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Bill Rodgers

"Backroad to Dayton," 2019. There are four ways to get to Dayton, WA from Waitsburg: Highway 12, the Rose Gulch detour, the Hogeye route, and this one via Weinhard Road. Each route has its own unique picturesque sections. Wish I'd been there when those two poplar trees in the distance were still gold with their fall foliage—it would have been a perfect highlight and splash of color. Next time.

## Waitsburg officials, businesses respond to COVID-19 restrictions

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The City of Waitsburg asks that residents stay close to home this Thanksgiving season and follow Governor Jay Inslee's recently announced travel and shopping restrictions. To date, there have been 13 Waitsburg residents that have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.

To help slow the spread, City Hall will remain closed to the public. Employees will be in the office, but residents are asked to contact City Hall via phone call or email for questions, concerns, and bill services. City Hall can be reached at (509) 337-6371 or by emailing administrator@cityofwaitsburg.com or adminassistant@cityofwaitsburg.com. A contact form is also available on the website, www.cityof-waitsburg.org.

"It is extremely important to follow the mask restrictions. You're not only protecting the other guy, but you're also protecting yourself. It's also important to wear the masks properly, over your mouth and nose, because the virus is in the nasal cavities, not just your mouth," Waitsburg City Councilman Jim Romine said. "Thirty-nine percent of the cases in Walla Walla County are in the 20-39 year age range. One would think the masks wouldn't be a problem right now because they keep your nose warm!"

Businesses in Waitsburg are also changing their operations to comply with the new safety measures announced last Sunday.

Gaudy Gals on Main will remain in operation, as usual, monitoring the number of customers coming into the store at one time. All surfaces will be sanitized, and all shared surfaces, like door handles, will be cleaned regularly. Gaudy Gals on Main is located inside Town Hall.

Waitsburg Grocery, 200 Main Street, will no longer allow customers to gather at the front of the store. Curbside ordering is available during store hours, and delivery services are offered Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 2 p.m. Call (509) 337-6641 for curbside and delivery service.

Ten Ton Coffee will reopen their take-out window starting November 18. The shop is currently exploring options for wait areas to prevent gathering during ordering. A limited food menu will be available. Ten Ton will be open seven days a week, 7:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Banner Bank, 121 Main Street, will continue to offer drive-through banking services. The lobby is closed to the public at this time. Banner Bank is open Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m., and Friday, 1 p.m.- 6 p.m.

Millstone Cafe & Bakery will be closed until further notice.

Whiskey Canyon Sports Bar & Grill, 701 Preston Ave, is currently making plans to make their patio seating winter-friendly to accommodate groups of five or less. They are open 11 a.m -7 p.m Monday-Friday, and Saturday-Sunday, 8 a.m- 7 p.m, with breakfast served on the weekends. A limited to-go menu will be available.

Laht Neppur Brewing, 444 Preston Ave, is setting up the outdoor patio with heaters with limited seating. Groups of five are being asked to call ahead. All food and drink are available to go. Laht Neppur Brewing Co. can be reached at (509) 337-6261.

As the pandemic situation changes, all business and restaurant accommodations are subject to change.

As a friendly reminder, masks are required in any public setting. Retail occupancy has been reduced to 25% capacity, so please be patient if there is a wait line at your favorite shops.

## Interlocal Agreement with the County discussed at the Dayton City Council meeting

City to cut some services

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—A new five-year Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the County for Law Enforcement, Dispatch, and District Court services was the main topic of discussion at the Dayton City Council meeting last Thursday.

According to the ILA terms, the City will pay the County an additional \$200,000 for those services, beginning on Jan. 1, 2021, with rates adjusted annually.

The total amount paid to the County will be roughly half of the City's \$1.2 million Current Expense Budget.

Because of the increase, the City's Finance Committee will need to discuss what cuts to city services should be made. Cuts will be to services currently covered by the Current Expense Budget, such as animal control services, code enforcement services, park and cemetery maintenance, and, possibly, to personnel.

The City has asked for, and will receive, certain assurances in the new ILA: The Sheriff will provide monthly reports to the Dayton City Council, and his office will assist in tagging abandoned vehicles.

A dedicated deputy sheriff will be available inside City limits at all times.

The County will provide the City with quarterly expense reports, and representatives from both offices will meet every quarter.

Mayor Zac Weatherford said the data generated from the reports would help the city council renegotiate the ILA terms in the future.

### Mayor's report

Mayor Weatherford said the Third Street Sidewalk project should be finished by the middle of the month after inclement weather delayed work.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) levee rehabilitation project is complete, and the Front Street Bridge project will go out to bid the week after Thanksgiving.

### Report from the Planning Director

Planning Director Meagan Hayes reported on the Affordable Housing Commission. She said the commission is wrapping up work on the development of surplus procedures for city-owned property. That will go to the Dayton Planning Commission for final review. The commission is also working on a marketing campaign.

The Planning Commission is working on the 2020 Docket Comprehensive Plan Update, which includes the Urban Forestry Management Plan for Main Street Trees and slight amendments to the zoning map.

The Urban Forestry Management Plan will be presented to the city council in Dec. for approval.

The Historic Preservation Commission is working on sign design plans for the 2021 Parks and Recreation Plan. The commission is also working through the small works roster to find a contractor to restore the grist wheel on the Touchet River levee path.

"Hopefully, we can get that shored up and secure, so it is good for another hundred years."

Hayes said there are open seats on the three commissions she would like to

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# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

## NEWS BRIEFS

### BANNER BANK AND CORRAL WRANGLERS 4-H SUPPORT WAITSBURG RESOURCE CENTER

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The holiday season is here. Local clubs, organizations, and businesses have been busy with annual food drives—many of which have turned into fund drives to support area food pantries and assistance.

Banner Bank has changed up its annual Holiday Food Drive. Instead of donations of canned goods, the bank is accepting cash donations for the Holiday Fund Drive. Each Banner Bank branch gets to choose a local organization to support during the holiday season, and the Waitsburg location has selected the Waitsburg Resource Center.

“This has been a challenging year for everyone, so this drive is one more way we can continue to support our community,” said Bev Rising, Vice President and Branch Manager of the Waitsburg and Dayton Branches. “Every year, we host a food drive, yet because of social distancing this year, we transformed it into a fund drive. One hundred percent of everything donated will be passed along to the Waitsburg Resource Center to feed local families this holiday season. We invite our clients and the community to join with us to give, and together we can help those in need this year.”

In Waitsburg, donations can be made at the Waitsburg Banner Bank drive-through, 215 N Main Street. Banner Bank is open Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and Friday 1 p.m.- 6 p.m. All Banner Bank locations are accepting donations for their local food assistance programs.

If you prefer to donate unexpired, shelf-stable food items, the Corral Wranglers 4-H Club has a food donation bin set up at Waitsburg Grocery, 200 Main Street. The donation bin will be available until November 28, and all donations will benefit the Waitsburg Resource Center.

### BRIX AND BREW HOME EDITION A SUCCESS

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—One hundred and nineteen people placed bids during the online silent auction for Brix and Brew Home Edition. Chamber manager Molly Weatherill-Tate said over \$24,000 was raised during the event, held from Oct. 30 through Nov. 7.

The one-and-a-half-hour live auction took place on Zoom the evening of Nov. 6., featuring Mike Himmelberger as the auctioneer and Betty Lou Crothers as his “sidekick.” Emily Davis played the part of Vanna White. The event took place in front of a winery scene backdrop.

“It was definitely different. It was almost like producing a television show, in a way. Considering the situation, Brix and Brew went really well,” Weatherill-Tate said.

She said kudos go to wine and beer “Meisters” Bill Clemens, Jay Takemura, and Mike Himmelberger, the Brix and Brew Committee, the Chamber board, the Weinhard Café, and the many sponsors and participants. They contributed to making Brix and Brew a success.

The annual Brix and Brew event supports operating costs for the Dayton Chamber of Commerce.



### GOVERNOR INSLEE ISSUES TRAVEL ADVISORY

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Governor Jay Inslee issued a travel advisory for international and interstate travelers, asking that they self-quarantine for 14 days upon entering the state of Washington. Governor Inslee asks Washington residents to stay close to home to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

“COVID-19 cases have doubled in Washington over the past two weeks. This puts our state in as dangerous a position today as we were in March,” Inslee said. “Limiting and reducing travel is one way to reduce further spread of the disease. I am happy to partner with California and Oregon in this effort to help protect lives up and down the West Coast.”

Washington’s governor joined Oregon Governor Kate Brown and California Governor Gavin Newsom to issue similar travel advisories in their respective states.

“COVID-19 does not stop at state lines. As hospitals across the West are stretched to capacity, we must take steps to ensure travelers are not bringing this disease home with them,” said Brown. “If you do not need to travel, you shouldn’t. This will be hard, especially with Thanksgiving around the corner. But the best way to keep your family safe is to stay close to home.”

“California just surpassed a sobering threshold — one million COVID-19 cases—with no signs of the virus slowing down,” said Newsom. “Increased cases are adding pressure on our hospital systems and threatening the lives of seniors, essential workers, and vulnerable Californians. Travel increases the risk of spreading COVID-19, and we must all collectively increase our efforts at this time to keep the virus at bay and save lives.”

In addition to the self-quarantine ask, the travel advisories ask that individuals limit their immediate household interactions and limit travel to essential travel only. Essential travel is defined as travel for work and study, critical infrastructure, financial service and supply chains, immediate medical care, and safety and security.

### CHRISTMAS TREE PERMITS AVAILABLE FROM UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST

THE TIMES

PENDLETON, Ore.—Christmas tree permits for the Umatilla National Forest are available to purchase at Forest offices, several local businesses, and now online through [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov).

Last year, the Umatilla National Forest was one of 13 national forests that offered Christmas tree permits online through a pilot program. This year, all national forests are selling Christmas tree permits online as an alternative to in-person interactions.

Christmas tree permits purchased online must be printed to be valid and can only be used on Umatilla National Forest lands, as specified on the permit. Christmas tree permits cost \$5 each and are limited to one per household. An additional \$2.50 fee will be charged for permits purchased through Recreation.gov.

Traditional Christmas tree permits are still available through Umatilla National Forest offices and several local businesses. All Umatilla National Forest offices are still offering virtual services to the public. Individuals interested in purchasing a Christmas tree permit from the Forest office may call any National Forest office or send an email to [R6\\_umatilla\\_public\\_inquiries@fs.fed.us](mailto:R6_umatilla_public_inquiries@fs.fed.us). A Forest employee will assist individuals with procedures to receive the Christmas tree permit in the mail upon receipt of payment.

Traditional permits are valid on National Forest System lands only and do not authorize tree cutting on private, state, or other federally managed lands.

As part of the national Every Kid Outdoors initiative, all fourth and fifth graders are eligible for a free Christmas tree permit from their local National Forest. Students must present a valid paper voucher printed from the Every Kid Outdoors website for students to receive a free tree permit. Visit <https://everykidoutdoors.gov/> and follow instructions to obtain and print the paper voucher.

For more information about purchasing a permit and gathering a Christmas tree online, please visit <https://www.recreation.gov> and search for Umatilla National Forest.

For more information about the Christmas tree program on the Umatilla National Forest, please visit [www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla](http://www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla).

The following Washington state vendors offer traditional Christmas tree permits:

- Columbia Grain and Feed, Pasco
- The General Store, Dayton
- Farmers Exchange, Kennewick
- Hells Canyon NRA Office, Clarkston
- Pomeroy Foods, Pomeroy
- Schurman’s True Value, Clarkston
- Sportsman’s Warehouse, Kennewick
- Sportsman’s Warehouse, Walla Walla

#### Touchet Valley Weather

Nov. 18, 2020

#### Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Wednesday	Scattered Rain	53	37
Thursday	Isolated Rain	48	33
Friday	Partly Cloudy	49	31
Saturday	Partly Cloudy	48	32
Sunday	Mostly Cloudy	47	35
Monday	Scattered Rain	50	39
Tuesday	Mostly Cloudy	54	41

#### Weather Trivia

The National Weather Service is under what federal department?



Answer: The Department of Commerce.

#### Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	47	32	51/37	0.17"	0.50"
Wednesday	43	33	51/37	0.03"	0.69"
Thursday	47	30	50/36	0.00"	-0.19"
Friday	51	40	50/36	0.14"	42.6°
Saturday	47	38	49/36	0.10"	42.9°
Sunday	55	41	49/36	Trace	-0.3°
Monday	52	41	48/35	0.06"	

*Data as reported from Walla Walla*

#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:58 a.m.	4:17 p.m.	11:04 a.m.	7:34 p.m.
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	4:16 p.m.	11:54 a.m.	8:42 p.m.
Friday	7:01 a.m.	4:15 p.m.	12:34 p.m.	9:51 p.m.
Saturday	7:03 a.m.	4:14 p.m.	1:05 p.m.	10:59 p.m.
Sunday	7:04 a.m.	4:14 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	Next Day
Monday	7:05 a.m.	4:13 p.m.	1:51 p.m.	12:05 a.m.
Tuesday	7:06 a.m.	4:12 p.m.	2:11 p.m.	1:10 a.m.

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## Walla Walla Hospice to focus on Tree of Life campaign

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla Community Hospice (WWCH) has chosen to cancel their annual Evening of Elegance dinner and auction in February. Though this event has brought in record revenue for the non-profit agency in the past two years, it was a decision WWCH felt they had to make.

"Not only did we believe we would have lackluster results, but more importantly, we couldn't imagine burdening the generous small businesses for donations after the year they've experienced and the ambiguity of our economy moving forward," according to Outreach & Events Coordinator, Brad McMasters.

The WWCH will focus on their end-of-year fundraising campaign, the Tree of Life. In its 34th year, the event is an opportunity for individuals to pay tribute to a loved one with a small donation. For a \$10 donation, an individual's name to be remembered is printed on a decorative paper ornament and hung on the Tree of Life. The Marcus Whitman Hotel & Conference Center has generously offered their beautiful lobby for the tree this year. In past years, the tree was displayed in the Die Brucke building adjacent to Macy's.

The theme and design for this event change annually. This year, an image of a cabin was chosen for the paper ornaments, and etched glass ornaments available for \$25. WWCH thought it was an appropriate theme since this was the year we all had "cabin fever."

All fundraising efforts help support the work Hospice provides unrelated to patient care and not reimbursable through Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurances. These services include region-wide, cost-free grief support for all ages, Advance Directives workshops, and educational presentations.

With a need to replace the lost revenue from the annual auction, WWCH has created an advisory group to develop a planned giving program to be launched in the spring.

WWCH's mission is to offer compassionate care to their patients and support for their loved ones. WWCH serves Columbia, Walla Walla, and NE Umatilla counties.

To learn more about the Tree of Life, to pay tribute to a loved one, or to purchase this year's commemorative glass ornament, you may visit their website ([wwhospice.org](http://wwhospice.org)) or their Facebook event (@wallawallahospice). You may also email [info@wwhospice.org](mailto:info@wwhospice.org) or call (509) 525-5561.



Courtesy photo

To learn more about the Tree of Life, to pay tribute to a loved one, or to purchase this year's commemorative glass ornament, visit their website [wwhospice.org](http://wwhospice.org) or their Facebook event (@wallawallahospice).

## Believe! A Small-Town Celebration for Christmas

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Town That Still Believes still does, but because of the COVID-19 situation, things will look a little different this year.

Instead of the usual Christmas Kickoff over Thanksgiving weekend, Dayton Chamber Manager Molly Weatherill-Tate and her assistant Lauren Parsons have been working on plans for Believe! A Small-Town Celebration.

This year, the Dayton Chamber will not be able to hold the indoor Festival of Trees; however, they are offering local businesses the loan of one of the fifteen trees to decorate their storefronts. The trees are on a first-come, first-serve basis by calling the Chamber office. If there is enough interest, the Chamber will promote a Festival of Trees Walking Tour.

The community Christmas tree will go up outside of Elk Drug on Nov. 18. Dayton elementary students will make the decorations, which will be hung by Dayton's own Doug Hines of Pacific Power, Inc.

The Lighted Parade, the day after Thanksgiving, is a "no go" this year. Instead, there will be a Lighted Christmas Cruise, much like the All Wheels Weekend Cruise, in June. Staging will be at the High School Sports Complex on Cottonwood St. at 5:30 p.m. with the cruise at 6 p.m. There's no need to pre-register to join in.

Be sure to look for the online Holiday Marketplace at the Dayton Chamber website. Weatherill-Tate said many businesses and organizations are participating, and each will have their specialty items for sale at this one-stop shopping venue.

Yes, Virginia, there will be fireworks! Look up, from wherever you are, on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 6 p.m. and see the skies lit up in a salute to Christmas fun.

Check the Dayton Chamber website at [historicdayton.com](http://historicdayton.com) for more Christmas fun activities such as the Ugly Sweater Dash and Take and Make kits at the library. The Dayton Chamber can be reached by phone at (509) 382-4825.



Beka Compton, 2019

The Lighted Parade is now the Lighted Christmas Cruise. Instead of lining up to watch a parade, light up your cart and join in the cruise. It is sure to be a warmer!

## Community Calendar

### Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

#### Waitsburg City Council:

Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Call-in information available at [www.cityofwaitsburg.com/government-1](http://www.cityofwaitsburg.com/government-1)

#### Waitsburg School Board:

Third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. Zoom meeting information is available at <https://www.waitsburgsd.org/o/waitsburg-school-district/page/school-board--272>

#### Waitsburg Celebration Days:

Third Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

#### Walla Walla County Commissioners

Every Monday and Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. Call-in information is available at [https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020\\_agendas.php](https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020_agendas.php)

### Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

#### Board of Columbia County Commissioners

First and second Monday of each month at 9 a.m. Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

#### Dayton City Council

Second Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. Call-in information available at <https://www.daytonwa.com/54-inside-city-hall/city-council>

#### Dayton School Board

Third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. Zoom call information can be found at <https://www.daytonsd.org/page/school-board>

### Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

Fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

### Coalition for Youth & Families

Fourth Wednesday monthly at 3 p.m. <https://coalitionforyouthandfamilies.org/get-involved>

### Columbia County Rural Library District Special Meeting—Budget workshop

November 10 at 6 p.m. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

### DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

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

#### Thursday, November 19

Beef stroganoff  
Zucchini  
Spinach salad  
Roll  
Pudding, Juice, Milk

#### Tuesday, November 24

Spaghetti  
Mixed veggies, Salad  
Garlic bread  
Fruit Jell-O, Milk

### WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

504 Main Street  
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

#### Tuesday, November 24

Spaghetti & meat sauce  
Italian blend veggies  
Pea salad  
Garlic bread  
Fruit Jell-o

### WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### Thursday, November 19

B: Breakfast sandwich  
L: Chicken Sandwich  
Grapes  
Cucumbers

#### Friday, November 20

B: Biscuit & gravy  
L: Turkey gravy  
Mashed potatoes  
Roll  
Apple slices  
Pumpkin pie

#### Monday, November 23

B: Breakfast pastries  
L: Tomato soup  
Grilled cheese sandwich  
Cucumbers  
Peaches

#### Tuesday, November 24

B: Eggs, sausage, potatoes  
L: Corn dog  
BBQ beans  
Apple slices

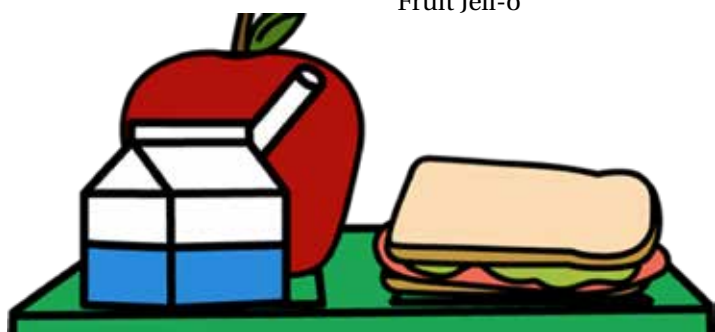
#### Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving

#### Friday, November 27

No School

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



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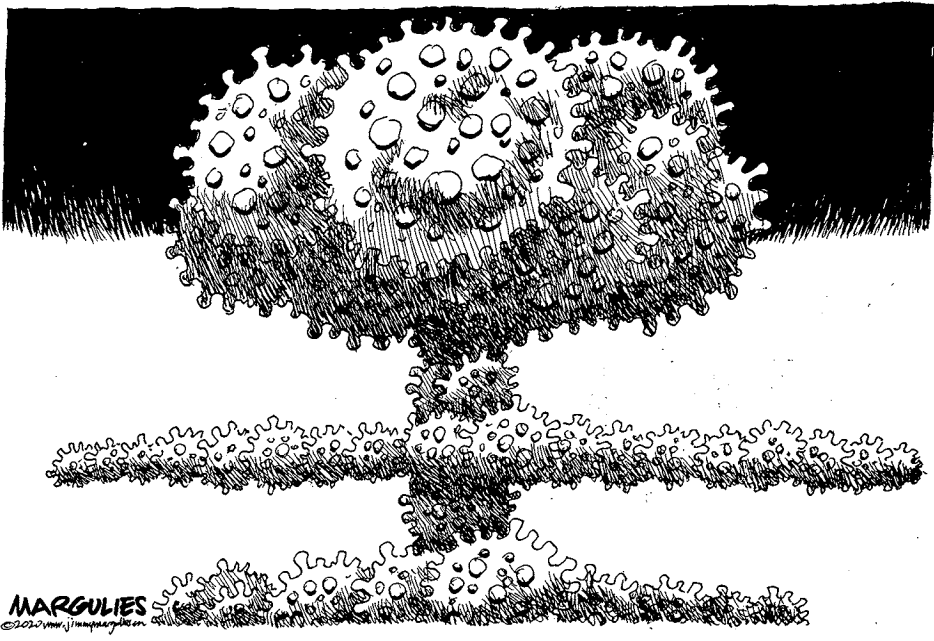
**Waitsburg Presbyterian Church**  
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Worship 11 a.m.  
337-6589  
Pastor Stan Hughes

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

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



## Message from Waitsburg City Hall

*With rising positive cases in the City of Waitsburg, the City would like to remind all citizens to stay home unless the travel is essential, wear your mask and maintain social distancing whenever possible.*

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Courtesy photo

Lowden James Henze and Pierce Bradley Henze

Dane and Jillian Henze of Waitsburg announce the birth of their sons Lowden James Henze and Pierce Bradley Henze, born Sept. 9, 2020. The twin boys were born at Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland, Wash. Lowden James weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces, and measured 19 inches in length. Pierce Bradley weighed 4 pounds, 14 ounces, and measured 18 inches in length. The twins join big sister Kennedy Mae Henze, age 3. Grandparents are Dan and Diane Henze, Nicholas and Jan Kovach, and Paul Beaudry.

### WWCSO

#### November 11

A man was arrested for stealing a cell phone, driver's license, and two credit cards. Waitsburg

#### November 12

Suspect(s) entered a storage unit that was inadvertently left unlocked. Misc. items stolen. Burbank  
Adult male was bitten on the leg by a dog while looking for an address. Walla Walla County

#### November 14

Theft of a cell phone reported. Dixie

## Traffic Safety Commission kicks off 'Seatbelt Holdouts' campaign

### THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—The Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) has announced a new campaign targeting a small group of drivers: Those who refuse to wear seatbelts.

The campaign began on social media, on the radio, and at select locations on November 16, 2020.

"Washington has a success story to tell when it comes to seat belts," says Shelly Baldwin, WTSC legislative and media director. "More than 93 percent of Washingtonians buckle up. Most of us know that wearing a seat belt improves your chances of surviving a crash by 45 percent. But despite our high seat belt use rate, 20 percent of people who died on Washington's roads last year were not wearing their seat belts. That's too many. And we can do something about it."

Of that 20 percent, 69 percent of unrestrained fatality victims were young males. The most common age range was 21-25 years old, followed closely by the 36-40 years old range. The new campaign is primarily targeting male drivers, who WTSC are calling 'seatbelt holdouts.'

Washington Traffic Safety Commission will be running their message on a range of social media plat-



forms, including Snapchat, Instagram, YouTube, and Hulu. The videos feature an array of people asking you to be safer and sharing their reasons for buckling up and being safe. Using influential figures, like an artist or a mother of a teenage son, the videos hope to strike emotional chords with viewers.

"The ads appeal to our shared desire for safety," Baldwin said. "Just as we practice physical distancing, wear masks, and wash our hands frequently, we wear seat belts because safety matters. At this time, when we are focused on keeping each other safe, it's the perfect time to remind everyone that safety also means buckling up."

Baldwin offered three steps you can take as a passenger, parent, or friend to encourage drivers to buckle up.

- Model- always wear your seatbelt
- Discuss- speak with family members, especially young drivers, about the importance of seatbelt use
- Advocate- say something when you see someone without a seatbelt

"Safety matters to Washingtonians," said Baldwin. "That's what gives us hope that we can reach those not buckling up now. The new ad campaign shares that hope, and we invite everyone to encourage seat belt safety with the people they care about."

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have filled.

Work on policy recommendations with Walla Walla, Waitsburg, and College Place for the Regional Housing Action Plan, is underway.

Hayes said she would provide an update on affordable housing at the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy meeting in Dec.

Hayes said accolades go to the Port's Executive Director Jennie Dickinson for administering CARES Act grant funds received from the City to help city businesses. The grant committee has approved another round of grants.

The Planning Department has received permits for the dental clinic's construction planned for the Dayton General Hospital campus. Hayes has scheduled a pre-application meeting with the contractor for assisted living housing units located on the Dayton General Hospital campus.

The Dayton City Council considered and adopted the following:

Resolution No. 1445, authorizing a 1-percent increase in the property tax levy for the fiscal year 2021, in the amount of \$4,260.00.

Resolution No. 1446, authorizing the CR (2) an agreement between the City and County pertaining to Law Enforcement, Dispatch, and District Court Services.

### BIRTHDAYS

**November 19:** Carrie Mae Higgins, Jamie Leid, Starlit Crawford, Zachary Alexenko.

**November 20:** Lyle Harshman, Lorianne Donovan.

**November 21:** Stacia Deal, Colleen Berry, Buster Katsel, Dana Simmons.

**November 22:** Betsy Harkins, Connie Creswell, Tanya Vargas.

**November 23:** Miles Reese, Bill Johnson, Robbie Johnson, Cecile Carpenter, Heather O'Brien, Jennifer Wheeler, Alice Clifton, Jean Lawrence.

**November 24:** Orville Branson, Clay Lindsey, Betsy Beck, Lisa Gosney, Brian Newbury, Melissa DeCoria.

**November 25:** Brandon Leroue, Kelly Maib, Lucas Olona, Jody Lehr, Carey Demaris, Tyler Green.



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## Third wave of COVID-19 brings new state restrictions

*Health officials joined Governor Inslee as he addressed the soaring rates of COVID-19 in Washington State*

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Governor Jay Inslee announced a new wave of restrictions last weekend, amidst the third wave of COVID-19 in Washington.

“Today, November 15, 2020, I have to report to Washingtonians, is the most dangerous public health day in over 100 years of our state’s great history,” Gov. Inslee began his Sunday-morning release. “It is troublesome that I have to report that there is a pandemic raging across our state.”

COVID-19 cases have more than doubled over the past two weeks across the state, according to State Health Officer Dr. Kathy Lofa. More than 2,000 new cases are being reported daily and Dr. Lofa warns that at this rate, cases will hit 4,000 per day within two weeks.

Governor Inslee announced that childcare, K-12 education, and higher education are exempt from the new restriction. School districts can still hold in-person instruction as long as they continue to implement COVID-19 preventative measures. The new restrictions do not apply to the courts and court-related proceedings.

Cases in Washington have soared recently, with the daily positive test rate more than doubling over the past two weeks.

Starting Monday, November 16, indoor social gatherings should be limited to household members unless guests from outside self-quarantine before the event. Guests can quarantine for 14 days before the gathering or seven days after receiving a negative COVID-19 test no more than 48 hours before the event. Indoor gatherings have been a major driving factor of COVID-19 spikes across the state. Outdoor social gatherings are limited to five people from outside of your home.

Long-term Care Facilities are allowed for outdoor visits only. Exceptions can be made for one essential support person per patient and end-of-life care.

Restaurants and bars are closed for indoor dining services, with outdoor dining limited to five people per table. To-go service is still permitted. Restaurant restrictions began at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, November 18.

In-store retail, grocery stores, and personal services are limited to 25% of occupancy, and businesses must close any congregate areas.

Religious services, weddings, and funerals are limited to 25% occupancy or 200 people, whichever is less. Choir, band, and ensemble performances are prohibited, as is congregational singing. Face coverings are required at all times during services.

Fitness centers and gyms are closed for indoor service. Outdoor fitness classes may continue and are subject to outdoor gathering restrictions- limiting groups to five or less. Entertainment facilities, including movie theaters, aquariums, museums, and zoos, will be closed for indoor services.

“This is absolutely the right time to take action,” said Dr. George Diaz, infectious disease physician at Providence Regional Medical Center in Everett. “It will save the lives of many Washingtonians, provide relief to our most precious resources, which are our front-line healthcare workers, and allow us to continue to provide the full array of medical and surgical care that our state needs.”

The Governor’s new restrictions went into effect on Monday, November 16, and Wednesday, November 18 and will remain in effect until December 14.

## OBITUARY

### Betty Lou Hofer

On the morning of November 13, 2020, Betty Lou Hofer of Waitsburg, WA was embraced by the arms of her Savior at the age of 78.

Betty was born to Miles and Margaret Collingwood in 1941. She was a lifelong resident of Waitsburg, WA. Betty married Terry Hofer in June 1983. Betty is survived by her husband of 37 years Terry Hofer, 4 children, Winton & Karen Lytle of Edgewood, TX, Angela & Dan Wickstrom of Maple Valley, WA, Marne Henderson of Olympia, WA, and Jessica & Mike Parnell of Richland, WA. Along with 12 grand-children & 17 great grand-children. She was preceded in death by her son, Lenny Lytle; her parents Miles & Margaret, brother Richard Collingwood, and sister Joanne Hamburg.



Betty spent her life devoted to her children, her grandchildren and loving people. From the time Terry and Betty’s paths crossed they were inseparable. She had many jobs over her life. Her first job as a teenager was working for Ed and Gloria Lawrence, while she had many jobs throughout her life, her last job before fully retiring was caring for Ed and Gloria at the end of their days. One job she greatly enjoyed was working with Waitsburg Schools as a teacher’s aide. Betty was able to make a lasting impact on many children who came through her classrooms. A lot of former students remained in contact with her and her family. She had a strong faith in Jesus Christ, deep love for her family, and a passion for people. Hobbies she enjoyed were spending time at the beach, knitting, fishing and feeding the horses in Oregon. With a smile that was known for lighting up the room, Betty never met a stranger, making everyone who crossed her path feel welcome. She was known for having an open door and a fresh hot pot of coffee for any visitors.

Betty was involved in Eastern Star, Rainbow for Girls, Days of Real Sport Queen’s Luncheon, and countless volunteer hours for all of her children and grandchildren’s activities. For 6 years Betty and Terry were partners with friends of Classic Auction in Waitsburg. It brought her joy to be Terry’s biggest supporter and helper.

There will be a private ceremony for immediate family. When the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted there will be a celebration of life for family and friends in Waitsburg. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the following: Young Life (online giving.younglife.org search for Marne Henderson, Greater Olympia Young Life, then select tribute to Betty Hofer), American Cancer Society, National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, or Dementia Society of America.

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PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
(RCW 11.40.030)  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: PAUL RANSOM, Deceased.

The Personal Representative/Administrator 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: November 5, 2020  
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Court of probate proceedings and cause number:

Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No. 20-4-00205-36  
The Times  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

NO: 20-4-00213-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030  
In re the Estate of: BARBARA L. VORIES, Deceased.

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The Times  
November 5, 12, 19, 2020 11-5-h

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

No.: 20-4-00078-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(RCW 11.40.030)  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ROBERT A. BAUMANN, Deceased.

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Court of probate proceedings and cause number:  
Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No. 20-4-00078-36  
The Times  
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA  
NO: 20-4-00217-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030  
In re the Estate of: SCOTT J. KNUTSON, Deceased.

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### Notice of Change of Meeting Date

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

NO: 20-4-00221-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030  
In re the Estate of: BILLY JACK GUINN, Deceased.

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### STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF WILLIAMS IN DISTRICT COURT NORTHWEST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CIVIL NO. 53-2020-DM-00284

SUMMONS  
Travis Joslin, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Leslie Brown, Defendant.  
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[&2] NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

[&3] Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the North Dakota Rules of Court, upon service of this summons, each party is bound by the following:

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Dated this 7th day of October, 2020.

/s/ Alexander S. Kelsch  
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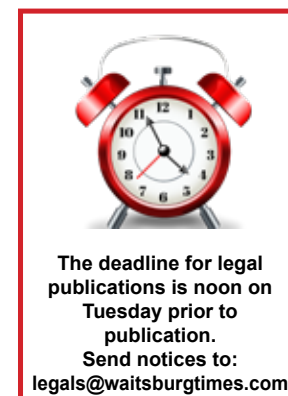
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GIVEN that a final public hearing will be held on **Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**, or soon thereafter, at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Dayton to review and receive public input on the City of Dayton 2021 Final Budget. Said public hearing shall

be held via ZOOM® and the ZOOM meeting information will be available online at <http://www.daytonwa.com/inside-city-hall/city-council/agendas-minutes/134-2020/agendas> not later than 3:00 p.m., November 30, 2020.

Written testimony/comments shall be read into the record at the public hearing and can be submitted to the City of Dayton no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2020. All testimony/comments shall be submitted to/at City of Dayton, 111 S. 1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328 or by email to [info@daytonwa.com](mailto:info@daytonwa.com).

The 2021 City of Dayton Final Budget is available on the City of Dayton's website at <https://www.daytonwa.com/inside-city-hall/city-council/city-budget-2>. A paper or electronic copy of the budget may be obtained by submitting a request via [info@daytonwa.com](mailto:info@daytonwa.com), by mail or in person at 111 S. 1st Street or by telephone at 509.382.2361.  
City of Dayton  
By: Trina Cole, City Administrator  
The Times  
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# Every shot not taken: Juno Kerr

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

When Juniper Kerr was in middle school, her basketball coach kept saying, “Every shot not taken is a shot missed.” It stuck with her. But it’s not just about basketball now; it’s about life and her love of taking pictures. I’ve been noticing her stuff and wanted to sit down and chat with her. I’m glad I did.

First, she started very young. “When I was four years old, my mom helped me start my first business selling my pictures on cards at the Bellingham Farmer’s Market,” she said. And she never stopped. “I probably spend a couple hours a day just watching things around me. I see something, frame it in my head, and make my camera take that picture for me. I like capturing that moment that will never happen again and sharing my view of the world.”

So far, Kerr’s view of the world involves perspectives from the ground, landscapes, water, and creative selfies. When she sees an unusual sky, she wants to make it look amazing.

Juniper—everyone calls her “Juno”—is a high school senior this year. She’s finishing online while also enrolled in a welding and manufacturing course at SEATEch (Southeast Area Technical Skills Center) in Walla Walla. It’s a skill she enjoys and can parlay down the road into a marketable trade. Of course, welding comes in handy for creative endeavors. For Dayton’s 2019 All Wheels Weekend, Kerr crafted six prize trophies out of auto parts. It took her two months.

“Jay (Ball, owner of Jay’s Garage in Dayton) let me salvage parts out of cars. I just had to clean them and put them together.”

She enjoys learning more about photography, as well. She’s taking a photography class through Walla Walla High School and has enjoyed the mentorship of Dayton photographer Scott Kirk.

“He’s been really great,” she said. “He’s taught me a lot.” She admires the work of other photo artists in the valley as well.

What photographic gear does she use? She uses her iPhone. That’s all she needs, for now, and has received much praise for her photography. She keeps an album on her Facebook page and her Instagram account, @iphone\_images1.

“I’ve had a few people judge me because I don’t have fancy gear,” she said, remarking on the cost of equipment. “People don’t necessarily respect you because you use a phone.”

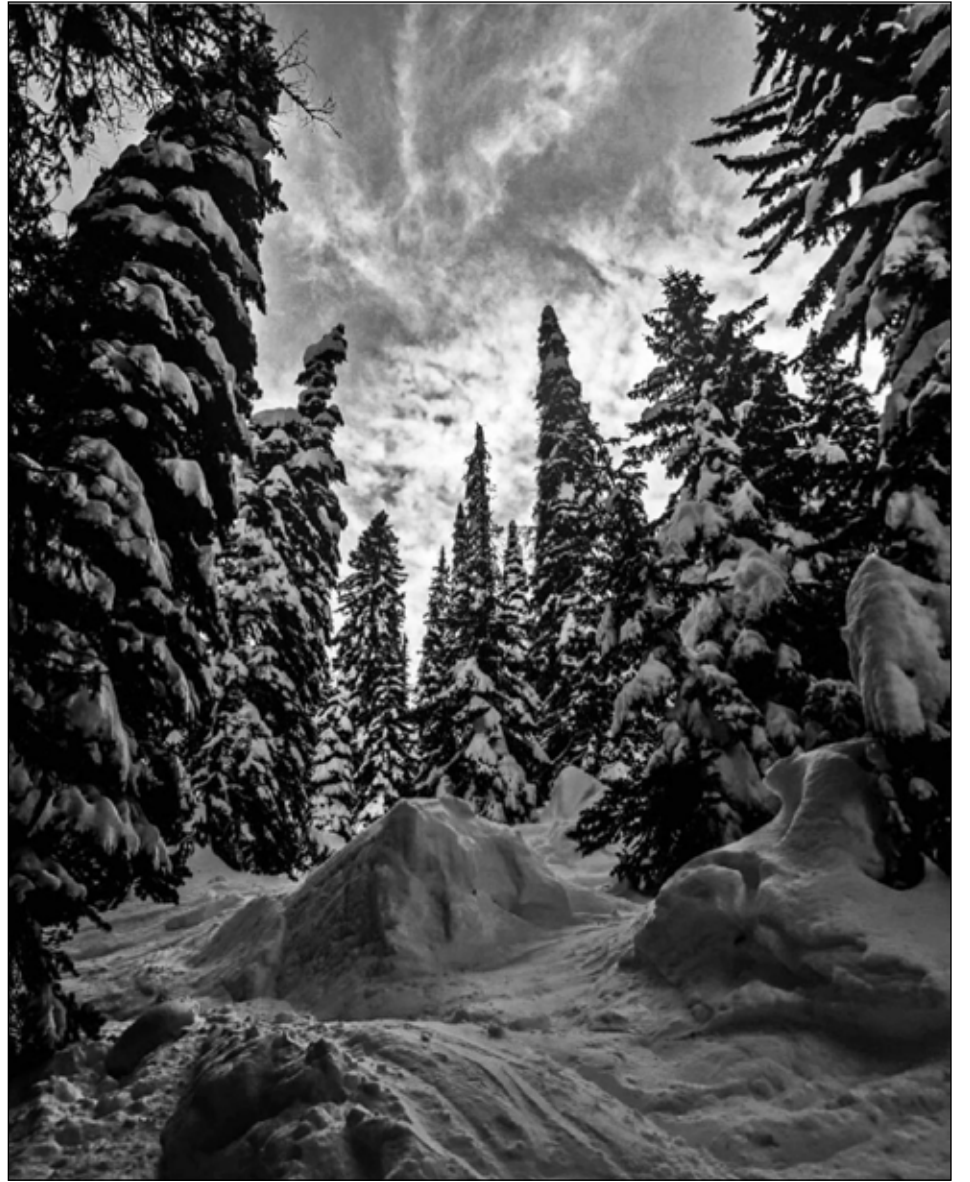
Not true in the Touchet Valley, it seems. An iPhone is serving just fine. I asked Kerr what her favorite color was, her answer; black. Why?

“I don’t know, you wear it, and you feel tough, like, strong. All my clothes are black or grey.” Sure enough, she was wearing a grey shirt the day I chatted with her. “And I like editing or touching up photos toward the darker end of things, instead of real bright stuff.”

Her favorite editing apps? “I like Photoshop Fix a lot,” she said. “I also use Tezza, Adobe Lightroom, and 1967, which is basically an app for making things look old.” (This is humbling as I was born in 1962.) All of these apps are available for iOS and Android.

Her plans after high school? “I’m definitely not staying around Dayton,” Kerr says with a laugh. “I love to travel. We had an exchange student from Thailand who’s like my best friend. I want to see her. Then Greece. Then I want to ski in Switzerland.”

How far has she traveled in the U.S.? “Well, I have 29 states down so far. I want to see all of them.” No doubt, she’ll have hundreds of photos to show for her adventures. Quite



Juniper Kerr

Photographer Juniper “Juno” Kerr shares her work through Instagram handle, @iphone\_images1.

photogenic herself, she’ll find a way to rock the selfie in Thailand, where she hopes to sink amazing shots at Yi Peng - the annual Lantern Festival, which takes place on October 31 and November 1. And she wants to start selling postcard-sized prints again.

Just go to Kerr’s Facebook page to get updates and to see new uploaded shots. Under Kerr’s profile photo, you’ll see those words from her middle school coach: “Every shot not taken is a shot missed.”

# It’s a colorful life

Painting with Martha Mason

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

At this point in history, color theory has established a well-documented dialogue. Various studies of human psychology note that the color yellow may elicit feelings of comfort, while red tends to make people hungry or impulsive. Marketing experts refer to the pairing of red and yellow as the Ketchup and Mustard Theory. Green and earthy tones are sometimes used to convey a message of healthiness and environmental responsibility.

One might feel moody looking at the ocean’s deep blues or soothed by the clear blues in the sky. How does one decide how much blue to imbue? The visual artist must capture and convey the human condition, ideas, emotion, and movement using whatever means available or necessary.

For artist Martha Mason, not only individual colors but their relationships with one another make the difference. When it comes to color, her cup runneth over. She uses the long side of pastels or Conte crayons to lay in fields of color before adding finer details to create mixed media works of art.

Mason, a skilled portrait artist with a characteristic blend of abstraction, is colorfully adorned head to toe—literally. Her hair may have pink tints, her fingernails in alternating colors of yellow and red—the specific shades of each color mirror Mason’s mood of comfort and impulse.

Mason is currently using her skills to paint the Good Shepherd, a large-scale composition commissioned by Andreas Beccai for the Walla Walla University Church to replace the previous baptistery roundel done in the 2000s.

The shepherd stands amongst his flock, set in a rural African landscape. The figure emerges from a black background as the forms are beginning to take shape. The project isn’t anywhere near completion yet. At over 8 feet in diameter, the painting process has become a bit of a dance and will take time.

Work began with the reference image of a Massai shepherd. Mason created thumbnail sketches of the idea before moving to the canvas.

Black gesso, an acrylic primer, was layered to tighten and reinforce the weave of the canvas in preparation for the paint. Mason then laid out the painting’s elements in a gesture drawing. Once her colors are chosen and mixed, it will be time to refine the image.

“I’m an abstract expressionist at heart; the subject is incidental,” says Mason on the majority of her work. “I love cubism and when figures are kind of angular. This will have some of those qualities.”

Mason demonstrates mastery in the mixing and blending of color as a means of expressing emotion, movement, or both. The flock’s blurred grey tones could be indicative of a frenzied motion or distance. Following Mason’s example, one must play in color. A splash here and there couldn’t hurt.

“I love the idea of a yellow sky and in the desert, and it’s probably more common at the edge of the day. I might add some gold, the byzantine look,” Mason muses, “I can’t resist.”

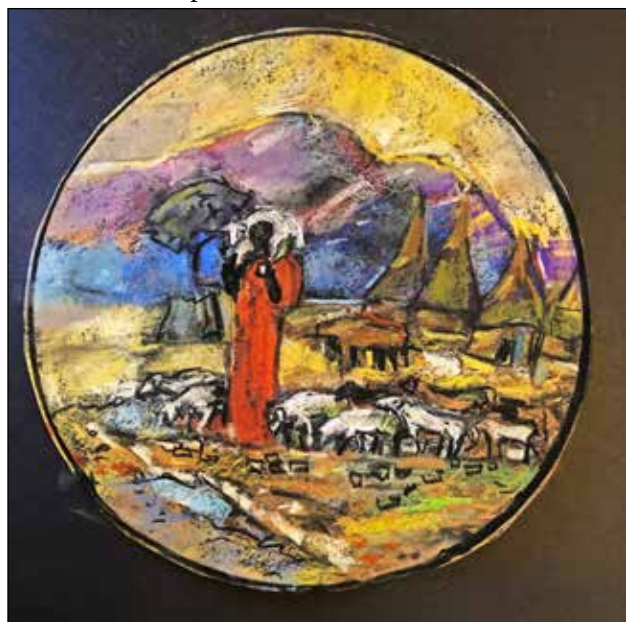
When beginning from a dark foundation, “you have to really pull it up to get the colors to stand out,” Mason says, “but that’ll make it more interesting and give it more depth.”

Martha Mason grew up in a small town in southern California. She studied art at UCLA and the University of Illinois in Urbana, where she earned a BFA in painting in 1970 and an MFA in painting in 1975. Mason has taught art at the University of Illinois, University of Wyoming, Weimar College and Academy, Walla Walla University, and Walla Walla Community College. Though she is no longer teaching formally, her devotion to art and joy of life inspires everyone lucky enough to know her and her art.



Brianna Wray

Martha Mason, a former Dayton resident, currently resides in Walla Walla.



Martha Mason

Left to right: Mason’s thumbnail sketch is a smaller scale version that allows the artist to figure out elements of the composition. Black gesso is the base layer for this work. Though not complete, the project is beginning to take shape as the figures gain clarity in this gesture drawing.

# NEWS & SPORTS

## Inside the matchup Seahawks vs. Cardinals

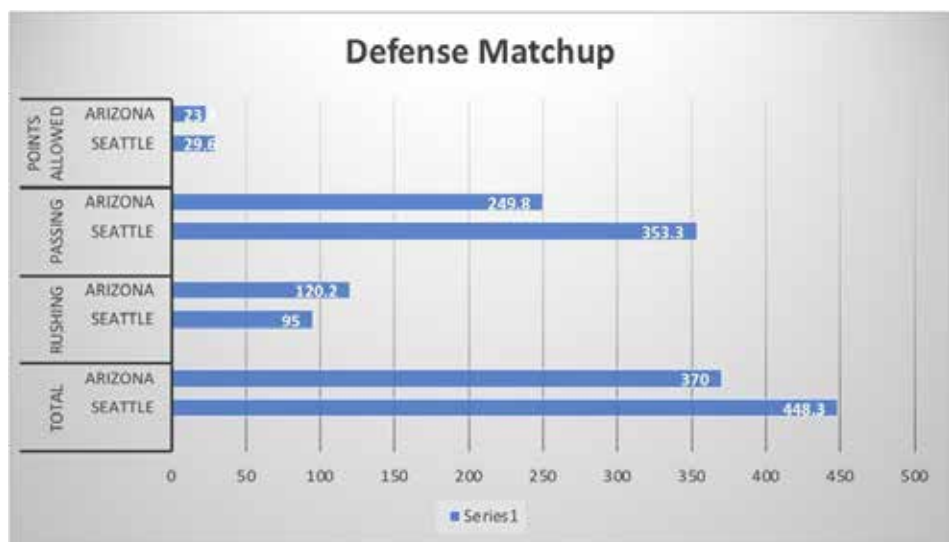
By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

What a difference a few weeks can make. The last time these teams met, Seattle was 5-0 and on top of the NFC West division. The Seahawks have gone 1-3 since, including the overtime loss to Arizona, and find themselves in a three-way tie with the Cardinals and Rams with a 6-3 record. Since Seattle has lost to both these teams, they currently would not hold the tie-breaker to determine a division title or wild-card spot. A loss in this game would start to complicate Seattle's post-season ambitions.

Kyler Murray has continued his MVP caliber season for Arizona. To say the offense revolves around him is not an understatement. In addition to his passing touchdowns, he also has ten rushing touchdowns, which puts him second in the NFL in that category. To put that in perspective, Cam Newton holds the record for touchdowns by an NFL quarterback in a season with fourteen in 2011. Before Newton, Steve Grogan had the previous record with 12 touchdowns back in 1976 as a member of the New England Patriots. Murray is also eighth in the NFL in rushing yards with 604. That's only eight yards fewer than Arizona's running back Kenyan Drake, and Murray has put up those numbers with forty-eight fewer attempts than Drake.

DeAndre Hopkins hasn't slowed down since Seattle last saw him. Hopkins is second in the league in receiving yards per game with 95.7. Hopkins is also second in the league in total yards with 861. The Cardinals are now up to six players with at least one receiving touchdown this season. Christian Kirk, the forty-seventh overall draft pick in 2018, leads the Cardinals with six receiving touchdowns this year.

The good news is Seattle's schedule is very favorable for the next four weeks. After this game, Seattle's next four opponents are the Eagles, Giants, Jets, and the team formerly known as the Redskins, aka Washington. None of these teams have a winning record, and the Jets haven't won a game this year. The combined record of these four currently stands at 8-28-1.



### NFL WEEK ELEVEN GAMES AND PICKS

Day	Time	Station	Away	Home	Pick
Thu	5:20PM	FOX/NFL	Arizona	Seattle	Seattle
Sun	10:00AM	FOX	Philadelphia	Cleveland	Cleveland
	10:00AM	FOX	Atlanta	New Orleans	Atlanta
	10:00AM	CBS	Cincinnati	Washington	Washington
	10:00AM	FOX	Detroit	Carolina	Carolina
	10:00AM	CBS	Pittsburgh	Jacksonville	Pittsburgh
	10:00AM	CBS	Tennessee	Baltimore	Baltimore
	10:00AM	CBS	New England	Houston	Houston
	1:05PM	CBS	Miami	Denver	Miami
	1:05PM	CBS	New York Jets	Los Angeles Chargers	Los Angeles Chargers
	1:25PM	FOX	Green Bay	Indianapolis	Green Bay
	1:25PM	FOX	Dallas	Minnesota	Minnesota
	5:20PM	NBC	Kansas City	Las Vegas	Kansas City
Mon	5:15PM	ESPN	Los Angeles Rams	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay

Several players for the Seahawks are listed as questionable for Thursday's game; they are Carlos Hyde RB, Chris Carson RB, Ethan Pocic G, Quinton Dunbar CB, Shaquill Griffin CB, Benson Mayowa DE, Tyler Lockett WR, Greg Olsen TE, Travis Homer RB, KJ Wright LB, Nikon Thorpe CB, and Kyle Fuller C.



## USACE awards 1.5 million dollar contract for levee repair

*Northbank Civil and Marine set to begin levee repairs in Waitsburg*

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The U.S Army Corps of Engineers' Walla Walla District has awarded a \$1.5 million contract to Northbank Civil and Marine, Inc. for levee repairs along the Touchet River in Waitsburg.

Northbank Civil and Marine is a Vancouver, WA based company with a primary focus on marine, heavy civil, and industrial construction. Established in 2014, Northbank Civil and Marine has assembled a team that specializes in projects like dam and navigational locks rehabilitation, hydro-electric related projects, fish passage enhancement, and bridge construction. The company is licensed in five western states- Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, and Montana.

The Waitsburg Levee begins on the Touchet River's left bank upstream from the Preston Avenue (Highway 12) Bridge and extends throughout the city, ending near the waste treatment plant. The

levee's upstream section was built by the Works Progress Administration and was rebuilt in 1951 by the USACE. The USACE also constructed the downstream portion in 1951.

In February 2020, a near-record flood event swept through Columbia County and the City of Waitsburg. Six sites, totaling approximately 2,585 feet in length, were identified by a post-flood inspection team as having significant erosion damage through the Waitsburg Levee.

City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe said that a significant amount of the damage occurred in the river section that runs along Willard Street. An estimated 12-15 feet of the bank was washed away by fast-moving floodwaters early this year below the property owned by Jim Wilson.

Planned repairs include reestablishing riverside slopes where erosion has taken place by grading slopes, placing erosion control features along the slopes, and installing slope support controls. A levee support structure extension will also be completed to help reinforce the upstream portion of the levee.

Current levee conditions only offer a 10-year level of flood protection. Once repairs are completed, the levee will provide a 100-year level of protection. "This project is a result of the federal disaster

declaration that coincides with flood levee rehabilitation funding," Hinchliffe said. "The USACE is the project lead with the City providing local match through material from our rock quarry up Whiskey Creek."



Beka Compton

A section of the Touchet River, near Willard Street in Waitsburg, that sustained significant damage during the February 2020 floods. After months of damage studies slowed by COVID-19, levee repairs began earlier this week.

## Stocking Stuffer Sale happening at Ski Bluewood

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The annual Stocking Stuffer Sale is going on now at Ski Bluewood. Grab a discounted three pack of Ski Bluewood lift tickets for the 2020-21 ski season. Lift tickets make great gifts for the skier or snowboarder in the family.

Adult ticket bundles are being offered for \$140, and Senior/Student bundles are \$115. Prices include sales tax.

There is a limited supply of ticket packages, and the sale will end once the last package is sold. To order, visit [www.bluewood.com](http://www.bluewood.com). All ticket bundles will be mailed to your billing address. If the delivery address is different than the billing address, call the main office at (509) 382-4725

Want to stay up-to-date on Ski Bluewood sales, slope conditions and more? Join the text club by texting "BLUEWOOD" to 33222.





## Los Angeles; City of discovery

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

We returned from our brief trip to Los Angeles, and although I am glad to be home, I did discover that there are still some things I miss. Los Angeles is one of those places where people can go to reinvent themselves, hideout, wait to be discovered for a starring role in a blockbuster feature film, or like me; rediscover some of the things I miss. First on my list, of course, my friends, then sushi and outdoor tennis year-round, but I rediscovered other aspects of the city that I miss as well.

First and most surprisingly, I miss freeways, which are ugly, slightly claustrophobic with their unsightly brick sound walls, sporting spindly trees, and sad views of apartment houses and littered with strip malls lining every inch. However, in the current pandemic, they have become efficient since so many Angelenos are working from home. We were able to go from “the valley” to the city’s “west-side” for a late breakfast at a trendy restaurant. Then a quick ride downtown to check out what’s happening at Grand Central Market, stop for a cocktail at an outdoor restaurant and drive back to our hotel without sitting frustrated for hours in all-day rush hour traffic.

As efficient as Los Angeles freeways are, I do enjoy driving on roads through the wide-open wheat fields with the challenges of not hitting a deer in the fog or sliding on icy roads, all while seeing the stars at night, without the haze and blazing city lights to distract from the view.

Something else I rediscovered was that I miss the diversity of food. I was born and raised in New York, spent a few years in Tucson, and moved to Los Angeles. I consider myself lucky to have lived in two of the most diverse cities in our country, with access to a variety of cultures and food. I miss the choices of ethnic foods available in Los Angeles. Even though the restaurants are closed for dine-in ser-



vice now, a robust variety of ethnic food is available to be delivered to your door (or hotel).

Of course, that doesn’t mean we took advantage of those; it’s just comforting to know they’re there. Maybe next trip we will have more time and energy to organize some better meals. We had two good meals. The rest were hotel bar (barf) food in our room, the hotel’s Starbucks, or airport food. My stomach is still trying to recover. Another discovery; the aging stomach makes “bar, airport and junk food” not the easiest to digest.

I recently overheard (nosy me) someone remark that he was happy to be home from a trip he had made and how good it was to sleep in his own bed. Contrary to his experience, Daniel and I made another important discovery that after three nights sleeping in the hotel’s roomy king size bed, we were hooked. We are now revamping our upstairs bedroom to change the bed from a queen to a king size. Of course, that means a new mattress, mattress pad, sheets, blankets, the works. And of course, what could be the irony of all of this, is that Mugsy will probably just find the center of the bed, stretch out horizontally between us, and we will both wake up clinging to opposite edges of the bed, just as we did in the queen size.

Discovery may be a double-edged sword. The warm weather in Los Angeles was enticing, but I came home to raking leaves, dodging deer, and cold, rainy weather. I discovered I like the latter better!

## Combine Art Collective and the gift of art

Seven guest artists share their work for November and December

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—In addition to its roster of 18 membership artists, Combine Art Collective (CAC) has assembled a septet of guest artists for their annual holiday showcase. The *Guest Artists Times Seven* exhibit features seven artists who present ethereal works in various textures, shapes, and sizes.

Jeweler Anne Lindsay returns with a new collection. Along the lines of jewelry, Sandra Simonson creates geological masterpieces from plain stones made to shine with their unique presentation.

Needle felting is the art of forming wool into different shapes using short, stabbing motions with a special barbed needle. CAC has curated two felt art styles to compare. Kathryn Barron manipulates the medium into vessels while Margaret Jamison makes ornament sized felt animals. Between these two styles, environment and populace play off each other.

The work of Walla Walla University professors Steve Miller and Matthew Pierce is also on display. Miller is known for his handmade porcelain and stoneware bowls and vessels. Pierce is a classically trained oil painter who portrays contemporary subjects.

Whitman’s Sheehan Gallery director and artist, Daniel Forbes, who has curated shows for the CAC gallery in the past, shares his handmade sculptures. A range of work from wooden and wall-hanging to

bronze and free-standing, each shares a familiar sense of lean limbs.

If two is a pair and three is a crowd, seven is a trove of treasure to behold, just in time for seasonal shopping.

Combine Art Collective is located at 130 E. Rose St. and is open Thursdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Photos by Brianna Wray

Clockwise from above: Artist Kathryn Barron Felted Vessels.

Needle felted sheep by Margaret Jamison. J&S Glassworks small fused glass Christmas trees & applewood stands.



## The Cookie Chronicles

### Chapter 22—Cats versus dogs

The Cheshire Cat explains the differences

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

It’s a wet and windy afternoon in early November. I’m sprawled out on the sofa, and between my legs is a small blonde dog, flat on her back, legs up, ball in mouth, sound asleep. It occurs to me that this sort of blissed-out relaxation is one of the many things that dogs do differently than cats. Cats like to stretch, yawn, spread out, and chill, but at all times, they look poised, elegant, even regal. Dogs, on the other hand, look like they’ve just come home from an especially good kegger.

It’s commonly said that there are people who prefer cats and those who prefer dogs, but just as often, there are those who, like me, have enjoyed the companionship of both species. Cats have been my choice throughout much of life, mostly because they seemed more manageable. Cats are reliably independent. Dogs are clingers. A cat may mark you as their territory, but a dog wants you to be their best friend for life.

Those differences impact virtually every choice an owner makes. When I was working regular hours in an office in Seattle, I’d leave the cats to amuse themselves for the day, with the option to stay inside or head out of the cat door for further adventures. No worries there. These days I work from home, but should I need to leave the house for a few hours or longer, a lot of preparation is required. Does Cookie have food and water? Has she been out to empty herself recently? Where is Mr. B? Are the living room curtains open so she can survey the street? How’s the lighting? And so on.

Once those tasks are taken care of, and Cookie sees that I’m putting on a coat and getting ready to head out, I must gently break the news to her that she’s not coming with me. To stave off further disappointment, there may be a treat involved, along with an assignment: “Guard the house Cookie!” Even so, as I walk out the front, the last thing I see is a dog with her nose pressed up against the picture window and a look of betrayal on her face. Guilty! Guilty! Guilty! as Nancy Grace used to say.

Dog emotions are easy to read. They wear their hearts on their sleeves. Their expressions are painfully clear—joy, sadness, and guilt being the three strongest. Cats, on the other paw, keep their feelings hidden. They pride themselves on being



deceptive, guarded, inscrutable.

Remember that in *Alice in Wonderland*, the Cheshire Cat wore a curious grin “from ear to ear,” and could appear and disappear at will, sometimes all at once, sometimes bit by bit. In the following conversation, the Cat sets Alice straight on one of the most important differences between cats and dogs, as per his rather curious point of view:

“We’re all mad here. I’m mad. You’re mad,” he insists. “How do you know I’m mad?” asks Alice, “and how do you know that you’re mad?” “To begin with,” the Cat replies, “a dog’s not mad. You see a dog

grows when it’s angry and wags its tail when it’s pleased. Now I growl when I’m pleased and wag my tail when I’m angry. Therefore I’m mad.”

He’s got that part right. A dog wags to express pleasure, while a cat tail in motion is usually a threat or a defense. Mad or not, cats can be vengeful creatures. One of mine—a black cat with a white stripe down his chest and a big dose of attitude—got rankled when a new kitten was introduced to the household. Without further ado he dramatically sprayed the living room furniture, stomped out the door, and moved in with the neighbor across the street, never to be heard from again.

No dog would ever consider that to be appropriate behavior.

Despite their differences, both cats and dogs find ways to ingratiate themselves to their people, becoming all but indispensable to our happiness. They are expensive, time-consuming, and demanding, and yet they own us as much as we own them.

Yes, some people make do with fish, or lizards, or snakes, or turtles. There’s a lot to be said about certain types of birds, especially those that can speak to you. But the numbers don’t lie—it’s cats and dogs that clearly have the broadest pet appeal. During almost nine years together, Cookie has been my constant companion and best friend. We share many conversations, games, and adventures. We communicate well, both verbally and non-verbally. At times I am certain I know exactly what she is thinking, and she reads me like an open book. That deeply satisfying intimacy is special to dogs, and much as I’ve loved my many cats, I never reached that sort of a mind-meld with any of them.

## How to Survive the Holidays in 2020

### Holiday Wellness Tips

By Teresa Rae | THE TIMES

1. Don't let anyone steal your joy.  
Not COVID-19, not relatives, not an illness, not work or family stress, not any circumstances. Your attitude creates your reality. Choose to be happy, to be thankful, and to value life!
2. Take care of your health  
Self-care means listening to your inner needs and making choices to improve daily functions through a healthy diet, water, exercise, positive communication, and social support.
3. Plan Ahead  
Much stress can be eliminated by making a plan. You cannot please everyone—but some compromise can be made to have a good time. Plan to bring joy to others!
4. Don't over commit, overspend, overeat, over drink  
Know yourself and your limits. Set a realistic goal and stick to it. Make a plan, and let others know your intentions. Be strong, don't be persuaded to deviate from goals. Make wise choices!
5. Let go of unrealistic expectations  
Enjoy what you have and be thankful for small blessings. Accept others as they are. Forgive and forget. Let yourself relax and trust other's good intentions. Let up on yourself and be happy!
6. Stay safe—We're all in this together—we will survive!  
Minimize your exposure. Choose social events carefully. Keep your distance. Wear a mask. Getting sick is not worth the risk. Be joyful in spite of current challenges!
7. Celebrate life



Courtesy photo  
Teresa Rae, mental health therapist in Dayton, shares holiday wellness tips to help make the season joyful.

No matter what your circumstances, you can be resourceful. Even the simplest meal can become festive if you choose to be happy. Your beliefs, your attitude, are your reality. Choose joy!

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## PIONEER PORTRAITS

### Ten Years Ago

November 18, 2010

Less than a month after Ski Bluewood was rescued for local winter recreation, a much-beloved summer spot in the area appears to be in jeopardy. During the past several weeks, the operator and leaseholders of Lyons Ferry Park on the Snake River have all given notice to terminate their respective agreements, saying they can no longer afford to subsidize the money-losing facility.

Nine Valley players make All League: Bickelhaupt, Sunderland, Armstrong, Zack Bartlow, Brock, Dady, Jeff Bartlow, Brannock and Hofer.

Dog feces were smeared on a Chrysler car on Maple Street in Waitsburg.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

November 23, 1995

In these days of tractors costing \$150,000, Dick Peterson's story about the "Doodle Bug" is something to retell. Built from car parts, the tractor was in constant use through the 1940s and possibly into the 1950s. They don't build them like that anymore.

Pat McConnell, manager of McGregor Company offices in Waitsburg, Prescott, and Walla Walla, has been selected to participate in a two-year agriculture and forestry leadership development program.

Brenda Himmelberger, 35, of Dayton, is the new owner of Mrs. Mc's Country Classics on Main Street in Dayton. She purchased the shop, which specializes in antiques, unique gifts, and other specialty items, including foods, from Kay McFarland. Himmelberger, an artist, said of buying the business: "This is like a childhood dream come true. I was one of those kids who played store rather than house."

### Fifty Years Ago

December 3, 1970

The "whumpp" you felt last Tuesday afternoon came from the gravel pit just north of the cannery at the edge of town. Walla Walla County Engineer B. Loyal Smith was in charge of the venture, which will give the county additional rock for road repair and construction. The blasting is done with fertilizer mixed with oil, detonated by solid powder sticks. It did rattle the dishes a bit, eh?

Wedding vows were exchanged Saturday evening, November 28, by Miss Mary Margaret Leid and Mr. O. Jerome Olona in the First Presbyterian Church in Waitsburg. The bride is the daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Roy W. Leid, Sr. and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Olona of Albuquerque, N. M.

Waitsburg's Cardinals overcame a cold spell in the third quarter with some hot shooting in the final stanza to beat a determined Prescott team by a 67-57 score last Tuesday.

### Seventy-Five Years Ago

December 7, 1945

Ernest Mikkelsen was elected president of the Rural Telephone Co Saturday with Louis Winnett, vice president; and Julia Davis, secretary-treasurer, Art Richards is now serving as lineman.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Conover had members of their immediate family gather Sunday, December 2, for their 60th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Broom have purchased the Mina Eaton home on 10th and Coppei.

Ellen Gagnon and Ruth Perry are living together in Portland, where both girls are employed.

### One Hundred Years Ago

December 10, 1920

Twenty-five thousand bushels of wheat sold here Tuesday evening at \$1.50 a bushel net to the grower.

Mrs. D. B. Stimmel had a sort of family reunion at her home Sunday in honor of John Stimmel and family, who are down from Rudyard, Montana, but there was quite a housefull, notwithstanding.

A case of smallpox is reported at the home of Ray Powell, Second Street, one of the boys being ill with the disease.

Rev. H. S. Reichard of Goshen, Indiana, spent Wednesday with John Schiltz and family. Rev. Reichard and the Schiltzes were old friends back in Ohio. He may accept a call of the Presbyterian Church in Walla Walla.

### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

December 13, 1895

An immense crowd at the ball grounds in this city last Saturday to witness the contest at football between Walla Walla and Waitsburg teams. The score was 8 to 4 in favor of the visiting team who are up to snuff when it comes to the technicalities of the game of football.

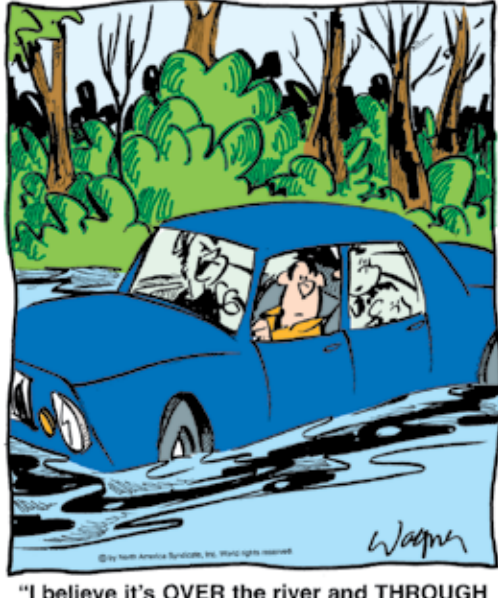
T. J. Hollowell and the Taylor Bros. this week sold their wheat, about 30,000 bushels, to the P. P. Mill Co. at 40 cents net. This is the best price thus far obtained for this season's crop.

N. N. Spencer made this office a very pleasant call on Saturday, put some oil in our lamp, left a souvenir card in the shape of a jug of the finest cider that ever moistened a guzzle.

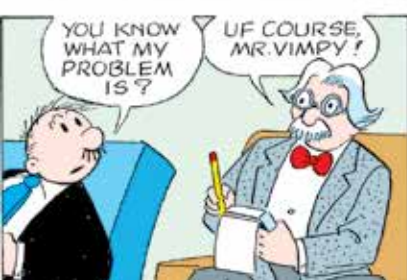
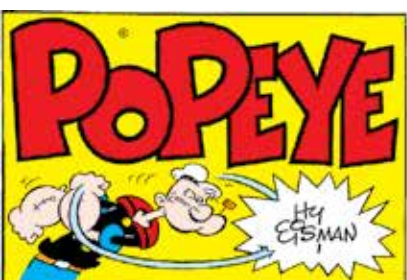
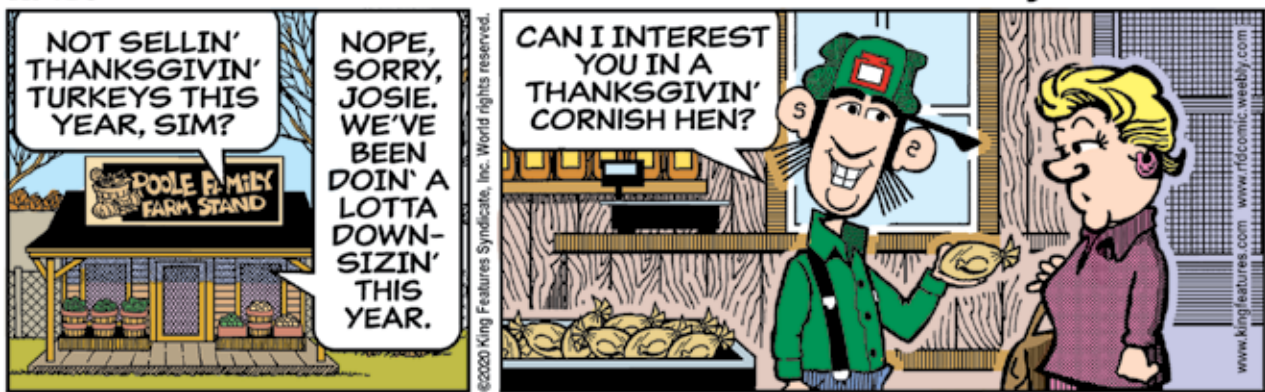
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# THE LAST PAGE

## Conversations with Mike

Dayton business owner Wendy Frame helps put the pieces together

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

DAYTON—You can easily estimate the time it takes to machine quilt a piece of functional art, but who counts the hours of piecing it together? Or the love stitched into it? On a recent chat with Wendy Frame, of Dayton, she showed me two quilts brought to her by clients of her longarm quilting business, The Quilting Frame.

"A customer found this quilt her mother had pieced during the 1930s," she said, referring to the project he was quilting during my visit.

"She didn't know she had it. It was all hand-pieced," she said, referring to that tangible piece of intangibility.

She is using a Cotton Seed quilt pattern, popular during that era, creating a piece of textile art that represents time, nostalgia, and connection.

Frame has been a craft artist all her life. She's done it all: tole painting, cross-stitch embroidery, leatherwork, scrapbooking, beading, macramé, and of course, quilting.

"I pieced my first quilt 32 years ago," she told me.

Frame was a 4-H leader for ten years, focusing on helping kids discover the art of quilting. In July 2019, she accompanied her granddaughter, Ana, to the annual 4-H Quilt Camp at Columbia County Fairgrounds. They took their resulting pieced project to Vonda Anderson, who ran the longarm quilting business on Main Street in Dayton.

Frame was quite interested and asked questions about the process. At one point, Anderson turned to her and asked if she would like to buy the quilting machine. A week later, the computer-operated Gammell longarm quilting frame (or "bed") was in Frame's hands.

At the time, she was a demonstrator and group-project leader for the papercraft company, "Stampin' Up!". She left that behind to start her own business, The Quilting Frame. The name just made sense, she said.



Photos by Mike Ferrians

Wendy Frame of The Quilting Frame.

She set up shop in a beautiful, converted sheepbarn at the David Frame ranch on Tucannon Road, land owned by the Frame family since the early 1960s. It also happens to be the office of American Energy, Inc., a Frame family engineering firm focusing on wind, solar, and hydroelectric energy projects nationally. The farm is a place of creative businesses including The Quilting Frame.

"So far, I just do edge-to-edge quilting," Wendy says. Custom quilting is also possible on the machine, as is manual quilting.

"I have a few smaller pieces in mind to experiment with when I'm ready to play with that," she said.

She showed me pieced projects she has found at St. Vincent's thrift store in Dayton, ready to quilt. Additionally, she has 14 projects to complete for customers. With this healthy workload, she isn't taking any new orders until January.

"I feel honored to do every piece," she said.

It takes her about 20 hours to quilt a king size bed cover, where smaller pieces may take only two hours. She carefully monitors progress as the machine operates, interrupting it to roll the quilt forward, two rows

at a time. After she finishes quilting, it is up to the customer to complete the project by sewing the binding around all the edges.

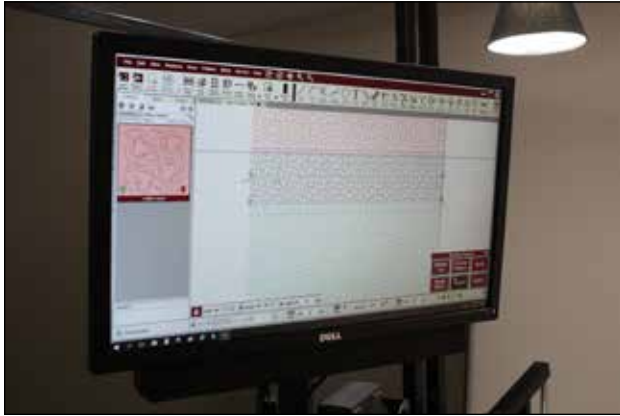
Frame's "charity" work focuses on quilting lap quilts for Veterans. She charges nothing for these. Her clients are twin sisters who turn out dozens of these lap quilts. The sisters happen to be Vonda Anderson's mother and aunt and live in Burbank, Washington. They give all their donation work to Wendy for quilting.

Frame spends three days a week on the longarm, letting customers drop off and pick up projects at her home in Dayton. The computerized machine runs off a software program that includes 500 different edge-to-edge patterns. She enjoys working with customers to help them choose the design and thread for their quilting. Often, she says clients let her choose.

You can find The Quilting Frame on Facebook, where Frame posts pictures of every project she completes. She won't run out of projects anytime soon.

"Quilting is just as popular as it ever was," she says.

Clearly, it is her heart's work to help "frame" these treasures of time, skill and relationship.



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