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As photographed from Middle Waitsburg Road, the controlled burn makes for a post-apocalyptic drive to Walla Walla.

## Waitsburg’s paraeducators go above and beyond

*Paraeducators have picked up extra duties in the school’s kitchen recently*

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The coronavirus has highlighted some unexpected heroes over the past ten months. The Waitsburg School District has had a handful of heroes step up and go far above and beyond their typical duties this school year.

“Our para-eds and our kitchen staff... they have been working their tails off this year,” Superintendent Mark Pickel. “Last week alone, they put together 1,700 meals to go.”

During a ‘normal’ school year, paraeducators can be found assisting in the classroom, often offering one-on-one support and guidance for special needs students. The paraeducator job description, like many, has drastically changed since reopening the school earlier this month.

The paraeducators at the school district have played an instrumental role in the successful meal delivery program that the school has provided since March. Pickel said that the meal deliveries, which required a driver to go door-to-door and drop off breakfasts and lunches for all children at home, slowed down during the summer, but it ramped back up quickly with the start of school and climbed even more so with the partial reopening of the school.

“We have all of our paras in the kitchen,” said Food Service Supervisor Susan Wildey. “If they aren’t helping make meals, they are out delivering.”

Wildey explained that many of the paraeducators have been coming to school hours earlier than a normal workday, and they often stay late to help with tasks like cleaning the kitchen.

“They’re supporting the program. The staff is supporting each other so we can support our kiddos, our community,” Wildey said. “You know, people like Eleanora (Montgomery), she’s in the kitchen almost all day, and she still finds the time to support teachers and work with kids and be their stability and their anchor. Kathy (Schirm) is here at 7 a.m to help hand out milk to students. These ladies are just turning and burning.”

Now that school has reopened, the foodservice employees have to prepare meals for half of the school population at home and the students attending in-person instruction. The paraeducators have helped absorb some of the stress handling in-person meals and making sure meals are delivered on time, and students get a hot breakfast and nutritious lunch at school.

“I am so proud and so humbled by the effort that they put in,” Wildey said. “They’re working their tails off to just make it happen. Not a single one of them came to work for a school district thinking they would be a lunch lady, but I can’t thank them enough.”

The Waitsburg School District currently employs six paraeducators, all of whom have helped out in the kitchen and meal delivery program, according to Pickel and Wildey.



Beka Compton

Meal prep for one is hard enough, but the paraeducators at the Waitsburg School District make meal prep for 150 plus students look like a breeze.

## Inside Columbia County's Public Works Department

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Since he was hired in Dec. 2018 as the Columbia County Engineer and Public Works Director, Charles Eaton finds himself wearing more hats than ever.

His responsibilities include multiple departments within the Public Works Department. Operations is responsible for county road maintenance. Engineering is responsible for designing or improving projects, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) services responsible for mapping, and Equipment Replacement and Rental (ER&R) responsible for maintenance of the County’s vehicle fleet.

At the Public Works Department, Greg Fullerton and Joe Anderson lead on the road crews, and Kelly Underwood is the lead worker and head of the shop. Wayne Tate is the operations supervisor.

Amber Phinney is the Business Manager, and Kelly Steinhoff is the Assistant Business Manager, Jeff McCowen is an Engineer Tech. III, Jonathan Haller is the Senior GIS Specialist, Jonathan Craig is a GIS Specialist, and Lisha Tomas is an Engineer Tech II.

Eaton is also responsible for the Solid Waste Transfer facility on South Cottonwood Street, which is staffed by John Lewison.

This year, responsibility for the Parks and Recreation Department has been added to Eaton’s list of duties.

Dakota Baker is the supervisor, and there are usually two full-time employees in the Parks and Recreation Department. One of the employees had to be furloughed in the spring because of the COVID-19 situation.

It has been a challenging year for Eaton and his staff, beginning with the February flood followed by the COVID-19 shut-down.

He said it has been difficult to ascertain what level of activities are permitted at the fairgrounds, after building rentals and events were cancelled in the spring. Eaton said it is hard to say how soon receptions will be allowed. Both the fairgrounds facilities and the Touchet Valley Golf Course have been impacted by state restrictions on use.

The Public Works Department has seen major impact from the February flooding event, which caused 7.2 million dollars in damages to county infrastructure.

All damage assessments from the flood are complete, and applications have been submitted to FEMA, the Federal Highway Program, and the Army Corps of Engineers. Eaton said he continues to explore other funding opportunities, as well.

The County is on the hook for 1.3 million dollars and will need to pay its share by reducing some services and not filling jobs.

Eaton said routine road maintenance this year has been “piecemeal.” “We’ve been running out to repair issues as they pop up,” he said.

“There will be some of that through 2021. I am hoping by 2022 we will be back to normal.”

Repairs to bridges, and repairs on Tucannon Road, Wolf Fork Road, Robinson Fork Road, and major repairs on North Touchet Road, and South Patit Road will



Beka Compton

Charles Eaton is the Columbia County Public Works Director and County Engineer.

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## STATEWIDE COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION PROGRESS

## THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) continues to make progress with our COVID-19 vaccine distribution planning efforts. We are working with the federal government and local partners within Washington to plan for the distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine when one becomes available.

DOH staff has been diligently working on an initial guidebook-style plan for the past few weeks, and we are on track to turn it in to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention by the October 16 due date. The plan itself outlines specific action steps the department will take, like developing an equitable vaccine allocation, setting up strong vaccine infrastructure in Washington, tracking administration data, and planning for effective communication with the public.

The DOH anticipates the plan being posted on the DOH website next week. This plan is an initial plan and will be continuously updated as new information becomes available and as we have further engagement and feedback from our partners.

Washington state is well positioned to receive,

handle, distribute and administer COVID-19 vaccine to its residents once a safe and effective vaccine is available. DOH has started its planning by coordinating with state agencies, local government, community leaders, health care providers, neighboring states and other partners. Tribal nations and tribal health organizations are also working hard to respond to the pandemic and support their community members. DOH continues to work with them government to government as they make plans for a COVID-19 vaccine.

“We continue to work diligently on the many necessary components required to distribute a safe and effective vaccine when one is available,” said John Wiseman, secretary of health.

A great deal of work has been done and there is still more that needs to be done to accomplish the goals set forth in the Washington COVID-19 vaccination plan. DOH is committed to continuing the work necessary and when a vaccine is ready and will be prepared to deploy it in a way that is equitable, safe and timely for the people of Washington.

The DOH website is your source for a healthy dose of information. Find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. Sign up for the DOH blog, Public Health Connection.

## WAITSBURG, DAYTON AND PRESCOTT LEAF PICKUP SERVICE FOR 2020

## THE TIMES

Basin Disposal will be picking up bagged leaves for customers in Waitsburg, Dayton and Prescott. The leaf pick-up is not part of the regular garbage route but will be done with a different truck on a separate route.

The following are tentative dates:

November 23rd, November 30th, and December 7th, all Mondays. Dates are subject to change for any reason.

Leaves in bags only, no garbage, rocks, bricks sticks, roofing, etc. Do not overload the bags, 40 pounds is plenty. If you have an alley, place the bags in the alley. If you do not have an alley, place the bagged leaves next to the curb or edge of the street, not in the street. Loose leaves will not be picked up. Only bagged leaves only will be picked up.

Contact Basin Disposal at (509)547-2476 for more information.

## INSLEE EXTENDS EVICTION MORATORIUM, PUBLIC UTILITIES PROCLAMATION

## THE TIMES

Gov. Jay Inslee announced the extensions of the eviction moratorium and public utility proclamations as COVID-19 continues to impact the finances of Washingtonians statewide. Both proclamations were extended to December 31.

**Moratorium on Evictions (20-19.4)**

This extension makes modifications to the prior moratorium, including:

Clarifying that tenant behavior which is imminently hazardous to the physical safety of other persons on the premises is included among the existing permissible reasons for seeking to evict a tenant.

Authorizing landlords and property owners to send advance notices of future rent increases in limited circumstances, as long as the notice clearly provides that the rent increase will not go into effect until after the moratorium expires.

Establishing clearer guidance on permissible communications between landlords and tenants.

Requiring that any 60-day notice to vacate if an owner intends to occupy or sell the premises must be in the form of an affidavit signed under penalty of perjury.

The moratorium also directs the governor's staff to continue working with stakeholders over the next 30 days to consider additional amendments to the moratorium to ensure that the moratorium's protections for non-payment of rent apply narrowly to those persons whose ability to pay has been directly or indirectly materially impacted by the COVID-19 virus.

**Ratepayer Assistance (20-23.11)**

This proclamation prohibits energy, water and landline telephone companies from:

Disconnecting any residential customers from energy, landline telephone or water service due to non-payment on an active account, except at the request of the customer.

Refusing to reconnect any residential customer who has been disconnected due to nonpayment.

Charging fees for late payment or reconnection of energy, landline telephone or water service.

Disconnecting service to any residential customer who has contacted the utility to request assistance from the utility's COVID-19 Customer Support Program.

This proclamation does not relieve customers from the obligation to pay for utility services. Customers and utilities are expected to continue to communicate in good faith with one another, and to work together, on the timing and terms of payment and repayment solutions.

Read the full proclamation at <https://tinyurl.com/y2xap4dz>.

## WALK THE VOTE EVENT THIS UPCOMING WEEKEND

WALLA WALLA—The public is invited to take to the sidewalks on Sunday, October 25, at 1:30 p.m. to Walk the Vote. With or without their ballots in hand, community voters will celebrate the act of voting in a peaceful neighborhood walk, a free event organized by the Network of Exceptional Women. Walkers will start at Washington Park, or outside Garrison Middle School, Whitman College's Reid Campus Center, or Edison Elementary school. Walk leaders from the Network for Exceptional Women will provide maps and lead walkers to the two Downtown Walla Walla ballot boxes and the Eastgate ballot box. The walks are approximately one mile from the starting point.

Walk the Vote will also start from Lions Park in College Place on Sunday, October 25, at 1:30 p.m. and end at the College Place ballot box near City Hall.

All walkers are asked to wear masks and to maintain recommended physical distance (6 feet) as appropriate to shared household status.

Walk the Vote was created to bring attention to getting out the vote and to encourage all eligible voters to complete their ballots correctly and return them on time. Walkers may start at the location of their choice and are invited to bring friends and family, particularly teens who will be eligible to vote in future years.

The Network of Exceptional Women is a group dedicated to supporting progressive women in their campaigns for elected office and seeking appointments to boards, commissions, and committees.

For more information, see <https://www.thenetworkww.com> or contact Kirsten Nicolaysen or Linda Gunshefski at [persist@thenetworkww.com](mailto:persist@thenetworkww.com).

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**BIRTHDAYS**

**October 22:** Sofia Mercado, Gary Greenwell, Donna Hempel, Tom Archer, Holly Kinart, Susan Duckworth.

**October 23:** Tim (TJ) Hofer, Dana Demaris, Cherie Hinchliff, Tom Richardson.

**October 24:** Selina Mercado, Tyler Linderorth, Janet Anderson, Betty Elder, Ramona Clark, Caitlin Durkee.

**October 25:** Judy Skillings, Jacqueline Glover, Jody Peck, Christine Penner, Debbie Moore, Alfred Ritter, Al Peters, Lizzette Crawford.

**October 26:** Paul Wolfe, Ed Bird, Payton Ng, Dick Buerstatte, Dennis Averill, Jackie Brock, Daniel Pettichord, Jason Delp.

**October 27:** Warren Talbott, Nichole Zuger, Rod Bailey III, Quincy Larsen.

**October 28:** Mary Senter



COVID-19 transmission increasing in western Washington, rates flat but higher in eastern Washington

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) released the latest statewide situation report on COVID-19 transmission.

**Report findings include:**

Transmission is increasing in western Washington and recently plateauing in eastern Washington. The best estimates of the reproductive number (how many new people each COVID-19 patient will infect) were 1.12 in western Washington and 0.94 in eastern Washington as of September 27. The goal is a number well below one, which would mean COVID-19 transmission is declining.

The situation in eastern Washington is unstable and efforts to control the spread of the virus must be strictly maintained or intensified to avoid a backslide. This instability is clear in case and hospitalization numbers, where we've seen increases and decreases at various points in September rather than the desired steady downward trend. The proportion of positive tests to total tests also remains high. Per person, the case rate in eastern Washington is twice as high as in western Washington and the daily hospitalization rate is more than twice as high.

Case counts in western Washington are increasing across all age groups and over broad geographic areas. This suggests increases are due to broad community spread, not driven by a single type of activity or setting. Though all age groups are seeing increases, the rising trends among older people are particularly concerning because these groups tend to experience more severe illness.

Recent growth in cases is widely distributed across a number of counties. Some larger counties (Clark, King, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish and Thurston) are seeing steady increases. Several smaller counties (Lewis, Mason, Pend Oreille and Skagit) are clearly experiencing increases, though the total number of recent cases remains low. Benton and Franklin counties are seeing gradual but steady increases as well.

Trends are also mixed in counties with flat or decreasing case counts. In Spokane County, the steep increase in cases in early to mid-September may have reached a plateau. Case counts are fluctuating in Whitman County, with some likely increases in older people following a recent spike in the college-age population. Cases remain flat in Yakima County. Grant and Grays Harbor counties are seeing steady declines, and Whatcom County is starting to see decreases as of the start of October.

"As COVID-19 activity intensifies, it's incredibly important that we all take precautions to reduce the impact of seasonal changes like spending more time indoors," said Secretary of Health John Wiesman. "We must be especially careful to avoid gathering in groups inside, including with family and friends outside of our immediate household. That includes limiting group size, gathering outside or improving ventilation inside, cleaning and washing hands frequently, wearing face coverings (including inside our homes) and staying over six feet apart."

DOH partners with the Institute for Disease Modeling, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, University of Washington and the Microsoft AI for Health program to develop these reports. New reports will be published every other week and as needed when there are major changes in trends.

More COVID-19 data can be found on the DOH website, <https://tinyurl.com/y9ebw99s> and in the state's risk assessment dashboard, <https://tinyurl.com/yb88ku4f>.

Waitsburg School Board October update

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg School Board met Thursday, October 15, for a regularly scheduled meeting. The Board is still meeting via Zoom video call.

Secondary Principal Stephanie Wooderchak reported that school has been going well overall, given the circumstances. She said that the parents had been a huge help troubleshooting the technology problems that sprung from the Chromebook distribution and remote learning.

"People are having honest conversations and are making adjustments when we experience obstacles," Wooderchak said while reporting some of the feedback she has received from staff, students and parents. "There is very little complaining."

Wooderchak announced that Koby Harris had been selected as the Student of the Month for October. Harris is a senior this year.

Many students have reported that they are glad to be back, even on the hybrid schedule. They have enjoyed being back with their friends, and many have informed Wooderchak that they feel they can get more work done while in the classroom.

Board member Sarah Boudrieau let Wooderchak know that she has heard many concerns about the students carrying books and other materials from classroom to classroom. Currently, lockers are not available to prevent students from mingling at close distances. Wooderchak said the staff hopes to work with students in finding a solution to make it easier between classes.

Staff at Preston Hall Middle School and Waitsburg

High School have set up a tutoring and additional assistance program for students who need a 'little extra scoop,' as Wooderchak put it.

Superintendent Mark Pickel gave an update on the recently-updated fall sports conditioning schedule. The Washington Interscholastic Athletics Association (WIAA) released a set of guidelines that will allow student athletes to begin training for potential sports seasons safely. The full schedule can be found on the school's website.

Pickel also gave the board members an update on the facilities and maintenance happenings.

The school secured an entire pallet of hand sanitizer, roughly 60-70 cases worth, from the Walla Walla Emergency Management System. He is hopeful that they will be able to secure more PPE soon, as well. Pickel said he is 'very impressed' with how well the custodial staff has been cleaning. He said that they have been very busy and very thorough.

The high school experienced a boiler issue, and compromising the heating system, Pickel said that Mike Dill was able to get it repaired and running very quickly.

The school district will be using an arborist out of Walla Walla, Boyd's Tree Service, to remove some diseased trees on the corner of 8th and Caroline streets. Pickel reported that the trees pose a safety hazard.

During the elementary principal and superintendent reports, Superintendent Pickel said that the budget and student numbers are going 'in the right directions.' He echoed many of the same things that Wooderchak reported in the secondary report, saying that students are happy to be back. The elementa-

ry staff is working hard to fix any hiccups that come up.

Parent-teacher conferences will be held the week of November 9. Elementary teachers will be reaching out to families via ClassTag to set up an appointment.

The school district is working on the website, which will be updated soon. Pickel said that he and another staff member have been working on a mock-up, and the change should happen in the next week or so. He expects the new website to be more user-friendly than it currently is.

The Washington State School Directors Association Conference will be virtual this year. Board members opted to attend evening sessions online.

The Board reviewed multiple sets of policies for first and second readings. The school board has received a small group of policies each month to review and update as needed. Many of the policies have not been updated in recent years, and some have been retired altogether.

The school board meets the third week of the month, at 6 p.m. All board agendas and Zoom call information are available on the district's website, [www.waitsburgsd.org](http://www.waitsburgsd.org).



Courtesy photo  
Koby Harris, Student of the Month

WWCSO	
<b>October 10</b> Unknown suspect struck a mailbox with their vehicle and left the scene of the accident. Walla Walla County	Two found bicycles. Burbank
<b>October 12</b> Theft of a trailer and fuel occurred overnight in the county. Waitsburg	Unknown subject caused significant damage to a power transformer. Wallula
<b>October 15</b> Suspect opened a small business loan fraudulently using the victim's social security number and name. Burbank	<b>October 17</b> A violation of a protection order was reported in the county. Walla Walla County
<b>October 16</b> A subject was found sleeping in a vehicle. Burbank	Deputies investigated a reported violation of a court order. Walla Walla County
Damage done to property while trying to locate a trespassing subject. Walla Walla County	A subject was taken to SMMC for evaluation. Walla Walla County
Deputies investigated a burglary. Prescott	<b>October 19</b> Temporary construction site broken into, nothing taken. Walla Walla County
Vehicle tires were punctured. Waitsburg	Graffiti found on maintenance shed on Farmland Road. Walla Walla County
	Victim had a small business loan taken out fraudulently using his social security number. Touchet

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

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

**Thursday, October 22**  
Goulash  
Green beans, salad  
Garlic bread  
Peaches & pears, Milk

**Tuesday, October 27**  
Chili dog  
Coleslaw  
Sliced apples, Milk

**WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER**  
504 Main Street  
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, October 20**  
Chicken & dumplings  
Vegetable (chef's choice)  
Coleslaw  
Juice  
Bread  
Cake

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT MEAL DELIVERIES

Starting October 5, the Waitsburg School District will only be delivering meals on Monday and Wednesday. If your student is already signed up for the meal program, the schedule will automatically adjust. If you have not signed your child up and would like to participate, you will need to submit a signed consent form to your child's school. The consent form can be found on the school's website, [www.waitsburgsd.org](http://www.waitsburgsd.org).



*Church Directory*

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church  
504 Main  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
337-6589  
Pastor Stan Hughes

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

Waitsburg Christian Church  
604 Main St  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Each Sunday  
337-8898  
Rev. Matthew Wyatt



# NEWS & COMMENTARY

## LETTERS

### DEAR EDITOR

Several years ago a friend of mine was involved in a controversy that went to trial before Judge Robert Zagelow, who was an exceptionally well liked and respected Walla Walla Superior Court Judge. After the trial, I asked how it went. My friend said, “We don’t have his decision yet, but he really listened to both of us, and whatever he decides, I know it will be fair.” It’s an extraordinary judge who inspires such confidence that a litigant accepts the decision before she knows if she won or lost! My friend was confident in the judge because he sincerely engaged with the case, showed interest in both parties, and asked insightful questions. That is the kind of judge Brandon Johnson will be.

I’ve been a legal assistant for 30 years. I worked with Brandon Johnson for six years. Besides being a brainy and versatile attorney, Brandon was kind. He was never too busy or too important to treat staff members well. Brandon’s interest in people and in justice is authentic. Join me in voting for Brandon Johnson for Walla Walla County Superior Court Judge.

Susan Tarver  
Waitsburg

### SUPPORT FOR DOZIER

Perry Dozier, as a county commissioner and citizen, has provided many benefits to our communities. The completion of 7th street rebuild in Waitsburg with streets, sidewalks, etc. was aided by Perry, while a commissioner, to secure funding for this project to aid in its completion. I question the validity of many items our media reports now days as most appear one sided and biased instead of letting the reader draw their own conclusion as reporting used to and still should be done! What would Edward R. Morrow do if he witnessed the true lack of journalism portrayed today? Being an active member of the community, valley and state on various levels, it is hard for most individuals who have seen his positive influence through his various roles being narrowed down to a single action of biased reporting where others are choosing what he should or should not do with their (his families) land. For someone who has dedicated and served this valley and state in various roles, whose name is known for more than this, who will stop and visit with you in the grocery store or Home Depot for that matter

- he is a true representation and knows this valley! February, during the flood, Perry stood shoulder to shoulder with neighbors and community members filling sandbags, loading trucks for deliveries to affected areas when his own home was threatened - he was there to help his community! He is out and about, willing to help/listen and problem solve! To have a candidate with a moral compass, willing to get into the trenches, lending a helping hand - that is who I would vote for hands down any given day! As John F. Kennedy stated, “the great enemy of the truth is very often not the lie, deliberate, contrived and dishonest, but the myth, persistent, persuasive and unrealistic.” To all who question Perry, give me and all who read this a list of things Perry has done which has positively influenced as well as hurt our community, valley and state? I ask the same for Danielle since I had never heard of or about her before this summer - what has she really done? Join me in voting for Perry Dozier for State Senate.

Cindy Daves  
Waitsburg, WA

### JOHNSON HAS BROAD EXPERIENCE

Mike Mitchell misrepresents Brandon Johnson’s experience for Walla Walla Superior Court Judge.

Johnson has broad experience in our judicial system. He earned a criminal justice degree. He graduated with honors from Gonzaga Law School. He served two years as a law clerk with the Washington Court of Appeals researching the law, reviewing the facts, and preparing the initial analysis for appealed Superior Court decisions. (50% were criminal cases.) He practiced thirteen years representing clients in civil and criminal cases.

In 2015 Brandon, to better serve the law, became a full-time mediator and arbitrator, an alternative choice for settling legal disputes not inside but outside the court room, applying the same law and facts. He has mediated over 500 cases, arbitrated 45 cases.

Mitchell claims Johnson lacks experience by comparing only their respective 2015 -2020 court appearances (Mitchell’s 138 cases to Johnson’s 3 adoption cases). Mitchell omitted that Johnson’s legal practice in that period was purposely directed to be outside the court room.

Mitchell intentionally does not use the numbers of court appearances in 2010 to 2014 because Johnson “appeared” in 250 cases while Mitchell “appeared” in only 129.

If you value personal integrity, Vote for Brandon Johnson.

Carol Jean Thompson

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

My daughter, Jenny Mayberry, is running for Walla Walla County Commissioner for District 1.

Jenny is a strong, confident woman who believes everyone is important and should be listened to. She’s a woman who will stand her ground when the going gets tough. She is always looking to better herself in the world around her.

As far as what she’s done for the community? Let’s start with her Volunteer Firefighting/EMT for 18 years in District 4. Did you know 80% of firefighters in Walla Walla County are volunteers? They train constantly in classrooms and also hands-on. But, there is no training in the world that completely prepares them for what they will actually see and do.

This is why mental health/suicide/illegal narcotics is so passionate with Jenny! She sees what most people don’t. She sees behind the curtain of our county!

Jenny has saved many lives and assisted on thousands of medical emergencies at all hours of the night. She has received numerous awards along with Firefighter of the Year. She does all of this while running a local business and raising a family. Jenny is compassionate about raising money for different causes in our community. When she sees a need she tries to fill it.

One of her goals as a county commissioner is to follow the money the county has received from us, the taxpayers, and make sure it’s being spent in an efficient way.

Our daughter was raised with the understanding that EVERY human being is important and significant! So what you ask and say matters to Jenny! That is why Senator Mike Hewitt endorsed our daughter...”because she really cares about our county. She will listen and take appropriate action.”

If you are looking for an honest, hard-working, business oriented, one of a kind leader, then vote Jenny Mayberry for Walla Walla County Commissioner!

Cathy Rasley  
A PROUD MOM

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Danielle Garbe Reser is uniquely qualified to become the 16th Legislative District’s next Senator. After graduating with honors from Whitman College, Danielle earned a Masters in Public Administration from Columbia University.

Between 2001 and 2015, Danielle worked for the State Department. During the administration of President Bush, she served on the staff of Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. She later served on the National Security Council staff of President Obama.

During her tenure at the State Department, she was posted to U.S. Embassies in Beirut, Lebanon and Jakarta, Indonesia. Her crisis management experience included helping American victims of the 2002 terrorist attack in Bali and aiding humanitarian responses to the Syrian war. In America, among other duties, Danielle had a one- year diplomatic assignment advising a U. S. Senator on issues addressed by the Senate Armed Forces and Foreign Relations Committees about trouble spots in countries like Iraq and

Afghanistan.

After her diplomatic career, Danielle returned to Walla Walla to become the CEO of Sherwood Trust. While there, she oversaw investments in initiatives that created jobs, improved community infrastructure and strengthened nonprofit organizations and programs. The rural funders’ program that Danielle created attracted over half a million dollars in new grants to the region. For her accomplishments, Danielle won regional and national awards.

Danielle is endorsed by the Children’s Campaign Fund, an organization committed to securing the health, safety, and education of all children. The Children’s Campaign Fund previously endorsed Republican State Senator Maureen Walsh.

Because one person cannot solve all the economic and social problems of the 16th Legislative District, we should elect the one person uniquely qualified to inspire the ideas and enlist the aid of others: Danielle Garbe Reser.

Gretchen de Grasse  
Walla Walla

### DEAR EDITOR

I am writing in support of Mike Mitchell’s candidacy for Walla Walla County Superior Court Judge. There have been numerous letters of support for both candidates touting their legal experiences, educational backgrounds, and personal attributes.

These candidates have been extensively vetted as they should have been. I don’t take issue with any of the positive assessments of each candidate.

I believe I have a unique perspective on this race. I served as a Superior Court Judge in Walla Walla County for 24 years. During that time, I worked with hundreds of Judges and attorneys. I believe Mike Mitchell is the best candidate for Walla Walla County Superior Court Judge. His education, legal experience, intellect, demeanor, common sense, patience, and most importantly, his sense of fairness and integrity are attributes which will make Mike an outstanding judge. Please join me in voting for Mike Mitchell.

Judge Donald W. Schacht  
Walla Walla County Superior Court, Retired

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## Financial forecast better than anticipated for Columbia County budget

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—County Treasurer Carla Rowe presented the third-quarter financial statement to the Board of Columbia County Commissioners last week.

She provided them with the following predictions based on various sources, including the Dept. of Revenue, the Municipal Research and Services Center, and webinars regarding banking environments, investment bond market, and government publications.

Financial recovery from the COVID-19 impact to counties is not expected to occur until the latter part of next year.

Sales tax states, like Washington, are likely to remain below prior revenue peaks but underperform less than income tax states. Sales tax receipts during the second half of 2021 could be close to normal.

Internet sales are important. Cities with malls and regional stores have been hardest-hit.

Property tax is the most stable form of revenue. The commercial sector is the most at risk. The tourism sector is the hardest hit. Agriculture based communities have not been hit as hard.

Rowe provided the following third-quarter report: Current Expense Cash and Investments totaled \$2,141,575 at the end of September This includes an-

nual transfers totaling \$770,000 and represents 58% of the budgeted amount. By comparison, the Current Expense Cash and Investments totaled \$2,140,309 in the third quarter of 2019.

Rowe said 46% of the Current Expense Budget comes from property tax collection. 15-percent comes from Local Government Financial Assistance (LGFA), otherwise known as city-county assistance. The county will receive \$543,760, from the LGFA, in 2021.

Twelve percent of the Current Expense Budget is from Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT). Rowe said the county might not receive the \$386,000 calculated for 2020, which is concerning.

Eleven percent of the Current Budget is from Sales Tax, and 11-percent is from Law and Justice. 5% is from miscellaneous fees such as departmental fees, timber tax, and liquor tax.

For the Year 2020 the county has collected around \$700,000 in sales tax revenue. Internet sales tax is helping.

Revenue in the third quarter has benefitted from the addition of CARES Act grant funding.

Rowe said the interest rate on bank accounts is fairly low.

The interest rate from Washington Federal Bank is .100%, .21% at the Bank of Oregon, and 2.9% at

HomeStreet Bank. The Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) rate has varied over the third quarter from .2196% to .1858%, ending the quarter at .1915%.

The term for a US Bank Bond invested in 2019 ends in January.

Debt through General Obligation Bonds is coming due in December on a Public Works building interest payment, and a Solid Waste building final payment is also coming due.

“The forecast is not as bad as we thought it would be,” Rowe told the commissioners.

She discussed the loss of sales tax revenue due to the state’s Renewable Energy Sales Tax exemptions for big construction projects.

For instance, the county has refunded a little over \$1.4 million back to the state for the 2019 Marengo Wind Farm Refurbish Project. Columbia County Public Transportation also refunded money back to the state for a combined total of \$1.8 million.

The last refund payment was in September So far, there have been no additional refunding requests.

Since 2013 almost 7 million has been refunded back to the state for construction projects that have renewable energy tax exemptions, Rowe said.

## LIBERTY THEATER MANAGER RESIGNS

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Mike Ferrians has resigned as the manager of the Liberty Theater.

Management of the theater will be by committee, for the time being, according to Dave Molesh, Touchet Valley Arts Council President.

Molesh said Ferrians resigned on Sunday of last week and the executive board met to discuss theater operations two days later.

The theater has been closed since March due to the COVID-19 restrictions, and no live productions are planned for this year. Molesh said the production of *Nana Goes to Vegas* directed by Bev Startin which was scheduled for Jan. 2021, has been moved to Jan. 2022.

Touchet Valley Arts Council Executive Board members are; Mike and Mary Luce, Kris Takemura, Genie Crowe, Glen Mendell, and Dave Molesh. Debbie Ayerst is the Liberty Theater Assistant Manager.

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probably not happen until next year, at the earliest.

“We have not even been approved for some of them yet,” he said.

The crew has been working all summer to remove woody debris from the Touchet River channel. Removal of granular debris will take place after permits are issued, he said.

FEMA has not reimbursed the County for any of the costs.

“That’s one reason why we have been doing it all ourselves. We don’t have the cash to just get contractors and bring a whole bunch of people in,” he said. “We have been trying to do it as cash comes in every month.”

Eaton said the process is working well, but he knows it is slower than people would like to see.

“I would like to thank everybody for the patience they have had throughout the summer,” he said.

There are further challenges.

The County Road Administration Board (CRAB) has notified the state about a 50 million-dollar loss in

motor vehicle gas tax over the next two years. This is because people haven’t been driving as much during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eaton’s budget depends on funds from the motor vehicle gas tax for county road operations. Over the next two years, he will need to average a 25% reduction in the budget to make up the reduced funding from traditional sources, including the motor vehicle gas tax.

“Some of that I can do by shifting people onto other projects that have a different funding source,” he said.

That is the approach he took this year. By shifting the road crew to flood mitigation, he is applying for reimbursement from FEMA.

Eaton said if a funding mechanism for the FCZD had been approved by voters in August 2019, some of the cost of this year’s transfer of personnel would have been offset and citizens would have been provided with a variety of supports after the flood event.

Eaton is also the manager of the Flood Control Zone District (FCZD), just one of the many hats he wears in his job with the County.

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR THE COUNTY OF KING

No. 20-4-05624-1 SEA  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
RCW 11.40.030  
In re the Estate of  
SHARRON L. DODDS-DONOVAN,  
Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the deceased 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: October 8, 2020  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: /s/ Molly Elizabeth Austin  
ATTORNEY FOR THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: /s/ Meredith Davison, WSBA

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

No. 20-4-00026-7  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
RCW § 11.28.240  
In the Matter of the Estate of MARY H. ALLESSIO, 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.

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**Notice of Public Hearing**  
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been established for Wednesday November 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Columbia Walla Walla Fire District #2 Station, 234 Main Street, Waitsburg WA 99361 to hear comments on the proposed 2021 Columbia Walla Walla Fire District #2 Budget amendment. Copies of the proposed budget amendment are available for inspection at the Columbia Walla Walla Fire District #2 Station during regular business hours. Please note, this may be a Zoom meeting depending on COVID rules at that time. If you would like to attend the Zoom meeting please contact

clerkfire2@hotmail.com and a link will be emailed to you.

Columbia Walla Walla Fire Protection District #2  
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### ORDINANCE SUMMARY BY TITLE ONLY FOR PUBLICATION PURPOSES ORDINANCE NUMBER 1967 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON AMENDING PORTIONS OF TITLE 11 OF THE DAYTON MUNICIPAL CODE.

The full text of Ordinance 1967, adopted the 14th day of October 2020, is available for examination at the City Clerk's Office, 111 S. 1st St., Dayton, WA during normal business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.

Section 1: Amendment  
Section 12: Amendment  
Section 13: Severability  
Section 14: Effective Date  
By: /s/ Zac Weatherford,  
Mayor

Attest: /s/ Trina Cole, City Administrator  
Approved as to form: /s/ Quinn Plant, City Attorney  
The Times  
October 22, 2020  
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### ORDINANCE SUMMARY BY TITLE ONLY FOR PUBLICATION PURPOSES ORDINANCE NUMBER 1968 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 17-01, REPEALING ORDINANCE 1841, AND ADOPTING NEW REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO FREQUENTLY FLOODED AREAS AND FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION

The full text of Ordinance 1968, adopted the 14th day of

October 2020, is available for examination at the City Clerk's Office, 111 S. 1st St., Dayton, WA during normal business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.

Section 1: Amendments  
Section 2: Repeal  
Section 3: Adopt  
Section 4: Severability  
Section 5: Effective Date  
By: /s/ Zac Weatherford,  
Mayor

Attest: /s/ Trina Cole, City Administrator  
Approved as to form: /s/ Quinn Plant, City Attorney  
The Times  
October 22, 2020  
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### ORDINANCE SUMMARY BY TITLE ONLY FOR PUBLICATION PURPOSES ORDINANCE NO. 1969 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1958 AND ORDINANCE NO. 1964 TO INCLUDE BUDGET AMENDMENT 2020-02.

Section 1. Amend.  
Section 2. Adopt.  
Section 3. Severability.  
Section 4. Effective Date.

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By: /s/ Zac Weatherford,  
Mayor

Attested/Authenticated by: /s/ Trina Cole, City Administrator  
Approved as to form: /s/ Quinn Plant, City Attorney  
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### Columbia County Planning Commission Openings

The Columbia County Planning Commission is accepting letters of interest from eligible citizens for Seat #4 term expiring December 31, 2022. This seat will become a float seat so citizens residing in Columbia County Districts 1, 2 or 3 are encouraged to apply.

The planning commission addresses issues related to zoning, land use, and development regulations. This is an ideal opportunity for an interested individual to give back and have a voice in the community.

Regular meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Planning Department. A district map may be found at <http://www.columbiaco.com/DocumentCenter/View/4227>.

Interested individuals should send a brief bio and statement of interest to Planner Dena Martin via email at [Dena.Martin@co.columbia.wa.us](mailto:Dena.Martin@co.columbia.wa.us) or mail to: Planning Department, 114 South 2nd Street, Dayton, Washington. Please call the Planning Department at 382-4676 with any questions.

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Bill Rodgers

Iris fields forever.

# The best thing to do to protect your iris for the winter? NOTHING!

*Be patient for spring*

By Bill Rodgers | THE TIMES

Several people have asked me about how I prepare my collection of 160 varieties of tall bearded iris for winter. Here is what I do: NOTHING! Iris are quite frost-hardy, so they do not need to be mulched. In fact, mulch is hard to remove, will retain too much moisture in the spring, and you will risk the new growth and root rotting.

I wait until early spring to remove the previous season's leaves, for several reasons. This has been my procedure for about 15 years, and it really seems to work in the relatively mild winter weather we have here in the Walla Walla Valley, and in the Puget Sound region, where I first started growing tall bearded iris.

As long as the leaves are green, they are still feeding the roots preparing for the next season's bloom, albeit not as vigorously as during the long hot days of summer. I allow the leaves to remain on the plants until early March. Sometimes they freeze during the winter, wilt, and then shrivel into paper-like tatters, making them very easy to remove in the spring. Besides, when dried out, I can place ten times the volume of leaves into a garbage bag then I can when they are still green. I then empty the garbage bag into my trash receptacle so that I can reuse the bag until it finally falls apart.

If the leaves do not die back (roughly fifty percent of winters), I use a hedge trimmer to mow them down before the new spring shoots get more than an inch

or two high. You will want to keep an eye on the base of the clumps so that you can do this before the new leaves get too high for machine trimming.

However, you DO want to remove most of the old leaves in the spring to allow the coming season's leaves to grow unfettered and keep the clump base free from debris. Any old withered leaves left on the plants will act as mulch with the same result noted earlier—rot.

Scissors work just fine for trimming if you do not have several hundred plants as I do. I used to wear a deep crater (which always began as a blister) into my thumb each year until I finally got wise to the hedge trimmer strategy. My thumb thanks me for finally using my head for something other than a hat rack!

It's okay to trim the leaves back in the fall if you want. It will not harm the iris as they are almost impossible to kill. I feel that leaving the leaves on until March helps build a stronger rhizome, which yields bigger, better, and more blossoms.

I also apply a granulated vegetable (not flower) fertilizer like 5-10-10 or 10-20-20 in early March to provide the potassium and phosphorous that iris (and most flowering plants) need to encourage vigorous blooming. [Aside: Just don't do this with Cosmos, as they need to think they are starving in order to flower. Before I learned this, my Cosmos would grow 8-feet high, have inch-thick stems, and never bloom.] Iris do need some nitrogen, but not a lot of it. If you give them too much, the literature suggests that they are more prone to rot. I have never had a rot problem by minimizing nitrogen supplementation. This strategy works well for other flowering plants as well, especially perennials, although you do not need to be as careful about nitrogen levels. Apply the fertilizer early so that these essential nutrients are available early during the most active part of a plant's growth cycle.

## Virtual BooGrass Auction begins October 23

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg's Rural Youth Enrichment Services (RYES) will host the Virtual BooGrass Auction starting October 23. Log on and bid on items including a Will Writing package donated by Karl Law Office or a Dinner for Four prepared by Chef Daniel Rossi and support the many youth projects offered by RYES.

RYES is a non-profit organization established in 2010 to provide the youth of the Touchet Valley with opportunities to experience the arts, develop skills, hone leadership, and participate in enriching activities.

Programs you can support through this auction include Touchet Valley Acoustic Music Program (TVAMP), Waitsburg's Youth and Government, and the Urban Forestry Project. In a typical year, TVAMP musicians would have put on a spooky show and silent auction at the Plaza Theatre in Waitsburg. Since concerts are not allowed in Walla Walla County's current Safe Start phase, the organization has turned this event into a virtual auction with some online surprises.

The Youth and Government program gives students a chance to model legislators at all levels of government, advocate for change, expand their worldwide view, and shape public policy. Each year, qualifying students travel to Olympia and participate in mock-government scenarios.

The Urban Forestry Project connects kids and the outdoors, teaches the importance of healthy trees, and celebrates Arbor Day by planting tree seedlings. Future projects include a tree-planting guide, a heritage treemap for a Waitsburg walking guide, and a photo library of Waitsburg's oldest trees. To learn



Anne Walsh

Among the items up for bid is this whirleygig which was created and donated by Randal Bollinger. When the wind blows, it looks like the band is playing.

more about the RYES projects, visit their website at [www.ruralyes.org](http://www.ruralyes.org).

Auction items will be available to view at Ten Ton Coffee, 216 Main Street, in Waitsburg. The virtual auction will begin October 23 and will end on October 30. Visit <http://charityauction.bid/RYESBoogras>. The auction link will not go live until October 23.

## Dayton's Wenaha Gallery chooses treats over tricks

THE TIMES

This year, Wenaha Gallery is giving bags of treats to Trick or Treaters, costumed or not, on Friday, October 30, from noon to 5 p.m.

"Given that it's the day before Halloween, it's understandable if kids aren't in costume. Unless they're like my kids when they were growing up, creating and wearing their costumes WEEKS before the day and as long afterwards as they could," said Carolyn Henderson.

A table will be set up outside, and kept stocked with treat bags. Kids are free to walk by, grab a bag, and go.

"We wish all in the community a happy and fun and joyous Halloween," said Henderson.





# NFL Week #7 – Seahawks vs. Cardinals

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

Seattle travels to Arizona to play the Cardinals this week. It will be Seattle's first divisional opponent this season and also their most formidable opponent so far. Seattle is a slight favorite to win this game, but Arizona needs the win much more than Seattle at this point in the season. A Seattle win would propel the Seahawks to a 6-0 record and drop the Cardinals to 4-3 with the rematch in Seattle just a few weeks away in week eleven.

For Arizona, like Seattle, the offense revolves around their quarterback Kyler Murray. The second year, twenty-three-year-old former first-round pick is having another good season for the Cardinals. One statistic that jumps off the page is the improvement from last year in the number of times he is sacked. Last year Murray was sacked forty-eight times for an average of three per game. So far this year, he has cut that number in half with only nine sacks through his first six games for an average of 1.5 sacks per game.

Murray is also a threat to run the ball. He currently leads the Cardinals in yards per carry with 7.3 and rushing touchdowns with six. The only concerning part of his performance has been the interception. He's averaged one per game so far, which puts him among the league leaders.

DeAndre Hopkins leads Arizona's receiving core. Hopkins leads the league in receiving yards per game with 100.2.

Hopkins is the best but not the only target for Murray's passes. The Cardinals have four other players, each with at least one receiving touchdown this season. Surprisingly veteran Larry Fitzgerald is not one of them. Larry Fitzgerald is having a slow start to his season. Easily a future NFL Football Hall of Famer, he has yet scored a touchdown this season and isn't a top option at the receiver position anymore. At age 37, he is signed to a one-year contract this season. Fitzgerald is currently ranked as the fifth-best wide receiver of all time in rankings by football-reference.com (fbref.com). That puts him between Terrell Owens and former

Seahawk Steve Largent.

If the Seahawks defense can't contain Kyler Murray, it will be up to Russell Wilson to once again attempt to outscore the opponent. Expect another high scoring game this week.

## NFL Week Seven Games and Picks

Day	Time	Station	Away	Home	Pick
Thu	5:20PM	FOX/NFL	New York Giants	Philadelphia	Philadelphia
Sun	10AM	FOX	Detroit	Atlanta	Atlanta
	10AM	CBS	Cleveland	Cincinnati	Cleveland
	10AM	CBS	Pittsburgh	Tennessee	Pittsburgh
	10AM	FOX	Carolina	New Orleans	New Orleans
	10AM	CBS	Buffalo	New York Jets	Buffalo
	10AM	FOX	Dallas	Washington	Dallas
	10AM	FOX	Green Bay	Houston	Green Bay
	1:05PM	FOX	Seattle	Arizona	Seattle
	1:25PM	CBS	Kansas City	Denver	Kansas City
	1:25PM	CBS	San Francisco	New England	New England
	1:25PM	CBS	Jacksonville	Los Angeles Chargers	Los Angeles Chargers
	5:20PM	NBC	Tampa Bay	Las Vegas	Tampa Bay
Mon	5:15PM	ESPN	Chicago	Los Angeles Rams	Los Angeles Rams

## DW athletes begin conditioning October 19

*Both schools are working with county health departments for conditioning guidance*

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES



coaches alternating schools. Fridays will be available for weight training and conditioning.

Athletes and coaches will be grouped into 'pods' similar to the classroom pods to comply with distancing requirements and reduce virus transmission risk. Masks will be required during weight training and in training drills where students are less than 6 feet away from each other. All athletes are required to have a current physical exam prior to beginning practice. The school districts are working closely with their county health departments to update a plan as needed.

Currently, the conditioning plan goes through December 19. The adjusted basketball season is scheduled to begin December 28, but the season is pending coronavirus pandemic status and what risk group each county is in. Athletic competitions are not allowed until counties reach the WIAA risk-factor metrics. Initially, the WIAA was going to depend on counties reaching Stage 4 of the Safe Start reopening plan; however, the athletics association has since adjusted

game schedules to follow a 'high-risk,' 'medium-risk,' and 'low-risk' meter.

Coaches have developed safety protocols and will hand those out to athletes before conditioning. The training is only available for high school students. There are no middle school sports at the moment.

During a school board meeting, board member Sarah Boudrieau asked if the districts had considered scholar-athlete standings. How will potential lettering athletes reach their required varsity-play time to earn their sports letter? She was worried that students would not have the incentive to participate in the sports programs, and athlete turnout could be low. Participation has been a problem in recent years for the Dayton-Waitsburg area sports.

Pickel explained that both concerns had been considered, but the seasons are completely dependent on the pandemic status. Because of that, he did not have any definite answers.

"It's just too early to gauge what this is all going to look like," Pickel said.

Stephanie Wooderchak said that letter requirements are determined by each district, and that Waitsburg did not have a plan at the moment.

Sports training schedules are available online at both school's websites, [www.waitsburgsd.org](http://www.waitsburgsd.org) and [www.daytonsd.org](http://www.daytonsd.org). If there are scheduling questions, contact Coach Troy Larsen.



Courtesy photo

## Celebration Days seeking new president, vice president

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg Celebration Days will meet Monday, October 26, at 7 p.m via Zoom conference call.

Waitsburg Celebration Days is a multi-day event first held in 2013 to preserve the third weekend in May, once celebrated as Waitsburg's Days of Real Sport. Now, folks from all over travel to our little town to participate in the Karen's Ride ATV events, show off their classic cars, and enjoy live music at the Burgers, Bands, 'n Brews.

The board of directors seeks interested community members to bring new ideas and helping hands to the 2021 Waitsburg Celebration Days. Currently, the board has three vacant seats, which they hope to fill at the upcoming meeting. President, Vice President, and the newly-added Advertising Director seats are open and ready for new faces.

The newly-elected president will be charged with typical board president duties and grant writing and gathering sponsorships and prizes for contests. In addition to typical duties, the vice president will be tasked with obtaining permits, event insurance, assisting with grant writing, and more.

The Advertising Director will be in charge of getting sponsorships, designing the event program, and gathering prizes for events. All positions are volunteer-based.

If you would like to join the upcoming Zoom meeting, WCD Secretary Abby Grende can be reached at [abbysot@hotmail.com](mailto:abbysot@hotmail.com) and can invite individuals via email.

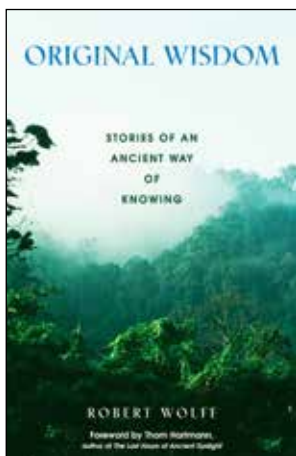
## Halloween book reviews from Book & Game

### *Pumpkin Patch - Bad Seeds*

By Brouhaha Games

This is a great game for 9 and up. It's a quick 15 to 20-minute strategy game. The object of the game is to plant and gather the most seedling pumpkins. You are laying out seedling cards and coming up with a strategy to place the Cinderella pumpkin, but beware of the crows, and other players trying to lay their cards down first! Lots of fun spookiness!

*Review by Julie*



### *Original Wisdom*

By Robert Wolff

Sometimes a book comes along that really lets you see the world from a different point of view. This is such a book. The author spent time among aboriginal people of Malaysia, and he recounts his experiences in this book. There is such a contrast between traditional "hunter-gatherer" societies and the developed world. These stories gave me a new appreciation of the natural world and our place in it.

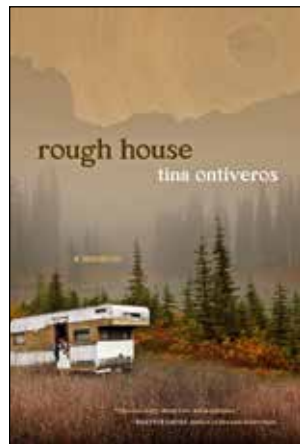
*Review by Ben*

### *Rough House*

By Tina Ontiveros

Tina uses short snippets of her childhood memories to build a picture of life with Lloyd (her father) and how their relationship has shaped who she has become and, ultimately, how she is to love. Great book!

*Review by Jannelle*



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## Blink—It's winter

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

Just a week ago, I was on the tennis court in a short skirt and tank top; now, I'm making an appointment to have my tires changed to my snow tires. I blinked and the weather changed, and I mean dramatically! Not a simple 5-6 degrees, but below freezing and even a prediction of snow this Saturday.

I think mother nature is out for revenge. I once mentioned that I was a little disappointed in my first autumn here because I just expected more of an explosion of color, so now she's just decided out of spite that she will skip autumn and just go right into winter.

This abrupt change is not exactly timed well for me. Daniel flew off to Los Angeles for about two weeks to consult and assist a former student and friend in reviving a restaurant in trouble. I just went through the adjustment of living with someone again, after ten years by myself, now I am back readjusting to being alone, albeit only for two weeks. I am now stuck trying to figure out how to keep my feet warm in bed since the cold weather has struck. No matter how hard I try, Mugsy just wants to be in the middle of the bed, not at the foot.

However, the good news is that I have complete ownership of the TV remote control, and I can listen to whatever music I like. Sadly, I do miss his cooking. I'm back to eating yogurt, eggs (at least they are fresh from the farm), and crackers and cheese. Even with all the cheese and eggs, my cholesterol count has probably dropped in half, and he's only been gone three days. He has cooked with more



butter since he arrived in March than I probably used in the past five years. Butter does make everything better, except for my arteries. Now I just have to restrain myself from eating all the Halloween candy before one trick or treater is banging on the door.

It has now fallen on me alone to finish dismantling the garden. I must admit I felt great pleasure when I yanked out and trashed two zucchini plants. I was pulling out tomato plants and kind of cursing them for having so many flowers, branches, and leaves, yet, so few tomatoes. Then I turned around and noticed Mugsy chomping away. When I pulled the plants out, there were tons of green tomatoes on the ground with teeth marks. Evidently, Mugsy has been raiding the plants, spitting out the green ones, but enjoying the ripe ones. (Note to self: fence in the tomatoes next year).

I know the first time I have to buy a head of lettuce, celery, onions, carrots, or a cucumber from the grocery store, it will be heartbreaking. Instead of picking lettuce, I am inured to raking leaves, yanking out dead plants, coaxing Mugsy to go outside in the rain, and wearing my thermal underwear, and trying not to hit a deer on the highway.

Before Daniel took off for Los Angeles, he made one last kitchen fix, a dimmer switch. When we bought the light fixtures, we weren't sure they would be bright enough. They were. Not only were they bright enough, but we could rent out the space to a surgical center. Now with the kitchen complete and winter closing in, I am ready to forfeit the remote to Daniel and dine on some good homemade soups and stews, even if I have to buy the vegetables instead of plucking them out of my garden. And the good news is that those winter foods do not include zucchini!

## Guidelines released for safe Halloween amid COVID-19 pandemic

*Trick-or-treating will look different this year; at-home activities encouraged*

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WASHINGTON—The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) released a set of guidelines to help keep communities healthy with Halloween just a few weeks away.

When planning your Halloween celebration, it is important to bear in mind that Governor Inslee's Safe Start plan limitations are still in effect. Walla Walla County remains in Phase 2 of the reopening plan. As a general reminder, folks must limit gatherings to less than five people who do not live in your household, and group members must remain six feet apart. Face masks are required when out in public spaces, even while trick-or-treating should your family choose to participate. Avoid confined spaces, mostly indoors, and stay home if you feel ill or have been around

someone who feels unwell.

As COVID-19 cases continue to climb across the state, health officials encourage families to get creative and partake in Halloween festivities at home. Online costume contests or pumpkin carving contests and at-home Halloween scavenger hunts are just a couple of suggestions for a safe Halloween.

Health officials are urging against trunk-or-treat nights, worrying that events of that nature would encourage crowding around treat bowls and violate gathering restrictions as outlined in the Safe Start plan. Indoor trick-or-treating is being highly discouraged, and indoor haunted houses are not permitted. Traditional trick-or-treating, involving groups of kids going door to door, asking for treats and showing off their costumes, is discouraged by the DOH who has provided some safer trick-or-treating guidelines for this year.

If families choose to take children trick-or-treating, plan on packing lots of hand sanitizer to use between each stop. Cloth face-coverings are required for everyone over the age of two: plastic masks from costumes cannot be used in place of cloth masks.

Stick with groups of household members, and be sure to stay at least six feet away from people who do not live in your home.

For everyone who wants to hand out treats (and avoid tricks) this year, the DOH suggests individually-wrapped treats. This will reduce the number of people touching the contents of a communal bowl. Leaving bowls of treats in your driveway or on your front step minimizes the likelihood of crowds gathering at your front door and lessens the chance for exposure to the virus.

People are being encouraged to watch trick-or-treaters from a distance, by sitting in the home's garage, or at a table on the front porch, staying at least six feet away. Use pumpkins or mini-pumpkins to families socially distance while they wait their turn at the candy bowl - much more festive than tape!

In Walla Walla County, COVID-19 cases are on a downward trend. Be safe this Halloween, stay distanced, stick with your family, and help the COVID-19 count remain on track to zero! Stay current with state Coronavirus news by visiting [www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/COVID19](http://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/COVID19).

## Functionally festive Halloween decor

*#QuarantineHalloween*

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

Halloween hopefuls have been dreading this since March when memes began to surface on the internet message boards regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. The idea was determined: put the mask on now to save Halloween. Skeptics were present in the comment sections of SubReddit pages, insisting that there would be no Halloween without a safe and efficient vaccine.

Well, here we are six months later. #QuarantineHalloween approaches as Walla Walla County rests in Phase 2 of Gov. Inslee's Safe Start Plan. As with most events this year, there's fun to be had with some modifications for safety.

Was that the collective groan of a whole lot of disallowed trick-or-treaters I hear? If you love seeing the parade of inventive costumes, but require six feet or more of distancing, construct a candy slide. With this do-it-yourself project, a skeleton, a bit of PVC pipe, and paper streamers come together to form the perfect solution: a gravity-fed candy distribution system.

If you love going out costumed, and coming home heavily laden with an assortment of candies you never even heard of, embrace the mask trend.

Easy costumes now that masks are the norm:

- Plague Doctor
- Lone Ranger
- Bank robber
- Ninja themed vigilante (teenage mutant, or other)
- Anonymous
- Dental hygienist



Courtesy photo

Construct a candy slide to keep all the ghouls and goblins safe.

No interest in hitting the streets? Me neither! Well, rather than trick-or-treating, an at-home candy hunt is just as fun, if not more so because you're guaranteed your favorite treats. Everybody hides, everybody hunts, everybody wins.

Other fun decorations involve making use of that succulent garden that, perhaps, didn't survive. Recreate the dead and dying in a lively plant cemetery. Or procure thrift-store baby dolls and assemble a spooky funerary procession. The only limitation is your imagination.

### REVIEWS FROM - FROM PAGE 8

#### *The Loop*

By Ben Oliver

Luka Kane has been falsely imprisoned in the Loop for just over 2 years. *The Loop* is the perfect prison system. It is run by Artificial Intelligence, requires only one human staff member and is impossible to escape. Then Luka receives a hand-written message from the warden: "Luka, you have to get out..." What follows brings to light what has been happening outside and causes Luka to wonder if escaping was a mistake. This is an excellent dystopian young adult novel. Loved it!

*Review by Jannelle*

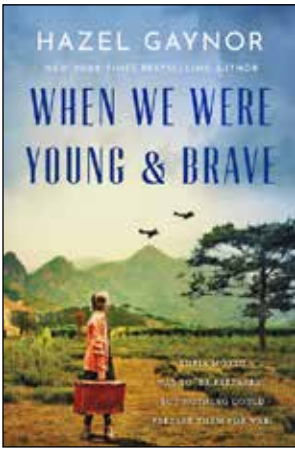


#### *When we were young and brave*

By Hazel Gaynor

This book takes you on a emotional roller coaster. A story that most people are not aware that happened during World War II. The story takes place in a occupied China in a missionary boarding school. It tells of what children and teachers and had to endure. Truly a nightmare and horrific time in history that we should never forget. This was a gut wrenching story, but well researched and you could feel as if you were almost there.

*Review by Julie*



#### *You Be Mommy*

By Karla Clark

*You Be Mommy* is a sweet story about a tired, working mom interacting with her young daughter. With fun rhymes and adorable illustrations, it's one of my favorite new children's books!

*Review by Bethany*





State Parks announces winter camping, day-use schedule

More than 100 parks remain open year round

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Washington State Parks today announced its 2020-21 winter schedule, with more than 100 parks remaining open for camping or day-use activities.

The winter schedule is available online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2u6mkbd>. More than 100 parks will remain open during the winter, while about 22 parks are closed until dates in March, April or May.

State parks offer ample opportunities for those who enjoy camping in the winter months. Campgrounds that remain open are less crowded, and more campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. In addition, most parks offer off-season rates.

Each year, Washington State Parks identifies which parks will remain open and which will offer limited or partial services, such as fewer camping sites and restrooms. Specific areas within a park may be closed, and some parks are open only on weekends and holidays. Campers should be aware that some state parks may shut off water systems, even if the park is open. Some boat launches are closed, and some docks are removed for the winter.

State Parks works to maintain services within its current operating budget and to provide a geographic balance of services across the state. Parks that close in the winter generally close in October or early November and reopen in the spring when weather and conditions allow. This year, some parks have had extended reservations through Nov. 1.

Reservations for 2021 are accepted for arrival dates between May 15 and Sept. 15. Some parks offer extended reservation dates. The following parks accept year-round camping reservations:

- Bay View
  - Belfair
  - Cape Disappointment
  - Dash Point
  - Deception Pass
  - Dosewallips
  - Fort Casey
  - Fort Worden
  - Grayland Beach
  - Ike Kinswa
  - Kanaskat-Palmer
  - Kitsap Memorial
  - Lake Chelan, sites 8-17
  - Millersylvania
  - Ocean City
  - Pacific Beach
  - Rasar
- For parks that are open in winter but don't accept reservations, campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis only.
- Cabins and yurts make great winter getaways.
- For those who aren't keen on camping in the winter but like the idea of getting away to the outdoors, many State Parks cabins and yurts are open and available by reservation. Cabins and yurts have heaters and electric lights. Some have bathrooms. Guests bring their own bedding.
- Reservations may be made online at <https://tinyurl.com/y44an3hb> or by calling 888-CAMPOUT (888-226-7688).
- Even though most of Washington's state parks are open year-round, some parts of the park may need to close temporarily due to inclement weather, repairs or other reasons. People can check on current park conditions on the State Parks online Alert Center. From this link, people can also sign up to receive e-mail alerts for the parks of their choosing.
- In addition to park closures due to the aforementioned reasons, some closures could potentially occur due to COVID-19.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

**Ten Years Ago**

**September 23, 2010**

People want to know what Jan Cronkhite will do now that she's retired from her post of 32 years as director of the Weller Public Library on Main Street in downtown Waitsburg. "I don't have any plans," the longtime resident said Monday.

"The WP high school volleyball coaches have been suspended for the remainder of the season," Waitsburg Superintendent Dr. Carol Clarke and Prescott Superintendent Dr. Bill Jordan said in a prepared statement. The coaching staff was suspended pending an investigation into allegations that they created an atmosphere of harassment, intimidation and bullying.

Barely a week after it was unveiled, Keith McMaster's statue of the stationmaster near the historic train depot in Dayton was desecrated. An acidic liquid, perhaps Coke or Pepsi, was dumped over it leaving splotches on the statue's head, and the carefully crafted, bronze eyeglasses were twisted and cracked.

**Twenty-Five Years Ago**

**October 26, 1995**

Mrs. Lindsey's Pumpkin Patch, at the home of Waitsburg Elementary School teacher Dinah Lindsey in Waitsburg reminds us that Halloween is just around the corner. Motorists are reminded to be extra careful next Tuesday, Oct. 31 as little trick-or-treaters will be walking the streets in search of goodies.

The City Council of Waitsburg, reacting to complaints of teenagers harassing elderly people downtown, has tightened the town's year-old curfew for people under 17.

A gathering place for teenagers in Waitsburg, the phone booth in front of the library, is moving—to in front of the police station. Local police have claimed that drug dealing has been conducted over that phone in the past.

Waitsburg City Council is talking about fixing up the upstairs of City Hall for the marshal's office. The topic came up last week. A councilmember said that the marshal, who has a small office in City Hall, could use more space and suggested the city look into spending about \$7,000 on heat pumps to heat the second floor of City Hall.

**Fifty Years Ago**

**November 5, 1970**

A check for \$65,000 was presented to Whitman College Wednesday as part of a gift from the late Mrs. Ida Rose Stonecipher. "Ida Rose Stonecipher was motivated in the making of these generous gifts by the long time friendship with and great admiration and respect for both former Whitman President Penrose and Mrs. Penrose," Sherwood said, "Mrs. Stonecipher had no children, but was deeply interested in the education of our youth."

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Thomas of Puyallup are the parents of a 7 pound daughter born November 4. Mr. and Mrs. Don Thomas are grandparents.

Ideas are like children, your own are wonderful.

**Seventy-Five Years Ago**

**November 9, 1945**

Boy Scouts from the Walla Walla area will participate in the General Wainwright Memorial Sat. morning at 10:30 a.m.

Flurries of snow fell Wednesday between moments of sunshine, but by evening no snow remained on the ground although it seems quite certain that winter has arrived earlier than usual.

Richard Webber celebrated his seventh birthday when 12 friends enjoyed a party at his home. Games, birthday cake and ice cream were enjoyed.

Mary Hirsch, Monte Shaffer, Jim Cresswell, Bus Conover [sic], Bob Jacobsen and Bob Loundagin have organized a dance band at the high school.

**One Hundred Years Ago**

**November 12, 1920**

Charles Preston was in town this week from Portland looking after some business interests. Charles' old schoolmates find it difficult to call him "Bones" anymore, as he has "filled out," so in recent years that nickname is a misnomer.

A fire burning at "Rose Glen" the beautiful country home of the Hon. Gustav Vollmer, east of town last Saturday at noon caused much excitement downtown.

A reception was given to Rev. R.O. Williams and family, the new pastor of the Presbyterian Church Friday evening.

**One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago**

**November 15, 1895**

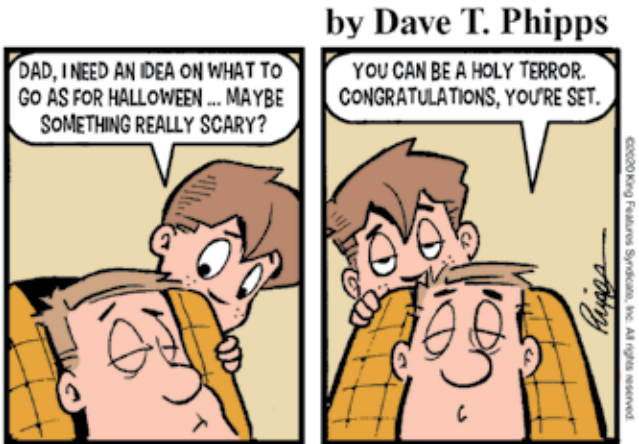
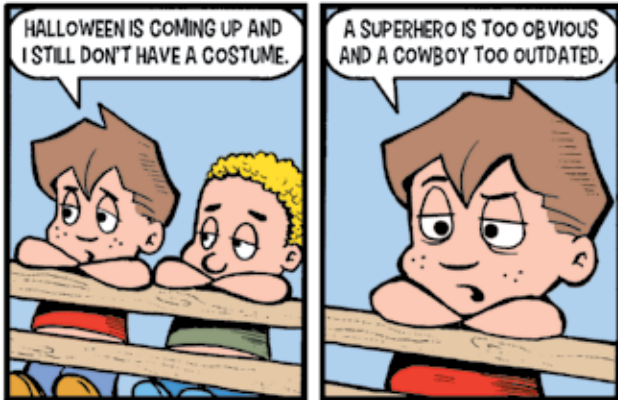
Mrs. Maggie Perin has opened a private boarding house on Preston Avenue, the first house on the south side of the street east of the bridge.

Born in this city, November 12 to Frank McKinney and wife, a son.

Within the last two weeks many hundreds of acres have been sown in wheat, the recent rains having put the ground in excellent condition for such work.

A thief or thieves stole some spareribs from Dr. Butler's kitchen last Sunday night.

Amber Waves



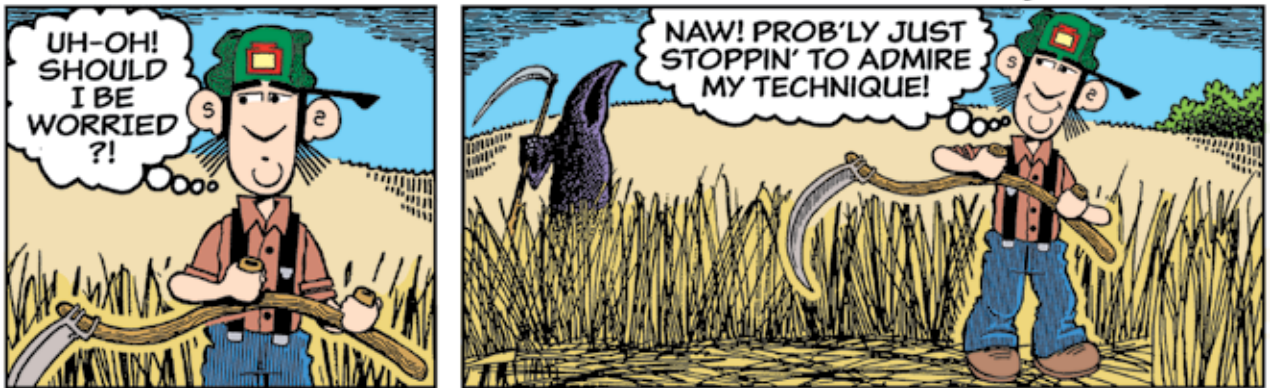
Just Like Cats & Dogs

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by Mike Marland



Out on a Limb

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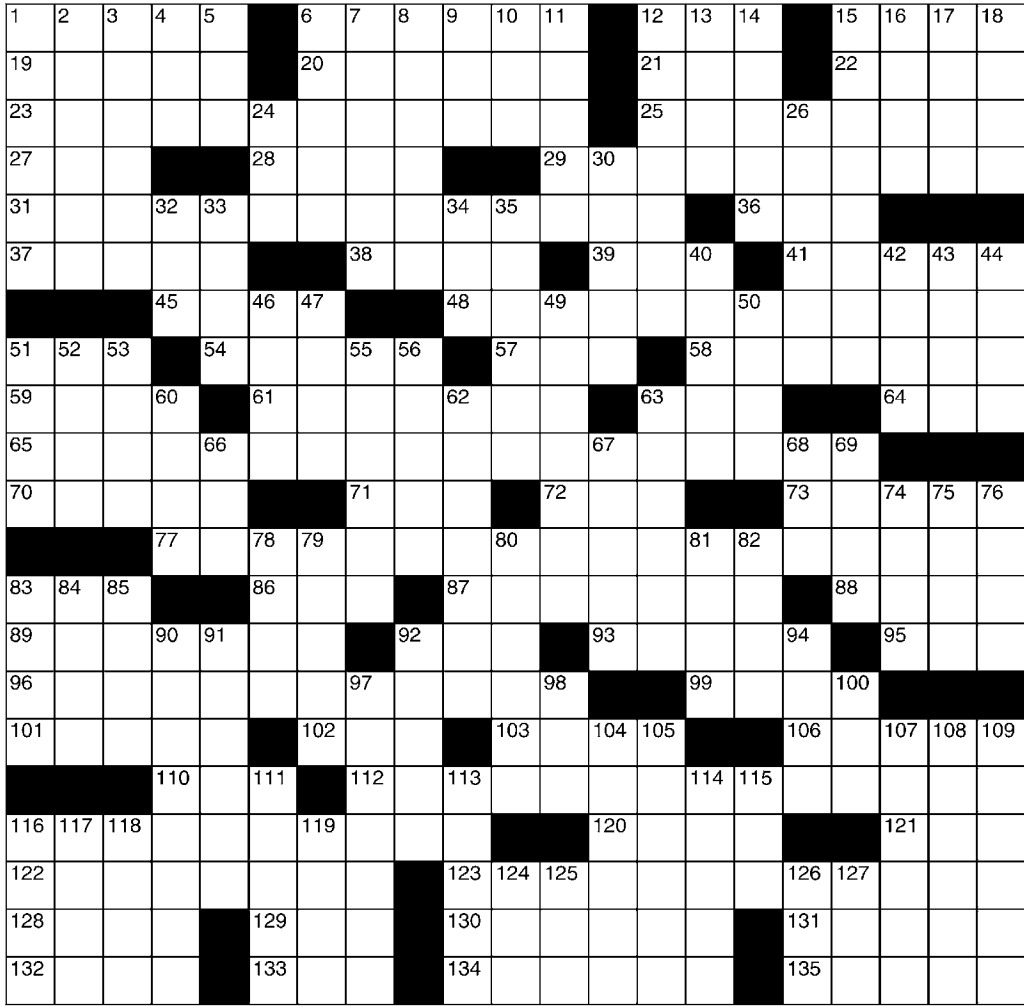




Super Crossword

CITY SCRAMBLE

- ACROSS
- 1 Wash with vigor
- 6 Not there
- 12 Melancholy
- 15 Aspirin, e.g.
- 19 "Petunia" star Birch
- 20 Many a Giotto work
- 21 "Woo- —!"
- 22 Wee amount
- 23 Suit fitter in a California city?
- 25 Holding the attention of
- 27 Seat winners
- 28 "Breezy" co-star Kay
- 29 Boys and men from an Oregon city?
- 31 Michigan city whose residents are a bit more eccentric?
- 36 Jacuzzi sigh
- 37 Swirly letters
- 38 Popular cookie
- 39 Hamm on a soccer field
- 41 Actor Hill of "Moneyball"
- 45 Denounce
- 48 Plundered an Ohio city?
- 51 Big lug
- 54 Judd of song
- 57 L-P middle
- 58 "Renegade" star Lamas
- 59 Hay bundle
- 61 Setting of "Anne of Green Gables"
- 63 Yang partner
- 64 Mouse-spotting cry
- 65 Painting exhibitor on wheels in a Maryland city?
- 70 Sphere
- 71 Sphere
- 72 Debt memo
- 73 Green shade
- 77 Pennsylv-  
ania city with a big population of forefathers?
- 83 Sussex loc.
- 86 Pale —
- 87 One making a change
- 88 Palo —
- 89 Piano relative
- 92 24-hr. cash convenience
- 93 Runoff conduit
- 95 Part of LAPD
- 96 Includes an Arizona city in the tally?
- 99 Noah's Ark groupings
- 101 Military foe
- 102 Cleanup org.
- 103 Not distant
- 106 Electric car maker
- 110 Sprite
- 112 Speak badly of an Illinois city?
- 116 Off-Broadway awards whose winners hail from an Idaho city?
- 120 Film director Reiner
- 121 Thurman of "Jennifer 8"
- 122 Illumination
- 123 Warehouse vehicle produced in a Texas city?
- 128 First-aid gel
- 129 — di-dah
- 130 Negative battery poles
- 131 City close to Minneapolis
- 132 Antarctic explorer Richard
- 133 Perch
- 134 Compounds in explosives
- 135 Perch
- DOWN
- 1 Big step
- 2 Casual slacks
- 3 Scorches
- 4 Net address
- 5 Baseball club
- 6 In pursuit of
- 7 "The Chase" star Marlon
- 8 One nabbing something
- 9 Immigrant's class, in brief
- 10 Sgt., e.g.
- 11 Body trunk
- 12 Collielike
- 13 Top-grade
- 14 Firm belief
- 15 Do some excavating
- 16 Make turbid
- 17 With 105-Down, eclectic digest
- 18 Comics' acts
- 24 Corrida cry
- 26 Three-sharp musical key
- 30 "We — please!"
- 32 Actor Knight
- 33 "No man — island"
- 34 Phone no.
- 35 Lodger
- 40 Impromptu
- 42 Goose of Hawaii
- 43 Timber-dressing tool
- 44 Boxing blow
- 46 Counterpart of "sir"
- 47 De — (afresh)
- 49 Slanting
- 50 R&B's Braxton
- 51 "SOS" group
- 52 Jack of early talk TV
- 53 Model Macpherson
- 55 Melancholy
- 56 Like argon
- 60 Smoky peak in Sicily
- 62 Rodents in research
- 63 Lionel Richie hit of 1983
- 66 Actor McShane
- 67 Lawn pests
- 68 Mauna —
- 69 "Lohengrin" heroine
- 74 "— turn up eventually"
- 75 Executive "no"
- 76 Greek Cupid
- 78 Tigers, e.g.
- 79 Make glad
- 80 Biscotto nut
- 81 Creek critter
- 82 Work detail
- 83 Latin "Behold!"
- 84 Gas in signs
- 85 Pasting stuff
- 90 Snared
- 91 Surgical probe
- 92 Without — (worry-free)
- 94 College military gp.
- 97 On edge
- 98 Modern, in Mannheim
- 100 Island locale
- 104 Consent (to)
- 105 See 17-Down
- 107 Atelier
- 108 Units of light
- 109 Noah's Ark landing site
- 111 Thwarts
- 113 Lion of C.S. Lewis' "Narnia" tales
- 114 Metal waste
- 115 Em prece-der
- 116 Blur out the secret
- 117 Grease-filled
- 118 Monster film lab helper
- 119 — B'rith
- 124 Songwriter DiFranco
- 125 "Baloney!"
- 126 Above, in odes
- 127 Bustle



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by Linda Thistle

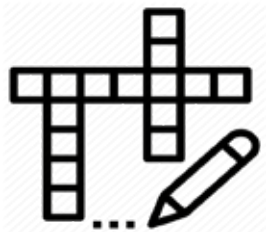
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Super Crossword

Answers

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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Pie Crust IV

Seriously, a pie crust. ☺ Everyone has their favorite recipe, many handed down. In Home Ec, we were taught the basic 1 cup flour, 1/3 cup shortening, salt, water version. This one is similar, but has different portions, and is very pliable.

Let me tell you how I came to make it. My youngest son requests an apple pie for his birthday dessert. Making pies is my least favorite thing. I almost never make them. They're time consuming and don't last long.

So I say to myself, I'll get those easy, readymade pie crusts. But Saturday, I didn't want to go to the store. I looked up this recipe. It has 5 stars with good reviews. I took my Crisco off the shelf and checked the pull date. It was 2 years past!! I thought it smelled a bit stale. I didn't want to take the chance of ruining the pie so I decided to go to the store to get a new can. This is so me!! I got home to start on the recipe, THEN figured out that I could have bought the readymade ones while I was there. ☺ Too late now!

The crust was very easy to work with. Maybe the ice water is the trick.

What do you do with left over pie crust? My mom, and Joe said his mom did the same, baked the extra crust putting cinnamon and sugar on it. It was a favorite childhood memory.

The apple pie was a standard recipe. If you would like it, let me know. I check with All-Recipes for most of mine, including this pie crust.

INGREDIENTS:

Makes one crust. Double for two.

½ c. vegetable shortening

1 ½ c. all-purpose flour

½ tsp salt

½ c. cold water

DIRECTIONS:

Mix shortening, flour, and salt together with a fork or pastry blender until very crumbly. Add as much water as needed to hold together and mix lightly with a fork.

Roll gently on a floured pastry cloth to about an inch larger than pie plate. Fold carefully in half, lift to pie plate and unfold. Press into pan. For a single-crust pie, trim with a small knife to about ½ inch beyond rim. Fold up and pinch so edge of pie is raised from rim.

For a two-crust pie, trim bottom crust to edge of rim, fill, and top with crust about ½ inch larger than rim. Tuck top crust under bottom along rim. Seal with floured fork.

MY NOTES:

One review said to add the ice water one tablespoon at a time, then toss with a fork. I probably did two at a time and used all the water, tossing it well. Then I used my hands to make a ball of dough, slightly kneading it to make sure it held together. I rolled it out on a bread board and, as mentioned, it was very pliable.

If you don't have a pastry blender, you will save a lot of work to pick one up.

Since it looked so good, I froze my son's pie and made another one for the house!

ENJOY! ☺



*Monotropa uniflora* lacks chlorophyll pigments and appears white. It grows in the decaying debris of dark, dense-growth forests across the Northern hemisphere. Each stem bears a single delicate flower that hangs downward, which protects its pollen from the rain and lets insect pollinators access it. The clear fluid from its stems has been used to treat eye problems, skin problems, seizures and pain by native Americans and traditional medicine practitioners. — Brenda Weaver

Source: medium.com



## Dayton City Council Report for October

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Trina Cole, Administrator for the City of Dayton, told attendees at the city council meeting last week about plans for city and county representatives to enter into mediation over the terms of the Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement, Dispatch Services, and Court Services, the County provides to the City.

County Commissioner Ryan Rundell, who was at the meeting, said a location had been identified and the date is set for Nov. 5.

During the council meeting concerning an application to the state Dept. of Commerce for the City to receive a State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), a public hearing took place to help low to moderate-income households mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. The funds can help with utilities or mortgage and rent payments, and it can help small enterprises.

By partnering the City, the County, and the Town of Starbuck will receive a share of \$27,613.00. The Finance Committee will meet to discuss the application this week.

Misty Yost said the Dayton Chamber of Commerce is planning for three events this fall.

Tickets are available at the Dayton Chamber of Commerce website for the Nov. 6 Brix and Brew Home Edition fundraiser.

Halloween Trick or Treat will be a drive-through event this year. It will be held Saturday, Oct. 31, in the parking lot behind Dingle's of Dayton, from 3-5 p.m. The Dayton Chamber of Commerce is accepting donations of candy for the event. Donated treats can be dropped off at the Chamber office at 166 East Main Street. Pick-up by Chamber staff can also be arranged by calling (509) 382-4825 or emailing Chamber@hisoricdayton.com.

Christmas Kickoff has been renamed *Believe! A*

*Small-Town Celebration* and will be a month-long event this year. Yost said the idea is to spread activities out over a longer period to help with crowd control.

Cole reported for the Public Works Department. She said the City had contracted with the County for woody debris removal from the Touchet River, and the work is in the final stages.

She said the contractor for the US Army Corps of Engineers has mobilized, and work is beginning on levee rehabilitation. Work will start at the south end of town and finish on the north end of town by Dec. 31.

Cole said staff at City Hall have been working to finalize the essential element portion of FEMA funding. A final damage inventory should be complete by Oct. 30.

The first round of union negotiations begins on Oct. 20, she said.

The City, Anderson Perry & Associates, Washington Water Trust, the Confederate Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and the regional Department of Ecology in Spokane are waiting for approval of the plan to construct a flood-plain-by design type of Wastewater Treatment Plant. They are hoping to hear from the Washington State Department of Ecology, in Olympia, within the next six weeks.

The Dayton City Council considered and authorized the following ordinances at last week's meeting:

**No. 1967**, amending portions of Title 11 of the Dayton Municipal Code, and adopted revised regulations of the Zoning Ordinance. Planning Director Meagan Hayes said the intent of the ordinance is to offer increased compliance with the Comprehensive Plan; to achieve the overarching goals, remove additional barriers, and promote and allow for intelligent and affordable growth in the City of Dayton.

**No. 1968**, amending portions of the Dayton Municipal Code Chapter 17-01, repealing Ordinance 1841, and adopting new regulations pertaining to frequently flooded areas and flood damage prevention. Hayes said this ordinance is an update to the existing

flood damage prevention ordinance.

**No. 1969**, amending the 2020 budget to reflect increased revenues and expenditures associated with the 2020 Bond Refunding Project.

The Council also considered and authorized the following Resolutions:

**No. 1440**, authorizing an interfund loan for the South Third Street Sidewalk Replacement project as provided in the 2020 Budget adopted Dec. 4, 2019.

**No. 1441**, authorizing Amendment A to the Cares Relief Fund Grant No. 20-6541C-159, increasing funding to \$115,200, and extension of the timeline to Nov. 30, 2020.

**No. 1442**, amending the Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Columbia to include Cares Relief Funding grant increased funding and CDBG grant administration for the increased funds.

**No. 1443**, approving the Docket list for the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update in accordance with the Washington State Growth Management Act. Meagan Hayes said the Planning Commission received two Dockets; one from the City staff requesting the adoption of the Urban Forestry Management Plan (Main Street Tree Plan), by reference. Hayes also submitted a request to the Planning Commission to update the zoning map. She said no zoning changes have been made and that this was done to provide clarity.

"All we did was clean up the boundary lines," she said.

**No. 1444**, authorizing the agreement for Geotechnical Information Systems (GIS) services with Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc. and authorizing the Mayor to execute said agreement. Hayes said the GIS consists of a compilation of various layers, or data sets, which could include zoning maps, water and sewer mains, or parcel boundaries.

"It's every map we could possibly use in one location," she said.

The maps are available to the public on the city website under Map Services and GIS.

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