



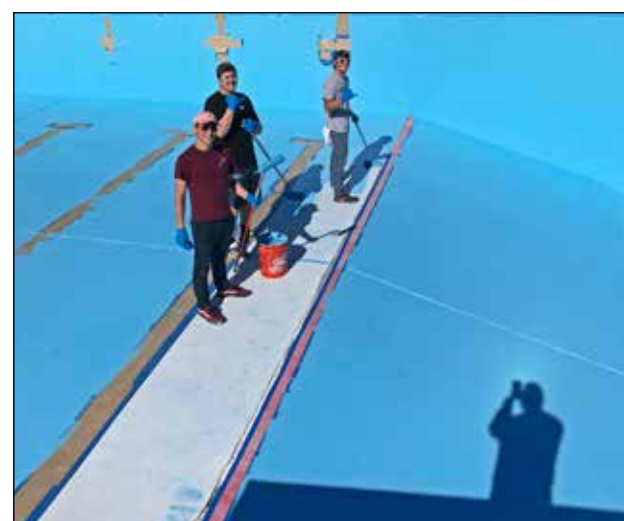
## Prescott pool painting

Left: Doug Vinn, Safety Director on the PJRD Board of Commissioners, Coby from Prescott, lifeguard Riley Blake, pool manager Kyra Harley, and swim instructor Noah Butler.

Below: Calvin Werts lifeguard, front desk attendant and lessons instructor Travis Bradford, head lifeguard Tanner Schreindl.

Note: these photos were taken Thursday, June 25, before the mask ordinance took place.

Ms. Hartley wishes to acknowledge the great job Earl Morris has done coordinating the pool's painting.



Photos by Chris Oliver

## Waitsburg City Council Update

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg City Council met Wednesday, June 24 via conference call. All council members were present. The council discussed the six-year transportation plan, local coronavirus relief funds, and other items.

The council reviewed the six-year plan as presented to them by city administrator Randy Hinchliffe. The plan, which starts in 2020 and ends in 2026, includes work on Main Street, Bolles Road and city-wide maintenance. The total expenses over the six-year period is budgeted at just over \$2.5 million. The plan is available to view on the city website, www.cityofwaitsburg.com

The Washington State Department of Commerce has set up coronavirus relief funds for cities with populations under 500,000. The funds are reserved for direct pandemic-related expenses only. The City of Waitsburg has few expenses to report, mainly meeting-related expenses like Zoom costs, which will be submitted to the Walla Walla County Public Health Department. Public Health is the area-entity that will handle fund disbursement. Waitsburg is eligible for up to \$36,000 through the program.

The city council also discussed the Washington Military Department's public assistance grant. The grant, which would help with some of the expenses related to flood damage, is a 75 percent federal, 25 percent non-federal share grant. Typically, with this type of grant the city would only be responsible for 12.5 percent of the related expenses, but Hinchliffe explained that Waitsburg would be responsible for the full 25 percent under this specific grant. Hinchliffe said that under the agreement, the city would be responsible for roughly \$240,000. He relayed that it is estimated that Waitsburg sustained roughly \$8 million in damage, with much of that cost falling to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The board approved the grant application.

The council appointed Becky Huwe to the Planning Commission. Council member Karen Gregutt said she has worked with Huwe briefly and she was confident that Huwe would be a good fit for the commission.

Council member Newell said he observed business success with to-go options and modified serving, like the outdoor window at Ten Ton. Council member Romine said he has observed the same trend at other area businesses.

Council member Romine said that there have been many complaints about ATV and dirt bikes being ridden unsafely in town. He has informed the sheriff's office, and they are aware. He hopes that the sheriff will 'beef up patrol' in Waitsburg.

Council member Gregutt asked for clarification regarding the fire chief position. Council member Romine said that they are currently accepting applications for a new fire chief, and they have only received one completed application.

Council member Gregutt said that the planning commission is looking at a moratorium on video signage. She said that at the time the video signage was erected on the corner of Preston and Coppei, all rules were followed. The rules have since been 'tweaked just a bit,' and the commission is working with the city to deal with the issue.

Council member House said that the Lions Club has cancelled the annual salmon BBQ due to coronavirus concerns. Council member Romine, who is also a Lions member, said that many people have requested that the club continue to sell the tickets as a fundraiser.

The council approved the bills. The meeting was adjourned.

## What makes this school superintendent tick

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Doug Johnson is a man who loves kids and he will be involved with them, in some way, even after he retires at the end of June.

Johnson has been in the field of education for over 41 years, teaching history to middle school students, serving as a school principal and as a school superintendent.

For the past year he has performed a balancing act at the Dayton School District, as school superintendent and principal of the elementary school. Johnson stepped in to fill the vacant elementary school principal position after a budget deficit demanded the need for some creative solutions.

"It was really a kind of blessing that I was able to reconnect with kids. That's the reason I got into it in the first place," Johnson said. "As you move from teacher to principal, to superintendent, or doing central office stuff, you get farther way from kids, so it gave me an opportunity to go backwards, which was nice."

Johnson was also able to know the staff better, which probably served the District well in light of the school closures in March due to the COVID-19 challenge.

There have been many challenges during the time he has been the Dayton School District Superintendent.

Johnson came on board in July of 2009, when the District was suffering continued financial difficulties due to the closure of Seneca Foods, Inc. in 2005. With families moving out of the District, student enrollment, which drives funding, had dropped precipitously.

"We had gone from a school district of 650-700 kids down to 550, the first year, and we lost 100 kids before the second year, and another 30 to 40, kind of every year, until now it's hovering around 400 for the last few years. It has been down to as low as 375 to 380, and as high as 425," he said.

Five teachers had been laid off, but after taking a look at the budget, the District was able to hire four of them back. Until last year, there had been no additional lay-offs in the District.

"The first couple of years it was all about money. We were bleeding students and bleeding money," he said. "There was \$30,000 in the bank when I got here, and we were running a five-million-dollar budget."

He said the District is at a point now where the ending cash balance is "comfortable."

Johnson said he believes in providing adequate funding for smaller classroom sizes in the elementary school and more elective classes in the secondary schools.

Johnson said bringing Dayton and Waitsburg together for the Athletic Combine has been challenging.

"I think it has been effective in a lot of ways. It didn't come easily. It will con-



Doug Johnson

DOUG JOHNSON - PAGE 12

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# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

## NEWS BRIEFS

### WASHINGTON WILL PAUSE ON COUNTY PROGRESSIONS TO PHASE 4

Governor Jay Inslee and Secretary of Health John Wiesman announced on Saturday, June 27 that the Washington State Department of Health is putting a pause on counties moving to Phase 4 of the Safe Start recovery plan.

Eight counties were eligible to move from Phase 3 to Phase 4 before the pause.

"Phase 4 would mean a return to normal activity and we can't do that now due to the continued rise in cases across the state," Inslee said. "We all want to get back to doing all the things we love in Washington during the summer, and fully open our economy, but we aren't there yet. This is an evolving situation and we will continue to make decisions based on the data."

"The best thing Washingtonians can do to slow the spread of the virus and save lives is to wear facial coverings, continue to maintain physical distancing and good hygiene practices," Wiesman said. "Now that testing supplies are available, it is critical to get a test if you have any symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 or have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19."

### SWIM THE SNAKE CANCELLED

The Blue Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Council recently announced that the annual Swim the Snake event has been sidelined due to COVID-19.

Organizers said that due to the increase in COVID-19 cases; and the need to mask up in Washington State, the organization cannot get approval to use the Franklin County Lyons Ferry Park for the event. Additionally, KOA Lyons Ferry is limiting access to the marina and camping for August and September; and the Columbia County Sheriff's River Patrol boat is not available for policing the event.

The Hood River Roy Webster Channel Swim in September was offered as an alternative, however, that event has also been canceled.

### WASHINGTON STATE FOOD SECURITY UPDATE

OLYMPIA—The Washington State Department of Agriculture's Food Assistance program distributed 1.3 million pounds of food and served more than 192,000 clients during the week of June 25. In addition, during the first two weeks of June, WSDA and the state continued its support of the COVID-19 response partnership distributing 168,174 Washington Emergency Food Boxes across the state. The governor's food security coordination team is looking ahead to address staffing concerns in August as Title 32-funded National Guard deployment winds down.

### DAYTON LIBRARY'S SUMMER PROGRAM INTRODUCES 'FITBIT FOR READING'

DAYTON—The Columbia County Rural Library District is moving ahead with summer programming despite the pandemic.

Young readers are encouraged to sign up for their new Summer Reading Program, which began on June 15.

The program gets a technological spin this summer as readers are encouraged to sign up for a computer application called Beanstack. Touted as the 'Fitbit for Reading,' the app lets patrons time reading sessions, log books by scanning their ISBN numbers, keep a log of current and past reading, track daily reading stats, and achieve streaks for reading multiple days in a row.

The library has set a reading goal for its young patrons of 50,000 hours and the CCRLD's website tracks the accumulated total. Currently, 12 readers have logged 4,585 minutes towards that goal. Readers can earn badges, tickets for drawings, and prizes.

The curbside book pickup program continues, with pickup offered all day by appointment on Tuesday, and from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Friday.

Garden Yoga will be offered on Fridays during Curbside Pickup, and youngsters can also take home a robotics kit! For more information, visit: <https://www.daytonmemoriallibrary.org/>

### LAP SWIMMING OPENS AT VETERAN'S MEMORIAL POOL

WALLA WALLA—The City of Walla Walla's Veterans Memorial Pool opened for lap swimming on Monday, June 29.

Patrons must reserve a lap swim lane to enter the facility. Lap lanes are available for 45-minute reservations. The city encourages people to limit the use of the locker rooms, by wearing their swimsuit to the pool, and ask that people leave the facility within 10 minutes of concluding their lap swim reservation. Reservations for a lap swim time are available one week in advance, and reservations go quickly, so be sure to plan ahead.

Register for lap swimming at: [www.wallawalla-wa.gov/government/parks-and-recreation/veterans-memorial-swimming-pool](http://www.wallawalla-wa.gov/government/parks-and-recreation/veterans-memorial-swimming-pool).

Modified swim lessons, the Sea Monkey program and Sweat & Swim Bootcamp will begin the week of July 6. Registration for the first two-week session of these programs opened on June 27.

Recreation Coordinator for Aquatics Morgan Rauch says, "We are planning to open with restrictions in modified Phase 3. The Health Department has determined our capacity numbers; we are cleared to have 86 swimmers in the water and additional patrons on the deck that are there as chaperones but not swimmers. This number will be the same for Phase 4 or Phase 3 with no modification as well."

Visit the pool website for the latest details: [www.wallawalla-wa.gov/government/parks-and-recreation/veterans-memorial-swimming-pool](http://www.wallawalla-wa.gov/government/parks-and-recreation/veterans-memorial-swimming-pool).

### RETIRED GEN. JAMES MATTIS URGES WASHINGTONIANS TO STAY UNITED, WEAR FACE COVERINGS TO FIGHT COVID-19

CAMP MURRAY, Wash.—As communities across the state experience spikes in the number of positive COVID-19 cases, former U.S. Defense Secretary, and Richland, WA native, Gen. (R) James Mattis is urging Washingtonians to follow physical distancing recommendations and wear face coverings to help slow the spread.

"The good news is we're making progress," Mattis says in a public service announcement. "And that is good news but we're not at the end of the road. Make sure we're wearing the face masks and we keep the social distancing. And let's not go out more than we have to."

"Over the course of my career, I've learned that divisiveness will never work in defeating an enemy," Mattis added. "We got to all pull together. Sometimes it's not pleasant. Some of the things we have to do – like wear a face mask and all. We can get through this if we're united and we're going to win. So let's stick together Washington and keep up the good fight until we're on top of this."

### CURIOUS ABOUT THIS SUMMER'S WILDFIRE SEASON?

OLYMPIA—The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) posts a detailed map of current Fire Danger warnings on their site located at <https://burnportal.dnr.wa.gov/>.

In eastern Washington, this new fire danger rating system was implemented in 2019. Instead of basing the fire danger rating by county, it is now based on geographic areas that share similar fuels, climate, and topography in addition to administrative boundaries and is now called Fire Danger Rating Areas (FDRAs).

The Lower Basin Fire Danger Rating Area (FDRA) is currently listed as 'HIGH' according to the burn portal.

Currently, the Northern Blue Mountains FDRA is listed as 'LOW' with no burn bans in effect.

Washington State Emergency Management issued a fire warning on Friday, June 26, due to high temperatures and windy conditions in the Walla Walla Valley area, perhaps signaling the beginning of our area's wildfire season.

The DNR "Washington State's largest on-call fire department," works with local fire districts to respond to wildfires employing 1,500 permanent and temporary employees.

The DNR is currently seeking wildland firefighters. Applicants must be 18 years old, have a high school diploma or GED, a valid driver's license with two years driving experience and no serious traffic violations.

Each region has an independent application process, and applicants are encouraged to apply to all regions. To apply for a firefighter position, visit: <https://www.dnr.wa.gov/employment/jobs>

### Touchet Valley Weather July 1, 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>
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Sunny
High: 71 Low: 52	High: 78 Low: 53	High: 84 Low: 58	High: 85 Low: 59	High: 84 Low: 58	High: 82 Low: 60	High: 83 Low: 57

#### Weather Trivia

What was the greatest amount of snowfall in one day?

**Answer:** 75.8 inches in Silver Lake, Colorado on April 14-15, 1921.

#### Weather History

**July 1, 1987** - Lake Charles, La. was drenched with a month's worth of rain during the early morning. More than five inches of rain soaked the city. A thunderstorm in the southern Yakima Valley of Washington state produced high winds that downed large trees.

#### Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	95	59	81/56	0.00"	0.01"
Wednesday	91	67	82/56	0.00"	0.18"
Thursday	87	61	82/56	0.00"	-0.17"
Friday	94	63	82/56	0.00"	72.0°
Saturday	82	56	83/56	Trace	69.4°
Sunday	67	53	83/57	0.01"	+2.6°
Monday	79	54	84/57	Trace	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	5:06 a.m.	8:47 p.m.	5:19 p.m.	2:25 a.m.
Thursday	5:06 a.m.	8:47 p.m.	6:35 p.m.	2:58 a.m.
Friday	5:07 a.m.	8:47 p.m.	7:45 p.m.	3:39 a.m.
Saturday	5:08 a.m.	8:46 p.m.	8:47 p.m.	4:27 a.m.
Sunday	5:08 a.m.	8:46 p.m.	9:39 p.m.	5:25 a.m.
Monday	5:09 a.m.	8:46 p.m.	10:20 p.m.	6:29 a.m.
Tuesday	5:10 a.m.	8:45 p.m.	10:54 p.m.	7:36 a.m.

**Full 7/5**

**Last 7/12**

**New 7/20**

**First 7/27**

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# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

## Salmon in Schools program says goodbye to educator

*The Salmon in Schools education coordinator is ready to stay in the classroom*

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Andrew Bassler, of Dayton, chose to combine his career and his love of fishing when he took the Education Coordinator position with the Salmon in Schools program. After four years of teaching local students about all-things salmon, he is ready to pass the torch to someone new later this year.

"I didn't really know much when I started," the avid fly fisherman said. "It was as much a learning opportunity for me as it was for the kids." Bassler said that serving as the Education Coordinator inspired him to become a full-time school teacher, which is the only reason he is leaving.

Salmon in Schools is an environmental education program that serves students in Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield and Asotin counties. The program is sponsored by the Tri-State Steelheaders and provides

materials including tanks, salmon eggs and all necessary permits necessary for students to learn about the salmon life cycle.

The education coordinator position visits each of the 10 current classrooms once a month. Each classroom learns about water cycles, watersheds, and other environmental factors before they receive their salmon eggs.

"The hands-on approach is great," Bassler said. "It's a very interactive way to teach something that kids might not be interested in otherwise." Bassler said that this year, the students raised coho salmon. Because coho spawn later in the year, the eggs aren't available until November.

The salmon are released in May in local bodies of water that are native to the salmon, like Mill Creek and the Tucannon River. From there, the salmon will travel as far as Alaska to complete spawn.

"We do everything from nature walks to making s'mores during the release," Bassler said. One of Bassler's favorite activities with the kids is a scavenger hunt. The education coordinator is paired with an Americorps volunteer who accompanies them to the classroom and on release day.

"Our Americorps volunteers are always great!" Bassler said.

The program serves mainly first through eighth graders, but there are more in-depth courses for high school students.

Tri-State Steelheaders is currently looking for a new Education Coordinator. Interested persons can contact Executive Director Brian Burns, via [www.tristatesteelheaders.com](http://www.tristatesteelheaders.com).



Andrew Bassler

## Be a part of history, share your COVID story

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Whitman College and Northwest Archives is creating a digital archive of the Walla Walla community's experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. As our community begins to reopen, it is important to reflect on our experiences of the pandemic, including our experiences at work and school, our social and family interactions, and the changes to our routines.

The college welcomes submissions in all languages from all members of the Walla Walla and regional communities. In partnership with the Walla Walla Mutual Aid Network and the Socially Engaged Art Committee of the Walla Walla Immigrants' Rights Coalition, they hope to highlight voices that are not always included in archival records of our community. By collecting and archiving stories, we hope to shed light on disparities that immigrant and other marginalized communities face, while also highlighting their resiliency and their ongoing vital contributions to our community.

To participate, you can record your experience in whatever format is comfortable for you. Some options include:

- Written reflections: letters, emails, diary-entries, blog posts, etc.
- Images: the view from where you are, photos of changes to the community, as are personal photos from your changed routines
- Audio files: voice memos, phone-interviews with a friend (note: make sure you have consent of all parties before recording them)
- Video clips: short recordings of your daily life or routines

Be creative! What would you like saved now so that the Walla Walla community in 5 or 50 years can understand the moment we are currently living through?

Keep in mind that we want to collect material that gives evidence of your personal experience, or that of others in the Walla Walla Community, not national news stories, media reports, or other types of material that are best documented elsewhere.

Questions and themes we hope to explore include:

How has the pandemic impacted the Walla Walla Community?  
How has our community transitioned to working and learning from home?

How have essential workers experienced the pandemic, including those working in healthcare, restaurants, grocery stores, agriculture, education or other essential industries?

How social distancing has impacted, and has continued to impact, our social lives?

How are you staying in touch with friends and family?

How has the pandemic disproportionately impacted immigrant communities?

What support networks have emerged to address these disparities?

The college can accept material in most common formats, for questions contact the archives directly to: [archives@whitman.edu](mailto:archives@whitman.edu).

For more information about the program, visit: <https://library.whitman.edu/archives/walla-walla-coronavirus-stories/>



### Church Directory

#### St. Mark Catholic Church

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

#### Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

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

#### 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  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Each Sunday  
337-8898  
Rev. Matthew Wyatt

#### New River Fellowship

121 Main St, (Town Hall)  
Waitsburg  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
[www.newriverfellowship.org](http://www.newriverfellowship.org)  
520-5676

## Area fireworks ordinances

*Be safe and be aware of fireworks laws*

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

The Fourth of July is right around the corner. Each county and city in the area has their own fireworks ordinances. Are you aware of your local regulations?

The City of Walla Walla allows fireworks to be lit within city limits starting at 9 a.m. on July 4 and ending at 12 a.m. on July 5. The City does have a small list of fireworks that are illegal within city limits, including sky rockets, missile-type rockets, firecrackers, jumping jacks, and chaser fireworks. For a complete list of rules and regulations within the City of Walla Walla, visit [wallawallawa.gov](http://wallawallawa.gov)

In Walla Walla County, fireworks are legal on July 1-3 from 9 a.m. until 11 p.m. On July 4, fireworks are legal from 9 a.m. until 12 a.m. July 5. Walla Walla County allows small consumer fireworks like sparklers, some fountain types, spinners and shells. The County refers to the Office of the State Fire Marshal for a complete list of legal fireworks.

The City of Waitsburg follows Washington State laws when dealing with fireworks. In Waitsburg, fireworks are legal starting June 28 (12 p.m.- 11 p.m.), June 29-30 (9 a.m.-11 p.m.), July 4 (9 a.m.-12 a.m.), and July 5 (9 a.m.-11 p.m.).

Columbia County and the City of Dayton follow the same state laws as the City of Waitsburg. Columbia County does not permit the sale of fireworks on July 5.

According to the Office of the State Fire Marshal, nearly half of the wildfires in the United States are caused by fireworks. Do not light fireworks off in at-risk areas like forested areas, dry fields, or near dry lawns. Be safe when lighting fireworks. Be mindful of the direction in which you shoot off your fireworks. Don't let children pick up firework shells after they have been lit, as they may not be done firing and could cause harm. Sparklers, one of the most common fireworks, burn at temps over 1,200\* and can cause third degree burns if used improperly.

### DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

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

#### Thursday, July 2

Hamburgers  
All the fixings  
Potato chips  
Pasta salad  
Crisp & Milk

#### Tuesday, July 7

Alice Springs chicken  
Mashed potatoes  
Gravy & Roll  
Stewed tomatoes  
Oranges & Milk

### WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

504 Main Street  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

#### Tues., July 7

Lasagna  
Italian blend vegetables  
Garlic bread  
Fruit (chef's choice)  
Caesar salad



### BIRTHDAYS

**July 2:** Marc Zuger, Jeanne Hurd, Corlene Scoggin, Patrick McConnell and Christianna Scudder.

**July 3:** Edna Ruley, Sara Leid Heggen.

**July 4:** Tucker Alleman, Kelly Rice, Dona Jean Smith, Suzanne Robert, James White, Ann Miller, John McCaw.

**July 5:** Gina Wilson, Karen Gilson, Neil Carpenter, Sierra Segreaves.

**July 6:** Roger Beckel, Leo Cobb, Donna Groom, Milt Priggee.

**July 7:** Joann Willis, Margaret Wilson, Tim Presler, Lloyd Keith, Louie Branson, Tawnya Richards.

**July 8:** Allan Wilson, Rick DeVaney, Susan Archer, Aricka Huwe, Jerry Hall, Kylee Henry.

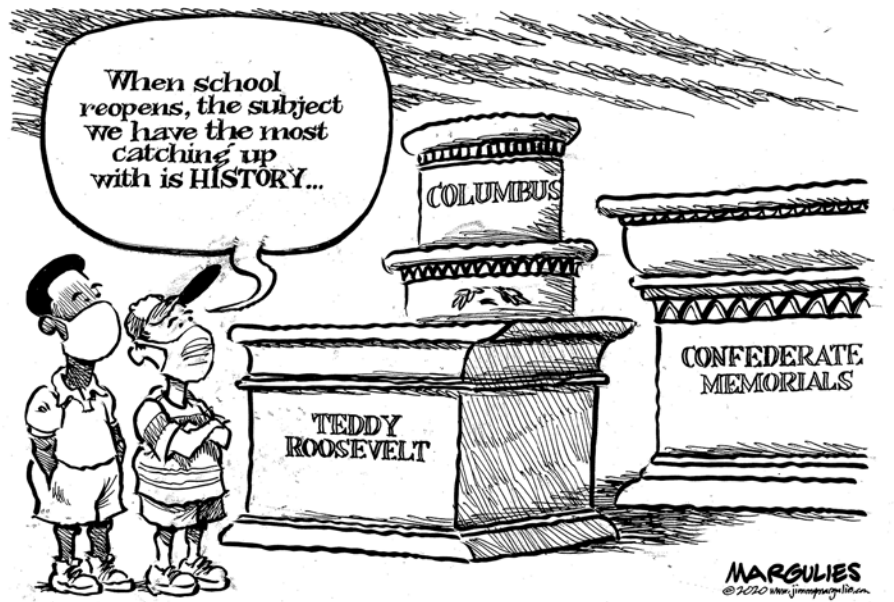


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# COMMENTARY & NEWS



## GARBE RESER'S EXPERIENCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE UNMATCHED

Dear Editor:

Primary election day is approaching. Early voting begins on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Danielle Garbe Reser is the Democratic Party candidate for the 16<sup>th</sup> legislative district senate seat. Her experience, accomplishments and commitment to working for the common good are unmatched.

After graduating from Whitman College, cum laude, Danielle earned a masters in Public Administration from Columbia University on a full-ride scholarship from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation and the United States State Department. Between 2002-2015, Danielle worked for the Department of State serving in danger and hardship posts in places like Beirut, Lebanon and Jakarta, Indonesia. Her crisis management experience included aiding American victims of Bali terrorist attacks in 2002, and organizing humanitarian responses to the Syrian war. She served on the staff of Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in the Bush administration, and on the National Security Council staff of the Obama administration.

In 2015, Danielle returned to Eastern Washington to become the CEO of the Sherwood Trust, the largest

private foundation serving Walla Walla and Columbia counties. As CEO, Danielle oversaw investments in initiatives that created jobs, improved community infrastructure and strengthened nonprofit programs.

The rural founders' tour that she created attracted over half a million dollars in new grants to the region. For her accomplishments she was awarded the Philanthropy Northwest Ambassador of the Year award in 2017. In 2019 she won a national award from Exponent Philanthropy for the "outsized impact" of this rural philanthropy partnership.

Danielle is a member of Rotary, serves as the vice chair of Whitman College's Presidential Advisory Board and is an ex-officio member of Whitman's Board of Trustees. Among others, she is endorsed by the Children's Campaign Fund, founded in 1989, to provide for the health, well-being, safety and education of all children.

Danielle will be a powerful voice for rural communities in the 16<sup>th</sup> legislative district. The district needs leadership in Olympia, not self interest. Please vote for Danielle Garbe Reser.

Gretchen DeGrasse

## WWCSO

**June 25**

Theft of riding lawnmower from 282 Ray Blvd. in Burbank, WA.

Reporting party in the 57 block of Farmland Road reported being scammed out of money.

Report of three juveniles spray painting graffiti at Bennington Lake.

**June 26**

Deputies responded to a welfare check at an address on Hatch Grade Road, finding the subject deceased. Wallula, WA.

Officer was dispatched to a single vehicle injury DUI collision on Balm Street in Touchet, WA.

A theft was reported at an address on McKinney Road, Walla Walla County.

**June 27**

A bike rack stolen while the victim was at Hood Park. Burbank, WA.

Found property from an address on Ice Harbor Drive was turned in to the Sheriff's office.

**June 29**

Deputies responded to the 100 block of W. Birch St regarding a violation of protection order. Suspect arrested without incident. Burbank, WA

## BLACK LIVES MATTER ORGANIZERS ASK FOR CHANGES

Dear Editor:

On behalf of Black Lives Matter Walla Walla, we, the organizers, demand that the Walla Walla Police Department be held to the highest standards as they work to protect our community.

We support Black Lives Matter. We take a firm stance against police use of brutality and force, as well as expect transparency and communication from the WWPD. Our demands are separated into two categories; Use of Force, and Representation and Accountability. This is by no means a comprehensive list, but rather a starting point for authentic, tangible change, and transformational reform within the WWPD.

### Use of force:

- Body cams must be adopted and required while interacting with the public while on duty. Current WWPD budget should be redirected to fund and maintain body cams.

- Ban shooting at moving vehicles.

- Adopt the practice of warning before shooting.

- Discontinue spending on paramilitary equipment.

- Chokeholds and strangleholds must be banned, including LVNR.

- Comprehensive reporting must be required, including documentation of any threat or use of force or firearm.

### Representation and accountability:

- WWPD and the City Manager must not employ any person in any capacity that promotes or bears relation to hate speech of any kind (including but not limited to tattoos, dress, language, social media presence). Any current officer or WWPD employee holding association with hate speech should be terminated, effective immediately.

- If any member of the police department has an active restraining order

against them, they must be suspended without pay.

- Race and gender statistics of arrests and interactions with civilians must be available in the Statistical Annual Report.

- Demographic information (race/gender) of members of the police force must be released to the community to ensure transparency and authenticity.

- Independent review boards must be adopted to investigate complaints placed against officers and employees of WWPD. Results of investigations become public knowledge for accountability.

- WWPD must contract with community agencies for differential call response, as it relates to mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence, and welfare checks.

- Information about training agendas, yearly additional courses, and hours of officers spend in bias/discrimination training must be publicly available.

- Release police protocol (in multiple languages) for contacting Immigration and Customs Enforcement to encourage transparency with the undocumented members of our community.

- Compensation must be provided for the Chief's Advisory Board. Goals and events should be available to the public.

We stand in solidarity with victims of police violence and brutality, including, but not limited to George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Philando Castile, Tamir Rice, Eric Garner, Andres Guardado, Sandra Bland, and the countless others who have been senselessly murdered at the hands of police.

We ask the Walla Walla Police Department, City Manager, and City Council to review and adopt each item listed above. Additionally, we request that members of the public write letters to the WWPD, the City Manager and the City Council in support of these demands. We encourage community collaboration with local activists working towards similar reform goals.

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## City of Walla Walla to host three Virtual Town Hall meetings on law enforcement

1,891 emails flooded the City inbox with calls for change

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—At the Walla Walla City Council meeting held on June 24, plans were outlined for three, possibly four, virtual Town Hall meetings. The meetings will be held in July and August to address public concerns over a variety of law enforcement issues.

Council members were all in agreement with the need to schedule the meetings “sooner, rather than later,” and opted for the virtual meeting plan due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

The plan came as a response to local protests, rallies, phone calls, and over 1,891 emails received relating to issues arising from the death of George Floyd, demands by Black Lives Matter Walla Walla, and a Marine memorial tattoo that Walla Walla Police Officer Nat Small has on his forearm.

The tattoo in question incorporates a double lightning bolt “SS,” a historic symbol of Nazi White supremacy, used by the Scout Snipers until the Marine Corps denounced the symbol in 2012. Outrage over the symbolism erupted on the department’s social media pages after the tattoo was revealed in photos online.

The meetings will cover police practices and pro-

cedures, police funding, Officer Small’s tattoo and public statuary that some find offensive, according to Mayor Tom Scribner.

The first session will be held on Thursday, July 9 at 6:30 p.m. and intends to provide detailed information about the issues at hand.

The plan for this online meeting provides Police Chief Scott Bieber the opportunity to speak and address issues of police funding, policies and procedures. City Attorney Tim Donaldson is scheduled to speak regarding employee regulations regarding tattoos and body art.

City Manager Nabel Shawa may also speak with respect to the budget—perhaps outlining the differences between the City’s general fund and the enterprise fund; as well as detailing the amount of the general fund that is awarded to the police department. This meeting is expected to last two hours. The meeting will not include an option for public commentary.

The second virtual Town Hall meeting will take place on Thursday, July 23 and is intended: “To allow the citizens to have an opportunity to speak, to ask questions, or to make suggestions of things they want to change, etc.” said Scribner. The City Councilmembers, Bieber, Shawa and Donaldson will listen in on these important issues at this meeting.

Council members expect this session to last three hours and discussed various plans to provide opportunities for citizens to have their comments heard within a three-minute time limit.

The third meeting will take place either on August 13 or 20, with a goal of providing the city council, the city manager, the police chief and others to respond to the issues and announce if they want to implement any changes.

“Hopefully, we will show that we as a city council and city government have been as responsive as possible, as transparent as possible, to various interests and inputs as possible, and we want to satisfy as many people as possible,” said Scribner.

Council member Yazmin Bahena proposed that a visual aid, such as a PowerPoint, be included as part of Bieber and Donaldson’s presentations.

The third town hall will not have a public comment period, however, Scribner did suggest that this session might lead to a fourth Town Hall.

Scribner took a moment at the end of the vote to comment, “I want to thank the citizens, the 1800-plus who have taken the time to send us the emails. I know these are trying times politically, health-wise, and for a variety of reasons, and we appreciate you taking the time to let us know what your thoughts are. We hope that you will not be too critical of the city council for how we have decided to proceed.”

With this series, the council hopes to allow citizens to be heard and city officials and those in position of authority to address issues raised by the public. Scribner thanked those in attendance for making this a ‘democracy in action’ as he and the council continue to try and make it work.

## Walla Walla County’s application for modified Phase 3 on hold

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla County’s application to move into a modified Phase 3 of the Safe Start Washington plan has been put on hold.

Washington State Secretary of Health John Wiesman placed Walla Walla County’s application for a modified Phase 3 on pause Tuesday, June 30. Wiesman has requested the County monitor virus activity for an additional week.

Walla Walla County Commissioners, and the Department of Community Health submitted the application for a modified Phase 3 of the state’s Safe Start plan on June 19.

Since that date, thirty-seven additional County residents have tested positive for COVID-19.

The County also failed to meet the testing metric for the Safe Start program, with 16.9 individuals tested for each new case, well below the requirement to test more than 50 individuals for each positive case.

The DCH urges businesses to comply with all Phase 2 health and safety requirements outlined in the guidance to reopen. Community members are encouraged to understand the guidelines as well. To find out more about reopening goals and the current situation statewide, visit [coronavirus.wa.gov](https://coronavirus.wa.gov).

## Shred day success



Chuck Reeves

DAYTON—Shred day yielded 23 bins, 3125 lbs., nowhere near the truck’s maximum capacity (54 Shred bins and maxes out at about just under 10,000 lbs. in paper.)

## State agency warns of fraudulent mask exemption cards and flyers

THE TIMES

Along with the new mandate in Washington state to wear a cloth face covering, fraudulent flyers and wallet cards have been circulating citing exemptions for individuals from the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Washington State Emergency Management Division notes that although there are exemptions these efforts are being used by people as a reason to walk into any business they choose without a mask.

The governor’s mask mandate does have exemptions, including people with certain disabilities or health conditions.

But a business or government agency is not forced to allow you inside. They can make reasonable accommodations. Examples include:

- Allow a person to wear a scarf, loose face covering or full-face shield instead of a face mask;
  - Allow customers to order online with curbside pick-up or no contact delivery in a timely manner;
  - Allow customers to order by phone with curb-side pick-up or no contact delivery in a timely manner;
  - Allow a person to wait in a car for an appointment and enter the building when called or texted; or
  - Offer appointments by telephone or video calls.
- The Northwest ADA Center is referring residents to this website from their partner agency for more information: <https://www.adasoutheast.org/ada/publications/legal/ada-and-face-mask-policies.php>

• There are also many fake ADA flyers that were never issued by the Department of Justice. More information here [https://www.ada.gov/covid-19\\_flyer\\_alert.html](https://www.ada.gov/covid-19_flyer_alert.html)

• For more on the myths and facts about cloth face coverings via the Washington State Department of Health: <https://medium.com/wadepthealth/myths-and-facts-about-cloth-face-coverings-f68513ad501a>



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

NO: 20-4-00068-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
RCW 11.40.030  
In re the Estate of:  
BETTY JEAN TURLEY, Deceased.  
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1) (c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.  
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: June 25, 2020.

Kandi Jo (Turley) Ames  
Personal Representative  
Attorney for Personal Representative:  
Jeremy Hyndman, WSBA #44320

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### In the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the County of Walla Walla

Christian Flores,  
Case No. 19-3-00257-36  
Sergio Flores Sandoval,  
Respondent.

The State of Washington to Sergio Flores Sandoval  
You are hereby summoned to appear within 60 days of the date this petition for a dissolution of marriage summons is published, after June 18, 2020, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, Christian Flores, and serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address stated below; and in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the petition for a dissolution of marriage, which has been filed with the clerk of stated court. If you do not serve your written response within 60 days after the date this summons was served on you, exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a final order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final order until at least 90 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response on Christian Flores at 601 S. Kent St, Apt E204, Kennewick, WA 99336  
The Times  
June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2020  
6-18-b

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

NO: 20-4-00110-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
RCW 11.40.030  
In re the Estate of:  
ALEXINE JEANNETTE BEDARD LAZZARI, Deceased.  
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent

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

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

SOUTH 3RD STREET SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT  
City of Dayton  
111 South 1st Street  
Dayton, Washington 99328  
City of Dayton, Washington (herein called the "Owner"), invites bids for the construction of the South 3rd Street Sidewalk Replacement project. The work includes replacement of approximately 1,800 square yards of cement concrete sidewalk, driveways, associated curb and gutter, and pedestrian ramps.

Sealed bids for the described project will be received by the office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 111 South 1st Street, Dayton, Washington, 99328 until 2:00 p.m., local time, July 16, 2020, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

Because the project is being paid for in part by federal funds, the Contractor will be subject to all federal and state requirements relating to the use of such funds (Davis Bacon Wage Rates, EEO, Washington State Contracting Laws, etc.). This project is being funded through the Federal Highway Administration.

The contract time for all work shall be 30 working days.

The Owner, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises as defined at 49 CFR Part 26 will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc., 214 East Birch Street, Walla Walla, Washington 99362, (509) 529-9260, Adam Schmidtgall, P.E., aschmidtgall@andersonperry.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or at the other locations listed below.

City of Dayton, 111 South 1st Street, Dayton,

Washington  
Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc., 1901 N. Fir Street, La Grande, Oregon

Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.andersonperry.com> under the Bid Docs link. The digital Bidding Documents may be downloaded for a non-refundable payment of \$25.00 by inputting QuestCDN eBidDoc Number 7174750 on the website. Assistance with free QuestCDN membership registration, document downloading, and working with the digital Project information may be obtained at [www.QuestCDN.com](http://www.QuestCDN.com), at (952) 233-1632, or via e-mail at [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com). No paper sets will be provided for bidding purposes.

Each bid on the project must be submitted on the prescribed form and accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to the Owner in an amount not less than 5 percent of the amount bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish the necessary additional bonds for the faithful performance of the contract as prescribed in the contract documents.

The Owner may reject any bid not in compliance with all prescribed requirements, and may reject for good cause any and all bids upon finding that it is in the public interest to do so.

The Owner is an equal opportunity employer. Minority and women-owned businesses are encouraged to bid. Each minority and womenowned business requesting plans should indicate that they are a minority firm at the time they request plans so they may be listed on the Planholders List as a minority.

Owner: City of Dayton, Washington  
By: Zac Weatherford  
Title: Mayor  
The Times  
June 25, July 2, 2020  
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### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. 108 1st Ave South, Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98104  
Trustee Sale No.: WA-19-877199-BB Title Order No.: 200000774-WA-MSW Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 2006-03698 Parcel Number(s): 36-07-16-34-0045 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: STEVE R. PAUL, AN UNMARRIED INDIVIDUAL Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: Quality Loan Service Corporation of Washington Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Caliber Home Loans, Inc. I, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 7/31/2020, at 9:00 AM At the Main Entrance to the Walla Walla County Courthouse, located at 315 West Main, Walla Walla, WA 99362 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of WALLA WALLA, State of Washington, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the south line of J Street as now established in the City of Walla Walla, which point is 224 feet west, measured along said south line of J Street, from the point of intersection thereof with the west line of Wilson Street as now established in said City, and running thence west, along said south line of J Street, 60 feet; thence south, parallel to said west line of Wilson Street, 120 feet; thence east, parallel to said south line of J Street, 60 feet; thence north, parallel to said west line of Wilson Street, 120 feet to the point of beginning. More commonly known as: 1546 J STREET, WALLA WALLA, WA 99362 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 3/30/2006, recorded 3/31/2006, under

Instrument No. 2006-03698 records of WALLA WALLA County, Washington, from STEVE R. PAUL, AN UNMARRIED INDIVIDUAL, as grantor(s), to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY OF WALLA WALLA, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 2016-07408 II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust as referenced in RCW 61.21.030(4) is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: \$53,004.21. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$91,158.68, together with interest as provided in the Note from 1/4/2016 on, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 7/31/2020. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 7/20/2020 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 7/20/2020 (11 days before the sale), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 7/20/2020 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s) by both first class and certified mail, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted

in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of 2/5/2020. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS – The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date of this notice to pursue mediation. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) or Web site: [http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post\\_purchase\\_counselors\\_foreclosure.htm](http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchase_counselors_foreclosure.htm) The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD> or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fo/index>

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The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 or Web site: <http://nwjustice.org/what-clear> Additional information provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the noteholders rights against the real property only. The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-19-877199-BB. Dated: 3/19/2020 Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Trustee By: Patrick Lynch, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington 108 1st Ave South, Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98104 For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: WA-19-877199-BB Sale Line: 800-280-2832 or Login to: <http://wa.qualityloan.com> IDSPub #0161785 7/2/2020 7/23/2020  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE City of Dayton 2020 Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations Amendment Cycle

The City of Dayton hereby announces the annual consideration of amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations will be accepting dockets until August 1, 2020. The amendment process is designed to solicit suggested amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations. A Docket List of amendments combining private applications and City initiated changes will be developed.

Complete applications and applicable fees must be submitted to City Hall by 4:00 pm on August 1, 2020. Applicants are strongly encouraged to meet with planning staff prior to submitting an application.

A schedule will then be followed to comply with state mandates and the Dayton Municipal Code, while allowing opportunities for public participation. A series of public meetings and hearings, first for docketing and then for consideration of amendments on the Final Docket List, will be held by the Planning Commission and City Council (dates and locations will be finalized and announced at a later date). Information will be available and public comments on the final proposed amendments will be accepted via mail or e-mail.

Questions should be directed to the City of Dayton, Department of Planning & Community Development at

111 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Dayton WA 99328, or at 509-382-2361, or [mbailey@daytonwa.com](mailto:mbailey@daytonwa.com)  
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**Wylie Monuments**  
CRAFTSMANSHIP & ARTISTRY SINCE 1912

**BRODY RAY BOSCHMA**  
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ISAIAH 41:10  
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# Wilderness Hues

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

Climbing the mountainside, the temperature began to drop with the elevation gain. A welcomed change from the 90-plus degree heat in the Walla Walla Valley. In the truck bed lay my frame pack, stuffed to the gills with my pack tent, sleeping bag, spotting scope and scant provisions for an overnight in the wilderness. Glassing elk and locating a suitable fall campsite were the main drivers for the trip, yet these were ancillary opportunities.

A July wilderness pack trip provides an incredible sense of solitude with postcard-worthy scenery. Many of the beautiful blooms of spring and early summer in the lowlands are spent, making way for the future fruit. But higher elevations see a later flush of wild-



Brad Trumbo

Indian paintbrush ablaze in a mountain meadow.

flower color.

Evergreen needles crunched lightly under foot as I softly padded from the trailhead. Exposed tree roots formed a natural staircase entrance into the Tucannon-Wenaha Wilderness. The weathered wilderness sign to my left provoked a satisfied grin. The trail winds its way through a series of dark timber and mountain meadows, each boasting its own variety of color and pattern; the wildflowers clinging to the sunlit trail corridor and open spaces.

The first to grab my attention was the subalpine fleabane of the aster family. Its long stem extended a concave lavender flower head with a canary-yellow stamen into the middle of the trail, brushing my legs as I passed. A second purple beauty holding strong as a favorite of mine is the lupine family, to which belongs a variety of species found in the Wenaha. Their palmate, milky-green leaves and popsicle-stick stem of brilliant clustered blooms hummed steadily with the wing action of native pollinators.

The patchwork of meadows offered uniquely-colored ensconcing. Timber opened to a buttery rich blanket of yellow biscuitroot on the drier western



Brad Trumbo

A wilderness sign greets hikers entering the Tucannon-Wenaha.

slopes. The ground covered with the ornately arranged flowers clustered like a bowl of lollipops with all stems inserted toward the center.

Yet another deep violet marvel that appears to be Venus penstemon is dashed among other species. Deeply developed flower heads remind me of catchflies, yet bees and flies are common pollinators of these flowers arranged like a series of tipped vases.

Spurs of clearing extended into the timber displaying a sea of fiery Indian paintbrush in one meadow and a complimentary mix of fleabane, penstemon and Indian paintbrush in another. Accents of snowy yarrow clusters poked through with the minor undertones of phlox and spring beauty. Chipmunks and songbirds chirped and scurried through the forest and ruffed grouse flushed from the recovering burns, thick with elderberry.

Stopping to glass the shaded slopes below, an alarmed elk barked its warning yet remained concealed somewhere in the dark timber. Soils softened by pocket gophers compacted underfoot, the already dried early grasses crunching with each step. Coal-black ravens and Oreo magpies drifted on the thermals, high above the deep draws, as hawks scoured the mountaintop, casting a suspicious eye upon the intruding human below.

As the sun stooped to the western horizon, I found a spot to rest on the edge of a meadow, tucked into the shelter of evergreens. With the tent erect and the air again cooling, I took a stroll out to the spine of a ridge to see the sun off for another day and to welcome the night.

The absence of moon ushered in darkness that settled like a heavy quilt, masking all visual recognition from the human eye, save for the magnificent starlight. The atmosphere was thick and stagnant with not a breath of air. The pops and cracks of charred and sunbaked pine skeletons echoed deafeningly through the forest. I lay awake listening for the lonesome howl of a wolf and snickering softly as mule deer skirted my tent, bounding and blowing their distress as they circled downwind. The sleep that finally came was deep and restful.

Dawn arrived as serenely as night and the cotton candy pink hints of the morning set the horizon ablaze. My pack stove hissed amid peak humidity for the day. Taking my cup to go, I sat and sipped, entranced with the aroma of a steaming cup of go-juice on the edge of an eastern-aspect meadow. The critters of night settled as the critters of day awakened and bustled. The red squirrel being one of the first and more obnoxious inhabitants to greet the day.

With the sun climbing and coffee mug void of the succulent sunrise nectar, I collapsed my spotting scope and headed back to camp. The elk had again evaded detection. With my camp on my back, I followed faint deer and elk tracks back to the trailhead, marshaled out by the “good riddance” chatter of the furred and feathered occupants of the forest. The sun now high overhead, blazing atop the kaleidoscope of wildflowers and wildlife, I dropped the truck windows and left the forest to resume its routine, uninterrupted.



Brad Trumbo

A smattering of purple penstemon and fleabane, and the fiery red of Indian paintbrush covering a meadow spur.

# Touchet Valley Trail Committee releases concept plan

Community feedback, volunteer work of students and architects included

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Touchet Valley Trail Steering Committee has released a detailed concept plan for the trail which is in the planning stages between Dayton and Waitsburg.

The committee conducted a weekend of workshops, a semester of design work, and several virtual review sessions in the process of developing the plan, which currently has no funding attached. The plan incorporates all public comments received during last year’s survey, and from numerous public and private meetings about the trail.

After reviewing the plan, the Port of Columbia Board of Commissioners agreed to forward the document to the consultant for their use as they work on a preliminary design of the project.

Work from the design charrette workshop that took place in October, 2019, which included community members and architects from the Washington Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, students in the Landscape Architecture program from Washington State University and the University of Washington were also given to the design teams that developed the concept. Effort was taken to incorporate ideas from potential users as well to provide solutions to concerns that were raised.

“We received some really constructive comments during the public process last year that we worked to address in the conceptual plan,” stated Glen Mendel, a long time Dayton resident that serves on the Touchet Valley Trail Steering Committee. “The conceptual plan is intended to help shape the design as it progresses and provide a visual representation of the ideas generated thus far.”

Concept Plans are also useful documents for securing grants, appropriations and assisting in other fundraising efforts.

A technical assistance grant from the National Park Service (NPS) Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program helped the Port of Columbia and its partners complete the Concept Plan with minimal spending at the local level.

“One of the goals of Washington State Parks is to provide a better connection

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between our parks and the communities they serve, stated Clara Dickinson-McQuary, a Washington State Parks employee who is a member of the steering committee and worked on one of the design teams during the charrette process. “We estimate that 30 – 40 percent of the families camping at Lewis & Clark Trail State Park bring their bicycles and don’t have anywhere safe to ride. This trail would literally provide that connection and offer a wonderful recreation experience.”

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is funding the preliminary design of the trail. The Port of Columbia has contracted with a private consultant firm who is currently working on surveying the rail corridor and sifting through title records and other documents to verify the location of the Port-owned right of way.

“Bicycle and pedestrian connectivity and safety are a concern in the Highway 12 corridor,” stated Paul Gonseth, a Washington State Department of Transportation Planner who is serving on the steering committee. “Our agency is helping fund this portion of the design to provide multimodal alternatives along this corridor.”

The next milestone in the trail planning project will be the 30 percent design stage, which is described as a preliminary alignment and grading plan that is prepared after surveying, aerial photos, base map preparation, and supplemental survey and right of way work is undertaken. This stage in the design is expected to be reached in late 2020. At that time, Port of Columbia Commissioners plan to hold a public

hearing to receive comment on the design in process. The concept plan can be viewed on the Port of Columbia website at <https://www.portofcolumbia.org/economic-development/touchet-valley-trail/>.





## Corps employees develop device for safer fish passage at Little Goose Dam

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Two U.S. Army Corps employees at Little Goose Lock and Dam created a device that removed debris blockages within the dam.

Mechanical Engineering Technician Jay Haugen and Maintenance Worker Kreg Buryta combined their talents in 2019 to design and fabricate a tool that could be used to remove debris from orifices (openings) within the dam.

Logs, trash and other debris adversely affected Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed salmon and steelhead along the Snake River.

Successfully clearing the debris not only prevented fish mortality but also boosted energy production as well.

The device, dubbed the “orifice debris plunger” successfully removed a very difficult blockage from an orifice in the dam on its first use on May 5, after hours of trying various other tools and methods.

The design utilized a pneumatic cylinder left over from the electronic fish tag system along with sections of scrap aluminum. Haugen drew up the design, and Buryta created the fabrication. Work Leader Ronald Ashley, who has since retired, Maintenance Worker Matthew Hutchens, and Engineering Technician Matthew Flanagan also assisted with design, fabrication and testing.

“The orifice debris plunger is a valuable tool that reduces risk of injury, reduces forced outages of turbine units and related generation revenue and has the potential to prevent ESA listed fish mortality events.” Scott St John, Supervisory Fish Biologist at Little Goose, said.



Courtesy photos

Clockwise from top: (l-r) Matthew Flanagan, Kreg Buryta and Jay Haugen testing the orifice debris plunger. Jay Haugen and Kreg Buryta with their orifice debris plunger device after a successful test on May 5, 2020. Debris built up in the forebay of Little Goose Lock and Dam, 2017.

## Fundraising efforts paying off for the Dayton Country Club’s irrigation system project

Hope to raise \$10,000 from the July 11 Second Annual Gene Crothers Tournament

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—This is year two of the Dayton Country Club’s five-year strategic plan to achieve financial independence and sustainability for the Touchet Valley Golf Course, said Sean Thurston who has led the charge for securing grants for Club projects.

The primary goal in year two is the installation of an underground irrigation system, which will reduce labor expenses and decrease electrical expenses for the County while increasing the quality of the golf course and fairgrounds.

Saving water for the Touchet River habit is also important. Thurston said the group originally pursued a funding option that would have included partnering with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), to install the underground irrigation system, while increasing Touchet River habitat.

He said though the CTUIR has since stepped back from the project, the group is moving forward with other funding options.

The project has been broken into three phases, Planning and Design, Irrigation Reservoir Construction and Underground Irrigation System Installation.

Thurston said John Steidel, a Golf Course Architect, was hired in 2019 to recommend modifications which will improve the quality of the course, and reduce water use, along with overall maintenance costs.

“This was necessary prior to irrigation system design,” he said.

An independent water supply assessment was done by local water experts who agreed with Steidel’s recommendation that an irrigation reservoir would be a good solution.

It was determined the reservoir would need to be designed and constructed prior to installation of the full irrigation system. Steidel has identified a location for it, and a plan for its design.

Using money from fundraising efforts in 2019 the Dayton Country Club has approved Lowden Irrigation in Lowden, Wash. for the work on the reservoir.

“We hope to have the design completed by the end of 2020,” Thurston said.

Thurston said the reservoir needs a liner in order to prevent seepage loss of irrigation water. The estimated cost for that is up to \$50,000.

The Blue Mountain Community Foundation-2020 Dayton/Columbia County Washington Fund has provided the Dayton Country Club with an award in the amount of \$10,000. They have also received an award in the amount of \$3,000 from the Blue Mountain Community Foundation-2020 Warren Community Action Fund.

In addition, an application with the Blue Mountain Community Foundation-PGE Tucannon River Habitat for \$10,000 is pending.

“We greatly appreciate the support from these organizations,” he said.

Thurston said the Dayton Country Club fully anticipates the start of construction in 2021 or 2022 taking up to two or three years to complete.

“Having acquired significant local support for Phase 1 and 2, we plan to apply for larger state grants to complete this final phase of the irrigation system,” Thurston said.

Thurston said the biggest challenge so far is the loss of funds due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The County had budgeted \$10,000 in 2020 to replace the failing irrigation pump, but the pandemic significantly reduced tax revenue for the County, and the pump was cut from the budget.

The Dayton Country Club has submitted a grant application to the Pacific Power Foundation to cover the cost of purchasing and installation of the pump and is waiting to hear about that.

The Second Annual Gene Crothers Memorial Tournament fundraiser is on track for July 11. All proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward the irrigation system.

“Last year we brought in over \$8,000 with this fundraiser, and this year our goal is \$10,000,” he said.

Anyone interested in sponsoring or playing in this tournament can contact Thurston at Elk Drug, by phone at: (509) 382-2536.

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## The new kitchen cometh

With issues of course

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

We have started the kitchen remodel. The discordant sound of drills, hammers, compressors and cursing is ongoing. The cabinets have been ordered, we need to fix our ski slope floor, the appliances have been here for a year. Big news—the dishwasher is out of its box and is installed! It's in a temporary place, waiting for the new cabinets, but it works!

In anticipation of the new cabinets, I figured we could start to make a little progress. The first manageable task, installing electrical outlets and plumbing for the dishwasher and garbage disposal. It was an amazing feat, we brought the electrician and plumber to the house together, and voila' we have a new breaker box for kitchen appliances inside the house, along with an operational dishwasher and disposal.

Now when Daniel cooks I won't hyperventilate about all the plates, bowls, dishes and utensils he uses, because I now have a working dishwasher! Then came the moment of truth! How to start the machine. So many options, and evidently you have to press some buttons (LED lights) to make cycle changes, or time changes. Evidently, you also have to hold these "buttons" down for so many seconds to make the change. Almost intimidating, but mostly frustrating, especially to me, because I don't remember life before a dishwasher. We were the first in the neighborhood to have one.

My father was a plumbing contractor and he had numerous friends and connections in the plumbing supply business. In 1960 he bought my mother a dishwasher, a pretty big deal in those days. We were the talk of neighborhood, all the women came by to ogle the newest and greatest kitchen appliance. It was pretty easy to operate; load the dishes, fill a little space with powder detergent, press "on"



and wait about 2 hours to unload clean dishes.

As I've said before, I'm not a sentimental or reflective person, I don't dwell on the past. I love gadgets and can't wait to see the newest, latest and greatest updated phones, iPads and computers. But, looking at my new dishwasher's buttons and instruction manual is daunting. I'm starting to reminisce about the one-button wonder and



to appreciate its simplicity.

Although I stay clear of power tools and weaponry (too clumsy), I am usually pretty competent with machinery. Until four years ago, all of my cars had manual transmissions, I have driven 3-wheel ATVs, dirt bikes and Jet skis. I was the person that had to set up all of my relatives' telephone answering machines, their VCRs with color coded buttons for "Play, Record, Rewind," so a dishwasher will not defeat me! I will persevere and operate the machine like a professional.

I may actually have to swallow my pride and read the instruction manual, which appears to be just one chapter shorter than *War and Peace*. I have a slight aversion to reading manuals, borne of experience. Many years ago, my father bought my mother an anniversary gift; a microwave oven. Like the dishwasher, this was in the early days of the microwaves. It just so happened that my aunt was visiting from New York at the time. My mother and aunt were up until 4 a.m. cooking bacon, baked potatoes and whatever else they could find in the house to cook. While reading the manual there was an obstacle, they couldn't figure out what "FYI" meant, so they called me at 3 a.m. for clarification. Assuming someone died, I jumped at the phone and broke my toe. Maybe tomorrow I will silence my phone and read the manual, or just stick to using one "normal" cycle forever. (P.S., thank you Bill Rodgers for the dishwasher idea.)

## Mask ideas for the unwilling

By Emma Philbrook | THE TIMES

So, you might ask, what have I been doing these past four weeks besides trying and failing to turn a two-day trip to South Bend into an unauthorized Indiana Jones sequel?

Nothing earth-shattering, I'm afraid. Some crochet, a few tentative excursions into town, an eye appointment, a decent amount of creative writing, and a lot of reading (mainly court filings). I started a remote job a couple weeks ago and am having way too much fun with it, but I'm not sure how much I'm allowed to tell you about it. Those neighbors of mine who heard me screaming "Darn it, Bennett's a plurality opinion!" late at night about a week ago will have to make do without further context.

This was not the only late-night revelation I had last week. Among the others was that I had promised to put a thoughtful discussion of mask-wearing protocols in the fourth installment of my serial but ran out of space and had to make do with a semi-related quip instead. I had a balanced, informative piece on the topic planned for this week, but had to scrap that idea for two reasons: first, *the Times* published a balanced, informative piece on the topic last week, and second, masks are mandatory in public now anyway.

(There's a fine and everything.) So what now?

For those of you who have been on the mask train all along: Be gracious. You probably shouldn't call the cops to report noncompliance with the new order unless there's an active public safety hazard (i.e. the maskless maverick is a food-service worker and/or too close to elderly strangers and/or has a hacking cough). Instead, use your experience to recommend the most comfortable brands of face protection to your late-adopting friends.

For those of you with aesthetic objections to mask-wearing: Try sewing your own out of fabric of your choice—there are easy patterns out there. (And as long as you're at the machine, whip yourself up some matching accessories—hair bows, neckties, skirts, cargo shorts...) If you're stuck with a plain mask, glitz it up with a pin or brooch; alternatively, use fabric paint or iron-on transfers to decorate more permanently. If you have your job and/or life back at this point, there are plenty of mask options available online that won't remind you of the dentist.

For those with oversized noses: try masks on before buying in bulk, sew a mockup to be sure a pattern will work for you, and be skeptical of one-size-fits-all directions. If you're altering a pattern to fit, start by making it longer from ear to ear.

For those with principled objections to mandatory



mask-wearing: Please conduct any civil disobedience responsibly, in places where strangers can move away from you if they're uncomfortable. Be mindful of individuals that can't move away, like cashiers, and try to maintain distance from them. A legally preferable alternative would be to wear a mask decorated in a way that reflects your displeasure with the new rule. Use your imagination. (Note: I advise strongly against violating the law and disclaim all liability for my readers' imaginations.)

I'll end with a couple quick safety tips: A cloth mask won't protect you from much of anything—the point of wearing one is to protect other people from yourself. Also, because a mask goes over your nose and mouth, right where the coronavirus likes to sneak in, you want to be darn sure that the inside of your mask is clean. Finally, and quite importantly, masks only work if they cover both your nose and mouth.

## The Cookie Chronicles

A Room by Room Smellcheck

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

Nostradamus was a 16th century mystic whose predictions of the then-distant future are still quoted in some quarters. His detractors, on the other hand, say that his predictions are so vague they can be interpreted in any way you choose.

Cookie's fortune-telling skills are quite the opposite. They are timely, specific and generally spot on. Which is why I like to think of her as Nostrildamus. Her nose, when applied in this fashion, is irrefutable.

Her methodology is best observed when she is indoors. Whereas the outdoors offers a smorgasbord of scents, inside the home it's possible for her sniffing to be much more focused. In fact, it's room specific.

In the living room, while staring out the front window, she's generally concerned with any passing cats, or considering the whereabouts of Mr. B, who has an amazing ability to disappear. Asking "Cookie, where's your ball?" will always provoke a reaction and, driven entirely by her nose, she will commit to finding him, whatever it takes. He may have rolled under a bookcase or the sofa, or sometimes she's left him in her kennel and somehow forgotten about him. Wherever he's landed, though he cannot be spotted visually, Nostrildamus will sniff him out.

While engaged on such an important mission there are potential distractions, such as the possibility of food. Our home is quite small, and the living room, dining room and kitchen run into each other diagonally like three small cubes. All three rooms are visible from the best seat in the house, which happens to be on a super-size chair where Cookie spends her days.

If anything food-wise is going on in the kitchen, she'll drop whatever she happens to be doing and trot in to see if by some chance she might be offered a snack. I should mention that unlike most dogs, who get fed daily at a regular time and Hoover down their meal as soon as it's put in front of them, Cookie's bowl is always



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full of kibble, and she rarely touches it until the end of the day, when all other prospects have been exhausted.

So, if any food-related activity is underway, she's there and sniffing up a storm to see what might be cooking. If it's something she already is familiar with, it's all systems go as far as showing interest. If it's less familiar, she will rely on her nose first and foremost to determine if it's something worth sticking around for.

The ever-lengthening list of her food likes and dislikes does not entirely make sense, except to Cookie herself. Crunchy/salty stuff generally scores, unless there's pepper involved. Sea salt potato chips? Bring 'em on! Sea salt and pepper chips? Woof. Apple slices? Not so much – unless slathered with almond butter.

Good as they are, even kitchen smells are not her number one distraction. Bathroom activities are absolutely irresistible. Whether the focus is sink, shower or toilet, she's on it, if not in it.

I'll grant you that a bathroom may not seem to be the obvious choice for winning the dog smell-o-rama. It's here where numerous cleaning products are kept, up to and including bleach, which even for dogs can't be all that pleasant. It's not the soap, the Oxi-Clean or the Tidy Bowl that strikes such a harmonious olfactory chord. It's what's in the tidy bowl.

We humans can only probe the mind of dogs so far, and then we are left to ponder inscrutables. Why do dogs sniff each others' nether regions with such delight? What is it about certain smells that rings their tiny little bells? We can never know.

After years spent observing the fascination that the bathroom holds for Cookie, I've found my dog-mind considering one of those imaginary dinners where you can choose to dine with any famous person from the past. And I've concluded that were I Cookie, the one person above all I'd invite would be Thomas Crapper. He was, as every schoolchild knows, the nineteenth century inventor of numerous plumbing innovations such as the floating ballcock.

Mr. Crapper's legacy lives on in so many things essential to our modern comforts. And he would no doubt be pleased to know that more than a century after his passing, his devices still bring great comfort to both humans and their canine companions.



## Summer ritual continues despite the virus

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

MILTON-FREEWATER, Ore.—Lampson's U-Pick Blueberries adjusted capably for the coronavirus by instituting an appointment system to manage the number of people picking in the fields at one time. Eight cars are let in at 15-minute intervals and owner Clark Lampson assigns people to a row of bushes distanced from other pickers.

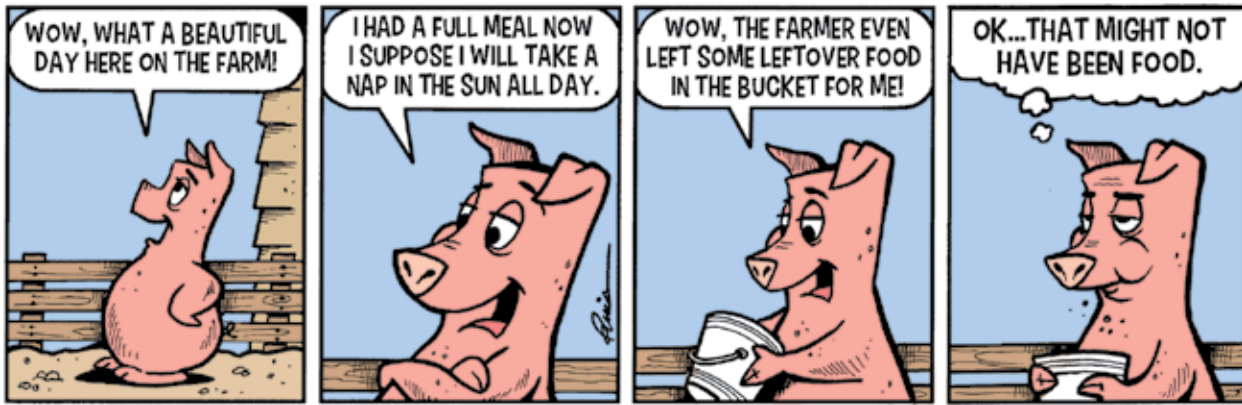


Photos by Tracy Thompson

Clockwise, top left, ten pounds of berries fit neatly in this yellow bucket; pickers were safely socially distanced; the Duke variety is tart, juicy and healthy this year.

Pickers of all ages wore masks while they chatted and picked Duke blueberries, a variety known for its large, slightly tart berries, as I visited on a recent weekday. The bushes were so loaded that one could rake them off in clumps; this picker gleaned 10 lbs. in just over an hour. Lampson's is owned by Lyla and Clark Lampson, and is located at 54738 Day Road in Milton-Freewater. To book a picking appointment visit [lampsonblueberries.com/book-now](http://lampsonblueberries.com/book-now).

### Amber Waves



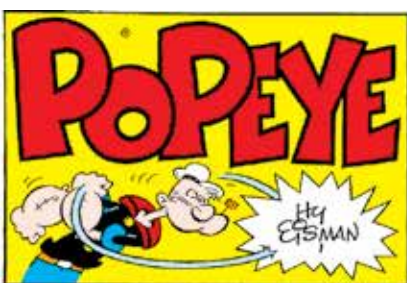
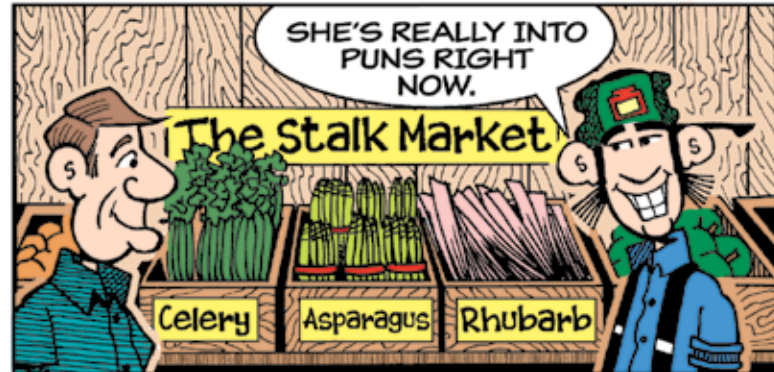
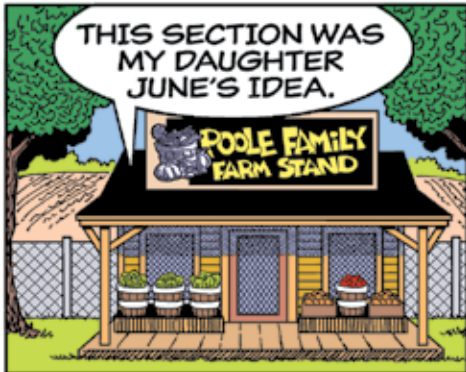
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## PIONEER PORTRAITS

### Ten Years Ago

July 21, 2011

2011 Harvest Issue: Better late than never  
Delayed by a cold, wet spring, growers look forward to good yields from wheat, peas and garbanzo harvests.

[Photo caption] Fear factor: Susan Hosticka of Dayton is covered by honeybees during a beekeepers' field day at Washington State University. This "bee beard" didn't cause her a single sting.

Dayton's Liberty Theater is bringing Buck, an award-winning documentary, to its screen this Friday. The film follows real life "horse whisperer" Buck Brannaman on his life journey from abusive childhood to his extraordinary approach to horses.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

July 13, 1995

The death of a 52-year-old Waitsburg man, who was found last month lying on the street in Monroe, Wash. was likely accidental. His wife, Iva, said he was semi-comatose in the hospital and never recovered enough to tell her what happened to him.

Jeanetta Monfort of Waitsburg, was among several people who recently completed the master food safety and preservation program at the WSU Cooperative Extension Office in Walla Walla.

Move over Blockbuster, Waitsburg Video has a new store, too. Last week, Bert and Bitsy Baxter moved their video shop from the old pharmacy building to 114 Preston, next to the Gateway Tavern.

Dayton officials are working on a program to give mandatory drug and alcohol screening tests to holders of commercial driver's licenses who work for the city.

### Fifty Years Ago

July 16, 1970

Mr. and Mrs. DeWayne Henze are the parents of a son, born July 9, at Walla Walla General Hospital. The young man joins an older brother, Bobby and is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Segraves of Waitsburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Henze of Pasco; and the great-grandson of Mrs. Flora Hillis and Mrs. Beulah Henze.

Jake Keve reported to *the Times* office Monday morning that .65 inch of rain fell Sunday night and early Monday morning. Although the moisture will slow harvesting for a few days, the moisture was much appreciated by homeowners as lawns and shrubs continue to have a dusty look even after watering.

The garage attendant looked at the battered car and told the driver, "Sorry lady, we just wash cars—we don't iron them."

### Seventy-Five Years Ago

July 20, 1945

Miss Jane Nagley of Walla Walla who will become the bride of PFC Robert Butler Friday at the Episcopal church, has been honored at several pre-nuptial showers during the past week.

Marilyn Otterson is now employed at Carpenter's Fountain. She recently moved here from Minnesota with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Otterson.

With the fate of the million acre Columbia Basin Project in the balance, person owning land in the proposed irrigation development will vote on Saturday to determine whether the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation will be permitted to proceed with a post-war construction program in the basin.

### One Hundred Years Ago

July 23, 1920

Fred Bachmann, well-known Wilson Hollow farmer, received this week, his new automatic wheat separator from the Inland Automatic Thresher Co. at Post Falls, Ida.—the new machine in which a number of Waitsburg people are financially interested.

Fire totally destroyed the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McCown at Coopei Station, Wednesday evening between 5 and 6 o'clock.

Saturday forenoon [sic] a lone bandit held up the Bank of Starbuck and robbed it for \$3,500 after locking the cashier, bookkeeper and a farmer in the vault.

### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

July 26, 1895

Emerson Wheeler closes his term of school on Coppei Mt. tomorrow. He had a five month's term, which is a pretty long term for a beginner, especially one so young, but he stayed with it like a major. That boy's a chip off the old block.

Pendleton is to have a woolen mill which will manufacture all kinds of woolen goods. It is capitalized at \$20,000.

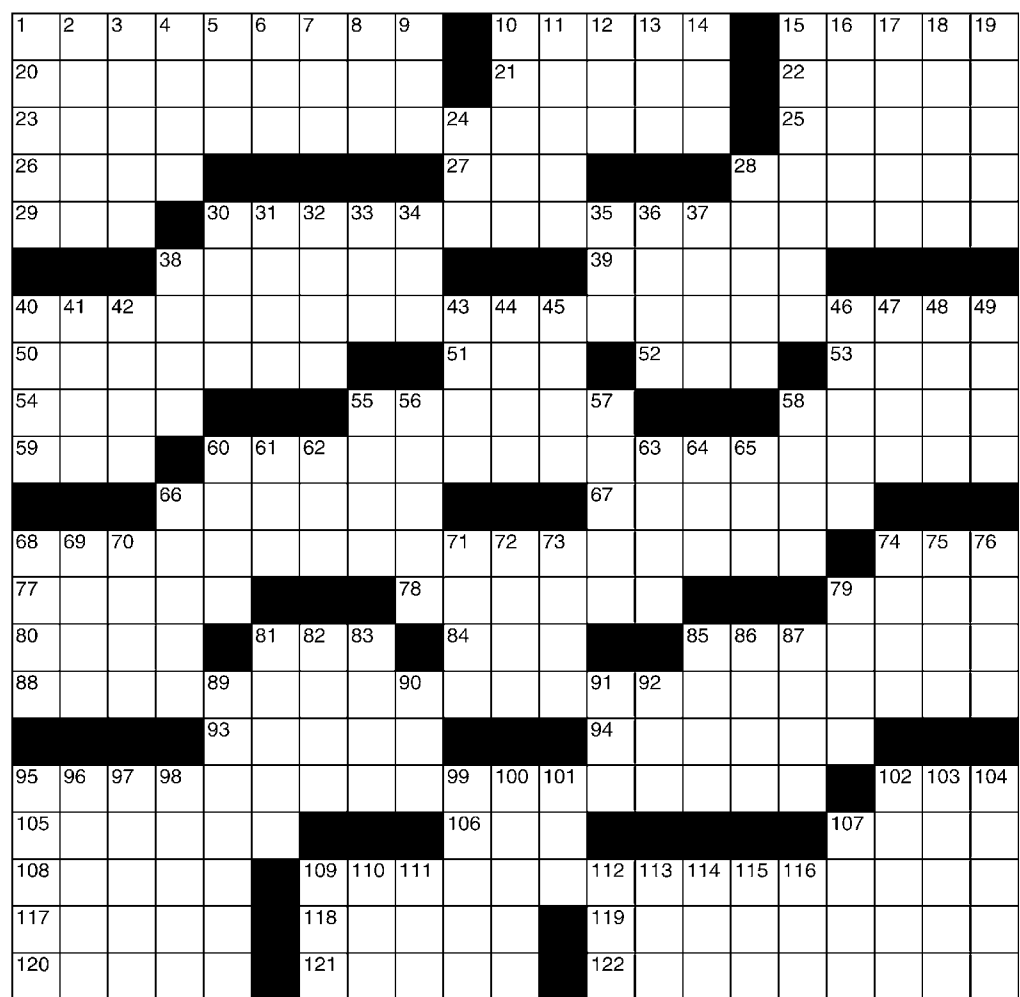
Ample funds having been secure, Waitsburg Academy will take a stride and land in its proper position. Lack of means is a handicap so great as to overbalance a multitude of advantages, and so Waitsburg Academy has been thus hampered.



# FUN & GAMES

## Super Crossword THE OSLO CHORDS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bus or train schedule
  - 10 Marveled vocally
  - 15 Cowboy rope
  - 20 Like political cartoons
  - 21 Lifting song syllables
  - 22 Sigmoid curves
  - 23 Start of a riddle
  - 25 Michigan city
  - 26 Scotland's — Ness
  - 27 Address on the net
  - 28 Opening part of an email
  - 29 Munched on
  - 30 Riddle, part 2
  - 38 Melodious passage
  - 39 Wipe out
  - 40 Riddle, part 3
  - 50 Guevara called "Che"
  - 51 Tillage tool
  - 52 Cut short
  - 53 In — (lined up)
  - 54 French lady friend
  - 55 Treating unkindly
  - 58 Big like Santa
  - 59 Sitting spot on Santa
  - 60 Riddle, part 4
  - 66 How-to book
  - 67 Unspecified travel destination
  - 68 Riddle, part 5
  - 74 Install, as tile
  - 77 "— Doone" (1869 novel)
  - 78 Defiant types
  - 79 Pill bottle info
  - 80 Campus VIP
  - 81 Feel unwell
  - 84 Egypt, before 1971: Abbr.
  - 85 Clings
  - 88 Riddle, part 6
  - 93 10th-century Holy Roman emperor
  - 94 Gremlins' kin
  - 95 End of the riddle
  - 102 Letter before sigma
  - 105 One ruining something
  - 106 Porto Rico, par exemple
  - 107 Buy stuff
  - 108 Figure skater Slutskaya
  - 109 Riddle's answer
  - 117 Material for jeans
  - 118 Pig
  - 119 Talked into travel
  - 120 "Alive" actor Vincent
  - 121 Certain eel
  - 122 Big names in daytime dramas
  - 18 Core belief
  - 19 Houston baseballer
  - 24 Letters before xis
  - 28 Sprayed, with "down"
  - 30 Spring flower
  - 31 Coin maker
  - 32 Jumping stick
  - 33 Sch. in Columbus
  - 34 "... or — thought!"
  - 35 Ang of film
  - 36 Art Deco illustrator
  - 37 Young deer
  - 38 To — (perfectly)
  - 40 Good buy
  - 41 "— la Douce"
  - 42 Cut short
  - 43 Rug type
  - 44 Daughter in "Hägar the Horrible"
  - 45 Software testing phase
  - 46 Mogul
  - 47 Mined metals
  - 48 Part of ENT
  - 49 Jug type
  - 55 Sound of an air kiss
  - 56 Caught fish with pots
  - 57 Comparable (with)
  - 58 — -Free (contact lens solution)
  - 60 Mama's ma
  - 61 Yoko of art and music
  - 62 Beaten track
  - 63 Foldout beds
  - 64 Suffix with meteor
  - 65 L-P link
  - 66 Miracle food
  - 68 Alan of "The Aviator"
  - 69 Caroling tune
  - 70 Be a lure to
  - 71 Castro of Cuba
  - 72 Bundle up
  - 73 In this spot
  - 74 Petty of films
  - 75 On the ocean
  - 76 Rural assent to a lady
  - 79 Meanings in dicts.
  - 81 Moving around
  - 82 "Suffix — say ..."
  - 83 Boxer Spinks
  - 85 Oodles
  - 86 Salami shop
  - 87 Sword part
  - 89 Spanish for "I love you"
  - 90 Untruth
  - 91 Siouan tribe
  - 92 Aetna rival, for short
  - 95 Lumps of chewing tobacco
  - 96 Certain intl. delegate
  - 97 Minneapolis neighbor
  - 98 — -law (non-blood relative)
  - 99 Ross or Rigg
  - 100 Bowling lane
  - 101 — canto
  - 102 1970s sitcom
  - 103 "Iliad" writer
  - 104 Newspaper think pieces
  - 107 ESPN no.
  - 109 Suffix with hero
  - 110 Four halves to a lady
  - 111 Title for Elton John
  - 112 Auto navig. aid
  - 113 Rock's — Speedwagon
  - 114 Lyricist Gershwin
  - 115 Supposed psychic gift
  - 116 Gloomy —



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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

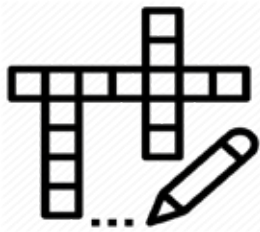
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆

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

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## TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

# Baked 4-Bean Casserole

I have shared this before. Always I get compliments to say it is the best baked beans they've ever had. There are a lot of great baked bean recipes. This one is unusual as it has pineapple, onion, apple, and molasses along with the usual



beans. It makes a lot and is perfect for those get togethers for this upcoming July 4th weekend.

I am also sharing the actual recipe card. Many of us remember the old typewriter. This recipe was a collection from a garden club in Spokane. Gram Yonkie laboriously typed each card, making sure there was not a mistake. In this collection there are the original white cards that I have not used. The ones I have used are all aged. I have a huge admiration of what it took to put this together

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 can kidney beans
- 1 can green lima beans
- 1 can Van Camp Pork and Beans
- 1 can S & W beans
- 1# bulk sausage-browned
- 1 small can crushed pineapple
- 1 med onion, chopped
- 1 raw apple, diced
- ½ c. molasses
- ½ c. catsup
- 1 T. lemon juice

Mix well, turn into baking dish. Serves 12 amply. Very good and very unusual. Bake at 2 hours at 300 degrees.

### MY NOTES:

I usually use Jimmy Dean's sausage, regular flavor, but I'm sure it doesn't matter. I don't know that one can find S & W beans, but I substitute it for a large can of baked beans and I use a large can of pork and beans. I do not drain any of the cans, in case that was a question.

If you are considering using the crock pot, I'd suggest that you bake them in the oven, then transfer to the crock pot to keep warm. In my opinion, baking has a different flavor. It also helps cook down some of the juices.

It doesn't say whether to cover or not. I don't, but I probably stir it once or twice. It's been awhile since I made it. I'm waiting for our church potlucks to start up again.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

ENJOY.



### Mowing safety tips

- Dress yourself in safer clothing such as closed shoes, long pants and eye and ear protection.
- Prepare the mowing area: remove rocks, sticks and other debris. Remove children and pets from the area. Mow only dry grass; wet turf can be slippery, and also clogs the mower.
- Spend a few minutes reading the manual to learn how to use the machine safely.
- The engine and exhaust can become extremely hot. Take care when touching the heated surfaces or when handling fuel.
- If the mower stalls, there may still be stored tension in the drive; do not reach in around blades to clear them.

—Brenda Weaver

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## LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

## Super Crossword

### Answers

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## Weekly SUDOKU

### Answer

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# THE LAST PAGE



Bill Rodgers

Out noodling the gravel roads surrounding Waitsburg.

## Out on a noodle

By Bill Rodgers

I needed to get out of town for a while last Saturday morning, so pointed my old RAV4 northward, with no particular place to go (thank you Chuck Berry). My friend Leslie Cain called it “noodling,” which is what I now call what Renny Russell (of *On The Loose* fame, Google it) and Bill Wayne taught me to call “ramblin’” when I hung out with them during Spring Break in Penasco, New Mexico in 1969.

Either way, noodling or ramblin’ around the gravel roads surrounding Waitsburg never gets old for me, as the landscapes and sky change every hour of every day this time of year. I rarely wash my car (it’s the dirty

one parked in front of Ten Ton Coffee every morning), as it is almost always re-covered with either mud or dust by the next day—it just gets hosed off every once in a while. Saturday was spectacular with this dramatic sky and lines of freshly mown alfalfa or grass.

As I turned onto Eager Road, where I was treated to this scene, three zopilotes (Spanish for buzzard) launched from the middle the road about 20 feet in front of me. I have always preferred the word “zopilote” to “buzzard” for these important scavengers, as it transports me to the mystical zeitgeist of *The Milagro Beanfield War* (John Nichols, ’74), which I read while noodling around northern New Mexico circa 1978.

Having spent part of my career as a geologist prospecting in the Basin and Range Province (Nevada, Southern Idaho, and points south), I used to see these interesting birds all over the place. They were ubiquitous, and I considered them good company whenever I was working alone. I suspect I looked like a future meal to them. Although I see them around here from time to time, they seem relatively scarce, so it was a treat to see those three so near. After lift-off, they gained a bit of elevation and then kited around with their unique pattern of flight, which is different from that of other raptors. Wikipedia says that is because they hold their wings in a “V” (dihedral), instead of flat (anhedral) like most raptors. Deep enough...

## DOUG JOHNSON - FROM PAGE 1

tinue to be a struggle, because any time you are bringing people together in an organization, there will be issues,” he said.

The community can now say students are able to participate in athletic programs, which might not have happened otherwise.

Johnson pointed to the importance of providing students with extracurricular activities. He said learning to take direction from a coach can help kids in the work world, and perhaps having a passion for a particular extracurricular activity will be the driving force in keeping a student interested in school.

“You never know who’s going to go away with what, and so you keep trying to give kids what we perceive they need,” he said.

He said there are plenty of other concerns, including addressing the need to fix aging building infrastructure, trying to figure out a plan to deal with the most fundamental building issues without taking money away from the education side of things.

“You try to fix what you can,” he said. “We’ve tried to put together good plans for smaller capital projects, and complete projects we thought would have long-term effect, like roof and boiler replacements,”

Adding the COVID-19 situation into the mix is also challenging, he said.

Trying to pin down what the beginning of school will look like in the fall and providing reliable information to parents has been challenging as the situation continues to change from week to week.

Johnson said continuous learning at home doesn’t compare with face to face learning in the classroom.

“I haven’t seen anything yet that replaces the classroom, where you can build on the thoughts, ideas, and questions from each student, with a teacher facilitating that learning in a face to face environment,” he said.

Johnson is grateful to his predecessor, Rich Stewart, for the Technology Levy, which provided students with Google Chromebooks for use at home.

He said the teachers are looking forward to applying some of what they have learned from the distance learning experience to the classroom after they return.

He also hopes the return to school will be better than just a return to normal,

as students have spent quality time with their parents and have learned some new skills.

Johnson laughed when asked about the qualities that make a good superintendent.

“When you read the job description it’s usually one or two steps down from God. They don’t need God, but they need something real close to that,” he said.

He said the best qualities are the ability to listen, problem solve, and encourage and inspire others to work toward a common goal.

“You have to be willing to take accountability and responsibility, sometimes for things you really have no control, or not much control over,” he said. “You have to like people in general. You have to get to know and understand people, because that will lead you to how you can provide a service to them. Lastly, you have to walk a narrow line between being a servant and having to do your job.”

He said a superintendent can offer ideas, thoughts and strategies, but can’t be too far from what the community wants and should provided enough information to show the value in what is offered.

Johnson said hiring people who enjoy working in a small community setting has been rewarding, as has the ability to continue the tradition of engaging community support for education in the Dayton schools.

“It’s been fun,” he said about his eleven years with the Dayton School District. Johnson is looking forward to retirement and doesn’t plan to look backward.

Lately, he has been wearing many Hawaiian shirts. He and his wife, Patti, had to cancel their annual trip to Hawaii this spring and hope to be able to go during the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Johnsons have seven adult children, six grandchildren with three more on the way.

“Our kids, fortunately, all live in the northwest. So, we look forward to some opportunities to visit,” he said.

Johnson might also be spotted with a camera at future local athletic games. He said he will have more time for photography in retirement, and looks forward to combining that with his love of local sports.

Now when he attends an athletic event, he will get to actually watch it.

“If I’m on the sideline and there’s a commotion, it will be somebody else’s responsibility,” he said with a smile.

## Application deadline July 23 for Prescott school board position

PRESCOTT—Prescott School District No. 402-37 is actively seeking a School Board Director for an at-large position. Only a person who resides within the boundaries of the Prescott School Director District may apply. To see if you reside within the boundaries, call the Walla Walla County Auditor at (509) 524-2530, or the Prescott School District business office at (509)849-2217.

Applicants for the position must submit a statement about their interest in serving on the board, along with a brief biographical statement.

The application deadline is July 23, 2020 at 4 p.m. Submit application information to Justin Bradford, Jr., Board Secretary, Prescott School District No. 402-37, P.O. Box 65, Prescott, WA 99348.

**4<sup>th</sup> of JULY SAFETY**

- HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS**
  - STAY HYDRATED: Drink water often & never a day. Drink more when you're not thirsty. Avoid alcohol, coffee & soft drinks.
  - APPLY SUNSCREEN: The sun is far stronger between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Reapply sunscreen after. Head to UVB between 10 and 3p.
  - WEAR YOUR SHADES: Sunglasses can block 99 to 100% of UVB rays.
  - MOST AT RISK: Adults over 65 and children under 4. Those wearing medical devices.
- GRILL SAFETY**
  - KEEP GRILL AWAY FROM STRUCTURES
  - IN WELL-VENTILATED AREA
  - AWAY FROM CHILDREN & PETS
  - Don't forget your mask!
  - Protect your pets!

**Fireworks Safety**

- NEVER** allow children to play with or ignite fireworks
- KEEP** a bucket of water or hose nearby
- MAKE** sure fireworks are legal in your area
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## Happy 4th of July from all of us at the City of Dayton!

The City of Dayton hereby publishes notice as reminder of the fireworks regulations within the city limits of Dayton.

### When can I ignite fireworks in the City of Dayton?

Fireworks may be discharged on June 28—July 3 between 9:00 am and 11:00 pm, and on July 4, 9:00 am 12:01 am (midnight).

### Where can I set off my fireworks?

Fireworks shall not be ignited on Dayton Avenue and South 4th Street. In addition, it is unlawful to ignite fireworks on private property or City parks without authorization.

### Who cleans up the firework waste?

Whoever discharges the fireworks is responsible for removal of the waste. We ask our community members to be respectful neighbors and have all waste removed by 11:00 am the following day from public right-of-way and abutting properties. Due to reoccurring concerns with waste removal, failure to remove waste may lead to civil citations and/or criminal charges for littering.

Happy Independence Day, and remember, Safety first!  
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