.  
337-6235

Rev. Jimmie Daves

### Waitsburg Christian Church

604 Main St  
Worship 10:00 a.m.

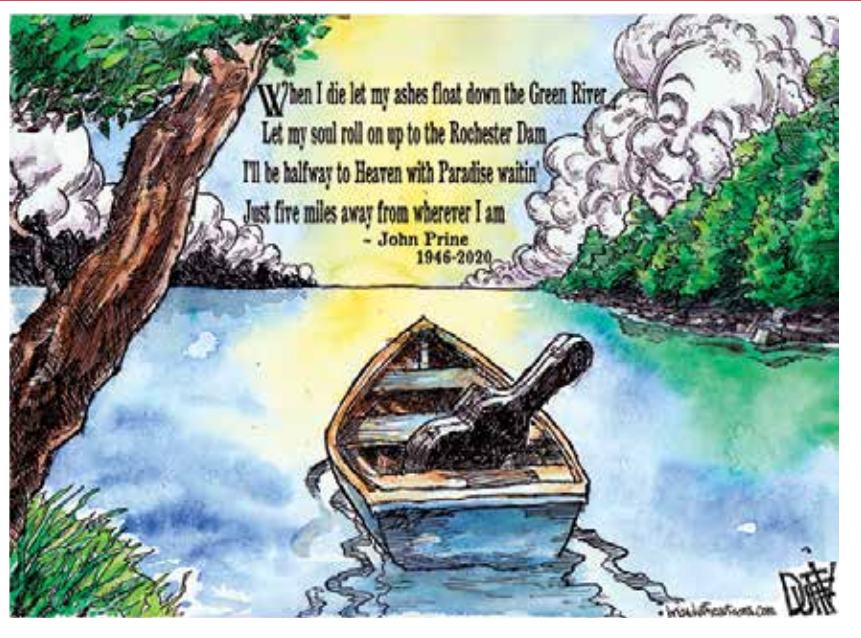
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# COMMENTARY & NEWS



## READER APPRECIATES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARTICLE, OFFERS HELP FROM THE NORTHWEST JUSTICE PROJECT

To the Publisher:

Thanks for running the interview with the YWCA DV advocates and sharing information about domestic violence in the time of stay-at-home orders. I work for Northwest Justice Project, a statewide nonprofit law firm which helps low-income people with legal needs. We've been worrying a lot about escalating DV paired with reduced opportunity to seek help. So the article was genius!

A related, timely reporting idea is the eviction and foreclosure moratoriums currently in force. In addition to the moratoriums, there are programs which may provide monetary aid to tenants to catch up on rent in certain circumstances.

Tyler Graber is an attorney with the Walla Walla office of Northwest Justice Project, which also currently serves Columbia, Garfield, and Asotin Counties. One of Tyler's primary practice areas is housing. If you have interest in an article about the moratoriums and available financial resources, Tyler is a great resource and I'd love to help put one of your reporters in touch with him. Northwest Justice Project is anticipating heightened eviction defense and assistance once the courts open up.

Best wishes and thanks to you and all the staff at *The Times*.

Susan Tarver

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## BIRTHDAYS

**April 23:** Claudia Cunningham, Juanita Gluck, Vera Webber, Sandra Cox, Caleb Durkee, Nico Harri and Lisa Kysar.

**April 24:** Betty Callahan, Julia Manyak, Rick Huwe, Bess Harter, Geneva Pettichord, Jason Sickles, Cheyenne Frohreich.

**April 25:** Sharon Pauley, Nancy Meyers, Bernice Mock, Richele Heilburn and Randy Schuster, Michael Bessey

**April 26:** Charlie Baker, Lane Gwinn, Ernest Hermanns, Delores Nettles, Dain Henderson, Rich Lee, Gregory Kalahale-Stearns, Bryan Thomas, Patsy Donavon, Dawn Keith, Anna Newbury and George Porter.

**April 27:** Kathy Harshman and Tom Morrison.

**April 28:** Garry Katsel, and Judy Deines.

**April 29:** Cole McMorris-Rodgers, Nancee Hinchliffe, Kenny Finch, Glenda Mings and Emily Yokel, Danielle Henry.

**April 30:** Janice Wills, and Patti Eng.

## WASHINGTON WIC AVAILABLE TO PREGNANT WOMEN, NEW MOMS, AND YOUNG CHILDREN

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—During this challenging time, Washington Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program (WIC) is here for vulnerable families. WIC is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children. WIC gives families access to nutritious foods, nutrition education and breastfeeding support, health assessments and referrals. WIC is for pregnant people, new and breastfeeding moms, infants, and children under five. These services help diverse communities address their health needs during and after pregnancy and in early childhood.

"WIC has been identified as an essential service. We are committed to supporting families," said Paul Throne, Washington WIC Director. "WIC agencies across the state are providing services by phone or online to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19. We want to protect both WIC participants and clinic staff."

Given recent employment changes and layoffs, people may be seeking WIC services for the first time or returning to services. WIC has the capacity to serve

additional people.

People seeking WIC services do not need to visit a WIC clinic. WIC services are available by phone or video chat even when physical buildings are closed. To find WIC services in your area:

- Call the Help Me Grow WA Hotline at 1-800-322-2588
- Text "WIC" to 96859
- Visit ParentHelp123's Resource Finder here: [www.parenthelp123.org](http://www.parenthelp123.org)

Washington WIC has recently added many nutritious food options to help ensure WIC participants can find foods when shopping. WIC clinics can answer questions about these foods. Download the WIC Shopper app to your smart phone or device for more information. Find it here: <https://tinyurl.com/y86jldfb>

In this uncertain time, information changes rapidly. WIC staff are the best source of information and can answer questions about WIC. The DOH website at [www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov) is your source for a healthy dose of information.

## CHECKING IN WITH OTHERS, NEWS FROM FRIEND IN BROOKLYN IS STARK

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

While at the time of this writing, there are only 37 cases of COVID-19 in Walla Walla County, I have been keeping pace with the spread of the outbreak by checking in with friends around the country.

On my return from my recent trip to the Dominican Republic in late February, I had the opportunity to visit with some dear friends in Brooklyn, in Kings County, New York. As of Monday, April 20, Kings County, NY was second only to Queens County, NY for total confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States, with 34,476 cases and 2,606 deaths.

My friend requested anonymity for the sake of her and her neighbors' privacy, but from her brief dispatch, the horror and shock of this pandemic is stark. She writes:

"I've been pretty ill the past few days so don't feel up for a call (Addison's flare, not COVID-19). No doubt from stress. It's a lot.

But we are grateful for having a safe, warm house with lots of our hobbies here.

I don't read the news much, but even the support to individuals is a lot. Several people on our block have the virus, and everyone knows someone. One neighbor, 'N', is out of work and her husband is in the late stages of cancer and barely eating. So, I'm trying to give her a lot of support, buy groceries for her, etc. Just keeping busy with work and giving support to others.

I also got this message from my next-door neigh-

bor, 'C': Ugh, so sad:

"I shared with you that I lost my nephew a few weeks ago; well, my sister and her husband both got sick. While she's still recovering, her husband passed on Wednesday. Though they weren't diagnosed, all the symptoms point to the virus. Have to figure out how to break the news to Kaylah before she hears it from someone. They were close.

My friend, 'A', and her ten-year-old daughter both have the virus and at least a dozen of her friends. None of them can taste or smell, and none have been tested. They were "diagnosed" by the daughter's pediatrician via telemedicine.

A group of us bulk ordered food from a restaurant supplier and got the first food delivery in a month that wasn't a joke — missing over half the items, that is."

My friend and her husband, and their son, who is the same age as my youngest, are bright resourceful people, and the couple runs a small business out of their brownstone.

I ache knowing their reality, living with the constant thrum of sirens, plus managing her chronic illness, while trying to help their community members through this crisis.

Of course, though our chances of an outbreak on the level of what is taking place in New York City is unlikely, it does help to be aware of the severity of the impact of this virus, and to continue taking all the precautions that our leaders are asking of us.

We at *The Times* will continue to provide resources about how to move through these trying times and how best to help keep our beloved communities safe.

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## Federal water quality standards withdrawal disappoints Washington State Ecology Director

THE TIMES

On April 16, 2020, the Environmental Protection Agency (epa.gov) announced their final rule to withdraw the federal water quality standards for certain human health criteria in Washington (40 CFR 131.45). The final rule will be effective 30 days after posting in the Federal Register.

Washington State Department of Ecology Director Laura Watson issued a statement last Friday, April 18, on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's decision to roll back the water quality standards for Washington state that the agency approved in 2016:

"The EPA's decision flies in the face of Washington state's wishes. EPA ignored state and tribal objections to roll back water quality standards in Washington. It is disappointing that EPA continues to see states as obstacles instead of partners.

"It is unconscionable that EPA would diminish water quality standards aimed at protecting human health in the middle of a public health crisis. EPA's decision is bad for Washingtonians and is especially hard on tribal nations and communities who rely on fishing for traditional diets and work.

"It is also illegal. EPA's repeal of Washington's existing standards violates the federal Clean Water Act. We have challenged this illegal action in court."

Washington's water quality standards for Human Health Criteria regulate pollution in marine and fresh waters to prevent adverse, long-term effects for consumption of fish such as salmon and trout. Washington's current standards have been in effect for more than three years. In that time, Ecology has worked with businesses and local governments, environmental groups, and treaty tribes, on implementation of the complex matrix of standards.

### MILLSTONE - FROM PAGE 1

Not only will this bread be made fresh and "from scratch" but it will be made from locally milled flour from Smalls Farms in Touchet.

The café includes a homey touch, made from a piece of Callahan family history. The live-edge wood that was used to make the bar in the café's front window came from a walnut tree which once stood in the Callahan's front yard.

"Jim's grandmother used to play under that walnut tree when she was a girl," Deb noted. "She forbade us from cutting it down while she was alive but after it

started to rot we had to remove it."

Callahan said the bar will be finished with a backsplash and will include USB ports for phone chargers. With this counter the café will have a happy reminder of Betty Callahan and her favorite walnut tree.

The café will be open from 7 a.m.- 8 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday, and 7 a.m.- 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Deb said that they will stay open later on game days and other regular events when school opens back up.

"I just can't wait to open, I've waited for this so long," Callahan said, smiling. "Even Jim is excited!"

### OUTBREAK - FROM PAGE 1

"The critical point of information we want the greater Walla Walla Valley to understand is that we are NOT in the clear and we need to be diligent in staying home," said Meghan DeBolt, Director. "When or if you are in public spaces, keep 6-foot distance from others, wear a face covering if you cannot ensure this physical distancing, WASH YOUR HANDS, and please, please stop congregating at parks and other spaces - we need your help to keep our community safe." "Although the State of Washington has seen a 'flattening of the curve', Walla Walla County has not," said DeBolt. "Now is not the time to rebel against the stay at home orders; we are on the brink of having broader community transmission and need to be diligent for a few more weeks."

"We would like to publicly commend First Fruits, and their CEO Jim Hazen, for being early adopters in putting measures in place to protect their workforce," said DeBolt. "They put measures in place well before we reached out to them."

Tyson Fresh Meats (Tyson), in Wallula, WA now counts over 90 Tyson employees who have tested positive for COVID-19, eight of these are Walla Walla County residents. The majority of cases live in Benton or Franklin Counties; for an accurate case count, they are tracking cases and their location of contact on their website.

The Department of Community Health has been engaged with both local and corporate Tyson teams since April 6th when their Environmental Health Team met with Tyson to discuss their current cases and mitigation measures. Since then, the DCH has

been in daily communication with Tyson to ensure the required mitigation measures are put in place; this included a site visit on April 13th, and a robust mitigation plan that is reinforced by the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries guidance. All mitigation measures were required to be implemented by Monday, April 20, 2020.

On Tuesday, April 21 County health officials will again inspect the site to monitor implementation compliance.

"In addition to the prevention measures we have required Tyson to implement, we are also requiring Tyson to allow the DCH to test all employees for COVID-19," said DeBolt. "This will give us a good picture of disease prevalence and will help to screen out asymptomatic cases or those who are just beginning to show symptoms."

This testing will take place within the next week and, after testing, all employees will be required to isolate at home until test results come back. "This may require the plant to close for a day or two, depending on when the testing can take place and how long it takes to get results back," said DeBolt. "Quickly identifying cases, getting them isolated, along with their household members, and quarantining their close contacts is critical to our public health response to COVID-19," said DeBolt. "We hope to see additional testing capacity within our community in weeks to come."

Health officials urge the community to please be responsible and take all COVID-19 safety precautions seriously. "As a community, we can control the spread of this virus."

## Inslee expands eviction moratorium

*Adds additional protections for residential and some commercial tenants*

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—On April 16 Gov. Jay Inslee expanded protections for renters as COVID-19 continues to impact the finances of Washingtonians statewide.

"It is clear that as we deal with the challenges around COVID-19, the financial impacts on Washingtonians are significant," Inslee said. "People have lost their livelihoods through no fault of their own and we must continue to take steps to ensure they don't also lose the roofs over their heads. Continued support and protection for tenants is the right thing to do and I am extending and expanding the moratorium on evictions through the beginning of June, which will allow for two additional rent cycles."

The governor first proclaimed a moratorium on evictions in mid-March. The original moratorium applied only to dwellings that are captured in the Landlord Tenant Act, and prevented a landlord from evicting or seeking an unlawful detainer order; prohibited landlords from serving any eviction order, or otherwise assisting in an evictions and provided exceptions for property damage, danger posed by a person to the safety/health of others or property.

Notably, the original order did not cover all living situations or every circumstance, nor did it cover commercial rentals and leases.

Inslee's new proclamation extends and expands the original order through June 4th.

Just as in the original order, the new order prevents landlords from evicting in all situations that fall within the Landlord Tenant Act, and prohibits law enforcement from assisting in any evictions, but today's proclamation also:

- Prohibits residential evictions in other dwelling situations, including but not limited to:
  - Lots/parcels (some motor home owners own the vehicle but lease the lot)

- Transitional housing
  - Public lands - camping grounds
  - Prohibits enforcement of agreements to vacate.
  - Prohibits a landlord from requiring a non-paying tenant to move to a lesser unit, and prevents landlords from threatening to take action against tenants.
  - Prohibits landlords from assessing or threatening to assess late fees or other charges for non-payment.
  - Prohibits landlord from assessing (or threatening to assess) rent for housing/parcel where the tenants access or use was prevented as a result of COVID. Such as:
    - Seasonal/college housing closed;
    - People who planned to move in but are prevented from doing so due to COVID-19;
    - People who were forced to leave due to COVID needs of their own or others.
  - Prohibits landlords from increasing rents or deposits for residential and commercial units.
  - As it relates to commercial rental properties, this prohibition applies only if the commercial tenant has been materially impacted by the COVID-19, whether personally impacted and is unable to work or whether the business itself was deemed non-essential or otherwise lost staff or customers due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
    - This proclamation protects commercial tenants by prohibiting rent increases or threats of rent increases.
    - Prohibits landlords from treating unpaid rent and charges as an enforceable debt, unless the landlord demonstrates by a preponderance of the evidence to a court that the resident was offered, and refused or failed to comply with, a reasonable repayment plan that was reasonable based on the individual financial, health, and other circumstances of that resident.
- Note: All rent payments delayed through this moratorium will still be owed but a landlord must offer a tenant a reasonable repayment plan to enforce any collection of that debt.

## COVID-19 survivors may help save lives by donating blood

*Antibody-rich plasma may be effective treatment for those infected with the virus that causes COVID-19*

THE TIMES

CAMP MURRAY, WA—The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Washington State Department of Health, and Bloodworks Northwest are partnering to make the antibodies of people who have recovered from COVID-19 available to those currently sick with the disease. This is one potentially effective treatment that can be administered and evaluated soon, while vaccines are being developed.

This month, CDC began sending letters to people in the state of Washington who were recently sick with COVID-19 to ask them to consider donating blood plasma as soon as possible.

When someone is infected with a virus, their body makes antibodies, or proteins, that help their immune system kill the virus. Plasma is the part of blood that contains those antibodies. People who have previously been infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 may have antibodies specific to the virus. Treating patients with plasma donated by people who were previously sick with the same infection (called convalescent plasma) or with concentrated antibodies manufactured from pools of convalescent plasma (called hyperimmune globulin) has been successfully

used to treat other infectious diseases.

"Treating patients with the antibody-based products from those who have survived an infection may boost the immune systems of those who are sick and has the potential to save lives," said Sridhar Basavaraju, M.D., Director of CDC's Office of Blood, Organ and Other Tissue Safety.

As CDC works with the Washington State Department of Health to contact patients previously infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, the nonprofit blood collection organization Bloodworks Northwest will ensure that donors are healthy enough to donate and will coordinate testing to determine the level of antibodies in their blood. Once collected, plasma will be made into hyperimmune globulin to be studied for effectiveness. Other plasma will also be available to healthcare providers for transfusion as convalescent plasma. The FDA regulates convalescent plasma when it is infused into patients as an "investigational new drug" and will permit doctors to use it to treat patients with COVID-19 after submitting a request to FDA for investigational use.

"This program is looking for people who've had the COVID-19 disease and recovered, and have been symptom free for 28-days, to be fully screened to donate their antibody-rich plasma," said Dr. Rebecca Haley, Bloodworks Northwest Medical Director of Cell Therapy. "People who believe they might qualify for this study and have received a previous positive test result are urged to contact us immediately at (206)689-6689 to assist these efforts. We are not able to accept presumed cases of COVID-19 at this time."

In the United States, the virus that causes COVID-19 has infected more than 700,000 people

and more than 33,000 people have died. Thousands, however, have recovered and could be a source of convalescent plasma, which could help other patients recover and prevent deaths.

Plasma background

Plasma is the liquid component of the blood that contains various proteins -- including antibodies that defend your body against prior viruses or infections. Donated plasma is used to treat people fighting severe infections, or with diseases or medical conditions where their own bodies are not able to make antibodies.

About Bloodworks Northwest - Bloodworks Northwest is a local, nonprofit, independent, volunteer-supported and community-based organization. Bloodworks Research Institute performs leading-edge research in blood biology, transfusion medicine, blood storage and treatment of blood disorders. For more information visit [www.bloodworksnw.org/covid19study](http://www.bloodworksnw.org/covid19study).



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# NEWS & LEGALS

## LOCAL WINERY MAKING A SPLASH ON SOCIAL MEDIA SELLING "QUARANTINE" PINOT NOIR

THE TIMES

Walla Walla winery Nocking Point Wine has pivoted recently to involve global celebrities and fundraising for the COVID-19 outbreak. Co-founders Andrew Harding and actor Stephen Amnell (the Green Arrow in The CW television series *Arrow*, and *The Flash* and *Supergirl*) heard from celebrity friend Mila Kunis, who reached out to Harding to suggest the creation of a QUARANTINE-themed wine that could be used to raise proceeds for multiple COVID-19 response efforts.

Together with her husband Ashton Kutcher, (the two met as co-stars on the television show *That 70s Show*) the couple appeared on their verified social media accounts promoting the aid effort.

"We've been finding charities that are focusing on getting PPE into the country, charities that are helping feed kids, businesses that are in distress," Kutcher said.

America's Food Fund, Direct Relief, The Frontline Responders Fund and Give Directly are four of the charities that will benefit.

The wine, a 2018 pinot noir from Oregon, is being sold by Nocking Point Wines at two bottles for \$50. As stated on the Nocking Point website, 100 percent of the profits of the sale will support COVID-19 response charities.

The offer can be found here: <https://nockingpointwines.com/>

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### Superior Court of Washington, County of Columbia

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

And Respondent/s: Ronald Charles Johnson Summons Served by Publication

To: Ronald Charles Johnson - The other party has asked the court to end your marriage or domestic partnership. You must respond in writing if you want the court to consider your side.

Deadline! Your Response must be filed and served within 60 days of the date this Summons is published. If you do not file and serve your Response or a Notice of Appearance by the deadline:

No one has to notify you about other hearings in this case, and the court may approve the requests in the Petition without hearing your side (called a default judgment). Follow these steps:

1. Read the Petition and any other documents that were filed at court with this Summons. Those documents explain what the other party is asking for. 2. Fill out a Response on this form: FL Divorce 211, Response to Petition about a Marriage. You can get the Response form and other forms you need at: The Washington State Courts' website: [www.courts.wa.gov/forms](http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms); The Administrative Office of the Courts - call: (360)705-5328; Washington LawHelp:

[www.washingtonlawhelp.org](http://www.washingtonlawhelp.org); or The Superior Court Clerk's office or county law library (for a fee). 3. Serve (give) a copy of your Response to the person who filed this Summons at the address below, and to any other parties. You may use certified mail with return receipt requested. For more information on how to serve, read Superior Court Civil Rule 5.

4. File your original Response with the court clerk at this address: Superior Court Clerk, Columbia County, 341 E. Main Street, #4, Dayton, WA 99328.

5. Lawyer not required: It is a good idea to talk to a lawyer, but you may file and serve your Response without one.

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

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

### OF WALLA WALLA

NO: 20-4-00070-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
RCW 11.40.030  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

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### NOTICE OF STATE'S INTENT TO NEGOTIATE LEASE

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Lease terms and bidding information is available by calling the Southeast Region at 1-800-527-3305 or by visiting the Region Office at 713 Bowers Road, Ellensburg, Washington 98926. This lease expires September 30, 2020.

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Each request to lease must contain a certified check or money order payable to the Department of Natural Resources for the amount of any bonus bid, plus a \$100 deposit. The envelope must be marked "Sealed Bid" and give the lease number, expiration date of lease applied for, and give the applicant's name. The applicant must be prepared to purchase any improvements that belong to the current lessee. For details and qualifications to submit a request, contact the Ellensburg office or call 509-925-8510.

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# Planting and patience, an oxymoron to me

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

When I was a child, everyone said that my father and I were like “two peas in a pod.”

Physically we had a strong family resemblance, similar mannerisms and a strong stubborn streak. Politely, we listened intently to people’s advice, then usually did what we had initially planned. Thankfully, the one thing I didn’t inherit from him was his horrific sense of direction, he could get lost going around the block, and did once when picking me up from school.

He hated gardening, he didn’t want to “man the grill,” he hated doing home repairs, and for sure, he was not a patient man. I remember a rare family road trip; we lived in Tucson and set out to visit family in Los Angeles. My mother had it all mapped out, they agreed to leave the house around 8:00 a.m. against my father’s suggestion to leave at 6. He capitulated, (not really), after we all went to bed, he set all the clocks in the house 2 hours ahead. We left at 6.

Like him, patience is not in my DNA, nor is gardening, but I am trying to learn, because it takes patience.

In Los Angeles, I had a gardener, but I “managed” the backyard. I had a bounty of herbs; rosemary, thyme, basil and lemon grass which all grew like weeds and grew all year long. My neighbor had a very prolific grapefruit tree, I had dwarf Meyer lemons, oranges and Fuji persimmons. My yard “management” consisted of watering, picking dead leaves off of the basil plants, and beating the rats, possums and squirrels to the persimmons, that was it! No frost, no earwigs, no check-



ing the best time to plant things or buying amended soil, I just had to remember to water!

Last year, my first year here, I couldn’t wait to start planting after the snowy winter, the scourge of no patience: I planted everything three times. I planted, it froze, everything died. Two more cycles of plant, freeze, replace, and finally I had some lettuce, enough for two sandwiches and one petit salad, enough basil for one pizza, enough spinach for one small stuffed chicken breast, and one sweet bell pepper the size of a large grape. Then came the tomatoes—I was proud, I had tons! Confidence restored!

With great conviction, and three amazing large raised bed planters built by Daniel, we started our garden this year. The parsley, oregano and chives are still alive from last year, and we added more chives (thank you Kate), onions, (thank you Jennifer), Swiss chard, (thank you Ali). We then bought, tarragon, lettuce, arugula, radishes, sorrel, and of course, my favorite, basil. I babied the basil, I checked the weather, kept the plants in the house to protect them from the frost. Finally, the weather looked right, I carefully placed them into our new planter filled with amended soil, watered them, and picked off any dead leaves. But, lacking patience to wait for warmer weather = dead basil!

So now I am patiently waiting for warmer weather, and since my backyard has an abundance of crabgrass, I decided to start weeding. Not a fun activity but a necessary evil, it has evolved into a treasure hunt. Digging deep to get to the roots of crabgrass, I have found screwdrivers, a disintegrated rug, a 12” wrench, roofing tiles, a hammer and shovel, a Chevy logo from a truck, slate tiles, concrete blocks, broken glass, wood paneling, and the major discovery, a brick and flagstone path that traverses the entire width of our backyard. Also, I’ve become a whiz with a pick axe. So, continuing to hope for more treasures, I will keep digging. I just hope I don’t find a pet cemetery, or worse.

# Timely unsolicited horticultural advice from Emma

By Emma Philbrook | THE TIMES

Last week’s *Times* ran a couple articles about gardening. As offering unsolicited advice is one of my favorite pastimes—and as I’m sure you’re not interested in another week’s worth of secondhand finals stress—I figured I’d share a couple horticultural tips of my own. (As for my qualifications, I do have some green stuff coming up in this year’s garden, and barely half of it’s weeds!)

Yes, seeds are cheaper than plants. Yes, there’s usually more variety in the seed-packet display than there is on the transplant cart. And yes, the prohibitions on shipping plants into the state don’t apply to seeds. But tomatoes and peppers do not care about your petty human problems. With the possible exception of some cherry tomatoes, it is categorically too late in the growing season to start either of these from seed, and have any hope of a decent harvest window. (Don’t worry—the seeds should still be viable next year, when you will [of course] be organized enough to start them indoors in late February or early March.)

Unless you intend to can or freeze your harvest, or you’re planting a winter-hardy root crop that can stay in the ground until it’s ready to eat, don’t plant more at once than you’ll eat at once. I like to plant a week’s worth every Wednesday.

In a similar vein, don’t plant too much of crops you don’t usually eat. Radishes, for example, are super easy to grow and ripen quickly. They’re nice in salads and give you something to show for your hard work during the tedious period between planting and full-swing harvest. But be honest: how often do you get radishes at the grocery store? Plant a few, see how much you use them, and adjust your plantings accordingly next year. Same goes for rutabagas, pars-



Courtesy photo

Keeping cats from using garden beds as a litterbox is imperative to growing food.

nips, kohlrabi, and other stuff you’d like to try growing but haven’t really eaten before.

Peas, lettuce, and spinach grow best in cool weather. You might be able to get away with planting them in shady areas during the summer. As far as most other crops are concerned, though, the light requirements are not a suggestion.

Get a seed catalogue. Even if you’ve already ordered all your seeds or plan to buy them locally, the catalogue will have good growing tips and other useful information about harvesting, disease prevention, and how much of a yield you can expect.

Cucumbers are total drama queens and don’t need much of an excuse to die. Your best bet is to plant seeds directly in the ground, water regularly, and pray. Also, keep them away from cantaloupes. Cantaloupes

are a bad influence.

Make a point every day of going out to water and weed your garden. Find a way to incorporate it into your routine. (I, for example, do my garden chores in between sanitizing the doorknobs and sanitizing the light switches.)

If you’re just starting out and/or are growing with kids, the following list of nearly invincible vegetables may be of interest: beans, beets, cherry tomatoes, loose-leaf lettuce, potatoes, radishes, snap peas, spinach, and summer squash (including zucchini). Even I have trouble killing these.

Light is your friend. Water is your friend. Bees are your friends.

Cats are your enemies. Guard the giant litterbox that is your garden accordingly.

# The Cookie Chronicles

## Chapter Four —Take Me Out To The Ball Game

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

“Music soothes the savage beast” is a common expression with an uncommon history. It’s a misquote from *The Mourning Bride*, a poem by William Congreve written in 1697, which opens “Musick hath charms to sooth a savage breast, to soften rocks, or bend a knotted oak.”

I know little or nothing about savage breasts, but I have quite a lot of experience playing guitar for a wide variety of savage beasts, mostly cats. The right sort of music actually does seem to be soothing for them, although cats are not especially demonstrative about their likes, being mostly concerned with letting you know what they don’t like.

Cookie on the other hand quite clearly enjoys a bit of acoustic guitar music, and it’s become a nice little tradition for us to sit down after dinner while I run through some tunes. Most of the time she’s more than happy to sit nearby and listen contentedly, at least until I plug in. Amplified guitar does not soothe the Beast, savage or otherwise. Just a note or two and she’s up and out of the room, often leaving me with a discontented growl.

As mentioned in Chapter One, Winnie-the-Pooh was an early influence on my relationship with Cookie, and remains so. Pooh was especially fond of making up little rhymes or hums, as he called them. In times of anxiety they soothed him; when doing his stoutness exercises they motivated him; and when stumped for something to say, he’d sing something along the lines of ‘Cottleston Pie.’

As much as Cookie enjoys music, she doesn’t sing. Not even a little howl or ar-rooo or any other dog noises to accompany me. So instead we’ve taken up matching our ball time to songs that we both enjoy. I try to sing something that I think Cookie might like while chasing Mr. B. With baseball shut down I thought that “Take Me Out To The Ballgame” would both honor America’s pastime and please the pup. I mean, it’s ready made, right?

Take me out to the ball game,  
Take me out with the crowd.  
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack—

Whoa! Stop right there. As soon as Cookie hears the word peanuts it’s snack time and the ball game is over. So the search was on to find another tune.

Which got me thinking... how about Motown? Great songs, danceable classics. Remember ‘My Girl’ by the Temptations? You know it I’m sure. Just a couple of word changes and it’s ball-chasing gold:

I’ve got sunshine on a cloudy day  
When it’s cold outside  
I’ve got the month of May  
Well I guess you’d say  
What can make me feel this way?  
My ball!  
Talkin’ ‘bout my ball (my ball!)

Good stuff, but not perfect. I knew there had to be a perfect ball song out there, and it took a tragic accident to find it. Back in the Bad Cuz ball days (see Chapter Two) I’d occasionally get careless and accidentally launch one that would fly a bit erratically and get stuck way at the top of our 60 foot spruce. There was no possible way to get that ball back. I had to distract the dog with a song! Digging deep into my old DJ memory, I remembered a bubble gum tune by a one-hit wonder band called the Cyrle (yes that is how they spelled it). The tune was “Red Rubber Ball” and believe it or not it was co-written by Paul Simon (probably one he’d just as soon forget.) But sometimes a stupid song is the right song. If you’re too young to know it, just YouTube it, and picture a bedraggled rubber ball stuck in a tree with a heartbroken dog staring up at it.

I should have known  
You’d bid me farewell  
There’s a lesson to be learned from this  
And I learned it very well  
Now I know you’re not the only  
Starfish in the sea  
If I never hear your name again  
It’s all the same to me

And I think it’s gonna be alright  
Yeah, the worst is over now  
The morning sun is shining  
Like a red rubber ball!

As far as I know, that ball is still somewhere at the top of that tree, but Cookie moved on long ago. Yes, the worst is over now. And music does indeed soothe the savage beast.



Courtesy photo

Cookie’s greatest temptation, her ball.

# NEWS & SPORTS

## Waitsburg School Board Update

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG— The Waitsburg School Board met April 16, via Zoom video conference. Superintendent Mark Pickel, board members Ross Hamann, Pam Chapman, Sarah Bodrieau, Lisa Morrow and Christy House were present. Seven other staff and community members were present.

During the secondary report, board members reported that they are hearing lots of positive feedback from parents and students about the online learning programs that teachers have implemented.

Christy House asked for clarification on the participation points that teachers are currently using in lieu of grades. Superintendent Pickel explained that the participation points were decided upon in order to do-no-harm to any student's education. He said he has been taking guidance from Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and that OSPI Superintendent Reykda is adamant to not fail students during this trying time. Superintendent Pickel said concerns about college applications, scholarships, and other higher education concerns for high school students are currently being evaluated.

Maintenance and facilities reported that they are currently working on spring maintenance work. Colter Mohney said that they have completely disinfected the school at least once, and that they are disinfecting the facilities as teachers and staff leave. He noted that there is a problem with one of the boilers, and that they are looking into it. He also reported that Mike Dill was included in the bus inspection process this year.

During the elementary report review, board member Lisa Morrow said she really appreciated the online meetings teachers are having with students. Teachers are able to speak with students to help with school work, and Morrow said she felt that little bit of interaction is very beneficial to the students.

During the Superintendent's report, Superintendent Pickel said that he had been in contact with Scott Underwood, owner/operator of NexGen, and the district has decided to work with NexGen for technology needs. NexGen is a Walla Walla based technology company who came highly recommended by both Prescott and Dayton school districts.

Superintendent Pickel said the school district will be checking out Chromebooks on April 27th for students who do not have access to a computer at home. The school district has already been working with NexGen to provide internet access for a small number of students who had no internet access at home. The school is working hard to ensure that every student has access to the learning materials they need.

Superintendent Pickel reported that he has been actively working with the senior students to get a graduation plan. Currently, the plan includes honoring graduates with custom banners displayed on Waitsburg's Main Street as well as a Senior Parade through town. The plan is still being worked on allowing the students to take the lead.

The board voted to approve the 2020-2021 school calendar. The board selected a calendar that is very similar to the 2019-2020 calendar, with snow days scheduled in March.

At the March meeting, a public hearing was held to discuss leftover bond money. Superintendent Pickel, on behalf of the district, informed the board that the high school building was in need of a new roof. Hearing no other suggestions, the board voted to approve using the bond money to replace the roof at Waitsburg High School.

The Waitsburg School Board meets the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. The board will continue to meet via virtual conference until further notice. Agendas and call in information can be found at [www.waitsburgsd.org](http://www.waitsburgsd.org).

## Responsibly gardening to beautify Main Street



Left: Waitsburg Garden Club member Karen Gregutt adds plants to this planter on Main Street, while responsibly masked.



Lane Gwinn


Right: Tank Hockersmith accompanied his people Eric and Kate Hockersmith to the Waitsburg Garden Club planting event on Saturday, choosing to watch over the jugs of water from the safety of their car.

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Bill Rodgers

Photographer Bill Rodgers shared "Springtime in The Hollow", 2020 with The Times. He notes: "Late April is always beautiful in the Touchet River Valley, with Cottonwood trees leafing out in brilliant chartreuse and all the other spring green hues in the fields." The charm of the light red barn and the hint of the other outbuilding rooftop completes the scene.

## Dayton teachers speak out about the challenges of virtual learning

*Invite parents to contact them*

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Second grade teacher Ginger Bryan said the teachers at the Dayton Elementary School are working hard to educate students either through Google Classroom, which is for grades 2-5, and/or pencil/paper packets of activities, which are for grades K-5.

Bryan said many of the elementary school teachers have trained in various ways to support students and their families at home during the COVID-19 challenge.

"One of our new favorites has been the opportunity to use Google Meet technology via our district emails, to meet, virtually, with students, and explain and clarify lessons, or connect for weekly class meetings," she said.

Teachers are making regular contact with families, and collaborating in grade bands, to identify priorities and provide enrichment opportunities. Some have trained and launched Google Classroom and others have added websites for family support, Bryan said. Others continue to reach out to students and parents by phone.

She said teachers are also working with paraprofessional staff to use the new technology to work with students.

In addition, teachers are helping fill brown bag meals, deliver food to students, provide childcare for the children of essential workers, and much more.

There are many challenges along the way, including connecting with every family, Bryan said.

She said delivering technology to the students, and getting physical packets of homework to students, and back from students, has also been challenging.

And training students in Google Classroom virtually, has been difficult.

"While some classrooms had used Google Classroom previously, it has been challenging to teach and direct from a distance," she said.

She said Google Classroom is not the teachers' method of choice. They would rather be teaching students in the regular classroom setting.

While the District has done a fantastic job of getting students connected to devices and the internet, some students are using a personal device at home that doesn't work because it is not a Chromebook designed for Google interface, she said.

An additional challenge is that internet connections are not consistent in all areas of the county.

A complicating issue is the need to help their own children juggle homework and chores, while interfacing with and teaching students.

"The life skill of getting up and starting the day is still important to me, although that's not thrilling to a 14-year-old," Bryan said of her son, who is a high school freshman.

Bryan said her son has worked on daily reading and writing activities.

She said he now has "set" hours where he does school work through Google Classroom.

He is usually finished with that by lunch time and gets some downtime, to play basketball in the family backyard, and they take time to hike or bike in the afternoon and evenings, she said.

Like Bryan, MS/HS Math teacher Kristen Frankie understands the importance of rest after a busy week of work at home. She said weekends are for recuperation. Frankie also has a son at home with her during the day.

She said her typical day is anything but typical, because she needs to help him with his school work, while working with her students.

She said sometimes her son peeks in to say hello to her when she is online with her students, which can complicate her scheduling with them.

"I wind up doing a lot of my work in small pieces throughout the day," she said.

Frankie teaches Math to one period of sixth-graders, one period of eighth-graders, one period of eighth-grade math extensions, one period of Bridge to College Math for seniors, and one period of directed studies and alternative learning.

She said because students are now learning at home, they have the opportunity to be more responsible for that, and they can work at their own pace.

They are able to watch a video, watch it again, slow it down, or pause it, all of which provides them with more personal control.

Frankie said she has been working to keep up with the changing policies from the state.

For instance, state requirements for the Bridge to College Math course are that students now complete Unit 6 by the end of the year to meet the agreement with community colleges in Washington State. She said they are normally required to complete all work through Unit 7.

Much is still being determined about which benchmarks to cover to get sixth-graders and eighth-graders ready for math next year.

The state has said school districts need to work on determining how to grade students, at all levels going forward. The Dayton School District has not made a determination, yet, she said.

"We're working on it, as we speak," she said.

She is busy staying in touch with her bosses, her coworkers, and her students, and meeting with her seniors three times each week.

Efforts are being made to reach out to all of the students through emails, phone calls, contact with parents, postcards, or cards sent home, and new online office hours will be rolled out soon, she said.

Frankie said some students are emailing her for more work, or for help, or for ideas about what to work on, but she is concerned that she has not heard from some of her students, even in response to emails she has sent to them.

Teachers want to meet their students' needs, and they are asking parents to contact them directly for any help they may need. A staff directory can be found at the Dayton School District website at: [www.daytonsd.org](http://www.daytonsd.org).

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The traditional prom and senior graduating ceremony will not take place this year, he said.

Middle and High School Principal Brown said seniors and high school staff have been talking about what kind of ceremony is possible in light of the need for social distancing, and they have come up with the idea of some sort of parade.

"We are hopeful that whatever they would like to do, we could do on June 6," Johnson said.

He said graduating seniors will be excused from attending school following that date.

Scholarship winners will be announced on June 6, as well.

#### Food service and child care

Johnson said the state is asking that the District to make sure students are eating. Around two hundred students are currently receiving breakfast and lunch each day and will until the last day of school.

Johnson said many people are helping oversee the food program, including kitchen staff, parents, bus drivers, teaching staff, and volunteers.

"This will be challenging for our staff and I am

hopeful we can continue to have volunteers step in, and assist," he said.

No meals will be prepared on Fridays from now on, to provide a break for those working in food service.

Lunches can be picked up from the multipurpose room on Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. until noon.

Much has been done recently to improve student access to fresh fruits and vegetables, which are costlier than canned good, he said.

The District is being asked to keep track of the costs, for possible reimbursement from FEMA, or another agency.

"What we do know is our kids are surviving and are well taken care of," he said.

Johnson said a childcare facility on school grounds is open for the children of health care providers and first responders. Twelve children are enrolled.

"We're working hard to make sure everybody is safe during this time," Johnson said.

#### Facilities

Johnson said a structural engineer, and a representative from Garland Roofing Co., are performing an estimate and scope of the project for the leaky elementary play shed roof. The hope is the roof can be repaired or replaced this summer, or early fall, at the latest. More information will be provided to the board of directors in May.

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#### Budget

At this time, finances are as planned for the year.

Johnson said the District is working to develop next year's budget, which will be a challenge because of a 10-percent cut, statewide for schools, is expected.

He said any program other than what the state deems to be basic education could be modified, dropped, or cut altogether.

"We have no way of knowing what the ultimate impact is going to be on the state's budget," Johnson said.

Cuts might not be reflected in next year's budget, but could be implemented next year, and beyond, he said.

He said the District will be writing a "minimalistic" budget and will take every opportunity to save money.

### SPORTS QUIZ

By Ryan A. Berenz

1. "Sometimes I underestimate the magnitude of me" is a quote from what 1993 inductee into the National Baseball Hall of Fame?
2. In March, what NFL star announced the establishment of media company 199 Productions, named after his selection number in the 2000 NFL Draft?
3. What martial art was introduced as an official medal event at the 2000 Summer Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia?
4. The Indianapolis Colts selected Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning with the No. 1 overall pick in the 1998 NFL Draft. What player was drafted at No. 2 by the San Diego Chargers?

5. True or false: On April 20, 1986, the Chicago Bulls' Michael Jordan scored an NBA record 63 points in a first-round playoff win over the Boston Celtics.

1. Reggie Jackson.
2. Tom Brady.
3. Taekwondo.
4. Ryan Leaf, Washington State quarterback.
5. False. Despite Jordan's playoff record 63 points, the Celtics defeated the Bulls 135-131 in Game 2 and went on to sweep the series 3-0.

ANSWERS

## Baking with the Chef

Markeeta Little Wolf wrote in to say, "I baked the featured Daniel Rossi Bread recipe (The Times, April 9 issue) Brilliant. Just thought I would share."

Markeeta Little Wolf

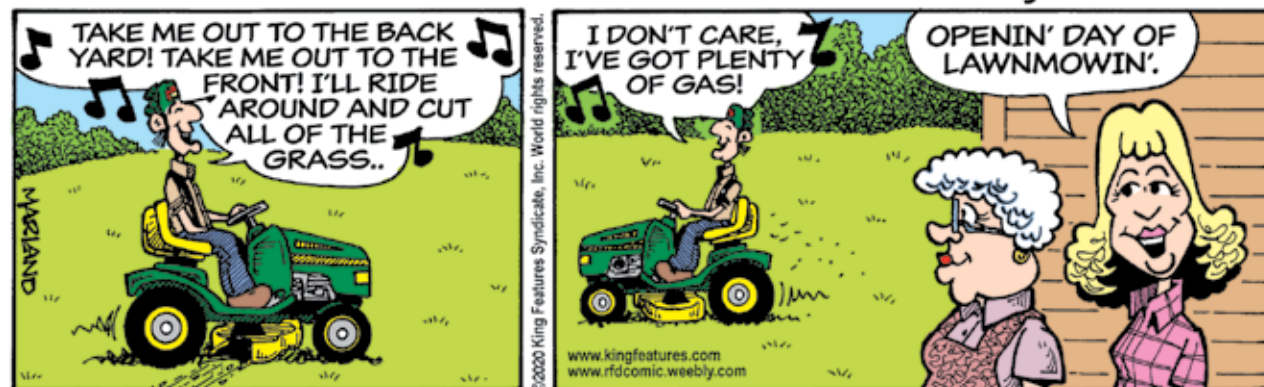
Right: The dough rises  
Below: The finished loaf



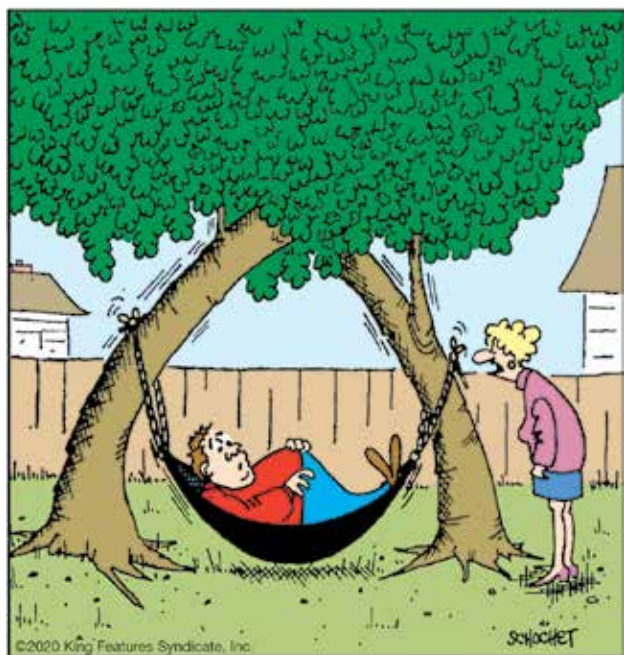
### Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



### R.F.D.



### LAFF - A - DAY



"Don't you think it's time you started thinking about a diet?"

### GRIN AND BEAR IT by Wagner



"Insurance claim form!"



## PIONEER PORTRAITS

### Ten Years Ago April 28, 2011

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

The Walla Walla area is growing in popularity as a wine destination, and some weekends, travelers can't find a place to stay in town. Wine critic Paul Gregutt and filmmaker Karen Stanton-Gregutt are banking on all that and their own connections to make their new company, Waitsburg Cottages, LLC., a success.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago April 20, 1995

Dedicated athletes take their sport seriously and Kim Crothers of Dayton is no exception. Crothers, 24, is a body builder, rigorously working out seven days a week. Her strict training regimen consists of aerobics, weight lifting and diet. Crothers works out at Body Designs Gym in Walla Walla.

To help welcome tourists to Dayton, the chamber plans to install a 10-foot tall sign at each end of town.

Here is a list of lucky winners in the Waitsburg Commercial Club annual Easter egg hunt April 15. Waitsburg Grange assists with the hunt. Katelyn Kelso, Justin Zuger, Corey Pearson, Tommy Lovell, Beau Marshal, Kristen Richter, Tylor Woodworth, Mathew Leid and Mara Katsel.

### Fifty Years Ago April 30, 1970

Superintendent Gerald Maib announced that the Valedictorian of the Wait-Hi class of 1970 is Miss Claudia Hevel, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. S. R. Hevel. Salutatorian of the class is Miss Carol Shively, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shively.

Senator Mike McCormack of Richland will speak to Waitsburg young people on "The Environmental Crisis" from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, during the Development Workshop.

[Photo caption] Jim Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Davis of Waitsburg, is an avid sky-diver. Here he comes in for a landing at the Ag field near College Place during a jump made last Sunday.

Queen of the 1970 Milton-Freewater, Oregon annual Pea Festival is Deborah Burkhart. Queen Deborah is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Burkhart, former Dayton residents. Princesses of the weeklong event are Jana Herndobler and Helen Fullerton. The celebration culminates with day-long festivities Friday and Saturday, May 8-9.

### Seventy-Five Years Ago May 4, 1945

Betty Bishop 16-year-old sophomore, was killed instantly in a freak accident which occurred at the entrance to the school ball park Friday afternoon. A high wind broke a tree limb which in turn knocked down an electric wire which struck her in the back of the neck.

A son was born April 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Abbey. He has been named Robert William.

The public is asked to remember that waste paper and tin cans will be collected by the City on Saturday, May 12.

### One Hundred Years Ago May 7, 1920

At a meeting of the American Legion Wednesday night, a committee was appointed to arrange for a horse show and race matinee June 3, 4, and 5th.

The Farmers' Union Warehouse, Co. will erect a large warehouse at McKay's siding and have it ready for the coming crop. This makes the ninth warehouse owned by this organization.

Walter Price has returned home from the national wheat grower's convention in Kansas City.

"Plan more than you can do, then do it. Bite off more than you can chew, then chew it. Hitch your wagon to a star, keep your seat and there you are."

### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago May 10, 1895

William McKinney, John Paulson and George Buckner left on Tuesday on their gold prospecting tour.

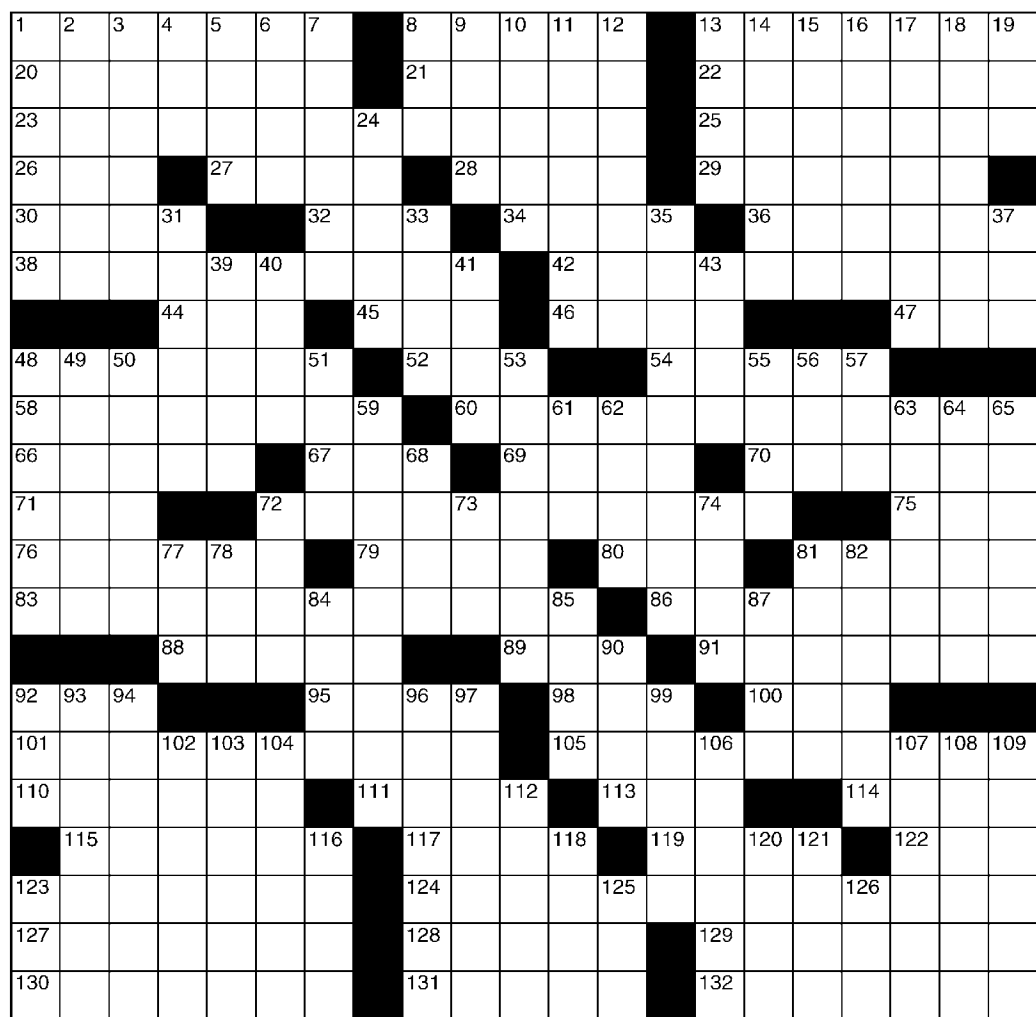
Willis Ingalls this week took his band of horses to the mountains to range for the summer.

Mrs. P.M. Tucker and Miss Theresa made us an unusually pleasant call on Wednesday; brought us some lovely roses of outdoor blooming and a couple of slips of Bridal Wreath.

# FUN & GAMES

## Super Crossword WHOO-HOO!

- ACROSS**
- 1 Laid fresh concrete on  
8 Waste  
13 Found  
20 Like gushing actors  
21 Malia's sister  
22 Kildare locale  
23 More with-it red fish?  
25 Runs fast  
26 1980s NBC sitcom  
27 "Teh" for "the," for one  
28 "The," for one singing  
29 "Growing Pains" actor  
30 Tower for fodder  
32 Uncanny  
34 24-hr. money sources  
36 Japan natives, e.g.  
38 "Lookie there, muscle-building stuff!"  
42 Terrestrial chapeau?  
44 Dem.'s opponent  
45 — cone (frozen treat)
- 46 "Just you wait, — 'iggins ..."  
47 Near-failing mark  
48 Analyzed Cochlea site  
54 "Will — learn?!"  
58 Beer brand  
60 Microwave saltines?  
66 Orchestra section  
67 — Moines  
69 Old Spice alternative  
70 Reagan speechwriter  
71 Cyberspace address  
72 Pairs?  
75 Lose power  
76 "Later!"  
79 Arduous trip  
80 Suffix with Japan  
81 45 half  
83 "My gripe is as follows ..."  
86 Coup, e.g.  
88 Lay new turf on  
89 Not well-lit  
91 Crab claws  
92 Bullfighting cheer  
95 Gaudy scarves  
98 Be soaked
- 100 Zool. or ecol.  
101 Skeptical egg layer?  
105 Disease-free sea  
110 Actress predators?  
111 Rat catcher  
113 '60s conflict site  
114 "Star Wars" royal  
115 Royal home  
117 Gillette shaver brand  
119 "— yellow ribbon round ..."  
122 Journalist Nellie  
123 Not unusual  
124 Things found at discount  
127 Italian city  
128 Steel, for one shoe stores?  
129 Adversaries  
130 Agrees (to)  
131 "Black Velvet" singer  
132 Orchestra leader
- DOWN**
- 1 Go over again, as old issues  
2 Mrs. Oskar Schindler  
3 Easy-to-catch hit  
4 Org. for Say Goodbye"  
7 Dictator  
8 Air marshal's org.  
9 Copies Dr. Dre  
10 U.S. humane org.  
11 Put away, as a sword  
12 "NewsRadio" co-star Phil  
13 Shopping aid  
14 Oliver Twist, e.g.  
15 Bright red  
16 Silverstone or Keys  
17 Tall ale mug  
18 International compact  
19 Cavity filler's deg.  
24 Branching-out points  
31 "— Next Chapter" (Winfrey series)  
33 Eat in style  
35 Least lenient  
37 "— loves me ..."  
39 California's Point —  
40 Astra automaker  
41 Biblical ark builder  
43 — and terminator  
48 Waylay  
49 "Yes, —!"  
50 Peak climber, e.g.  
51 Dumbbell  
53 Chastised  
55 SUV cousins  
56 Prefix with warrior  
57 "Bringing Up Baby" studio  
59 Sang loudly  
61 Radius site  
62 Part of CRT  
63 Alternative to lettuce  
64 Oakland footballer  
65 Smiles villainously  
68 Dinar earner  
72 Hovels  
73 Once named  
74 Lop the crop  
77 "— goin' down!"  
78 Suffix of sugars  
81 Pianist's seat  
82 Communal  
84 Boxcar rider  
85 Bait biter  
87 Smack  
90 Complain  
92 Unit of resistance  
93 Frogs and kangaroos  
94 Angers a lot  
96 Patriarch of Judaism  
97 Majestic  
99 Juan's silver  
102 Enlighten, in poems  
103 Kevin of "Saturday Night Live"  
104 Pour gently, as wine  
106 "Relapse" rapper  
107 Hang a new worm on  
108 Word with app or bee  
109 Makes the assertion  
112 Green shampoo  
116 Periods  
118 Bum balm  
120 Ferber or Krabappel  
121 Chick chaser?  
123 Nipper's co.  
125 Procedure: Abbr.  
126 Dash lengths



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## TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

# Apple Puff Pancake



I had posted this before and it is a recipe that I received the most comments on. Perhaps some of you may have a little extra time in the morning to make it. It is super good. If I remember, the apples rise to the top, not sure how, but I spend zero time thinking about it ☺

### INGREDIENTS:

- 6 eggs
- 1 1/2 c. milk
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 c. all-purpose flour
- 3 Tbsp sugar
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp cinnamon
- 2 Tbsp butter
- 2 apples, peeled, cored and sliced
- 3 Tbsp brown sugar

### DIRECTIONS:

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees.  
In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to blend eggs, milk, and vanilla. Add flour, sugar, salt and cinnamon, mix just until blended. Set aside  
Melt butter in a 9 x 9 inch square pan. Arrange apple slices in the bottom of the pan and pour the batter over them. Sprinkle brown sugar over the top.  
Bake for 20 minutes in the preheated oven or until puffed and lightly browned.

### MY NOTES:

I think you could adjust it a bit, if you wanted. Maybe a bit more cinnamon or sprinkle some on top with the brown sugar  
ENJOY ☺  
Allrecipes.com

Here is something *The Times* publisher and her dog Wrecks noticed on a sidewalk during one of their countless, self-distancing walks around Waitsburg.



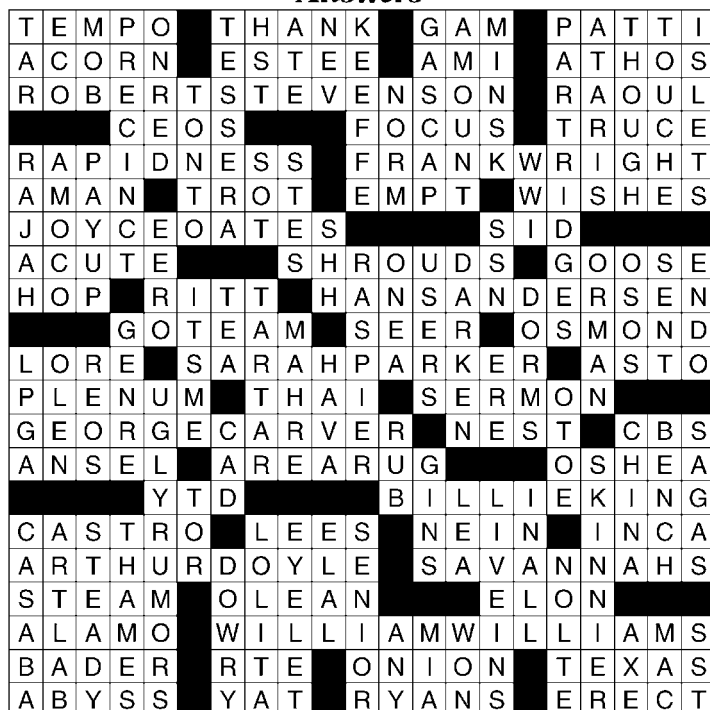
## The Challenge:

Find this, photograph it and email it to [lane@waitsburgtimes.com](mailto:lane@waitsburgtimes.com)

## LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

### Super Crossword

#### Answers



## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

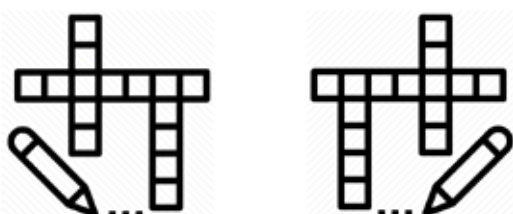
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	4		2				7	
	6	1		3		5		
7				4				2

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

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Jose Vila

"Zonked out on dandelion pollen," photographer Jose Vila captured this pollinator resting on a thimbleberry shoot over the weekend near the Skagit River.

### Weekly SUDOKU

#### Answer

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

## Buyer Beware

Here is my toilet paper saga, which started on March 17. I could say I was scammed, but that's not totally true. Perhaps more like misled.

By Teeny McMunn | THE TIMES

When toilet paper supply was becoming an issue, I thought I would Google it and see if it really was that hard to find. I had plenty on hand, and it wasn't about over stocking or hoarding. My thought was if I was able to order it easily, I could share with family and friends. I found a site called Accofe.com (which is no longer on the web) and found they had several different products, one of which was toilet paper. The picture showed a package much like we buy from Costco, and for just \$25. I thought it was a bit much but was willing to buy it. Then in smaller print it says, eight rolls. Hmmmm. I added one to the cart, then went back to look at it again. Somehow, and I'm not sure how, my one became a three, so now I owed over \$80. I decided to play it out and paid via PayPal. It immediately went on my credit card, but now it gave me a foreign name of a company. I know, you all are nodding your heads.

I went back onto the website and this time it made me create an account. I did so, but found no order. I received an email on March 18, and was sent a "Welcome New Customer" page with the note on the bottom "We'll do everything we can to make sure you love your experience with us, Have any questions or feedback? Contact us at this email address."

I emailed this contact and said, "I placed an order, and paid for it, but now I don't see it in my account? Plus, unless each package has 30 rolls as I have been used to buying, please cancel the order."

The next email I receive states that production is slow, and would I kindly be patient for a week?

We continued to exchange emails and I will say, I received a response each time I sent one.

When I received an email that said the order was shipped, I asked for a tracking number. I received an email with a link that once clicked onto, said "you will be instructed to download Ask.com for your internet browser." I Googled Ask.com and many said do not do it.

I sent back a note saying I was not going to use that link and please just tell me whethe product will arrive?

I then received an email saying it had been sent via USPS and a tracking number was given. I wondered about USPS delivering three large packages?? I responded that was great, as they are only a block from my house, and I would use the tracking number. Of course, it didn't work

The next response was that the carrier had changed the tracking number and the email stated I would receive the new one when he received it. (Are you laugh-



Teeny McMunn

McMunn's photo illustrates her misguided purchase, the packages on the left show 16 rolls for \$80, compared to six large rolls for \$3.50 (right).

ing yet?) At the end of the email, it said the package was coming from San Bernardino, California. I responded if I did not receive the packages by April 10, I would have my payment refunded. No package on Friday, the 10th, so I went into my credit card and started a claim, which put my payment in dispute.

Guess what? The package came on Monday, while I was at work. I asked Joe to open it, and I got a text message saying it was the smallest rolls of toilet paper he had ever seen. There were two packages of eight each. OMG.

There was no packing slip, but the labels have been saved, and I am now emailing to see where they would like me to return the product to? One email says I received what I ordered. In their defense, it did say eight rolls, but wrong picture. And I received two packages, but the invoice says three.

One address on the label appears to be a personal address in Canal Winchester, OH, and the other shows up on the computer as an Amazon Fulfillment Center in San Bernardino, CA.

Of course, the credit card and/or PayPal is not taking any calls because of the virus.

By the way, the web site Accofe.com is now "Dostoe's and on the top of the page it says "DON'T WORRY. YOU WILL GET YOUR TOILET PAPER" Isn't that funny!! And there are no products to sell on that page.

Stay tuned. I'm hoping for a resolution and my \$80 back.

## DSHS accepting applications for disaster cash assistance beginning April 17

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—As of Friday, April 17, Washington residents can apply through the Department of Social and Health Services for emergency cash assistance to help meet their immediate needs. As a result of Governor Inslee's emergency declaration in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government has approved implementing the Disaster Cash Assistance Program, or DCAP, in Washington state.

The Governor's declaration of a statewide emergency and subsequent proclamation on March 18 enables DSHS to offer DCAP benefits to people who are not eligible for other cash assistance programs. The assistance is available to all Washington families and people without children who meet the income and resource limits of the program (access that information here: <https://tinyurl.com/y9fvpxxx>). DSHS estimates more than 175,000 households may be eligible for this assistance.

"Having access to this emergency aid is critically important to helping people meet their immediate, basic needs, like shelter costs, utilities, clothing, minor medical care, household supplies and transportation costs for work," explained Babs Roberts, director of DSHS' Community Services Division. "We're pleased Governor Inslee made these funds available so that we can extend the benefits to Washingtonians who are most in need during this unprecedented time."

This cash assistance is available to Washington residents regardless of citizenship status and does not require applicants to provide a Social Security number. Eligible households will receive their DCAP benefits for one month in a 12-month period during an emergency. The benefit amount depends on household size, income and need, ranging from a maximum of \$363 for a single person to a maximum of \$1,121 for a household of eight or more people. Once approved, people will receive their DCAP benefits on an existing Electronic Benefit Transfer, or EBT, card or a new EBT card will be sent via U.S. Mail.

People can apply for DCAP online at [WashingtonConnection.org](http://WashingtonConnection.org) and then call the Customer Service Contact Center at (877)501-2233 to complete the required interview. People can also call (877)501-2233 to complete the entire application process over the phone. Due to much higher than normal call volumes, people are asked to call before 11 a.m. and to keep in mind that the busiest call times are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### AROUND TOWN



Lane Gwinn

Rey's Roast is now offering Ten Ton Roast beans. This is the same medium light northern Italian style espresso roast used at Waitsburg's Ten Ton Coffee.



Courtesy photo

Jazz and Utie Ahler of the Whoopemup Hollow Ahlers hosted a party for their fellow canine friends Charlie Dimak, Cierra Cole and Parker McCaw.

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