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The tree-free pulp mill, located on a (45-acre) site in Lyons Ferry, began full-time operation in September 2019, producing commodity and specialty straw pulp, sourced from within a 75-mile radius, as a sustainable alternative to wood-based pulp.

Columbia Pulp closes abruptly

Columbia County's second largest employer announced temporary suspension of production

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

Columbia County's second largest employer and third-highest taxpayer began an orderly shutdown of its wheat-straw pulp mill on Sunday, March 29, and completed the suspension of operations on Tuesday, March 31.

Although classified as a critical manufacturing facility according to Gov. Inslee's Stay Safe, Stay Home declaration, the Board of Managers decided to layoff 93 salaried and hourly workers, retaining only eight employees. "This action was taken to protect employees and their families and to ensure the safety of the community at large," as stated in their April 1 press release.

Columbia Pulp uses wheat farmers' waste straw to create pulp for paper products as well as bio-poly-

mers for a variety of industrial uses and dubs itself "North America's first tree-free pulp mill."

"After careful deliberation the Board of Managers has elected to enact an orderly and temporary suspension of operations at the Lyons Ferry Facility. These are extraordinary times and the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic are unprecedented. The employees of Columbia Pulp have given tremendous effort and brought incredible leadership to bringing the Lyons Ferry facility into production. The Board has determined that following the State of Washington's Stay at Home, Stay Safe guidance is the best course of action at this time." Stated CEO John Begley in the recent press release.

The decision to re-open the Lyons Ferry facility "will be based on when the social distancing restrictions are lifted. Yesterday's extension (Gov. Inslee's extension of the Stay Safe, Stay Home declaration to May 4, 2020,) naturally delayed our ability to decide," noted Columbia Pulp Vice President Mike Schock, in an email to *The Times*.

The straw-pulp facility near Starbuck, WA began operations in September, 2019 and draws its employees from a wide-ranging area including Dayton, Pomeroy, Waitsburg, Walla Walla and Prescott.

The press release announcing the closure stated that "the company was notified that various equipment vendors may not be able to support the operations of its straw pulp facility due to its remote location, travel disruptions and the health status of their workers. Moreover, concern mounted among our workforce, their families and our communities regarding the continuation of operations in this environment."

No instances of illness, or positive test results for the coronavirus had been noted from the employees at the time of the closure.

Information about severance pay or support offered to the furloughed employees was not available from the company citing their policy "to keep this kind of information internal and confidential," Schock stated. "However, we have put measures in place and provided our employees with what we feel is sound guidance and information surrounding these areas," he continued.

An additional question about actions the company might be taking to strengthen the area's resources prompted the response that "Right now, some employees are volunteering in their respective communities."

Waitsburg Celebration Days cancels events amid pandemic

The Celebration Days board voted to cancel the upcoming weekend-long event, erring on the side of caution

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The 2020 Waitsburg Celebration Days was added to the list of cancelled events after a special meeting last Wednesday. Out of an abundance of caution, the board voted to call off the events scheduled for the third weekend in May.

"This year's Celebration Days weekend of 'family friendly' fun events are cancelled due to Washington State health concerns about COVID-19," said Lisa Naylor, President of the Waitsburg Celebration Days Committee.

The board met last Wednesday, April 1st, utilizing Zoom and phone conference calls. During the meeting, board members discussed the impact of COVID-19 in Walla Walla and surrounding counties, with some members of the board weighing in with their personal concerns about potentially exposing their families should the event take place.

Naylor explained to the board that she had held discussions with City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe who noted that the fairgrounds are a recreational facility and events scheduled during the current Stay-at-Home order would be cancelled in compliance with the governor's declaration. Hinchliffe also noted that future

Waitsburg election results return Marty Dunn as Mayor, and add three new councilmembers

THE TIMES



WAITSBURG—Preliminary election results for Waitsburg's mayor and city councilmembers were tallied Monday. With a total of 318 votes cast, voters will return Kevin House and Jim Romine to the council and adds Karen Gregutt, Karl Newell and David Paxton as new councilmembers.

The election will be certified on April 15 at the next Waitsburg City Council meeting. The meeting will be conducted remotely via conference call. Interested community members who would like to listen in on the meeting should contact Waitsburg City hall

for call information.

Mayor Marty Dunn received 220 votes to challenger Deb Callahan's 34 votes. Despite dropping out of the mayoral race to focus on her role in the Emergency Preparedness Committee, outgoing councilmember Kate Hockersmith picked up 59 votes.

For council, Kevin House received 250 votes, Jim Romine received 241, Karl Newell received 235, Karen Gregutt received 234 and David Paxton received 221.

A total of twenty-five individuals received write-in votes, with Kate Hockersmith receiving 18, Pam Chapman and Don Siedelman receiving three votes, and Leroy Cunningham, John Moore, Larry Harris, Gabe Kiefel and Scott DeSomber receiving two votes apiece.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

'TEN TON' OF FUNDS RAISED



This weekend Ten Ton Coffee gave out 85 free bag lunches and raised over \$500 for the Waitsburg

Resource Center food bank! They give much love and thanks to their thoughtful community for helping people in need during this time of crisis.

WALLA WALLA COUNTY TREASURER TO OFFER PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT PLANS

WALLA WALLA—The Walla Walla Board of County Commissioners will release information about a possible extension of the due date for payment of property taxes. The current due is April 30, 2020.

In a press release, the commissioners note language in the state law, that "During a state of emergency declared under RCW 43.06.020(12), the county treasurer, on his or her own motion or at the request of any taxpayer affected by the emergency, may grant extensions of the due date of any taxes payable under this section as the treasurer deems proper."

The release concludes with a plea for patience, "These are uncharted circumstances so your patience during these challenging times is appreciated."

INSLEE EXTENDS 'STAY HOME, STAY HEALTHY' THROUGH MAY 4

OLYMPIA—Gov. Jay Inslee announced a month-long extension of his 'Stay Home, Stay Healthy' emergency order on Thursday, April 2. The order, which banned all gatherings and temporarily shuttered non-essential businesses, will continue through May 4.

"Epidemiological modeling from the University of Washington predicts we will have at least 1,400 deaths this year," Inslee said. "We are yet to see the full toll of this virus in our state and the modeling we've seen could be much worse if we don't continue what we're doing to slow the spread."

Public gatherings remain banned and non-essential businesses may reopen May 5. If gatherings are held in violation of the order, individuals are encouraged to notify their local police department. **Do not call 911.**

The state Department of Commerce is providing guidance and assistance to businesses on whether they can be considered essential and other resources they may access to help during this time. Access that information here: <https://tinyurl.com/r3xzakg>

Residents or workers concerned about non-essential businesses remaining open may complete the form at this address: <https://tinyurl.com/s7f8l69>

Columbia-Walla Walla County Fire District #2 is advertising for their first paid Fire Chief position

Letters of interest due by May 1

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) for Waitsburg's volunteer fire department, Columbia Walla Walla County Fire District #2, is advertising for the first paid Fire Chief position in the department's history.

The BOC is seeking a part time fire chief for the volunteer fire department. They are looking for an individual with a strong Emergency Medical Services background to serve the fire district which covers parts of both Walla Walla and Columbia County. The board hopes the new chief will be an effective leader to the department and community.

The pay will be based upon the candidate's level of experience and education. Commissioners state that the ideal candidate would have five years' experience

as an active volunteer fire fighter, or three years' experience as a full-time paid fire fighter.

The position listing asks that the candidate live within 10 miles of the city limits of Waitsburg.

A regular work schedule will be mutually determined by the BOC and the Chief. Responsibilities will include planning, oversight, budgeting, administration, and general operations as well as other responsibilities outlined in the complete job description.

The BOC is advertising the position with statewide firefighting groups including the Washington State Fire Commissioners and Washington State Firefighters Associations. The commissioners are asking potential candidates to submit a letter of interest, along with their qualifications, to clerkfire2@hotmail.com with the subject line "Interest in Fire Chief Job Application" or via standard mail to CWWFD2, PO Box 925, Waitsburg, WA 99361. The deadline for letters of interest is May 1, 2020.

DRIVER LICENSE EXPIRATION DATES EXTENDED 90 DAYS

OLYMPIA—Governor Inslee has taken action to allow the Department of Licensing (DOL) to temporarily extend the expiration dates of driver licenses. If your driver's license is set to expire in the next 90 days (April 3 through July 3), the DOL will send you a letter confirming your expiration date has been extended. You will not receive a new card, however, the new expiration date will be updated on your driver record and available to law enforcement.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has also granted an extension on commercial driver licenses (CDL) and commercial learner's permits (CLP) that were valid on February 29 and expire on or after March 1, 2020. DOL will send letters to CDL and CLP holders set to expire during this time notifying them their license is extended to June 30, 2020. Commercial drivers should carry a copy of their expired medical certificate to show their license or permit expiration date was on or after March 1, 2020.

As reported last week, DOL offices are temporarily closed, however, most Washington residents are now eligible to renew their licenses online at: <https://www.dol.wa.gov/onlinesvcs.html>

CITY OF WALLA WALLA ADJUSTS SUDBURY LANDFILL AVAILABILITY

WALLA WALLA—In order to provide better service to customers, the City of Walla Walla is adjusting the availability of the Sudbury Landfill to the public. The goal is to maintain a balance between these factors:

- The state of Washington's COVID-19 restrictions on business operations
- Service to local residents
- The health and safety of Landfill operators and customers

Effective immediately, landfill access for essential businesses and local and state government entities will be available between 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Examples of essential businesses include contractors operating in compliance with Gov. Jay Inslee's 'Stay Home, Stay Healthy' order, as well as the Washington State Penitentiary and the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office.

Access for the general public will only be available from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Wednesdays. The city requests that customers limit disposal to essential items relating to health and safety, and to practice proper physical distancing while at the Landfill.

Customers who have an item they believe should be considered essential or urgent for disposal should call the Landfill in advance to confirm access. Landfill staff can be reached by phone at (509) 527-4591 during operating hours. The landfill is located at 414 Landfill Road in Walla Walla.

Touchet Valley Weather

April 8, 2020

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Sunny
High: 64 Low: 40	High: 70 Low: 46	High: 69 Low: 44	High: 60 Low: 35	High: 56 Low: 36	High: 58 Low: 38	High: 63 Low: 43

Weather Trivia

What was known as the billion dollar lightning strike?

Answer: In 1977, lightning hit a New York City power line, causing a 24-hour black-out.

Weather History

April 8, 1926 - An oil depot fire set by lightning boiled over and engulfed 900 acres near San Luis Obispo, Calif. Many tornado vortices resulted from the intense heat of the fire. One such tornado traveled 1,000 yards, picked up a house, and carried it 150 feet, killing the occupants.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	50	41	59/40	Trace	0.23"
Wednesday	44	33	60/40	0.22"	0.48"
Thursday	49	31	60/40	Trace	-0.25"
Friday	51	35	60/41	0.00"	43.6°
Saturday	55	29	60/41	0.00"	50.3°
Sunday	56	34	60/41	0.01"	-6.7°
Monday	60	42	61/41	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Last	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	First
4/14	Wednesday	6:18 a.m.	7:31 p.m.	8:36 p.m.	7:02 a.m.	4/30
	Thursday	6:16 a.m.	7:33 p.m.	9:57 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	
	Friday	6:14 a.m.	7:34 p.m.	11:16 p.m.	8:03 a.m.	
	Saturday	6:12 a.m.	7:35 p.m.	Prev Day	8:40 a.m.	
	Sunday	6:11 a.m.	7:37 p.m.	12:29 a.m.	9:24 a.m.	
	Monday	6:09 a.m.	7:38 p.m.	1:34 a.m.	10:15 a.m.	
4/22	Tuesday	6:07 a.m.	7:39 p.m.	2:30 a.m.	11:12 a.m.	5/7

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April 10: Bob Wardrip, Larry Loundagin, Dwight Penner, Mike DeCoria, Jennifer Mathews, Kelly Cook, Paul Green, Lauren DeRosier.

April 11: Ray Compton, Bill Huston, Mrs. Dale Rodgers, Lavonne Hamilton and Jessica Robinson.

April 12: Carla Nordheim, Nathan Bartlow, George Pulliam, Doug Long, Kelly Lambert, Clarece Newbury, Lynn Fenton, Andrew Chase Baker, Andrea Jacoy, Molly Baker, Betty Katsel and Jennifer Cooper.

April 13: Kris Halley, Teresa Abel, Charie Flanigan, Teresa Allen, Justin Land and Jocelyn Leid Erikson.

April 14: Marnie Ng, Jason Kenney, Robert Hernandez, KC Price and Trac Katsel.

April 15: Eric Collingwood, Sharon Morris, Carla White.

Columbia County residents encouraged to pay property taxes early

THE TIMES

DAYTON—To respond to the economic impacts stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, Columbia County encourages property owners to pay property taxes as early in April as possible, to help fund vital services needed now, and in the months to come.

Annual property tax collection is split into two payments, with due dates at the end of April and October. The due date for the first half of property taxes remains April 30 for tax parcels in Columbia County.

According to County Treasurer Carla Rowe, property taxes fund essential services in state and local government, including the City of Dayton, Columbia County Public Health, local schools, fire districts, the hospital district and other districts.

Taxpayers who are financially able are encouraged to pay the full year amount in April.

“Paying the full year’s taxes by the end of the month will help local districts who are

already financially squeezed due to the pandemic. It is crucial to bridge the gap before the anticipated state or federal assistance arrives,” she stated.

In response to the COVID-19 emergency, most county offices, including the treasurer’s office are currently closed to the public. Due to the constraints of the emergency provisions, taxpayers are encouraged to mail their payments, ensuring the postmark is on or before April 30 to prevent delinquent penalties and interest.

Checks or cashier’s checks may be mailed to PO Box 24, Dayton, WA 99328, or placed in the ballot box located in the Columbia County courthouse parking lot to the west of the building. Receipts will only be mailed if requested. Please include the payment coupon or owner ID number located on the top right corner of statement.

Cash should not be placed in the drop box. If a cash payment must be made, please call the office between 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on weekdays to arrange an appointment for payment.

Taxes may also be paid by a debit or credit card with a transaction fee, through the county web page at: www.columbiaco.com/ or by calling the office at (509) 382-2641. Electronic check, debit or credit card payments also can be set up online through eNoticesOnline with the instructions included with tax statement.

Taxpayers who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and are in need of assistance are asked to contact the Treasurer’s Office at (509) 382-2641.

Cheers!



A huge thank you for the fella who saw me trying to balance a large box, purse, and mail to go into the post office. He stepped right up and, with permission, took the box in and placed it on the counter. It made my day.

Update: School buildings closed, but learning continues

On Monday, April 6, Governor Jay Inslee extended Mid-March’s school closure directive to close all public and private K–12 schools throughout the remainder of the 2019–20 school year.

Waitsburg School Superintendent Mark Pickel checked in after the announcement and noted that he will continue working with his colleagues at Educational Service District 123, as well as the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to strategize best practices for distance learning.

Pickel and Secondary Principal Stephanie Wooderchak have plans to meet with their staff on Monday, April 13. More information about how Waitsburg School District will face this challenge will appear in next week’s edition of the *Waitsburg Times*.

Waitsburg School District adapts to at-home learning

Learning packets went home with students on March 17, meal program continues

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

When Governor Jay Inslee delivered his ‘Stay Home, Stay Healthy’ declaration on March 13 announcing the closure of all public and private K-12 schools in Washington state, school leaders across the state were suddenly confronted with the problem of providing distance education to their varied students.

Waitsburg Superintendent, and elementary school principal Mark Pickel reacted quickly, calling a stand-up meeting of all staff that afternoon. His elementary staff spent the upcoming weekend preparing “binders, packets and folders for six weeks of work,” which were handed out to the students on the last day of school on Monday, March 17.

Secondary teachers put together packets of work encompassing three weeks, and since that time, the educators of the district have found a myriad of ways to connect with their students. Kindergarten teacher Jamie Trump is in touch with her students daily with Zoom meetings, while preschool teacher Marcie Lannan has been reading stories to her students on a private Facebook group.

Secondary teachers have reached out to students through phone calls, text messages and email, whatever is comfortable for them to use, and whatever is accessible for the individual students.

Uncertainties about the safety of contact with the actual student paperwork has prompted the teachers to have the students turn their work in electronically, through screen shots of their work, or through the use of one of the many free scanning apps available for smartphone platforms iOS or Android. A poll taken district-wide found that only five families lacked internet access but did have cell phones to use to connect.

Pickel is considering providing computers and internet access to those who need it and has a vendor that he’s worked with who could get that up and running if need be.

Speaking at the end of the day on Friday, April 3, Pickel declared himself “Zoomed out.” He has been busy keeping up with the other superintendents that comprise the 23-school Educational Service District that is headquartered out of Pasco. These thrice-weekly meetings are a good source of information about how other districts of varying sizes are approaching the distance learning chal-

lenges. He noted that the various school districts are “all over the map” with their approaches. “You’ve got districts like Walla Walla, where everybody has transitioned over to an online remote learning environment, to folks like us and Pomeroy and other districts who are somewhere in between.”

“But the bottom line is that it has to be equitable for everybody,” he said.

All teachers, as well as Pickel, have been working remotely from home, but he noted that the maintenance staff will have the school buildings ready for teacher access on April 6. They are eager to get in the building to prepare more learning materials, especially since the school closure has now been extended to the end of the school year, with Gov. Inslee’s recent announcement.

“Teachers can go in the buildings, but we really want them to keep their footprint minimal. We’ve put nitrile gloves right by the main entrances of each of the three buildings—they will put gloves on when they go in, and they will then disinfect everything when they walk out the door. We want to keep it as clean an environment as we possibly can.”

Another concern of Pickel’s was making sure that every student that needs it has access to food. He estimated the district’s free and reduced-price lunch average is above 60 percent, and that Food Services Director Susan Wildey and her staff have been doing a “phenomenal” job providing on average 120 “grab and go” meal bags each day. Each bag contains a breakfast and lunch. The meals are available to every student 18 years old and younger. In addition to that, he notes that Pam Conover and Marcie Perkins at the Waitsburg Resource Center are also providing weekend meal kits to students each Thursday from 2 - 4 p.m.

Other issues the schools are wrestling with include grades and credit for graduating seniors. The graduating class of 2020 has 27 students and Pickel notes that the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the State Board of Education are working through those issues.

Pickel said that he and other administrators are getting great support through bi-weekly Zoom meetings with State Superintendent Chris Reykdal.

The bottom line Pickel noted, is that the district is “making sure the kids are getting fed and the teachers are connecting with their kids.”

Ultimately, he said, “our staff really loves and cares for their students and our community will do whatever they need to do—they will bend over backwards to help our kids.”

Dayton School District breakfast & lunch delivery times

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

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

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

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

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

Waitsburg Schools breakfast & lunch delivery times

WAITSBURG—Pick up times and locations for Waitsburg students are as follows:

202 Harmon St.	9 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
705 Maple St.	9:20 a.m. - 9:35 a.m.
Whiskey Canyon Parking Lot	9:40 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.
High School Parking Lot	10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
900 Caroline St	10:20 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.
Preston Hall Parking Lot	10:40 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.
Catholic Church Parking Lot	11 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Waitsburg Grocery Parking Lot	11:20 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.

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DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

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

Thurs., Apr. 9

Pulled pork
Baked beans
Coleslaw
Brownie
Juice & Milk

Tues., Apr. 14

Chicken Alfredo
Diced carrots
Broccoli salad
Dinner roll
Banana & Milk

WAITSBURG SENIOR LUNCH MENU

Waitsburg Senior Center
504 Main Street

Tues., Apr. 14

Hamburger & bun
Potatoes
Salad bar
Fruit
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Church Directory

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

504 Main

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship 11 a.m.

337-6589

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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

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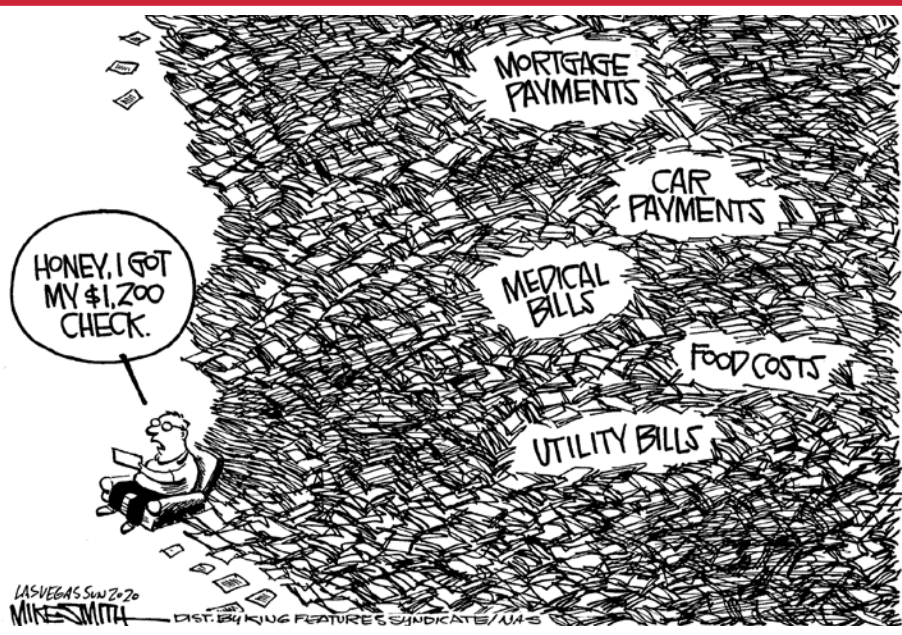
Waitsburg Christian Church
604 Main St

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Each Sunday
337-8898

Rev. Matthew Wyatt

COMMENTARY & NEWS



BLUEGRASS JAMS CANCELED...FOR APRIL!

In an email to her Mythical/Movable Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam group, facilitator Kate Hockersmith announced the cancellation of the free, weekly, all-ages jam session.

However, she has been updating the group's Facebook page with daily postings from a video series entitled "365 Fiddle Tunes." She noted the recent additions of three videos by Canadian fiddler Patti Kusturok. She doesn't plan on posting all 365 of the videos, "but you can sure find them on YouTube, as soon as you view the first one, it's a great way to be introduced to a whole lot of new tunes!" Hockersmith has "not given up on the online jam.....but boy, I AM tech-challenged." She is attempting to master

the platform The Jamkazam, but is open to other ideas.

At the end of her message she notes, "We'll ALL get through this.... Stay Safe!" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XokTQSGNj3Q>

Also canceled:
Weiser Banjo Camp
May 14 - 17, 2020
<https://weiserbanjo.weebly.com/banjo-camp.html>

Weiser Music Camp
April 30 - May 3, 2020
<https://weiserbanjo.weebly.com/music-camp.html>

WRITER APPLAUDS LEGISLATION THAT PROVIDES CARE FOR EARLY-ONSET ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Dear Editor:

I'm so grateful that in all its understandable focus on the COVID-19 virus, Congress did not lose sight of the need to improve care and support for people with Alzheimer's and other dementia.

Approximately 5% of the more than five million Americans living today with Alzheimer's have younger onset. Until now, these folks have been ineligible to receive vital Older Americans Act help like nutritional programs, in-home services, transportation, legal services, elder-abuse prevention and caregiver support.

I lost my mother way too soon to Alzheimer's and that emptiness in my life will never be replaced. Still, it's not just important to me, no one want their children and grandchildren to experience the loss of any loved one years before they pass; because that's what it does. Alzheimer's eats away the essence of its victim and

they literally disappear in front of your eyes! Plus, as one who works delivering services to seniors, I know the heavy burden that families carry: emotionally, financially and physically!

I am also grateful that Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers responded to Alzheimer's Association advocates who urged co-sponsorship of a bill to let area agencies on aging give support to those with younger onset Alzheimer's and she worked successfully to pass it into law.

All our members of Congress should continue to actively support policies that address Alzheimer's disease as the national public health crisis it is.

Yours very truly,
Jenny Gower
Spokane

Former Walla Walla General Hospital is ready to take COVID-19 patients if needed

Providence Southgate Medical Park retrofitted and ready

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Blue Valley region is fortunate to have an option for an additional temporary inpatient hospital should there be a surge in hospitalizations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Providence St. Mary Medical Center has been working 12-hour days for the past three weeks to prepare the former Walla Walla General Hospital building at 1025 S. Second Ave. in Walla Walla to receive patients. The temporary hospital is located at the Providence Southgate Medical Park and will be an extension of Providence St. Mary, used only if there are more patients who require hospitalization than Providence St. Mary can safely accommodate.



Tracy Thompson

The former Walla Walla General Hospital is now to be known as Providence Southgate Medical Park and is located at 1025 S. Second Street in Walla Walla.

The remodeled facility likely would have 50 patients, but could accommodate up to 112 patients, in three wings, with most rooms being doubles. The Southgate temporary hospital would be used for the care of people with COVID-19 during the pandemic. Once the crisis has passed, Providence St. Mary will



Tracy Thompson

Dr. Christopher Hall, Chief Medical Officer of Providence St. Mary led the tour of the updated facility.

many loads of scrap metal from the site in preparation for this current use.

Protection zones were created by installing new walls, doors and carpeting and asbestos sub-flooring was removed from the rooms, which all received a fresh coat of paint.

Former labor and delivery rooms have been converted to a locker room for medical personnel, with showers and space to leave work shoes after their shift is completed.

A staff lounge has been created and the building's cafeteria will be available to serve nutritious meals to both patients and staff.

A medication room, complete with an automated Pyxis dispensing system remains in place. Dr. Hall noted that the system has "a very good supply" of ventilators and IV pumps, having ordered a new supply in January. An additional 60 hospital beds, complete with mattresses, were donated to the facility by the Washington State Department of Health.

Funding for the facility was provided by a \$250,000

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TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

BANDIT OR COMPASSIONATE PERSON - FACE MASKS DEEMED HELPFUL

THE TIMES

The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommend that people wear cloth face coverings when they are in public settings where they may not be able to maintain six feet of distance from others. This might include trips to the grocery store, pharmacy, hardware store, health clinic or similar places of significant community-based transmission.

This is not a mandate that you must wear a face covering. It is considered an additional layer of protection to help slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others.

If you wear a face covering, wash your hands before and after touching and adjusting the mask. Make sure to save medical grade masks, such as N95 respirators and surgical masks for medical professionals.

A cloth face covering is fabric that covers the nose and mouth. It can be:

- A sewn mask secured with ties or straps around the head or behind the ears
- A piece of fabric tied around a person's head.
- Made from variety of materials, such as fleece, cotton or linen.
- Factory-made or made from household items such as scarfs, T-shirts or towels.

Be sure to wash your cloth face covering frequently, ideally after each use, or at least daily. Masks should

be washed with detergent and hot water and dried on a hot cycle.

If you must re-wear your cloth face covering before washing, wash your hands immediately after putting it back on and avoid touching your face.

Discard cloth face coverings that:

- No longer cover the nose and mouth
- Have stretched out or damaged ties or straps
- Cannot stay on your face
- Have holes or tears in the fabric

Crafty people and even those who aren't, have a variety of options for creating their own mask, here are a few that *the Times* staff have found helpful:

<https://www.craftpassion.com/face-mask-sewing-pattern/> - this is a close-fitting face mask that includes a pocket for a nose wire for a closer fit, and options to include a filter. A detailed YouTube video is included as are options to create the pattern without a printer.

<https://www.nytimes.com/article/how-to-make-face-mask-coronavirus.html>

An easy pattern for a pleated face mask with a variety of options to secure it to your face.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=1r2C1zGUHbU> - A no-sew option made with an 18" bandana and two rubber bands.

A link to the CDC guidelines: <https://tinyurl.com/wmf2tk6>



Tracy Thompson

Waitsburg Times editor Tracy Thompson opted for a close-fitting mask design and used the *New York Times* recommendations for fabric choice, constructing hers out of an outside layer of high quality "quilter's cotton," with an inner layer of flannel.

BLUE MOUNTAIN ARTISTS GUILD MONTHLY SHOW GOES VIRTUAL

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Blue Mountain Artists Guild has been adorning Dayton's public spaces with their artistic endeavors every month, since the Guild was started by local artist Vivian Eslick McCauley, in 2008.

This is how it works:

The artists paint according to monthly themes, which are selected for the entire year, usually in November.

The current month's theme is hung in the Delany Building, during the Guild's regular business meeting, which takes place on the last Tuesday of each month.

The prior month's theme is taken to Dayton Gen-

eral Hospital where it remains for thirty days, after which it is moved to the Liberty Theater, making way for the next month's theme.

However, social distancing is putting a kink in the works, because the Guild won't be able to have their regular meeting in March.

Guild Vice-president Lorna Barth has a creative solution.

"Just because we can't meet physically, during this time of imposed social distancing, we can still show



our work," she said.

Barth has created a slide show on the Blue Mountain Artists Guild Facebook page for the March theme, 'Cowboys'.

She has also produced a Gallery movie on YouTube. QR Code provided here.

Our artists are genuinely thrilled, and encouraged, when someone expresses interest in buying their work. Proceeds from sales also help with the purchase of art supplies, which aren't cheap.

For more information contact BMAG President Sylvia Beuhler by email at: beuhlers@yahoo.com or by phone at: (509) 629-2052, or Lorna Barth by email at: barth.lorna71@gmail.com or by phone at: (425) 463-5293.

Dayton Depot Museum manager busy behind the scenes

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Dayton Historic Depot Manager Tamara Fritze is busy with important behind the scenes museum work, pending museum reopening on May 4.

She said work continues on inventory of the museum's entire collection of artifacts. Fritze said thorough historical research must be completed and a written description of all that is known about the artifact will be included in their database.

"This helps us create interesting exhibits and helps us provide answers to our visitors' questions," Fritze said. "We have a long way to go for a complete inventory of what is in our museum."

Fritze is also working on a newsletter which examines the life of Native Americans who were on the land in Columbia County, prior to settlement by Euro-Americans.

"As most people who live here know, the area that has become Dayton was a meeting ground for several Native American groups," Fritze said.

Fritze said two exhibits are planned for this year. "Romping in the Blues," explores the ways citizens of Columbia County used the Blue Mountains as a playground for hunting, fishing, hiking, camping and skiing since the 1880s and 1890s.

"We have some wonderful photographs in our collection and we also have artifacts from the Boldman House, and that have been loaned to us from some of our members," Fritze said. "It is an enjoyable exhibit, especially for those people who still enjoy outdoor

play."

The other exhibit is called "Gladys, Doris, and Lela: A 1935 West Coast Tour." This exhibit features Gladys Boldman, of the famed Boldman sisters, who toured the west coast with two of her friends by ship, sailing from Seattle to San Francisco, and then by bus to San Diego where they visited the California Pacific International Expedition.

From San Diego, the trio crossed the border to Tijuana, then took a bus to Los Angeles, and then to Portland.

Fritze said the expedition had been created to promote the San Diego economy, which had been hard hit during the 1930s depression.

Gladys Boldman saved momentos including tourist brochures and photographs from that tour, which are exhibited in the waiting room and ticket office at the Dayton Historic Depot, Fritze said.

Both exhibits are the direct result of grants received from the Warren Foundation and the Blue Mountain Community Foundation.

"We could not create such wonderful exhibits without their help," she said.

Writing grants for expenses for the upcoming year is ongoing, because the Dayton Historical Depot Society accepts no public funds and is no way supported by taxes, she explained.

All funding comes from membership donations, gift shop sales, admissions and grants.

Fritze is currently working on grant reporting, detailing how grant money the Dayton Historic Depot Society received last year was spent on exhibits.

FACE MASK MAKERS WANTED



Michele Smith

Former county home extension agent Carol Anderson has been busy making pleated face masks at her home to be used at the Booker Rest Home, and for her family and friends. Anderson was ahead of the curve for the face mask recommendation.

Columbia County Public Transportation is accepting homemade cloth face masks at their office at 507 W. Cameron St. in Dayton.

Columbia County Emergency Management Director Ashley Strickland said the masks must be made according to CDC guidelines. CCPT will wash them, sort them, and distribute them. To obtain, or deliver homemade masks visit the CCPT office, or call them at (509) 382-1647.

More information can be found on the Emergency Management Facebook page at: Columbia County E-911 and Emergency Management.

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FOR SALE

One lot for sale in Waitsburg City Cemetery. Located at Q56. \$800.
Contact: Joy cjroberts2000@msn.com

HELP WANTED

CITY OF DAYTON

The City of Dayton is taking applications for **two Temporary/Seasonal employees in the parks, cemetery or where needed.** Duties will include mowing, weed eating, trimming, restroom maintenance, general grounds keeping. The wage is \$13.50 per hour, no benefits included. The job will be for 90 working days. Must have a valid Washington State driver's license and be at least 18 years of age. Jobs are open until filled. Get an application at Dayton City Hall in Dayton, 111 S. 1st St., or call 382-2361. You can apply on line at www.daytonwa.com. Any questions about the job call 382-4571 or 382-2361. Ask for Jim or Rob.

CITY OF WAITSBURG

PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

The City of Waitsburg, and equal opportunity employer, is currently taking applications for a full-time public works employee.

Nature of Work

Under the guidance from the Public Works Director, this is a non-skilled, primarily out-of-doors position in the maintenance of City-owned utilities, streets, facilities and vehicles, and mowing grass or doing grounds maintenance if needed. Applicant should be knowledgeable of material and equipment commonly used in construction, maintenance and repair activities as related to assigned areas. Work requires some physical exertion such as long periods of standing; walking over rough, uneven surfaces; recurring bending, crouching, stooping and reaching; and occasional lifting of moderately heavy items. Work requires average physical agility and dexterity.

Qualifications Required

Minimum of 18 years of age with a valid state issued driver's license
High school diploma or equivalent

Position closes at 4 pm on Friday, March 27, 2020. Depending on availability, anticipated starting date is Wednesday April 1, 2020. Applications are available M-F 8 am - 4 pm at Waitsburg City Hall, 147 Main Street, Waitsburg Washington or on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com.

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Superior Court of Washington, County of Columbia

In re: Petitioner: Terysa Lynn Marietta, aka Terysa Lynn Johnson aka Terysa Lynn Harvey aka Terysa Marietta Harvey No. 20-3-00002-2 Summons Served by Publication
And Respondent/s: Ronald Charles Johnson Summons Served by Publication
To: Ronald Charles Johnson - The other party has asked the court to end your marriage or domestic partnership. You must respond in writing if you want the court to consider your side.
Deadline! Your Response must be filed and served within 60 days of the date this Summons is published. If you do not file and serve your Response or a Notice of Appearance by the deadline:

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

1. Read the Petition and any other documents that were filed at court with this Summons. Those documents explain what the other party is asking for. 2. Fill out a Response on this form: FL Divorce 211, Response to Petition about a Marriage. You can get the Response form and other forms you need at: The Washington State Courts' website: www.courts.wa.gov/forms; The Administrative Office of the Courts - call: (360)705-5328; Washington LawHelp: www.washingtonlawhelp.org; or The Superior Court Clerk's office or county law library (for a fee). 3. Serve (give) a copy of your Response to the person who filed this Summons at the address below, and to any other parties. You may use certified mail with return receipt requested. For more information on how to serve, read Superior Court Civil Rule 5.

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

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

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

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March 26, April 2, 6, 16, 23, 30 2020
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

NO: 20-4-00063-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of: PHILIP J. BROOKS, SR., Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of

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

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: March 26, 2020.
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

NO: 20-4-00070-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of: ALFONSO R. HERNANDEZ,

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

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. 108 1st Ave South, Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98104
Trustee Sale No.: WA-18-811452-SW Title Order No.: Waiting... Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 2007-10117 Parcel Number(s): 36-07-19-51-0701 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: DANIEL W BOWMAN, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): LoanCare, LLC Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: Quality Loan Service Corporation of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 5/8/2020, at 9:00 AM At the Main Entrance to the Walla Walla County Courthouse, located at 315 West Main, Walla Walla, WA 99362 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at

the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of WALLA WALLA, State of Washington, to-wit: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 7 OF BOWMAN'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON, IN BOOK C OF PLATS AT PAGE 44, WHICH POINT IS 50 FEET WEST MEASURED ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE FROM THE SOUTH-EAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 7; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 7, A DISTANCE OF 62 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY AND PARALLEL TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 7, A DISTANCE OF 193.86 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 7, THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 7, A DISTANCE OF 62 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY AND PARALLEL WITH THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 7, A DISTANCE OF 193.86 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. More commonly known as: 1128 WEST ELM STREET, WALLA WALLA, WA 99362 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 8/10/2007, recorded 8/28/2007, under Instrument No. 2007-10117 records of WALLA WALLA County, Washington, from DANIEL W BOWMAN, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as grantor(s), to CHICAGO TITLE INS. CO., as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR WEALTHBRIDGE MORTGAGE CORP., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to LoanCare, LLC, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 2019-08334 II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust as referenced in RCW 61.21.030(4) is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: \$27,834.39. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$129,306.80, together with interest as provided in the Note from 4/1/2017 on, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 5/8/2020. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 4/27/2020 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 4/27/2020 (11 days before the sale), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 4/27/2020 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower(s)

and Grantor(s) by both first class and certified mail, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of 11/12/2019. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS - The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date of this notice to pursue mediation. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) or Web site: http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchase_counselors_foreclosure.htm The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD> or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dfc> The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys:

Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 or Web site: <http://nwjustice.org/what-clear> Additional information provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the noteholders rights against the real property only. The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-18-811452-SW. Dated: 12/23/2019 Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Trustee By: Maria Montana, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington 108 1st Ave South, Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98104 For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: WA-18-811452-SW Sale Line: 800-280-2832 or Login to: <http://wa.qualityloan.com> IDSPub #0159329 4/9/2020 4/30/2020
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

Case No. 20-4-00067-36
In Re the Estate of JOYCE JEANETTE FOLTZ,

Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

Date of filing copy of Notice to Creditors: 04/02/2020
Date of First Publication: 04/09/2020

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City of Dayton, Columbia County, Washington SOLICITATION FOR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS on the

Main Street Trees Inventory and Management Plan

(Washington State Department of Natural Resources Interagency Agreement No. 93-099086
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Dayton, Washington, ("City"), is soliciting public comment/input on the draft City of Dayton Main Street Trees Inventory and Management Plan ("Plan").

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Chemist or cook?

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

We finally finished unpacking all of Daniel's books (all 30 boxes of them), and his totes full of kitchen equipment, including a vast amount and variety of spices and a treasure trove of chemicals. The majority of the bottles, packages and tools are foreign to me. He looked at me with his usual one eyebrow raised show of disdain as I rolled my eyes at the jars and packets we were moving into the pantry. But I admit, I'm becoming a believer. He has become extraordinarily accomplished in the molecular cuisine trend.

From my little bit of research, (*Encyclopedia Britannica*), modern day molecular cuisine evolved from molecular gastronomy, which actually was... "a scientific discipline concerned with the physical and chemical transformations that occur during cooking."

Eventually, chefs all over the world began to experiment, create and meld the science and their creativity devising new ways to cook and handle food. The competition was on, imagination on steroids to say the least.

One of the pioneers and more creative chefs, Grant Achatz, opened a restaurant in Chicago, called Alinea. Daniel and I went there about 15 years ago. The dishes were creative, the presentations both fascinating and entertaining, sometimes nearly jaw dropping; but libraries are noisier and I'm glad we had appetizers at a local pub first, because what it wasn't — was tummy filling.

Evidently, during the past 10 years while we were not together, Daniel became so accomplished with this culinary technique he was the expert and the only one capable of instructing this class at the culinary school where he taught. Hence, our pantry full of chemicals and tools which he ponders with his creative juices flowing. I am just happy that they are calorie free, because the gyms are closed, and I don't like running in this cold, wet weather.

The various chemicals when used, can suspend olive juice and make it look like an olive - while it bursts into your mouth in a flavorful blast. The use of



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A modernist take on an olive vs. olives the old fashioned way. Both delicious!

"foams" goes in and out of style. They are sometimes overused, but sometimes they are the perfect light addition to a dish. However, the edible ink and paper dish created by Achatz has no appeal to me. Choose one: either make real food or write a letter, but unless I'm James Bond saving the world, I'm not eating paper. Right now, though, if the chemicals can turn my weeds into toilet paper, I'd celebrate

Modernist cuisine.

I am a purist at heart, and a good fresh apple is perfect for me. When it starts to soften, I'm happy to turn it into applesauce. I don't need to have a chemical suspension of apples that aren't really apples, or to use the perfect mix of chemicals to turn those Fujis into a pear. Personally, I'd rather turn them into an apple pie.

Like all new trends, there are critics of Modernist style, stating "...that you don't need chemical gimmicks to make good food." Although I agree, I must admit it is fun to watch the transformation of vinegar into a vinegar veil, (a glossy sheet of cider vinegar) that lays on the bottom of a bowl of French onion soup, and provides an unexpected punch of taste.

Simply put, I love good food, not food that is chemically induced or altered. On the other hand, I admit I am impressed by the amazing dishes that Daniel and other chefs have created with the chemicals that enhance, suspend and transform a dish. I am grateful I live with someone who can turn a can of ordinary tuna into a scrumptious tuna melt, as well as turn vinegar into a glossy veil to be hidden inside a bowl of French onion soup. With food, as in life, variety really is the spice of life.

Emma offers rebranding ideas for today's retailers

By Emma Philbrook | THE TIMES



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Geese make excellent quarantine enforcers.

My household is extremely lucky in that it hasn't felt much of an economic impact from this whole mess. My mom is teleworking overtime, my brother's job at a ski shop wasn't going to be netting him very many hours in April under the best of circumstances, and I'm still an unemployed bum. But I know that many workers—indeed, industries—haven't been as fortunate.

To my readers who have taken an economic hit from COVID-19, know that you are in my thoughts and prayers, and please don't hesitate to get in touch with me if there's anything I can do for you.

On the off chance that my readership includes any titans of industry, allow me to do my bit to boost your

turnover—and, in turn, the number of people on your payroll.

See, I bet you bigwigs have been green with envy at the way certain products have been flying off the shelves as of late. You may well be wondering what you can do to get your slice of all that panic spending. Wonder no more, my friends. With a quick bit of rebranding, financial success can be yours even in the midst of the present economic crisis. Some suggestions follow:

- Q-Tips: "Hygienic Face Scratchers"
- Soap: "Stingless Hand Sanitizer—Just Add Water!"
- Socks: "Foot Gloves"
- Skis: "Foot-Mounted Social Distancing Rulers." (Now my brother can't say I never did anything for him.)
- Corona beer: If you ever want to sell a single bottle of anything ever again, a name change is in order. A donut shop in Illinois has apparently had tremendous success selling donuts printed with edible images of Dr. Anthony Fauci. To my knowledge, Dr. Deborah Birx is still up for grabs. You might even be able to work out an endorsement deal.
- Law School: "It's Something To Do"
- Medical (or Nursing) School: "Guaranteed

Steady Work and Permission to Leave the House"

- Domestic Geese: "Quarantine Enforcement Birds (For Use In Front Yards)"
- Formalwear, party supplies, luggage, time-shares, shoes, etc.: Your best approach is two-pronged. First, capitalize on a hopeful message that this crisis will soon pass, and that when it does, we ought to be prepared to leap headfirst into normal life. Second, institute fire-sale pricing until further notice.
- Sunglasses: "French-Cut Face Shields"
- Perfume (good): "Smell Less Like Bleach!"
- Perfume (bad): "Instant Social Distancing Solution"
- Lotion: "Look, Do You Still Want To Have Hands After This Whole Thing Is Over?"
- The yarn industry, oddly enough, doesn't seem to need my help, as all the major craft stores have trouble keeping it in stock. Sheep farmers, this is your opportunity to cut out the middleman and go directly to the people. Be sure to emphasize that your product also mows lawns.
- Home Décor: Heck, you don't even have to rebrand. Just advertise more aggressively.

The Cookie Chronicles

Chapter 2 — We welcome Mr. B

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

I've concluded that there are really just two types of dogs — those who like playing with balls, and those who do not. From the first day we spent together, me tossing and Cookie chasing a ball across an empty infield in a deserted park, it was clear that she was a ball dog.

Up until then my only ball dog experience was with a big-boned mutt that lived a couple doors up from our home on Palm Avenue in West Seattle. The short and narrow street sloped downhill from there, ending in a small park above a steep bluff. The mutt's owner—his name was Max, which I believe was also his dog's name—would stand in the street and throw the ball as hard as he could, trying to bounce it all the way to park. The dog would go ballistic, shooting down the road at rocket speed, and then return just as quickly and drop the soggy, drool-soaked ball in front of the nearest human, ready for the next throw.

This game had no end. As long as someone would throw the ball, Max was on it. I'm reasonably certain that it was the owner of such a dog who, in desperation, invented the automatic ball throwing device. You've seen them on YouTube I'm sure. You simply teach your dog to drop the ball into the hopper, and you are forever dispensable, at least as far as ball games are concerned. No help for me though.

For Cookie, such a device would be worthless. Being mostly terrier, she's not going to retrieve anything, much less her favorite ball. She's much more inclined to back the ball into a corner and zealously guard it. In fact, the first instruction we have to give visitors is "don't under any circumstances try to take her ball!" When tossing the ball around the yard Cookie's idea is that you are supposed to try to retrieve it, by chasing her around and around the yard while she barks at you (barking while running with a large ball in her mouth has proven to be one of Cookie's many talents).

Over the 8+ years we've enjoyed each others' company I've learned a lot about how this particular dog/ball relationship is structured, and it's rather complex. Hundreds of hours of ball games and dozens of balls have been dedicated to this research, each and every one a potential adventure.

Cookie's first few red rubber balls, sold under the name 'Bad Cuz', actually had horns and stubby little feet. Consequently, they didn't behave as a ball should because the horns and feet



Karen Gregutt

The Bad Cuz

produced unpredictable bounces.

Fortunately, dog toy technology provided a partial solution. Enter the Chuck-it, a curved plastic ball thrower that turned my 35-mile-an-hour fastball into a Randy Johnson missile. This enabled me to launch the ball over the roof of our house, sidestepping the lack of predictable bounces, at least briefly. The ball would disappear while Cookie anxiously cocked an ear waiting to hear it land. The landing would be completely out of sight, sometimes in the yard, sometimes in the street, sometimes on a roof, and sometimes in a tree. Each a separate challenge to be discussed at some length in a future chronicle.

Just as we were both getting comfortable with the Bad Cuz, it was taken off the market by the manufacturer. Its replacement, the Good Cuz, had no horns but even bigger feet. Cookie hated it. The mind of dog is a wonderful and often mysterious place, but it was clear that a satisfactory replacement ball was urgently required, before our last remaining Bad Cuz ended up in a tree with its siblings. So back to the pet store, where an incredible number of ball options can be found. As is often the case with Cookie, the usual suspects failed miserably. Tennis balls in particular were spit out like yesterday's kibble.

After much experimentation, we settled on a pale green rubber ball that came pre-drilled with two round holes, placed like polar caps. It bounced well and was a more accommodating size for Cookie, who spends a large part of every day with the ball securely clamped in her jaws. By now it was clear that this was not just a ball, but yet another addition to the family. We named it Mr. B. In myriad ways Mr. B has come to dominate our lives as rigorously as its owner, as you'll see in the next chapter of *the Cookie Chronicles*.



Karen Gregutt

Cookie with Mr. B

A conversation with Tom Tsuchiya

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

Ever wonder who designs the baseball Hall of Fame plaques? Last year when my brother Howard and I were on the press bus heading into Cooperstown, we happened to meet Tom Tsuchiya who has created all of the HOF plaques since 2016. Counting plaques he is currently working on for this year, he will have completed twenty-three in total. This means he has portrayed both Seattle Mariners who have been inducted to the Hall of Fame: Ken Griffey, Jr. and Edgar Martinez. What follows are portions of my phone conversation with Tom Tsuchiya last week.

E.U: Are you holding up okay?

TT: "As of yesterday, I've been working from home. And so have moved a lot of stuff from my studio to my home."

E.U: Have you already started working on this year's plaques?

TT: "Yeah. I have completed pretty much two of them so that was Ted Simmons and Marvin Miller



Courtesy photo

Tom Tsuchiya working on Edgar's plaque for the Hall of Fame in 2019

those two are completed and I'm working on (Larry) Walker and starting on (Derek) Jeter next week or so."

E.U: I was doing a little research and found out Mindy Ellis was the artist before you. Did you ever meet her?

TT: "I actually met her in 2016 when I took over. I briefly met her and felt she was a nice person. She retired because she had to have surgery done on her arms. She physically could not make the plaques."

E.U: How long do you plan on doing this?

TT: (Laughs) "As long as I can. As long as I feel I can make them well. So this is my fifth year working on this. I know I've been doing more plaques than the average. The median number in the twenty first century is three plaques per year. I've been doing like five or six plaques. If I continue to stay twenty years or whatever. I'll make more plaques than anyone."

E.U: Since you do other sculpting have you had any memorable responses when clients see the plaques in your portfolio?

TT: "Oh yeah. Absolutely. A lot of them are pleasantly surprised. Oh, wow you do the plaques from Cooperstown. No way! Especially the ones that follow sports and of course baseball fans they really enjoy learning about it. One of the topics every time I talk about it is that they ask is Pete Rose going to get into the hall?"

E.U: Which plaque is your favorite so far?

TT: "That's a tough one. (Laughs) I like Trevor Hoffman's a lot. I thought it was really neat. It was one of the first ones that I made that I really, really liked a lot. I like all of them. I put so many hours into each of

them. I'm very critical of what I do but I'm just trying to get better all the time. Last year for example, Edgar, I thought I captured his big blocky strong look and the expression was really good."

E.U: The individual players are given a smaller replica plaque; do you design those as well?

TT: "What happens is they take a digital scan of the original plaque and they reproduce in a smaller scale."

E.U: What other projects, other than those for the Hall of Fame, are you working on?

TT: "I officially stopped working on a sculpture of Marian Spencer who is a Cincinnati civil rights icon (due to Ohio Governor DeWine's stay at home order for COVID-19). This is a life-sized bronze sculpture, depicting her with a couple of children, representing her legacy in civil rights and her achievements in desegregating. She was a pretty amazing person. This also happens to be Cincinnati's first statue honoring a particular woman. She passed away last summer at the age of 99. The original plan was to dedicate her sculpture on June 28th which would have been her 100th birthday, but the way things are going with the coronavirus it may not happen. We will eventually get it. It is going to be located on the river front area of Smale Park."

TT: "Also, Marty Brennaman, our announcer who retired last summer. He's getting inducted into to the Red's Hall of Fame, his plaque is in the process of being created. The big projects are the Hall of Fame plaques and the Marian Spencer. This time is always my Hall of Fame time of the year. It's an exciting year. It's exciting in a personal way because these are the guys I've seen. It's really neat."

E.U: Who's the next one in line that will go in from the Reds?

TT: "Most likely it will be Joey Votto. He should be a first round pick. Of his generation he is one of the best hitters. (Dave) Concepcion may still have a chance, who knows."

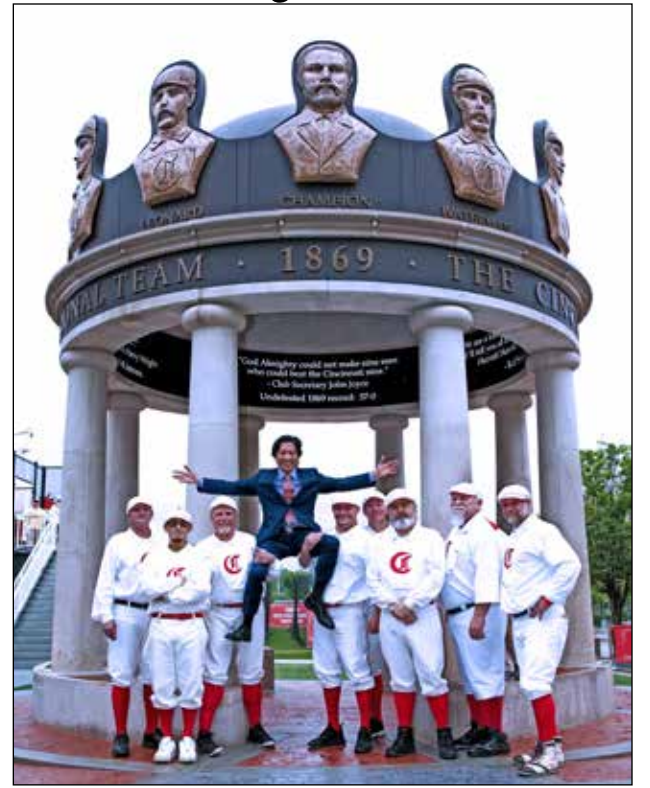


Tom Tsuchiya

Tom Tsuchiya and Gina Erardi, (Tom's apprentice) starting on the Marian Spencer clay model.

After our initial phone call ended, Tom called back a few minutes later to share a quick story he had regarding a player's reaction to seeing his plaque. Trevor Hoffman was a closer for the San Diego Padres and was inducted in 2018. Hoffman hugged Tom and thanked him after seeing his Hall of Fame plaque. To view some of Tom's work check out www.TomTsuchiya.com.

I reached out to Paul Storino who is a senior project manager at Matthews Architectural Products, the Pittsburg, PA foundry that produces the plaques, to find out about the history of the artists before Mindy Ellis and Tom Tsuchiya. Matthews Architectural Products took over the production of the bronze plaques



Steve Tsuchiya, Tom's twin brother

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in 1983. According to Storino, in-house employees did the sculpting before Mindy Ellis. Mindy's seventy-six plaques dating from 1995 to 2015 are the most by an individual artist at this point.

Tom Tsuchiya was named as the sculptor to replace Ellis after she retired five years ago and with changes made to the induction rules at the HOF, he may surpass Ellis' record very quickly. The Veterans Committee and the Baseball Writers Association have been voting in members at a higher rate in recent years as Tom Tsuchiya mentioned. A rule change in 2015 reduced the number of years a player can be on the HOF ballot from fifteen years to ten years. This has created a crunch for some players and caused the Baseball Writers to list more players on their ballots. They've always been able to vote for up to ten players per year, but they rarely did. Since the rule change, up to half of the ballots now have ten names listed. Should this keep up, Tom could catch up to Mindy Ellis... within a decade.



Gregory Rust

Tom Tsuchiya with Pete Rose at Great American Ball Park in Cincinnati, Ohio. The full size version of this statue rests outside the main entrance of the park.

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Growing Food at Home

By Alexandra Fitzgerald | THE TIMES

While 2020 certainly has been off to a rocky start complete with a major flood and pandemic, I seek solace in the promise of another spring and the simple joys of harvesting my own food helps to keep me steady. After a chilly early March, I'm thrilled to see the apricot tree has started to bloom, the rhubarb is poking through the soil and the spinach is germinating in the raised beds. I've sown an inordinate amount of seeds in my basement under grow lights and have dragged my husband into helping me plant a variety of paw paws, elderberry, and persimmons on the hillside. And now, I'm here to talk you into trying a garden too!

To be perfectly honest, my main reason for growing my own food is that I'm a food snob. Once you begin eating fruits and veggies from your own garden, you'll have a really hard time going back to grocery store veggies. Trust me, the taste is incomparable. And not just the tomatoes either. I now loathe store-bought zucchini, strawberries, apples, and spinach to name a few. You've been warned.

With the recent COVID-19 pandemic, I've noticed a surge in interest for home gardening. While the intent of this article is not to push people to garden out of fear or scarcity, it's certainly worth mentioning the benefits of having control of a portion of your food supply during times of uncertainty. However, if you are practicing social distancing and have some time on your hands, now is a great time to learn a new skill! It will help keep boredom at bay, get you outside, and will result in some delicious produce. Can't beat that.

I'd be remiss if I didn't also touch on the environmental and social benefits of having a food garden. Growing your own food is a great use of your outdoor space and the miles your food travels will go from hundreds or thousands of miles to tens of feet. Growing your food can lead to reduced carbon emissions, reduced or no spraying of pesticides or herbicides, and healthier produce for you. I also suggest growing a little extra and gifting to friends or donating to the Waitsburg Resource Center (they take fresh produce!)

The great thing is that you can grow food in all sorts of ways. The traditional method is tilling up a swath of yard for a vegetable garden. Pretty straightforward and probably what most people envision when I say "vegetable garden." The next method is to use raised beds. Raised beds can provide a more landscaped appeal to your garden and also can help folks with mobility issues that cannot repeatedly bend over to the ground. Beds can be raised as little as 6 inches or can even be designed to be wheelchair-accessible if needed. We primarily grow in 12" raised beds but it's more to keep the gophers out than anything else! The third method I would recommend includes using containers. This is a perfect solution for those with limited space or for folks that are renters. You can grow anything from small pollinator gardens, to greens, to tomatoes, all on your patio. The final method that I've become interested in is "foodscaping" or incorporating various edible plants into your landscaping. This is a unique approach that can circumvent zoning rules or less-than-supportive neighbors. What's more, it can be absolutely beautiful. It



Brianna Wray

Strawberries are an easy, and delicious addition to any garden.

might take a little more planning, but I've seen elaborate vegetable gardens tucked discreetly into a front yard landscaped bed and if you didn't know what you were looking for, you wouldn't see the bounty at your feet. There are about a million different techniques for growing your own food but these large categories can give you some ideas of how to start.

Regardless of why you choose to grow food, what varieties you opt to grow, and how you decide to grow them, I want to assure you it's not at all hard but there is a learning curve. My recommendation is to start small with quick-growing crops like spinach or radishes. This will teach you the basics and as you learn skills, you can work your way up to long-season food such as tomatoes and peppers. I read a statistic somewhere that approximately 90% of new gardeners stop after one year and I want to change that. Here are some of my favorite resources to get you started. If you're a podcast person, I highly recommend you download the *Joe Gardener Show* and *Epic Gardening*. Be sure to listen to all the old episodes- they're completely free and full of wonderful information. Maybe you prefer books? Try *The Vegetable Gardener's Bible* by Edward C. Smith, *The Year-Round Vegetable Gardener* by Niki Jabbour, Gaia's Garden by Toby Hemenway, or an oldie but goodie- *The New Victory Garden* by Bob Thompson. Instagram addict? No judgement here! Follow @vegetableacademy, @seedtofork, and @deannacat3.

If you have some unplanned free time due to recent events, I encourage you to consider starting a small garden, be it for growing veggies or just to support your local native pollinators. My hope is to continue publishing articles to help you learn how to garden and provide tips, tricks, and resources along the way.

And now it's time for me to put my money where my mouth is: I have a mixed variety of tomato starts available for planting and will be happy to give them away for FREE. But there's a catch... I'm asking you to give away a portion of your harvest bounty to those in your local community or donate directly to the Waitsburg Resource Center. It's up to you on how much you want to give, but this is my way of trying to pay the kindness forward and do something positive in our community during this crazy and stressful time. If you would prefer trying some easier veggies, I can provide seeds for those as needed. Please note that this is first come, first serve and I truly want this to be a pay-it-forward system. If you're financially able, I would also highly recommend Nancy's Dream Garden Center in Waitsburg for purchasing seeds and starts. I will be happy to provide you information and advice on how to grow veggies with the assurance that you will pay it forward and help put food on someone's table.

If you'd like to request some plants/seeds, chat or have just questions on how to begin, you can email me at AliGrowsFood@gmail.com



Gardener's Grove: Electric Tiller + Cultivator Review

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

THE DIRT—Gardening is a great way to mitigate that lingering hopelessness associated with these unpredictable, and socially distanced times we face. Here's a little patch of dirt you can control, when so much else is out of hand. And it's good exercise. Plus, food and flowers!

Waitsburg resident, Susan Tarver, reached out to share some of her garden progress. Last year Tarver had great luck with frost tolerant beets and radishes, so she planted more just before the snow. Those little seeds sprouted into seedlings and brought so much joy to my inbox.

For the seeds that aren't as hardy, Tarver has enlisted the help of Doug Biolo at Nancy's Dream Garden Center. In their climate-controlled greenhouses, Tarver has zinnias and nasturtiums growing which is perfect because Tarver's house, much like mine, is not rich in seed starting spots.

As Tarver's radishes rose up from a crack in the soil even after light snow showers, I was empowered to start some seeds of my own.

So far, echinacea and sunflowers started indoors have begun to sprout. Outside, I've started dahlia and poppies to great success, but some others haven't come up yet. We'll give them more time.

As mentioned previously, one of my big garden goals this year is expansion. With the help of an electric tiller, my garden has doubled in size.

From my YouTube research, I found that almost all users spoke highly of the SunJoe 3.5 amp tiller and cultivator. The most common downside is that it is a corded electric machine. Keeping the cord out of the teeth of the tiller was a bigger challenge than anticipated.

Most of the video reviews were also made by heavy-set gentlemen who had no trouble wielding it. At 5' 1/2", I had a bit of a different experience. There is a safety switch on the right handle that must be engaged in order for the tiller to activate. Holding that down, I pushed the go button and off this bucking bronco went. It was unwieldy to say the least.

Since half my beds needed only a refresh, I started there and it was pretty straight forward. When I transitioned into tilling up the area that had previously been grass, the struggle to keep it in an orderly line became apparent, and then overwhelming. In fact, it seemed to work better going backward and at an angle to penetrate the thick grass roots, rather than straight lines.

Overall, I am shocked and amazed by this cultivator's tenacity. Unbeknownst to me, there were some foreign objects in the grassy areas that this tiller extracted. Lots and lots of rocks were unearthed, but none were thrown up toward me. Because there were

so many, I had to stop every few feet and cast them off.

Progress halted completely when the cultivator came upon a half-brick. Before I started tilling I walked the length of the area, so this brick was completely submerged in the dirt. And it was wedged tightly between the blade and the tiller's encasement. It is truly one of life's pleasures when the solution to a problem is to hit it with a hammer. Back to work.

The most unexpected item found tangled in the grass was a two-foot length of rusted chain. It was a nightmare come true to see chains caught up in the teeth of the tiller (that I borrowed, mind you), but the chain detangled just as easily.

After the initial pass, going back over the new garden beds perpendicularly was much easier. And now I'm anxious to plant more.

Now that the beds are ready, I've made adjustments to the original plan. Items previously written in pencil that have come to fruition have been updated to pen, while old ideas were erased and new ones penciled in for future plantings. According to the updated garden plan, buttercrunch lettuce should go in next.

As you can see, there's still a heap of branches currently resting in the future home of our pumpkin patch that need shredding. Does anyone have a woodchipper I can borrow? Share your garden glory with brianna@waitsburgtimes.com.



Brianna Wray

Before: Shows last year's garden beds' abrupt ending into grass with bricks and other debris sprinkled in.



Brianna Wray

SunJoe TJ604E Tiller + Cultivator \$100-\$150, also known as the "dirty little secret of great gardens."



Brianna Wray

After two passes with the electric tiller, our garden beds have doubled in a day. Though it's hard to tell, the area under the branches has been cultivated as well.

DANIEL ROSSI: BAKING WITH THE CHEF

Waitsburg Country Bread

Chef Daniel Rossi is sharing this easy recipe with the *Times* Readers, claiming it's "the easiest bread in the world to make." Most folks should have these pantry items available—give it a try!

Waitsburg Country Bread

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 cup rye flour (or use an additional cup of all-purpose flour as a substitute)
- 3 tsp salt
- 2 tsp instant yeast or 3 tsp dry yeast (1 packet)
- 2 1/2 cup water at 100F
- Flour as needed for dusting
- Set the oven at 450°F

DIRECTIONS:

1. Mix flours, yeast and water until they come together (about 2 minutes.) If the dough is a little sticky, just dust the dough with more flour. (Better stickier than dry and hard to work.)
2. Let rest for 10-15 minutes.
3. Add salt and knead for about 8 minutes.
4. Place dough in a bowl and cover with plastic or a moist towel and let rise until doubled in volume.
5. When doubled, remove dough from the bowl and knead for 2 minutes. Shape into a round loaf.
6. Let the dough rest for an additional 20 minutes at room temperature on parchment paper or oiled foil.
7. Optional: Before baking dust the dough on top with flour and then slash as desired with a sharp knife.
8. Move the dough that's on the parchment paper (or foil), into a hot Dutch oven with the lid on, or a baking sheet with a stainless-steel bowl over the dough (this will give the bread a good crust) and bake for 30-40 minutes.
9. Remove the lid or the bowl and continue baking until the bread is golden brown and delicious!



TIPS:

- Have your Dutch oven as hot as the oven.
- Once baked, the bread should feel lighter than the dough.
- Technically, the internal temperature should be 205°F.
- Don't slice the bread until it has cooled.

Ten Years Ago
April 14, 2011

Give Bart Baxter and Tiffany Laposi a few months to work on the Whetstone Pub building and you'll be able to dine with James Dean. By summer, he may well be giving you his cool gaze from the wall of the couple's 1950s style restaurant that will be called "Betty's Diner."

[Photo caption] Motocross racers put on a show during the annual Bash at Ski Bluewood Sunday, marking the resort's last day of the skiing season that was the first for its new owners.

Inserted in this week's edition of *the Times*, you will find something new and special. It's a tabloid newspaper that looks a bit like the Blue Mountain News. The cover shows Dayton's Stationmaster statue and the clock on Waitsburg's Main Street with rolling spring wheat fields behind them. This, we are proud to announce, is our first Touchet River Valley Visitor's Guide, a collaborative venture with the Blue Mountain News. It is supported by members of the Touchet Valley Tourism Alliance.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
April 6, 1995

When images of the Waitsburg Junior Livestock Show come to mind, most people probably think of cows, pigs and sheep. But there's another side to the show that doesn't moo, oink or baa.

The city of College Place is celebrating its 50th anniversary and wants some of its best friends to join the celebration. The city is inviting businesses and individuals to sponsor a float, help advertise or participate in the planning of the celebration by calling 529-1200.

"This is asinine," said Lew Jacky, the chairman of the Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners. Jacky was reacting to a state Department of Ecology rule that is forcing a developer to put 49 separate water wells in a 49-lot home development, even though there is one deep well already on the property that could provide water for all.

Fifty Years Ago
April 9, 1970

[Photo caption] King Witt, President of the Days of Real Sport, Inc., places the crown upon Queen Judy Harper at the Queen's Dance held in Waitsburg last Saturday night. The competition for the spot was keen, as these three girls had gathered more votes than any court in DRS history. A special board of judges spent extra time Saturday evening making final tabulations, and the competition was extremely close. Judy will reign over festivities on the weekend of May 23-24. Princesses on the court are Jeannie Pearson, left and Joe Ellen Watson, right.

A bigger and better than ever Junior Livestock Show will begin in Waitsburg on Friday, April 10 with judging competition at 10 a.m.

Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.

Seventy-Five Years Ago
April 13, 1945

Leslie Taylor of Cottonwood, Idaho has been selected as the new superintendent of schools.

James Archer won second place in the state speaking contest in Ellensburg March 31 which was sponsored by the Future Farmers of America.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Fullerton were guests at the birthday dinner of their grandson, Billie Kendall April 6, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Kendall, who were also celebrating their wedding anniversary.

Mrs. J. V. Glover has just received her appointment as a regular carrier on Route 1, Waitsburg, the date being effective March 16.

One Hundred Years Ago
April 16, 1920

Twelve large trucks are now in use hauling rock from the crushers in surfacing the Inland Empire Highway to Central Ferry.

At the annual meeting of the Waitsburg Floricultural Society Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Rose Lloyd was elected President; Mrs. Tena Loundagin, Vice President; Mrs. Ida Butler, Secretary-Treasurer.

Henry Roberts entertained about twenty-five of his friends at a party at his home about a mile and half east of town Friday evening. Many games were played during the evening and dainty refreshments were served.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago
April 19, 1895

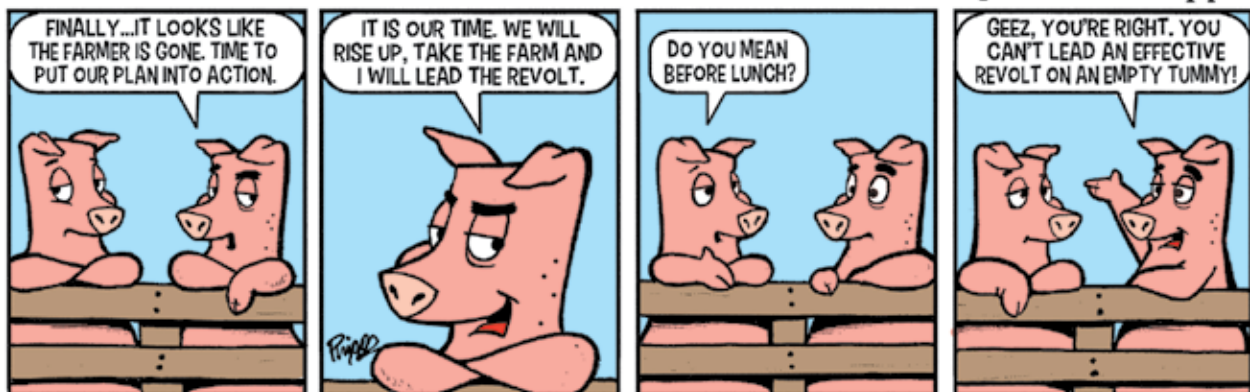
For the first time in the history of this country "aggs" were this week sold in this city for five cents per dozen. If anybody has a right to kick, it's a hen, for there is no money in her business with eggs at that price.

Just step into Macomber & McCann's and buy a "Solomon Gundy." No house is complete without a Solomon Gundy. (Editor's Note: What was a Solomon Gundy?)

If you are troubled with "that tired feeling" pay your subscription, and you'll feel better and so will the editor. He will be relieved of "that tired feeling," too.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

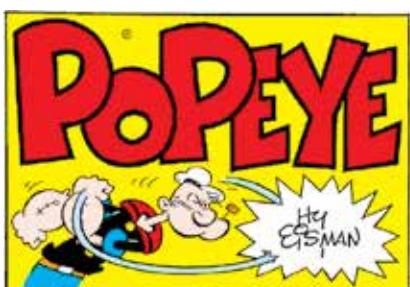


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



GRIN & BEAR IT

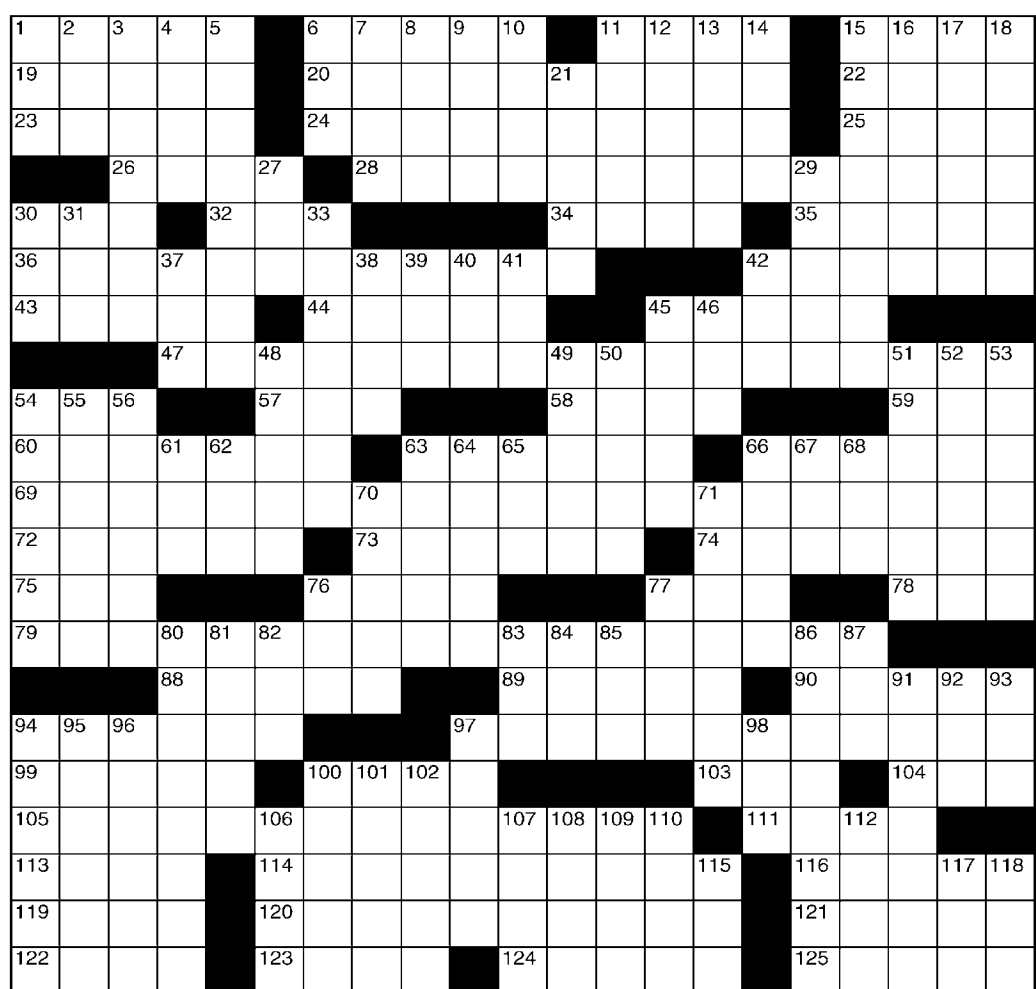


FUN & GAMES

Super Crossword

MIXED BLESSING

- ACROSS**
- 1 Emmy, e.g.
 - 6 Explorer — Polo
 - 11 Milne's bear
 - 15 Hospital VIPs
 - 19 Spanish man
 - 20 It's made of milk, flour and butter
 - 22 Sharing the secret of "The Matrix" star Reeves
 - 24 Unit equal to 0.338 fluid ounce
 - 25 Knock off
 - 26 Stage muggers
 - 28 Beating the former best
 - 30 4x4, briefly
 - 32 Lousy
 - 34 Ian Fleming's alma mater
 - 35 Jaded
 - 36 Online comparison shopping site
 - 42 More nasty
 - 43 Dance in Rio
 - 44 Has a bawl
 - 45 Prenatal chambers
 - 47 Locker, e.g.
 - 54 U.S. enlistees
 - 57 Arrest, as a perp
 - 58 Tiddlywink or Frisbee
 - 59 How — (DIYers' books)
 - 60 Jurist Scalia
 - 63 Novelist Graham
 - 66 Camphor or fructose
 - 69 Need-for-speed adage adapted from the Bible
 - 72 Road salt
 - 73 "It's about time!"
 - 74 Separates after a multiplayer tackle
 - 75 Edifice extension
 - 76 Debate side
 - 77 — Khan (Islamic imam)
 - 78 Wide shoe spec
 - 79 Building up to the loudest point
 - 88 Parliament's House of —
 - 89 "With a Little — Luck"
 - 90 Piece-of-cake class
 - 91 Fold, spindle or mutilate
 - 97 Bottle near a salad bowl
 - 99 Smell
 - 100 Cannonballs and such
 - 103 Pro-learning union: Abbr.
 - 104 Healthful getaway
 - 105 Backlash
 - 111 Banks of modeling
 - 113 Catch with one's ears
 - 114 "Viva Las Vegas" co-star
 - 116 Ancient Greek colony
 - 119 — Stanley Gardner
 - 120 Not trued up
 - 121 Kids' caretaker
 - 122 Changed the color of
 - 123 Favorable votes
 - 124 Actor Mike
 - 125 Meal blessing that's "mixed" and hidden in seven answers in this puzzle
 - 2 Itsy-bitsy
 - 3 Disneyland's city
 - 4 Barrett of gossip
 - 5 Snare sound
 - 6 DC doubled
 - 7 Warlike deity
 - 8 Thinker Descartes
 - 9 Carrie Chapman —
 - 10 Drop
 - 11 Latex, e.g.
 - 12 Money spent
 - 13 Sailor's site
 - 14 German man
 - 15 Deny
 - 16 Borrowed
 - 17 Not smooth
 - 18 — of Berlin (snack brand)
 - 21 More crafty
 - 27 Get less taut
 - 29 Late film critic Roger
 - 30 Happy times
 - 31 — la-la
 - 33 Sitcom psychiatrist Frasier, to his patients
 - 37 "2 Broke Girls" airer
 - 38 Steed breed
 - 39 Sizable
 - 40 Comb insect
 - 41 Key near F1
 - 42 Sea, to Gigi
 - 45 Flustered
 - 46 Tic-toe link
 - 48 Chilling, as champagne
 - 49 Playwright Clifford
 - 50 City in North Dakota
 - 51 Star, in Nice
 - 52 Having no service charge
 - 53 — fly (African pest)
 - 54 Congregate
 - 55 Gobble down
 - 56 — Artois
 - 61 "... — will!" (threat ender)
 - 62 — Geo Wild
 - 63 Must, slangily
 - 64 Holy artifact
 - 65 José's "that"
 - 66 "— & Kel" (teen show)
 - 67 Psychic skill
 - 68 Prefix with light
 - 70 Turf groups
 - 71 Real aficionado
 - 76 So-so link
 - 77 Slip —
 - 82 Furiousness
 - 83 Slugging stat
 - 84 Essen "a"
 - 85 Enthralled Fr. lady
 - 86 Deteriorating
 - 87 Paddled tool
 - 91 Girl told not to cry in song
 - 92 "Uh-huh"
 - 93 "I'm — loss for words"
 - 94 Ran quickly
 - 95 Carotid, e.g.
 - 96 A pep talk may boost it
 - 97 Outspoken
 - 98 Receiving a pension: Abbr.
 - 100 Golf's Palmer, to pals
 - 101 High-IQ crew
 - 102 The — & the Paps
 - 106 Like venison
 - 107 Quick haircut
 - 108 Punker Pop
 - 109 Alençon's department
 - 110 At no time, in verse
 - 112 Mimic a tiger
 - 115 Saints' stats
 - 117 Yellow pages abbr.
 - 118 Favorable vote



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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Chocolate Bird's Nest Cookies

Here is something fun to make and can include the help of kids. Perhaps get some pretty pastel or Easter plates and gift them (with maybe a colored Easter bunny?)



Another simple idea, and I usually do it at Easter, is to make 2 round cakes. One round cake is for the bunny face, the other has two simple cuts to make the ears, and tie for the bunny. Kids love to decorate it with colored frosting or colored coconut, add eyes and nose. Like the chocolate bunnies, the ears usually get eaten first.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 c. white sugar
- 1/3 c. cocoa powder
- 1/2 c. milk
- 1/4 c. butter
- 1/2 c. peanut butter
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 3 c. oats (rolled or quick)
- 60 chocolate eggs

DIRECTIONS:

Combine the sugar, cocoa powder, milk and butter in a sauce pan over medium high heat.

Bring to a boil, boiling for one minute—Make sure it boils or one minute or the cookies won't set up.

Remove from heat and add the peanut butter and vanilla until completely combined.

Stir in oats.

Scoop the cookies onto parchment or wax paper. Immediately press 2 or 3 eggs into the center of each cookie. Cool completely before serving

MY NOTES:

They suggested Cadbury eggs, or even pastel malt balls for the topping. If I were making them, I'd use the back of a spoon for an indentation and round the edges for more of a nest look. One could even add green colored coconut. Some similar recipes do add coconut to the mix.

ENJOY and Happy Easter!
ButterwithasideofBread.com

CARNEGIE PICTURE LAB OFFERS A DAILY DOSE OF ART

THE TIMES

Since schools are closed, Carnegie Picture Lab is unable to deliver its art history and art creation curriculum to area elementary schools. The nonprofit organization has stepped in by providing opportunities for at-home learning with A Daily Dose of ART.

Monday through Friday, Picture Lab is providing an on-line art education lesson through their website. The lessons feature a notable artist and include an Artful Thinking activity. There are links to artist information and resources, as well as an art project that can be done at home. Lessons are available in English and Spanish.

The Daily Dose of ART lessons will be posted in the "news" section of the Carnegie Picture Lab website <https://carnegiepicturelab.com>. Students are encouraged to post comments on the lessons and share pictures of their art projects.



Courtesy photo

U.K.-based artist Yulia Brodskaya's signature technique of 'painting with paper' is a contemporary interpretation of quilling, wherein the artist folds, bends, and spirals strips of colored paper. Brodskaya was the featured artist for March 26.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

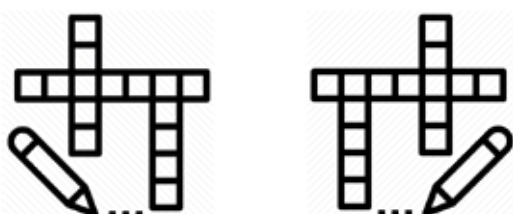
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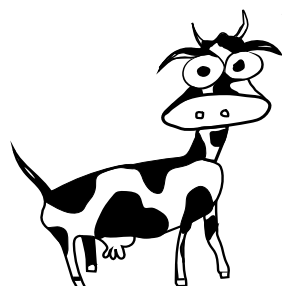
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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

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To moo or not to moo



That is the cow question

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Go Figure!

answers

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THE LAST PAGE

NO CELEBRATION - FROM PAGE 1

fairground events, scheduled after the order has been lifted, will be determined by the event hosts, not the City.

Wendy Richards, a board member who manages the Burgers, Bands and Brews event, told the board that many of her volunteers are 60 years of age and older and hesitant to help at the event this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many volunteers would not be willing to commit to in-person duties due to the uncertain circumstances.

Royalty Director Ann Adams said that she is "bummed that Queen Lena Berens won't get to have 'her' weekend..." but she is "...glad that the board ultimately chose everyone's safety over the event."

"Lena has worked so hard to get ready for the season ahead of her. She has done a wonderful job promoting the event so far," Adams said. "We are hopeful that Lena will get to travel throughout the summer and promote the 2021 Celebration Days."

This is the second royalty court that Adams has seen through an event cancellation. In 2011, Adams was the Dayton Days royalty advisor. That same year many equine events, including Dayton Days, were cancelled following an equine herpes virus outbreak.

The board is currently working out all of the cancellation details. The classic auto show held on Saturday is also considering rescheduling. Board member Joy Smith said she would contact sponsors to see if funds received need to be returned or can be held for next year's event. She will also follow up on pending grants.

The Waitsburg Celebration Days board is optimistic that the 2021 event will go off without a hitch. The event was originally created in 2013 after Smith and other community members banded together following the loss of the Days of Real Sport.

Waitsburg event cancellations started happening in March, beginning with the Mat Birds wrestling tournament on March 14. The Waitsburg Town Hall board voted to cancel the St. Patrick's Day dinner fundraiser on March 17. The Waitsburg Commercial Club cancelled their annual Awards Banquet that was scheduled for mid-April, and the Touchet Valley Little League season was also cancelled.

Shortly after the meeting, Governor Inslee announced that he was extending the 'Stay Home, Stay Safe' declaration through May 4. Group gatherings over 10 people are temporarily banned to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 disease.



Courtesy photo

The Waitsburg High School Marching Band marches down Main Street during the Waitsburg Celebration Days in 2018. The Celebration Days board voted to cancel the 2020 festivities to help combat COVID-19.

During the crisis - financial assistance is available

Check out your options with these resources

THE TIMES

The Washington State Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) developed a list of financial resources for Washington consumers impacted by the Coronavirus. Resources include information on mortgage assistance, student loans, emergency loans and more. Links to each resource are listed below.

Unemployment Assistance

If you are out of work, Washington State's Employment Security Department at <https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/covid-19> provides support services to individuals affected by COVID-19 in Washington.

The Employment Security Department has adopted a series of emergency rules to relieve the burden of temporary layoffs, isolation and quarantine for workers and businesses.

COVID-19 has created an unprecedented demand for our services—especially unemployment insurance and Paid Family and Medical Leave. The website states that they are working to increase their capacity by hiring more people and expanding their hours.

Trouble Paying Credit Cards

If you have seen a reduction in pay due to COVID-19 and are struggling to make your credit card or loan payments, contact your credit card company right away. Explain your situation and ask about hardship programs that may be available. Regulatory agencies have encouraged financial institutions to work with customers impacted by the coronavirus. Credit card companies and lenders may be able to offer you a number of options to help you. This

could include waiving certain fees like ATM, overpayments, and late fees, as well as allowing you to delay, adjust, or skip some payments. What Should I Do If I Can't Pay My Credit Card Bills? Information from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. located at <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/ask-cfpb/what-should-i-do-if-i-cant-pay-my-credit-card-bills-en-1697/>

Debt Assistance: Find A Credit Counselor

A credit counselor may be able to assist you with your debt problems. Contact one near you. Access information here: <https://www.nfcc.org/>

Mortgage Assistance

If you do not have enough money to cover your mortgage payment, contact your lender immediately. Homeowners in distress may call DFI's toll-free number 1-877-RING-DFI (746-4334) to talk to a member of our team and to get assistance in how best to contact their mortgage servicer, and to learn more about their options.

Don't wait until you're behind on payments. Lenders may work with you to waive late fees, set up a repayment plan or offer loan forbearance.

If you would like to talk to a housing counselor, call the Washington Homeownership Hotline at 1.877.894.HOME.

Additional Resources:

Assistance for Washington Homeowners - <https://dfi.wa.gov/homeownership>

Coronavirus mortgage assistance available to Washington homeowners. Access that site here: <https://dfi.wa.gov/homeownership>

List of Housing Counseling Agencies in Washington - <https://tinyurl.com/vhkuxl7>

Housing counselors may be able to assist you with your needs. Contact a housing counselor near you.

Paying Student Loans

If you're having trouble making payments, contact your loan servicer as soon as possible. If you have a Federal Perkins Loan, contact your school. You can easily avoid the consequences of delinquency or default by staying in touch with your servicer or school. Your servicer or school can provide information about deferment or forbearance options that allow you to temporarily stop making payments on your loans. You may also be able to change to a different repayment plan that would give you a lower monthly payment.

Additional Resources:

Federal Student Loan Payments suspended, Interest Waived During National Emergency Information from the Department of Education. <https://tinyurl.com/vrqqp7>

Student Loan Deferment or Forbearance - <https://studentaid.gov/announcements-events/coronavirus> Washington Student Achievement Council COVID-19 Resources - <https://wsac.wa.gov/covid-19> Information and resources from the Washington Student Achievement Council

Utilities Assistance

Governor Jay Inslee has called on all public utilities in Washington state to ensure the health and safety of their employees and the public by suspending disconnection tariffs for nonpayment during this emergency; waiving late fees for customers who are out of work or offering customers payment plans; and expanding bill assistance programs for customers who are economically impacted by this emergency. Many utility companies are already doing this. For assistance, contact your utility company.

Puget Sound Energy - <https://www.pse.com/>
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