

ON PARADE



Beka Compton

2020 Waitsburg Celebration Days Queen, Lena Berens, missed out on the traditional Celebration Days parade but still got a chance to wave to a grateful town last Saturday in the (Non)Celebration Day parade and classic car cruise.

A Walla Walla woman's experience with the coronavirus

Checking in with a friend who tested positive

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

East Coast born and raised, Liz Fraser of Walla Walla is known for her candor. Two weeks ago, she openly let her Facebook friends know that she had tested positive for the Coronavirus. In the post, she joked that she'd "never had a cavity until I needed a root canal...and never had the flu until I got covid (sic)..."

Since then, she's kept her Facebook friends updated with the progress of the virus and was even willing to take some time to talk with me on the phone.

Her journey from becoming symptomatic to getting herself tested for the virus was a swift one.

"In the morning on Friday, (May 8) I was at work and I had some tightness in my chest, underneath my sternum. No shortness of breath or anything like that, just a tight feeling. When I was home for lunch, I checked my temp and it was 99.5, which is not high, but is high for me," she recounted.

A call to her primary care physician at Providence Family Medical in Walla Walla prompted her to visit the center's testing clinic. (Providence also provides COVID-19 testing at their Urgent Care Center.)

"When I got to the doctor, my temp was 100.4. But I didn't feel feverish at all. I was really surprised that I had a fever. I didn't have that body ache or that fuzzy head thing. I didn't feel sick, I just had these interesting symptoms," she continued.

She credits her familiarity with the virus's reported symptoms with her decision, 'almost on a whim' to get tested.

On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, this 41-year-old mother of three received a



Courtesy photo

Fraser's pulse oximeter reading is a very healthy 99.0 degrees on her third day symptom free.

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School closures have parents and children juggling home and school

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Quality time together, learning from each other, the need for flexibility, and the importance of staying positive are common themes for parents and children as they navigate the new normal of virtual school instruction.

Allicia Stapleton normally has her hands full during the school year as a full time cook in the Dayton School District cafeteria.

Since schools closed on March 16, she finds her hands are still full helping run the District's food pick-up and delivery program, serving breakfast and lunch to around 200 students.

"Thankfully, I have been able to continue working," she said.

The work-day for Stapleton and her husband Sterling begins at 6 a.m. with his job at Seneca Foods, Inc., and her job in the school kitchen.

She said their children, seven-year-old Phoenix, and thirteen-year-old Brooklynn, are assisted by Stapleton's sister, Echo Smith, in the morning.

They begin their day with breakfast and chores until Stapleton gets home from work around 11 a.m. when they have lunch and head upstairs for three hours of study.

Stapleton said Dayton teachers provided a sample schedule for a week of home learning, which they modified to fit a regular work and sleep schedule for their household.

Both children have Google Chromebooks and learning packets their teachers have sent home.

Parents and children are learning from each other.

Stapleton said math has had her scratching her head.

"I admit I have had a hard time jumping on the Common Core bandwagon. I was a pretty good student in school but this new way they teach math has been difficult for me," she said.

She has taught Phoenix a math trick for checking subtraction sums. He can now check his math the "easy way", from the "olden times" as he refers to the method his mother has taught him.



Courtesy photo

Christian Leonard playing a sight word game.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

PRESCOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT SELECTS TOP CANDIDATES IN SUPERINTENDENT/ K-12 PRINCIPAL SEARCH

THE TIMES

PRESCOTT, WA—Three finalists are moving forward in the search for the next superintendent/principal of Prescott School District. Following a formal search process that began in April, the Prescott School Board of Directors have recommended the following candidates:

- Justin Bradford, Director of Special Education/ Curriculum & Instruction and Assessment, College Place School District, WA
- Catherine Dennis, Early Childhood Education Specialist, ICF Consulting, VA
- Jose-de-Jesus Melendez, Director of Language and Equity, Franklin Pierce School District, WA

The top three candidates are scheduled to participate in final district interviews virtually with Prescott's district staff on May 19 and with the school board members on May 21, 2020. An open community forum will be held virtually the evening of May 19 from 6-7:30 p.m. using Zoom.

The last contract day for current Prescott Superintendent Brett Cox is June 30, 2020. The Prescott School Board will meet to deliberate on the evening of May 21, following their interview. A formal announcement identifying the successful candidate is expected by May 22. The individual selected as Prescott's next Superintendent/K-12 Principal will begin his/her position on July 1, 2020.

Prescott has utilized the services of Educational Service District 123 to conduct their superintendent search. For more information, contact Mr. Darcy Weisner at (509)544-5785.

FRONTIER DAYS HEADLINER CHICAGO RESCHEDULED TO 2021

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—After thorough deliberation, the American rock band Chicago's performance, slated for this year's Walla Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days event, will perform in 2021 instead. The Walla County Board of Commissioners and the Frontier Days Board and management have cooperated with the band to reschedule the performance for Wednesday, September 1, 2021.

"While we are saddened to not hold the Chicago concert this year, we are very pleased Chicago will keep their commitment with us for the future date. Additionally, this postponement is a forward step in social-distancing and bringing a safer and healthier Fair to you this year. The health and safety of fairgoers, exhibitors, competitors, performers, sponsors, vendors, contractors, volunteers and staff is our top priority," said Travis Locke, Fair Board President and Concert Director.

Fair Manager Bill Ogg announced tickets already purchased for the 2020 concert will be honored for the September 1, 2021, date with no action required.

Preparations for the remainder of the Fair attractions continue. The Fair Board and management have partnered with the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health to form a task force committee with the purpose of researching and implementing a plan to ensure public health and safety at the Fair. The Walla Walla County Commissioners will revisit a decision on continuing the Fair on June 8, 2020.

The Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days is scheduled for September 2-6, 2020.



MEMORIAL WALL EVENT CANCELED, THREE VETERANS TO BE HONORED

WAITSBURG—The annual Memorial Day event held at the Memorial Wall in the Waitsburg City Cemetery has been canceled this year due to the coronavirus. The American Legion and Auxiliary's Veteran's Memorial Wall Program wishes to honor the veterans who have passed on this year.

They include Elmer Hays who served in the Navy during WWII and Korea, Allyn E. Molean who served in the Marines during WWII, and Ivan K. Keve who served in the Army during WWII. These names will be added to the Wall and honored at our program next year. If you would like to donate to this project for upkeep and the statue the group is planning please remit to Veterans Memorial Wall P.O. Box 311, Waitsburg, WA 99361.

PROVIDENCE NOW REQUIRING ALL PATIENTS AND VISITORS TO WEAR MASKS

WALLA WALLA—Providence St. Mary Medical Center and Providence Medical Group clinics are now requiring all patients, support people and visitors to wear a mask or face covering. The mask should be put on at or before reaching the entrance and is to remain in place during the entire visit.

People are encouraged to wear their own masks. If they do not have a mask, one will be provided.

"There is nothing more important to us than safeguarding the health of our patients and caregivers," said Dr. Christopher Hall, Chief Medical Officer. "Asking individuals to wear a mask can reduce the risk that they will transmit the disease unknowingly."

Providence recognizes that there are some people in our community who have made a personal choice not to wear a mask. In order to accommodate their decision and protect its staff and patients, Providence will ask people who decline to mask to reschedule their care unless they are experiencing a medical emergency.

Testing of some employer groups has verified that in Walla Walla, like elsewhere, there are individuals in the community who have COVID-19 but are not showing any symptoms. This means they can unknowingly spread COVID-19 unless they are taking precautions such as masking, social distancing, practicing good hand hygiene and staying home. Remember a mask does not replace these other important safety habits.

Providence has taken numerous steps to create a safe environment for its caregivers and patients, including strict visitor restrictions, requiring caregivers to wear a mask, social distancing, separating people with possible COVID-19 from all other patients, and isolating suspected and identified COVID-19 patients in rooms with negative airflow so the air from their rooms does not circulate in the buildings.

"It is very important that people not delay seeking needed medical care because they are afraid of contracting COVID-19," Hall said. "We are doing everything possible to ensure the safety of our caregivers and the public, and that includes masking. Because of the extensive precautions we are taking, I consider our hospital and clinics among the safest buildings in Walla Walla."

Touchet Valley Weather

May 20, 2020

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Few Showers	Few Showers	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy
High: 64 Low: 44	High: 61 Low: 43	High: 63 Low: 44	High: 68 Low: 49	High: 71 Low: 52	High: 74 Low: 55	High: 69 Low: 50

Weather Trivia

How does the dew point relate to summer comfort? **?**

Answer: A higher dewpoint means that the air is more humid.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	66	52	69/47	0.03"	0.40"
Wednesday	66	50	70/48	Trace	0.47"
Thursday	64	50	70/48	0.15"	-0.07"
Friday	68	50	70/48	0.01"	58.4°
Saturday	76	50	71/48	0.03"	59.2°
Sunday	65	50	71/49	0.17"	-0.8°
Monday	64	47	71/49	0.01"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Weather History

May 20, 1988 - Thunderstorms in the south central United States produced wind gusts to 70 mph at Omaha, Neb. and wind gusts to 80 mph at Midland, Texas and Dallas. Temperatures in California soared into the 90s and above 100 degrees.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
New 5/22	5:14 a.m.	8:25 p.m.	4:36 a.m.	6:27 p.m.	Full 6/5
Wednesday	5:13 a.m.	8:26 p.m.	4:59 a.m.	7:31 p.m.	
Thursday	5:12 a.m.	8:27 p.m.	5:26 a.m.	8:37 p.m.	
Friday	5:11 a.m.	8:28 p.m.	5:58 a.m.	9:42 p.m.	
First 5/29	5:10 a.m.	8:29 p.m.	6:37 a.m.	10:43 p.m.	Last 6/13
Saturday	5:10 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	7:24 a.m.	11:39 p.m.	
Sunday	5:09 a.m.	8:31 p.m.	8:21 a.m.	Next Day	

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ONLINE SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS - SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS, MATH

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla Community College's Continuing Education program has announced a schedule of live online summer camps for youth ages 8 to 14. These summer camps are one-week programs that run Monday through Friday with morning and afternoon options and different topics every week.

Camps begin June 8th and run all the way through the end of August. Choose from topics such as coding, game design, eSports, virtual reality and more. Save \$15 per camp with an Early Bird Discount when you sign up by June 4th!

Class titles include 3D Game Design with Unity, Battle Royale: Make Your First Fortnite-Style Video Game!, Code Breakers, Code Your Own Adventure! Interactive Storytelling, eSports Apprentice – Streamers and Gamers, Inventor's League – Prototyping for the Future!, JavaScript Developer Jam, Make Your First Video Game!, Minecraft® Animators, Minecraft® Designers, Minecraft® Modders, Minecraft® Redstone Engineers, Pokémon Masters: Designers & 3D Makers Unite!, Python Programmers, ROBLOX® Coders & Entrepreneurs!, ROBLOX® Makers, Rocket Kart Racers: Design A Mario Kart® Style Game, Video Game Animation, Virtual Reality: The Future is Now, and YouTube® Content Creators.

Learn more and register at wwcc.edu/community/online-summer-camps For more information, please call (509)527-4331 or email continuingeducation@wwcc.edu.

TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

Different times, other plagues, similar measures taken

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES



Lane Gwinn

This 'quarantine cabin' was built in 1898, by John and Mary Dodge for their son, Pvt. Wesley a returning Spanish-American War veteran.

DAYTON—A hundred years ago it was a common practice to quarantine soldiers returning from war zones against diseases like yellow fever

Private Wesley Dodge, 1st Regiment of Washington Infantry Volunteers, Company F, was quarantined in this 13 x 13 cabin when he returned home to Dayton from the Spanish American War in 1898. The cabin, built in the Dodge family backyard, met basic recommended quarantine practices. It was "discovered" behind a two-story home on West Richmond Street and donated to the Blue Mountain Heritage Society in 2017.

The cabin was painstakingly restored by Beau Sabin and Rick Nicely, owners of Pillars of Society Woodworking, LLC, and moved to its present location adjacent to the Smith Hollow Country Schoolhouse Museum on Front Street.

Sabin and Nicely salvaged as much as possible of the original structure. They painstakingly labelled each piece, before dismantling the cabin, one nail at a time. In order to maintain historical integrity, similar materials were used to replace non-restorable components. Interior boards that could not be salvaged were replaced with reclaimed wood from a recently completed barn restoration project. Small logs were resourced with the help of forestry officials, according to the Blue Mountain Heritage Society website at: www.bluemountainheritage.org

COVID-19 numbers going up in Eastern Washington

Social distancing remains key to prevention

THE TIMES

CAMP MURRAY, WA—A new statewide report shows COVID-19 transmission is persisting in western Washington and slowly increasing in eastern Washington. The measure of how many new infections a single COVID-19 case will produce – known as the effective reproductive number – has not changed significantly in either region since the last statewide report and continues to be higher than ideal.

"The new report is one more data point emphasizing how critical physical distancing and other disease control measures continue to be," said Secretary of Health John Wiesman. "We've seen some success in our state because of the work each and every one of us is doing to stop the spread of the virus, and an exponential increase in cases is still a possibility. I'm asking everyone to keep up the good work to protect their families and communities."

The Department of Health (DOH) worked with Bellevue-based Institute for Disease Modeling (IDM) and the Microsoft AI for Health program to develop the report, which updates the estimates in a previous statewide report with data collected through early May.

The report is one of many data sources the state is using to assess COVID-19 risk levels. These data sources help inform the state's Safe Start planning and guidance.

For more information on COVID-19, visit the Department of Health's website or call 1-800-525-0127. You can also text the word "coronavirus" to 211-211 to receive information and updates.

"Washington State remains on a knife's edge. Our estimates suggest that transmission is persisting in Western WA and slowly increasing in Eastern WA. Moreover, the vast majority of people on both sides of the Cascades remain fully susceptible to COVID, and as a result, exponential growth of disease burden is still a possibility across Washington."

- WA Situation Report 1:
COVID-19 transmission across Washington State

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Roll
Gelatin & Milk

Tues., May 26

Fried chicken
Macaroni salad
Peas & carrots
Salad & Roll
Peach cobbler

WAITSBURG SENIOR LUNCH MENU

Waitsburg Senior Center
504 Main Street

Tues., May 26

Pineapple ham
Scalloped
potatoes
Salad bar
Bread
Fruit Crumble



OBITUARY

Leroy Dale Hilton

Leroy Dale Hilton of Waitsburg, WA passed away Wednesday May 13, 2020 at his home.

Leroy was born January 3, 1957 in Springfield, MO. Leroy enjoyed camping, fishing, old western movies, reading and spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by Robin Lee Hilton his partner of 23 years and his siblings Joe Hilton, James Hilton, Nancy Brown, Jackie Latham, Janet Mitchell, Frances Harris and Caroline Lawson. Leroy is also survived by many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Leroy will be reunited with his parents Games and Julia Hilton and his siblings Christy McCarthy, Martha Russell, Darrel Hilton, John Boyd and Harry Hilton.

There will be a service held at a later date for friends and family. Arrangements were made by Herring-Groseclose Funeral Home.



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 Thursday, with two meals delivered on Thursday.

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.

Note: There will be no meal delivery on Memorial Day, May 25



Waitsburg Schools Meal Drop off

WAITSBURG—Starting April 20, Waitsburg School District will be delivering meals to your home. Please visit www.waitsburgsd.org to sign up.

There will be no meal delivery on Memorial Day, May 25.

Church Directory

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

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

Pastor Stan Hughes

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320 W. 2nd
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Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
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COMMENTARY & NEWS



FARMWORKER HOUSING EMERGENCY RULES INCREASE WORKER SAFETY DURING PANDEMIC

THE TIMES

TUMWATER, Wash.—New emergency rules adopted today regarding temporary farmworker housing will help increase worker safety and reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). The rules detail specific steps required at farms where temporary workers live in licensed temporary housing facilities.

The emergency rules, a joint effort between the state departments of Labor & Industries (L&I) and Health, take effect on May 18. They spell out several required steps to increase physical distancing, improve cleaning and sanitizing, and reduce the chance of a large outbreak or spreading of coronavirus related to temporary worker housing at farms.

Protecting workers from coronavirus

Under the emergency rules, employers must provide occupants of temporary worker housing with cloth face coverings and ensure physical distancing at housing sites, which includes all cooking, eating, bathing, washing, recreational and sleeping facilities.

Farms are required to frequently clean and disinfect surfaces in housing and must identify and isolate workers with suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19.

L&I has issued coronavirus workplace safety guidance for numerous industries including agriculture, grocery workers, janitorial workers, and construction. All are available on the L&I Division of Occupational Safety and Health coronavirus webpage, located here: <https://www.lni.wa.gov/safety-health/safety-topics/topics/coronavirus>

The nature of the outbreak changes daily so it's important for everyone to have the most current information. L&I has a COVID-19 webpage, (<https://www.lni.wa.gov/agency/outreach/novel-coronavirus-outbreak-covid-19-resources>) and there's important information on the Department of Health and the state Coronavirus Response (COVID-19) (<https://coronavirus.wa.gov>) sites.

Information is the best resource to keep workers and the public as safe as possible. L&I urges employers to stay as informed as possible, and to take all measures necessary to keep Washington workers safe and healthy.

Reader photo



Dave Gignac

Waitsburg building owner, Dave Gignac, was pleased to find that he could get the emergency shelter elevator in the building up and running.

WWCSO

May 7

An animal bite-human injury was reported for a dog bite at an address on Cherry Street in Burbank, WA.

May 8

WWSO assisted Washington State Patrol with a road rage/ threats incident on W. HWY 12, mile post 295.

May 10

The Dixie Grocery Store at 10162 E HWY 12, was burglarized by unknown suspect(s). The suspect(s) used a cinder block to break window, grab keys, enter through back door to building. Stole tobacco, knives, phone chargers and candy.

May 11

Deputies took a report of attempted fraud, at an address in the 300 block of Paradise Drive, Burbank, WA.

Identity theft occurred within the County at an address in the 8000 block of Mill Creek Road, Walla Walla, County.

May 13

Death Investigation at an address in the 300 block of W, Fifth Street, Waitsburg, WA

Theft of a misdelivered package in the 1000 block of Preston Ave. Waitsburg, WA

A non-domestic disturbance report was made at an address in the 500 block of W. Fourth Street, a threat was made by neighbor. Waitsburg, WA.

May 14

Reporting Party reported two items stolen at different times in the last 6 months, at an address in the 2000 block of Hanson Loop, Burbank, WA

May 15

Multiple Cases of Fraud reported throughout the county.

Subject arrested for DUI physical control in the 700 block of Kohler Rd., Burbank, WA

A dog bite-human injury was reported, home confinement order signed in the 100 block of W. Sunset Drive, Burbank, WA.

May 16

Civil issue regarding a diesel spill was reported on private property 11000 Block of W HWY 12, Touchet, WA

BIRTHDAYS

May 21: Paul Powers, Johnathan Quigg and Jr. Eastwood.

May 22: Nancy Startin, Victor Langdon, Kathryn Kirk and Reed Olsen.

May 23: Allen Ford, Greg Bichsel, Kathy Maioli, Elizabeth Hermanns and Bill Box.

May 24: Bob Patton, Guy McCaw, Amanda Short, Amanda Higgins and Alexander LeClerc.

May 25: Bill Hinchliffe, Holly Foster, Jason Payne, Wes Leid, George J. Robinson, Greg Leid, Abby Grende and Iris Reed.

May 26: Hannah Perry, Pam Hermanns, Rob John and Pamela Gluck.

May 27: Betty Maxwell, Sherrie Erikson, Michelle Anderson, Floyd Strohmaier, Mathew Conrath, Allen Robertson and Laisha Archer.

May 28: Roy Phillips, Mike Snyder, Jo Wolfe, James Wright, Andrea Miller and Jessie Duckworth.



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Dayton City Council report for May

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—In her report to the Dayton City Council, City Administrator Trina Cole said the Army Corps of Engineers has been in touch with the city about the levee system rehabilitation. Because it is a federally classified levee system, costs are covered at 100 percent. However, there are caveats for the city to provide easement information, along with some other legal requirements, Cole said.

Approximately, 2,000 lineal feet, in multiple locations, on both the right and left banks of the levee are damaged due to the flood.

Cole said FEMA will only cover 75 percent of costs of damage to city infrastructure from the flood. The city will be responsible for a 25 percent match, which will come from the reserve budget.

Damages are as follows:

There is damage to two water mains crossing the Touchet River at the Hwy. 12 Bridge. The Wastewater Treatment Plant UV system was flooded causing damage to several of the modules and the manhole and outfall pipe washed away. The Front Street Bridge lost revetment around the footings. There is woody debris lodged in the flood channel that will need removal. The drainage culverts throughout the levee system are filled with sediment and flap gates are damaged or buried. And there are rock sediment deposits throughout the Touchet River channel.

The expenditures from reserves for the recovery effort will probably create a delay in future-planned capital improvement projects, Cole said.

Also Cole said there has been a loss of revenue to the city because of the COVID-19 shutdown. The best guess estimate is a \$210,000 loss in tax revenue for the city, through Dec. 31, which will mainly impact the current expense fund, and city road fund.

Cole said the city's reserve budget will allow operations to continue at the level at which the city is currently functioning.

The Finance Committee will discuss budget recommendations for the city council to consider.

Cole also said there was very good news on the wastewater treatment plant front from the watershed unit of the state Department of Ecology regarding the city's desire to treat wastewater using a Floodplain-by-Design treatment method.

The city, along with representatives from the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Washington Water Trust, and Anderson/Perry & Associates just learned constructing wetlands for effluent treatment will work, given the right property, Cole said.

The water resources division at the Dept. of Ecology will review the plan, after which it will be reviewed by the shoreline division, she said.

Mayor Zac Weatherford said the city has purchased a used water truck out of the capital improvement budget, and the Public Works Department crew is happy with the purchase.

The unavailability of the Department of Correction crew to help with maintenance in Dayton, has been keeping the crew fairly busy.

They have been making road repairs, cleaning up

tall weeds and grass, and cleaning up the cemetery for Memorial Day, Weatherford said.

"All the guys there have been putting in a lot of work and I think that is something they are really proud of," he said.

In April the crew finished regrading and improving alleys citywide. Using time remaining on equipment rented for the month, the crew was able to make additional road repairs around the fish pond at the city park and at the cemetery.

Dain Nysoe, Chair of the Affordable Housing Commission, said he attended an informative virtual meeting sponsored by the state Dept. of Commerce, which was attended by 85 people from around the state.

Nysoe said there is one vacancy on the Affordable Housing Commission, left to be filled.

The Dayton City Council authorized the mayor to execute and implement an interlocal agreement between Columbia County and the City of Dayton, to complete the South Third Street Sidewalk Replacement Project.

This resolution will allow the city to receive funds allocated by the Transportation Alternatives Program in the amount of \$211,000. The city has budgeted an additional \$74,000 for the construction and engineering of this project originally scheduled to take place in the middle of summer, 2020 though that date is subject to change given the current COVID-19 crisis.

Special guests

Special guests County Public Health Director Martha Lanman, Port Executive Director Jennie Dickinson, and Dayton Chamber Manager Molly Weatherill-Tate updated the city council on impact from the COVID-19 situation.

"I'd like to congratulate everybody in the county, and everybody in the city, going to Phase II," Lanman said.

Lanman said the county will be in Phase II for a minimum of three weeks or until the Stay at Home order ends on June 1.

She said the county wouldn't necessarily go back to Phase I in the event of another positive test. It would depend on the circumstances and whether contract tracing can be handled by the public health department.

"Every circumstance will be different," she said.

Tests are currently being performed by a lab in the Spokane Valley with 24-hour-turn around.

Lanman said 97 people have been tested for the coronavirus. There have been 94 negative tests and two people are being monitored. There has been only one positive test, back in March, and that person has recovered.

Her department has received a grant from the state Department of Commerce for housing people who want to be quarantined away from family members.

Mayor Weatherford asked whether or not playground equipment in the city park could reopen.

Lanman said playground equipment is attractive to children and it is difficult to monitor its use and keeping gatherings to fewer than five people. She said the virus can easily spread from child to child and from family to family.

Opening the playground equipment could take place in Phase III, she said.

Port of Columbia Executive Director Jennie Dickinson said she is spending around 90 percent of her time on COVID-19 related issues and is working with

the Dayton Chamber manager and the City of Dayton Planning Director to interface with the community.

"We really appreciate that relationship and all the help," she said.

Much of her earlier work focused on obtaining funds to assist individuals who don't normally need help with rent, utilities and food, and to pay staff at the Club for providing childcare services for families of first responders.

Dickinson has been participating in weekly meetings with county Emergency Management officials and Public Health officials.

She and the Dayton Chamber manager are posting joint newsletters, twice a week, with updated information about loans and other resources to businesses.

"I am happy to say that many, many local businesses have received either one, or both, of those loan programs, much of which is forgivable," she said about the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL).

Local nonprofit organizations have also benefited from those loans, she said.

Dickinson is now working with the public health department to source Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for businesses to use as they re-open. The goal is to provide one week's worth of hand sanitizer, masks and gloves before they have to start buying PPE, themselves.

The Port's Economic Development Steering Committee meetings are now held twice a month and Town Hall type meetings have been held to discuss impacts with the business community.

Dickinson said the Port's Industrial Park businesses and the Blue Mountain Station vendors are doing okay. Ag-type businesses are doing okay, as well, she said.

Dickinson reported an increase in shopping locally because of the Stay at Home, Stay Healthy campaign.

"That's a very interesting twist that I am glad to see," she said.

Historic Dayton Chamber Manager Molly Weatherill-Tate said she has been promoting a Shop Local, Share the Love social media campaign, and promoting a joint effort with the city, and the Port for a Big Hearts for Small Business social media campaign.


The Chamber's flyer with restaurant information has been updated with information about salons and other retail businesses and has gone out to all households in Dayton.

Mule Mania, Dayton Days and All Wheels Weekend have been cancelled. Brix and Brew has been moved to November 6, and the Dayton Chamber Banquet might be moved from November to January 2021, because businesses are hit pretty hard for donations in the spring months, Weatherill-Tate said.

"Luckily a lot of the sponsorships for All Wheels Weekend gave the money as a donation. That will help with the budget for the rest of the year," she said.

Weatherill-Tate has also been fielding calls from small business owners who are in the process of re-opening. She has printed paper menus and guidelines for use in some of the restaurants.

The Dayton Development Task Force is working with the Washington Main Street Program. A template for recovery for Main Street businesses through the Washington Main Street Program will be shared, she said.



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NEWS & LEGALS

CORONAVIRUS - FROM PAGE 1

couple of phone calls to alert her to the fact that she had tested positive.

"The Health Department called me the day after I was tested, just to check in. Then on Sunday, Providence called me with my results, and then my doctor called me, as well."

A contact tracing call from the DCH took place on Monday, which involved her recalling every person she'd seen in the past two weeks.

"Which was pretty easy to do because we've been locked down. If this were like regular times, there is no way, no way I could tell you who I saw. There is definitely a benefit in that way to the stay at home (orders), it was really easy to know where I got it, based on the fact that I have seen such a limited number of people," she noted.

Fraser shares custody of her 10-year-old daughter and 12 and 14-year-old sons with her ex-husband. The kids just happened to be at their dad's the week she became ill.

As a case manager for a local social service organization, Fraser is considered an essential worker and had been reporting to work.

"We are essential because we are public health, so we drastically changed our operations from the very beginning. Our offices were closed to the public, but we were still working, we were doing everything through telemedicine or phones."

Safety precautions had been put in place all over the office, with sanitation protocols for high-touch items such as workstations and doorknobs and the copier. "We were really conscientious about that because we work with vulnerable people," she continued. A large office space provided room for social distancing measures, as well.

Fraser suspects her exposure may have come from a properly socially distanced in-person meeting, but says "For me, it doesn't matter (how I got it), I pump my gas, I go to the store, I touch things. There's no real way of knowing."

Because her kids had been staying with their dad during the time she spent symptomatic, they have not been tested. Her boyfriend received a test which was negative, however, his workplace requires a two-week quarantine period following his exposure.

Friends and loved ones have been supplying her with food and supplies, including a lovingly described Graze asparagus sandwich, and a cream filled Popular Donuts donut.

"Through Population Health, the Department of Health have been sending out these kits to everyone who is at home recovering, it includes a thermometer, a pulse oximeter and a 'First Aid Art Kit.' You get markers and crayons and water-color paper, it's fun. It's supposed to be about reducing stress in people who are sick," she added.

Fraser admitted to some late-night worries midway through this illness, "I had a scary moment on Sunday, wondering if it would get really bad. What if I get really, really sick and I can't take care of myself, and I'm by myself? What do I do? I definitely had anxiety around that. What if it hits in the middle of the night and I can't breathe?"

"I know there are people who would risk exposure to help me, if I needed that, but I don't want people to have to do that," she said, while noting with gratitude that "I definitely have people in my corner."

As of Monday morning, May 18, Fraser now believes she has been three days symptom free, the span of time the DCH requires to pronounce someone 'recovered.'

On that day, she posted jubilantly to Facebook; "Three-day symptom free countdown, day two: it's really happening guys! I'm so close to being discharged from isolation, I can taste it. Like literally, I can taste things. I have no fever above 100, and no respiratory issues. Yesterday I had intense sinus pain, but that was due

to atmospheric pressure change, not COVID-19, so I don't count it as a symptom. Feeling good as gold today, but oh so lonely."

At this point Fraser is on her way to recovering from the virus, but she realizes her journey may give people the wrong impression about the experience and is particularly sensitive to those who don't see the need for the State's precautionary measures, or those who blame people who contract the virus while ill with other comorbidities. Those with underlying illnesses often experience greater health challenges when positive.

"It's not about whether I got super sick, it's about what I can do to someone else. And that's the scary thing. If it were not so heightened right now, I never in a million years would have gone to the doctor. I would be at work right now. And that's the perspective that people need to have. It's not about the healthy person staying healthy, it's about the healthy person getting the sick person sick," said Fraser.

"The asymptomatic stuff scares me, too. If I had literally had not gone to get tested when I did, and had waited like I would normally do, I would never have gone to the doctor. Literally within two hours of having symptoms I went to the doctor. If I had been my regular self, I would have gone to Safeway, it was Mother's Day when I got my results... I would have gone to the store, I would have gone to Bennington..." she said, musing about the possibilities.

And the good news for Liz Fraser continues, as this story was going to press, Fraser celebrated her third symptom-free day. And after a thorough cleaning of her house, she is ready to welcome back her children back into her life.

I for one, am glad that in this climate of information of how to keep ourselves and loved ones safe Fraser was attuned to her symptoms and went in to get tested in a timely manner, saving others in the process.



Courtesy photo

Providence Hospital's Population Health program delivered a care kit to Fraser's home shortly after her diagnosis. It included a thermometer, a pulse oximeter (which checks ones blood oxygen saturation level,) and a First Aid Art Kit assembled at Carnegie Picture Lab, in Walla Walla.

LEGAL NOTICES

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

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RCW 11.40.030
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THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

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

No. 20-4-00065-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS Presented to WSDSHS
In re the Estate of:
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Case No. 20-4-00090-36
NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)
In Re the Estate of
DAVID ALAN COPELAND
Deceased.
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

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COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1 CHANGE OF LOCATION

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Columbia County Public Hospital District No. 1, which was originally scheduled to be at the Waitsburg Town Hall on May 27, 2020 at 1:30p.m., will now occur at Columbia County Public Hospital District No. 1 Administrative Conference Room,
Dated this 14th day of May 2020

/s/ R. Wes Leid
Board Chairman
The Times
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Waitsburg “Gifting”

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

Since moving to Waitsburg about 18 months ago, I’ve noticed the noun “gift” has morphed into use as a verb. The “gifting” started my first morning here. I clumsily made it through the obstacle course in my rented cottage, strewn with 40 boxes previously shipped here and the eight suitcases that I brought with me on the plane, to answer the front door. There stood Karen, with a smile, two bottles of wine, and invitations to a New Years’ Day Brunch and a birthday party. Invitations to parties and a gift of wine, a perfect start.

As I walked through town and met neighbors, I consistently heard the same offer. “When you’re ready to start your garden, I have starts for you.” Waitsburgians keep their word. The “gifting” started last spring with irises from Bill’s iris field. I picked out a few, listened to the planting instructions and today the side of my house is filled with yellow, deep purple, variegated and yet-to-open irises. With each new color bloom, I send pictures to my friends, with the text, “look what I was gifted!”

Kate and Eric gifted us literally wheelbarrows full of day lilies, blue cornflowers, chives, rhubarb, and tomatoes, including the famous Hockersmith tomato that I’ve been told will grow to be as big as a cantaloupe. Ali & Brad also brought us some tomato plants, including a Paul Robison tomato. Out of respect for his beautiful voice and famous rendition of “Ol’ Man River,” I don’t sing to the plant, but I do remind it daily, “I know who you are, please perform as well on the vine as you did on stage!”

We’ve been gifted about 30 Ziplock bags of vegetable, herb and flower seeds from Deb and Don, along with smoked cheese, arugala, chive flowers and more. Gail and Joe gifted us a lilac tree, along with a bunch of other plants, Jennifer gifted us lovage, onions, garlic and more. Susan gifted us mayo (a Daniel favorite), cucumber plants and chicken soup when I had a cold. Daffodils were gifted from Carl and Jody, and the list goes on.

In order to thank everyone for this great bounty, Daniel has been reciprocating



Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi

Yellow and purple irises from Bill Rodgers.

by cooking. We have gifted loaves of his Waitsburg Country Bread, asparagus quiche, birthday cake soaked in rum, chocolate cake doused with orange syrup; and dirt! Yes, dirt, but it’s the good dirt from Wenzel’s.

We ordered amended dirt to fill the planters Daniel built for the myriad of plants and seeds we were gifted. Being city folk, I ordered about 10 times more than we needed, because I have no idea what a yard of dirt looks like. In my defense, I did get guidance from Wenzel’s, after I provided them the dimensions of the planters. Seems their math is about as good as mine. They delivered and dumped 10 yards of dirt, which, turns out is an entire truck load. Along with baked goods, we now had dirt to share.

I sent out texts to people that I thought would be interested in dirt for their planters; luckily it was bed preparing season, happily we were able to share. And, thankfully our giant mound of dirt is now reduced to flat dirt, optimistically waiting for grass to grow.

Becky recently gifted us rainbow trout, freshly fished from the Tucannon. Grilled with just olive oil, salt & pepper; it was truly a treat and it makes Albertson’s fresh fish behind that foggy glass counter look anemic and pitiful.

We will keep baking and cooking to continue gifting, because I am surely enjoying the eggs, chocolate, fish, and everything we have been gifted. “Gift” is a good verb, and an even better shared with a great group of friends, neighbors and community—in fact, it is truly a gift to live here.

Celebrate those who helped you achieve your goals

By Emma Philbrook | THE TIMES

Slightly less than a year ago, a past version of me was asleep in my bedroom. A blue graduation gown was hanging in the shower in the hope that the wrinkles would disappear before I had to wear it in public. A matching cap, having been passed between a dozen or so relatives kind enough to feign admiration for the crocheted decorations on the top, perched atop an arm of the living-room sofa. There was cake in the fridge. Chocolate. Well, I’d tried to do chocolate, but I put too much coffee in the filling, and it ended up as mocha. We still ate it.

It’s been a year. In some ways, it feels longer. We crammed both sides of my family into the front two rooms of my house, grandparents and all, the sort of scene that the folks up at the CDC have nightmares about nowadays. I don’t feel like quite the same person I was a year ago. I feel like I’ve crammed a lot of life into a year—first apartment, first solo plane flight, two semesters of cerebellum-busting study, and enough crocheted housewares to kit out the McMansion of your choice. But at the same time, I look over at the piano and see that I haven’t bothered to find a permanent home for my college diploma. When I finally stagger into my bedroom, I’ll trip over the bag of rhetoric textbooks the Whitman bookstore wouldn’t take back. It’s been five years and five weeks all at the same time. It’s weird.

It was a good graduation. The ceremony itself was okay—I didn’t trip anyone, and my family was too far

away from the stage to see me mangle the theoretically-simple act of getting a diploma. The reception afterwards was nice—final goodbyes to old friends, pleasant chats between family members and professors, one last glass of Whitman’s too-sour lemonade. But it was the things before and after that really stick in my memory.

My dad and stepmother came up with a friend they were helping move. My brother and my cousin and I, being on hand and not having much better to do on the day before graduation, helped unpack the U-Haul. One of the dials on the stove got jostled when somebody set a box on top of the burners. The contents weren’t flammable, but the box itself caught fire, filling the air with smoke and curses.

I was showing my cousin around campus when we ran into an old classmate who was waiting to be picked up by her extended family. I wanted to invite her to browse around downtown with us, but my cousin had to leave the next afternoon, and I didn’t want to intrude on our family time. Then, miraculously, the invitation I was contemplating made its way out of my cousin’s mouth. The three of us bought absolutely nothing and had a fabulous time.

I planned a backyard ice-cream social for after the graduation. I invited old friends and my past and present teachers. Exactly one person outside my family was able to make it, which was just as well, since it started raining. We all came inside and helped ourselves to seconds.

I know that some of you reading this know a student, or are a student, who will finish high school or

college or their Ph.D. alone in their house. To these people, I say: the cap and gown are no big deal. Your awards and scholarships and grades and class rank stand as testaments to your hard work whether or not the rest of the town knows about them. There will be other chances to eat cake, drink lemonade, and cram into overheated gymnasiums, although that last one might have to wait. But for the love of all things holy, get in touch with the people in your life who got you this far. Call. Skype. Send letters. Celebrate them and let them celebrate you, because you will cherish those connections long after your diploma has disappeared into your files.



Courtesy photo

Emma Philbrook (r) with her aunt, Vicki Martin, at her 2019 graduation from Whitman College.

The Cookie Chronicles

Chapter Eight—The Rescue Mission (On The Road Part Four)

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

Dawn came awfully early the day after Mr. B went tumbling down the ravine adjacent to our motel room. And I was kidding about rounding up crampons, carabiners and quickdraws for the rescue mission. My actual “gear” consisted of a worn out pair of tennis shoes. Not so much as a rope to tie off of our deck and hold on to.

Cookie herself took an immediate interest in the task, but was securely prohibited from participating by Mrs. G, who kindly reminded me that she’d spotted a rather large bird of prey parked in a tall tree just outside our patio.

I’d forgotten about that.

When I looked up in the morning haze the bird was up there all right, and staring right back at me. Might have been an eagle or vulture. Or possibly a condor, maybe even some sort of pterodactyl native to California. Who could tell at this godforsaken hour?

What was all too apparent was that I was entering its territory, and its piercing avian gaze was tracking my every step. I flashed back to a walk on Alki beach in West Seattle, during which I had observed an eagle carrying what had to be at least an eight-pound salmon over the waves to a nest perched high on the bluff. At the time I wondered how that salmon must have felt, suddenly plucked from the water and flying through the air. On this particular morning I thought I knew.

Given that Cookie weighs only slightly more than that fish (11 pounds of fury! as we like to say), it would not be out of the question for her to become breakfast for something as large as the bird currently stalking me.

It’s true that Cookie was safely behind the glass doors, but Mr. B was not. I stepped off the deck and peered down into the ravine where he’d fallen the night before. I thought I could just make out a red dot about halfway down the slope. What if the bird spotted him and thought Mr. B was some exceptionally large berry? Do pterodactyls eat berries? Would I draw attention to him by climbing down? Maybe better to wait awhile and think this through.

Naah! I was determined to get this over with. The dawn was misty and the slope slippery. There wasn’t much to hold on to, so I half slid and half crawled my way down towards the spot where I thought I’d seen the ball. With my full attention on not falling, the bird was out of sight and at least for the moment out of mind.

About halfway down, in a clump of some nameless seashore plants, I found Mr. B. None the worse for wear after spending the night out in the cold, I tucked him

into my pocket and began climbing back up. As I reached the top, there again was the bird, sitting on its perch, staring at me.

It’s not all that easy to read the expression on a massive, flesh-eating bird in the foggy light of dawn. But if I were to venture a guess, I’d say he (she?) was rather amused by the whole episode. There might even have been a touch of admiration in the way the beak was cocked and the eyes riveted on me. The way true competitors at the top of their game genuinely respect and even congratulate an opponent who has bested them. There will always be another game, another chance to prevail.

So the bird flapped out into the morning, certain of finding something far tastier than a ragged rubber ball. Cookie and Mr. B were happily reunited and all was right with the world once again. After breakfast, when the day warmed up and the sun shone, we found a safe place on the motel lawn and played a little run and catch, far, far away from the ravine.

Although it might be said that Cookie and I were equally at fault for jeopardizing Mr. B’s well-being and future travel plans, neither she nor I are prone to pointing fingers (or paws) and casting blame. As for Mr. B, he takes life’s ups and downs in stride. In fact he is never happier than when he is bouncing up and down across a wide expanse of lawn, pursued by a little blonde dog who is yapping loudly and preparing to leap at the exact moment that she can snatch him in mid-flight and run around in a victory celebration. Mission accomplished!



LIFESTYLES

Pet grooming guidelines released

Help is on the way for our shaggy, matted friends

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

Is your dog looking rough these days? For many breeds, a regular grooming schedule is a must. My dog Rocco is a miniature schnauzer, which is a double-coated breed that has a wiry topcoat and a soft undercoat. If he were being groomed as a show dog, his soft undercoat would be stripped by hand or with a special stripping knife, leaving his wiry topcoat in place.

A pet grooming style using clippers removes the wiry topcoat, leaving the dog with a soft fur coat that resembles hair. This hair is an incredible magnet for any sticky burr or seed or weed that it touches. And although Rocco is a very good boy, bright and trainable, I have never been able to encourage him to love having his legs or body groomed, and woe betide me if I try to brush his whiskers-- he gets snappy.

In order to keep Rocco matt and burr free I have maintained a regular grooming schedule and have always used Animal Clinic East Grooming, in Walla Walla. Groomers Judy White, Tiffany Lim and Jamie Mentzer run a very busy shop and know my dog so well that they always save "Rocco's crate" for his appointments.

Since the Stay Safe, Stay Home proclamation, all pet grooming facilities have been shuttered. Grooming at Petco was still taking place because the company, according to businessinsider.com, "has refused to close its facilities unless mandated by individual state authorities, taking a cue from other retail niches like craft stores that used differing state policies to their advantage in the quest to stay open."

Feeling a little desperate about Rocco's shaggy coat and all the matts that were forming, along with his impaired vision due to excess fur, I managed to snag an appointment at Petco before they suddenly stopped the service.

On Monday, May 18, Governor Inslee announced new guidelines that would open up pet grooming in Washington State. The guidelines include a range or

precautions that are by now becoming familiar, they include:

- Maintaining a minimum six-foot separation between employee-service providers and clients.
- Cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces after each use
- Posting COVID-19 information posters from the CDC, DOH and OSHA
- Providing personal protective equipment (PPE) to employees
- Obtaining social distancing, by staggering days, shifts, shift changes, breaks and meals to avoid groups
- Screening service providers for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 exposure.



Tracy Thompson

Rocco achieved "peak scruffiness" at the beginning of May, six weeks beyond his normal grooming schedule.

Other guidelines call for client occupancy to be kept at 50 percent or less, the designation of a site-specific COVID-19 Supervisor, and to increase

ventilation rates where feasible. Masks are required for both employee and customer.

With these new guidelines in place only yesterday, it remains to be seen how Animal Clinic East or other grooming locations might adapt.

Although I felt sheepish about taking Rocco to get groomed during this pandemic, I simply lacked the tools or expertise to do the many tasks that are involved; clipping long toenails, expressing anal glands, clearing ears of fur, and safely trimming his jaunty beard without getting snapped at.

I have cut my own hair during this time, and will most likely continue to do so, but at the very least, I know I don't bite. I am hopeful that the fine groomers at Animal Clinic East can find safe, healthy ways to care for our four-legged friends and I will be sure to tip generously when given the opportunity to do so.



Tracy Thompson

Rocco romps in the backyard after a Petco grooming. Although his cut did not match Animal Clinic East's exacting standards, we were both happier once he was groomed.



Lane Gwinn


Staff, friends and family putting up a bright and cheerful sign celebrating Waitsburg's school pride. The end result was worth all the effort.

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LIFESTYLES



Courtesy photos

Above: The (Non)Celebration Days classic car cruise on its tour downtown. Left: Kylie Birdwell from Walla Walla passing in front of the Bruce Museum. Right: Joe Thomas, on the white horse, is riding next to his grandson, Carson. Passing down parade traditions and making the best of a socially distanced Waittsburg celebration.

Celebration Days weekend honored with classic cars, rodeo queen, and local horsemen

Waittsburg Celebration Days was officially cancelled in April, but classic car enthusiasts marked the weekend with a cruise

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITTSBURG— The third weekend in May is historically an exciting one in Waittsburg. Waittsburg Celebration Days was one of many area events cancelled amid the coronavirus pandemic, but a small group of classic car enthusiasts and a handful of equestrians weren't willing to let the weekend slip away completely.

Fred Gonzalez, the president of the Waittsburg Classic Car Show and Swap Meet, rounded up more than 50 local car enthusiasts from Waittsburg and Walla Walla for a (Non)Celebration Days car cruise. Starting at the north end of Main Street, the cruise continued through town following the traditional parade route. Main Street remained mostly empty, while front lawns and picture windows were filled with families enjoying the cruise from the safety of their homes.

"We had somewhere around 58 cars," Gonzalez said. "It was great to have people come out and show their support." Gonzalez said he thought of the car cruise idea no more than ten days before the cancelled car show was scheduled to happen, and he was very surprised there were so many cars on such short notice. The classic car show, which takes place on the Saturday of Celebration Days, has been steadily growing each year, and Gonzalez is very thankful for all of the support the car cruise received.

The classic cars were followed by the 2020 Waittsburg Celebration Days Queen, Lena Berens. Lena was selected in October to serve as the event's ambassador and she spent the winter preparing for the weekend-long celebration. Berens was disappointed to find out the event had been cancelled so the impromptu (Non)Celebration Days Cruise was a happy way to recognize the weekend and provide some fun memories.

"It felt good to see bright smiles coming from the people of Waittsburg and get to quickly interact as we moved our way down the street," Berens said. "The City of Waittsburg just makes me happy and makes me proud to represent them for the year." Berens said she knows the event will be extra fun next year. "I'm just happy I got to smile and wave on Saturday."

Queen Lena was joined by a group of local horse-

men of all ages. Pat Gleason, of Waittsburg, hooked up her mini horse cart and drove through the town; a sight that can be seen often on Main Street. A couple of small, family groups also joined Queen Lena in the ride through town. The echoey clip-clop of horse-shoes throughout town was a welcome sound.

Saturday's tour highlighted the adaptability of Waittsburg. All of the cars and horses were mindful of social distancing during the ride, safely boosting morale and sharing smiles.



Lane Gwinn

Sandy and Lupe Torres waving from one of the town's favorite classic cars.

Five Dayton youth achieve the State FFA Degree

THE TIMES

This past week, Washington Future Farmers of America recognized FFA members who received their State FFA degrees. Five members from Dayton received the certification.

The State FFA Degree is the highest degree awarded at the state level, and award recipients must fill out an application that details their SAE (Supervised Agriculture Experience Project), describes their active involvement in the FFA, and demonstrates their commitment to community service.

Achieving this award are Kira Boggs, Jurnee Griffen, Cassidy Laughery, Tayven Seney and Josiah White.

Washington FFA is holding the 90th State Convention virtually this year, and the videos they are posting to recognize members at many different events can be found at washingtonffa.org

Congratulations to these youth for their achievements.



Jurnee Griffen



Kira Boggs



Cassidy Laughery



Tayven Seney



Josiah White



Lane Gwinn

Mary Phillips is a flash from the past in a British Racing Green, Karmann Ghia.



Lane Gwinn

The classic cars return to downtown on their way to Preston Park.

WALLA WALLA VA MEDICAL CENTER TO HOLD VIRTUAL MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center will be holding a virtual Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 25 at 9 a.m. via a Facebook live event to remember and honor Veterans who are no longer with us. Connect with the ceremony here: www.facebook.com/vawallawalla

This year's event will feature Walla Walla VA's Chaplain, Troy Parson, D.Min. A veteran himself, Chaplain Parson served over 20 years in the U.S. Army, both as a military policeman and chaplain. He also deployed to the Middle East and Asia for a total of 18 months.

Memorial Day stands as a solemn American tradition that honors the sacrifices of past generations. It is a day we dedicate to those who are no longer with us — to those who fell in defense of the ideals, beliefs, and values we hold sacred.

WAITSBURG GUN CLUB IS HOLDING A PRIZE RAFFLE

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg Gun Club is holding a prize raffle to support range improvements. The prize package includes a Colt 1911 and gift certificates from a range of Walla Walla businesses, including: L & G Ranch Supply, 123 Pawn Shop, H & H Pawn Shop, Sportsman's Warehouse and Luttrell's Auto Center. As a bonus, from the business that sells the most tickets between now and June 1 – Gun Club President Cindy Daves will personally add an additional \$20 certificate for that business!

The \$10 tickets can be purchased at any of the above businesses, or through PayPal by emailing sewaitsburggunclub@outlook.com. Credit card information for purchase can be taken over the phone using the Square app, as well, by calling (509)386-9991.

The drawing will be held June 1st.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago May 26, 2011

Amidst concerns over the spread of a highly contagious equine virus in the region, Dayton Days organizers Tuesday night decided to cancel two days of Pro West rodeo this weekend. The Dayton Days parade, though horseless, will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, as will the Queen's Coronation dinner on Friday and the Queen's luncheon after the parade.

It's not every day Chandra Richardson and Caitlin Riley get to beat up their principal. But Andy Maheras actually welcomes their screams, kicks and punches because it's all part of a valuable lesson for the 16-year-old high school girls. Besides, Maheras doesn't feel any of it. He's protected head to toe in a Redman suit used in martial art, law enforcement, and prison guard training.

Scrambling for a new home, Teeny McMunn and Steve McMunn settle on Dayton's Main Street. Teeny and Steve have been business partners for almost two and a half decades. They recently moved their carpet store to Dayton's Main Street.

Twenty-Five Years Ago May 18, 1995

The 82nd running of the Days of Real Sport in Waitsburg promises to be packed with plenty of action Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 19, 20, and 21. And to top it off, the weatherman is predicting a perfect weekend for the town's biggest annual event. Clear skies with highs in the 80s are forecast.

A 43-year-old Dayton man suffered a superficial head injury when a police officer's 9mm duty weapon accidentally fired during a drug raid on a home Sunday in Dayton. Columbia County prosecutor Terry Nealey said a bullet "grazed" the head of suspect Larry Harvey, of 6th Street, when provisional Dayton police officer Ronald Gilbreath "tripped over something" and his gun fired.

Fifty Years Ago May 28, 1970

Waitsburg has another business venture in the hatching stage, and it promises to be a good one. Elaine Lowdon, a former teacher from Richland, came to town recently looking for a location to start an art studio and a craft instruction center. She is presently negotiating for the former NP depot, and if successful, will remodel it to be her studio.

Some of the best competition took place in the javelin as Prescott's Chuck Anderson won the event with a 181-7 throw. Tom Hiatt, also of Prescott, placed a third with a 169-8. Both these boys go to the State meet. Other Prescott boys placing at Pullman were Tom Piersol in the long jump with a 20 1/2 for third; Howard Morkert, pole vault 11-6 for a third place; Larry Stueckle placed third in the 100. Prescott tied for 7th place out of 16 teams.

Stop pollution or the future will be a thing of the past.

[Photo caption] Queen's Court for the 52 running of Dayton Days. They are, left to right, Lynn Davis, Debbie Howard, and Lisa Russell. The queen will be crowned at the Coronation Ball which will be held on Friday night, May 29, at the Fairgrounds Pavilion. Dress will be informal. Music will be provided by the Country Men from Milton-Freewater, Oregon.

Seventy-Five Years Ago June 1, 1945

Twelve soldiers from McCaw Hospital who were from farms in the eastern states visited last week at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stonecipher. All the boys were in casts.

Miss Hazel Harkins was honored at a pre-nuptial shower Tuesday evening at the C. H. Florea home with Mrs. Frank Harkins and Mrs. Flora Hillis assisting. Miss Harkins plans to wed T/Sgt. William Rose next month.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Leid are the parents of a son born Friday morning, May 25 at St. Mary's Hospital. He has been named Roy Wesley, Jr.

One Hundred Years Ago June 4, 1920

In announcing the Standard Oil Co.'s new sub-station in Waitsburg, it brings before the people in this community and its vicinity the importance of another developing enterprise of considerable magnitude to this locality.

For Sale—A complete harvest outfit consisting of 1, 16-horse steam engine; 1, 28-inch Pride separator; cook house; water tanks; feed racks; 3 grain tanks; 1, 12-foot Deering header binder. C. M. Leid, Huntsville.

The Northern Pacific Railroad Co. is to replace several of their bridges between this city and Dixie according to Depot Agent George McDougall.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago June 7, 1895

While the militia was out shooting Sunday, Thomas Prescott came near being shot. He was coming out of the pit when one of the boys fired, the ball passing a little over his head.

The Walla Walla district camp meeting will begin June 11 at Shiloh camp grounds. Dining room will give meals at reasonable rates. Tents can be had on the grounds. Meetings will continue over two Sundays.

Heretofore the Snake River has been a barrier between the squirrels swarming the country to the north and Walla Walla county, but it is no more. The ferrymen and farmers in the vicinity of Lyons Ferry report that the pesky little rodents are swimming the Snake River by the thousands and attacking the grain fields.

SEAN MILLIGAN TO REPLACE FRED CROWE AS PORT OF COLUMBIA COMMISSIONER

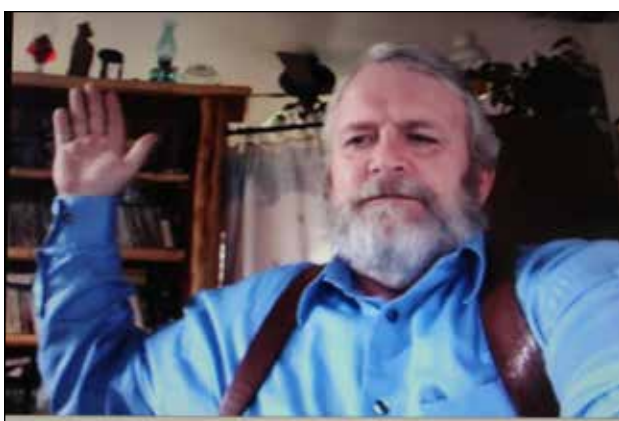
DAYTON—At a special meeting of the Port of Columbia Board of Commissioners on Monday, May 18, Sean Milligan was selected to replace outgoing commissioner Fred Crowe.

He was the only person to apply, and was interviewed through the video application Zoom.

The position was vacated in April when Fred Crowe moved out of District 3 and could no longer represent it. The term continues until Dec. 31, 2021.

Milligan joins Commissioner's Earle Marvin and Dan Aschenbrenner, who had 90 days in which to fill the vacancy.

The nonpartisan position is up for election in November 2021, and Milligan must choose to run in that election.



Michele Smith

Sean Milligan sworn in on Zoom.

GRIN AND BEAR IT



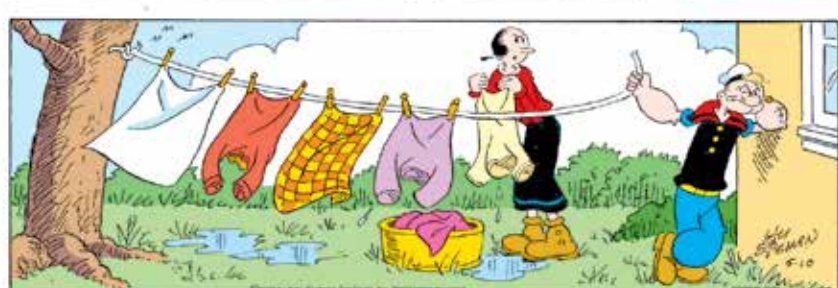
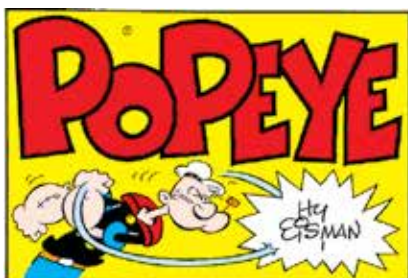
"MY grandchildren? I thought they were YOUR grandchildren!"

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

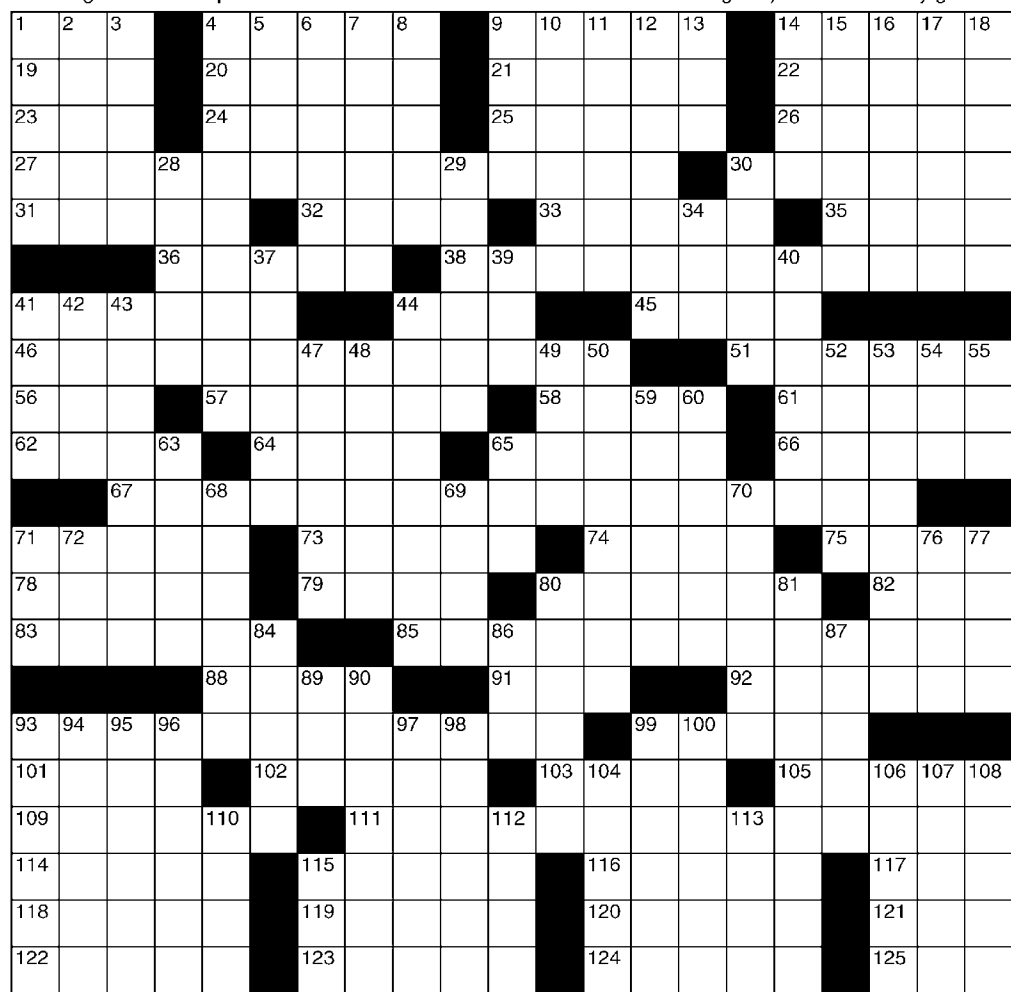


FUN & GAMES

Super Crossword

SELF DESCRIPTIONS

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 - 4 Tea leaf readers, e.g.
 - 9 Title for Macbeth
 - 14 Places to pitch tents
 - 19 Transgress
 - 20 Bow go-with
 - 21 Dignity
 - 22 Largest city in Nebraska
 - 23 Arthur of TV
 - 24 White of TV
 - 25 Writer Dillard
 - 26 Prohibited acts
 - 27 Gougers charge them
 - 30 Warrants
 - 31 Sioux division
 - 32 Just OK
 - 33 Papa Doc's country
 - 35 First-aid flora
 - 36 No-see-ums
 - 38 Symptom of mumps
 - 41 Turnult
 - 44 Air safety gp.
 - 45 1492, e.g.
 - 46 Pesto ingredient
 - 51 Portable enplaning bridge
 - 56 — Banos, California
 - 57 All tangled up
 - 58 Friable soil
 - 61 — degree or another
 - 62 Arthur of tennis
 - 64 Home of Iowa State
 - 65 Organisms of a region
 - 66 Chew the scenery
 - 67 Hand-softened "superfood" dish
 - 71 "1492" director
 - 73 Pierces
 - 74 Condé —
 - 75 Cyberjunk
 - 78 More ticked
 - 79 A Great Lake
 - 80 Turns back to 000
 - 82 Sci-fi hoverer
 - 83 Like paradise
 - 85 Result of dropping a bushel, maybe
 - 88 Plant "pet"
 - 91 45s' relatives
 - 92 Flimsy pancakes
 - 93 What a great ad campaign leads to
 - 99 Plant pest
 - 101 Grimm nasty
 - 102 Pan-fry
 - 103 Lane of song
 - 105 Gymnast Comaneci
 - 109 Encore-eliciting cries
 - 111 What many shards are
 - 114 Handle the party food
 - 115 Lake — Vista, Florida
 - 116 George who played Sulu
 - 117 Suffix with neat
 - 118 Love to bits
 - 119 Scourges
 - 120 Sister of Fred Astaire
 - 121 Blasting aid
 - 122 Car rollers, in London
 - 123 Actor Gable
 - 124 Jewish ritual meal
 - 125 Something associated with the first words of this puzzle's seven longest answers
 - 40 Sister of Hansel
 - 41 Sch. near Beverly Hills
 - 42 Experts
 - 43 Mount with presidents' heads
 - 44 Bone of the lower chest
 - 47 Bring harm to
 - 48 Mendel of genetics
 - 49 Skater Kulik
 - 50 Fonz's quality
 - 52 "Traffic" actor
 - 53 Fiber for newsprint
 - 54 Wee colonist
 - 55 "— -haw!"
 - 59 "Relax, GI!"
 - 60 Assembled as one body
 - 63 All gone, as dinner
 - 65 Bible divs.
 - 68 Not lax at all
 - 69 Elk's kin
 - 70 Fasten
 - 71 Reno-to-Riverside dir.
 - 72 Chowder fish
 - 76 For — (not gratis)
 - 77 Peat source
 - 80 Tries to shred
 - 81 More elastic
 - 84 Fischer's skill
 - 86 Suffix with glob or duct
 - 87 Apt rhyme for "treadle"
 - 89 Lupino of film
 - 90 Like always
 - 93 Lynx variety
 - 94 "Hellcats" actress
 - 95 Expert talker
 - 96 Intense
 - 97 Goddess with an owl
 - 98 Less fat
 - 99 Chafe
 - 100 Snuck a look
 - 104 Test models
 - 106 "Purgatorio" poet
 - 107 "Of Thee —"
 - 108 Invite to join at
 - 110 Mined finds
 - 112 Duty
 - 113 Editor's strike-out
 - 115 Telly giant



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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Strawberry Rhubarb Butter

Doesn't that sound yummy? OMG. There is also a recipe for just rhubarb butter and one that is similar that takes only rhubarb, strawberry, honey and chia seeds, mixed and put into the refrigerator.



This would be good on pancakes, toast, those bran muffins, or ice cream. I'd pass on the ice cream but some like fruit on theirs.

INGREDIENTS:

- 3-4 c. strawberries, remove stems
- 2 stalks of rhubarb (about 2 cups)
- 2 apples, cored and cut into chunks
- 1/3 c. honey
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1/4 - 1/2 tsp cinnamon

DIRECTIONS:

Puree together the strawberries, rhubarb and apples until smooth in your food processor or Vitamix. Pour the strawberry, rhubarb and apple mixture into a pot and mix in honey, vanilla, and cinnamon. Bring mixture to a boil, stirring occasionally. Reduce to simmer and continue to stir every 4-5 minutes or so. Cook for about 30 minutes or until desired consistency is reached. Pour into jar (if canning do your canning thing)—that's what they said, not me!! And allow to cool.

Store in the fridge.

MY NOTES: I plan on trying it. It sounds very fruity. I don't have a food processor so I will probably use my blender.

My friend who shared the bran muffin recipe, shared a salmon salad recipe she said was very good. It will go in next week.

ENJOY!



It's very common to see the three-leaved poison ivy plant when doing yardwork or hiking in the woods. Any part of your body that contacts the urushiol oil in its leaves, stems and roots may get an extremely itchy or painful rash that can last days or even weeks! If you must work near this plant or are trying to remove it, use heavy gloves, and wear as much protective clothing and gear as you can, including goggles or a shield for your eyes. Carefully remove these items and wash separately when finished. —Brenda Weaver

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

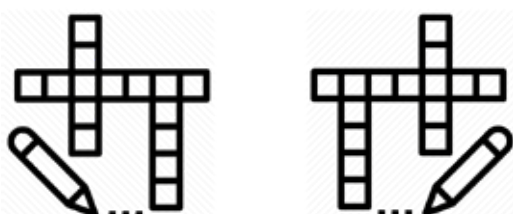
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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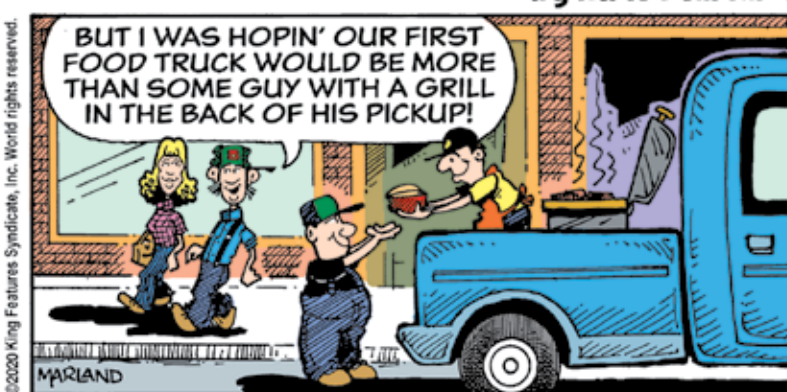
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R.F.D.



by Mike Marland



LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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THE LAST PAGE

JUGGLING - FROM PAGE 1

Stapleton said the assistance she is able to provide Brooklynn varies, greatly. They are enjoying history and English, and they have ventured out on their own with some advanced math.

She said Brooklynn has helped close a gap in her mother's knowledge about some of the newer technology.

Teachers have gone above and beyond to help, she said. Every email or phone call she has made has been answered right away.

She said, "After a rocky start, we are starting to fall into a routine."

The children miss their classmates and friends.

Brooklynn is very social and misses her friends and teachers. Online meetings and face time with classmates and teachers are important to her.

Phoenix loves school and thrives on routine and is having difficulty adjusting to the changes.

Stapleton said it is scary not to be able to provide answers to the children's many questions about what the future holds.

They have concerns about the health of family and friends and whether school will resume in the fall, or if they can visit their friends.

"My daughter constantly asks me about what will be open this summer, swimming, camping, fishing? It's very bizarre to feel so limited. Even a trip to the grocery store is an event, anymore," she said. "My son worries that the fair will be cancelled and he won't be able to enter his paintings or veggies we are growing."

Stapleton said the family is in the process of planting a vegetable garden, and the children have taken an interest in that for the first time ever.

"They have really dug in, and we have had a blast," she said.

In spite of the difficulties, Stapleton said having quality time together has been good.

She said, "We have been trying to remain positive and use this as a time to learn and grow together."

Stapleton, who grew up in Dayton, said seeing the community spring into action the way it has, is helping her feel closer to her neighbors, coworkers, and others in the community, more than she ever has before, and that gives her hope.

While the Stapleton family adheres to a regular school day and sleep schedule, there is more flexibility in the Justin Jaech and Roger Tumbocon household because they are both retired.

Jaech and Tumbocon are the parents of fifteen-year-old Justin II, twelve-year-old Isaac, and eight-year-old Nina.

"We certainly get up later, now. At breakfast the family discusses what the plans are for the day. If the weather is bad, homework moves up to the top of the list. Weather permitting, work moves outdoors. After dinner the kids are required to watch a Smithsonian documentary with us and Isaac and I read a book out loud," Jaech said.

"It has become difficult to work on our individual projects since anything we do around the house, nowadays, is designed to include the children, as well. Anything we do at home has to be able to withstand the constant interruptions," he said. "Instead of working on projects I might have been doing otherwise, we are now working in the garden, building a fence and things like that."

Jaech serves on the Dayton School District Board of Directors.

He said the initial roll out of the learn at home program was troubled because it was largely invented by each teacher, with essentially no notice.

"It has been a little hard to determine what homework is due and whether our kids have completed their work to the teacher's satisfaction," he said. "Things seem to be getting better and I must applaud the teachers and staff at the Dayton Schools for all the difficult work they have done in these confusing and

trying times."

Jaech said his children seem to understand what's going on, but they don't like the sense of confinement and not being able to visit with friends.

"We are fortunate to neither have lost our jobs, and source of income, nor do we have to go to essential jobs, without a clear and affordable plan for child care, now the schools have closed," he said. "Those with relatives who are able to step in and take over the role of adult supervision must also feel blessed."

"I think those who have lost their jobs, on top of everything else, must be under almost unimaginable pressure," he said.

Melissa McCowan is a hairstylist and co-owner of EmBee Hair Space in Dayton has been unable to provide face to face services with her clients since March 17.

However, she is able to offer hair care and styling products through sales and porch delivery by way of her online store. She also provides online access and discounts to her affiliated product companies.

Her husband, Jeffrey, is still able to work, but living on a percentage of their normal household income has been challenging, said McCowan.

"While having the salon doors closed seems to be the right answer at this time, I miss the relationships and community," she said. "While the memes of hair stylists working behind an umbrella through cut arm holes and hair drying being performed through a mail slot are outlandish, and definitely keep things light-hearted, there is truth in them. Social distancing is impossible in our industry."

She said the salon atmosphere will be different when returning to work. There will be new guidelines, restrictions and protocols, which will take some time to implement.

The McCowens have two children, eleven-year-old Jordan, and nine-year-old McKenna, and flexibility is a key word for this family.

McCowan said a good day is when the family wakes up "smoothly" and manages to get their school work done by 1 or 2 p.m.

A more difficult day might feature some tantrums, and meltdowns.

"On those more challenging days our school work may not be completed until 8 o'clock at night and I may not have my daily tasks completed until midnight," she said. "We've learned a lot about flexibility and making it work."

McCowan said the children have been tolerant while she navigates new methods of instruction.

The children are also navigating new methods of learning, one of which involves communication. They have been writing letters to relatives and friends and sending them in the mail.

"Ultimately we take our days in stride. It is really all we can do," she said.

McCowan said her heart goes out to those who are having to deal with all of this under more difficult circumstances.

Jan Leonard is a parent who is dealing with more difficult circumstances.

She and her husband have two children, twelve-year-old LeAnn, and seven-year-old Christian. Christian is on the Autism spectrum, a full-time job in itself.

The Leonard children begin their studies at 9:30 in the morning and Leonard works one-on-one with Christian.

She has supplemented the packets his teachers have provided for him with skills she knows he needs to work on. She is also using his Individualized Educational Plan with feedback from his therapists for guidance.

"Raising a son on the Autism Spectrum in normal times is challenging. Add a pandemic to that and it can be downright overwhelming," Leonard said.

Christian doesn't cope well with change and thrives on routine.

"I wish I could share with you a glimpse into our morning," Leonard said. "Every morning starts the same way. His eyes are barely open when he asks, 'What is happening on this day?' So, I go through what is happening in detail. Then he says, 'Then what happens the next day?' And I go through what happens the next day, and this continues, on and on, until we've gone through the whole week, and then he keeps saying 'What's next?'"

"He normally has an event he wants me to get to," Leonard said.

On some days she feels like a hostage negotiator trying to get him to start on his school work.

Christian also has Zoom appointments with his speech therapist, his occupational therapist, and his Paraprofessional, Shannon Griffen, to be worked into the day.

Luckily, LeeAnn is able to work independently, and checks in about her school work with her mother, at the end of the day.

Leonard said she initially supplemented LeAnn's learning at home with lessons based on Sixth Grade Washington State Learning Standards, online resources, and through chats with her core teachers.

She is now getting regular weekly assignments.

The Leonard children end their school day around 2:45 p.m. freeing Leonard up to tutor two of her friend's children in math.

The Leonard children aren't the only ones attending school.

Leonard, herself, is a college student studying for an online degree in Special Education with dual certification in Special Education/Elementary Education.

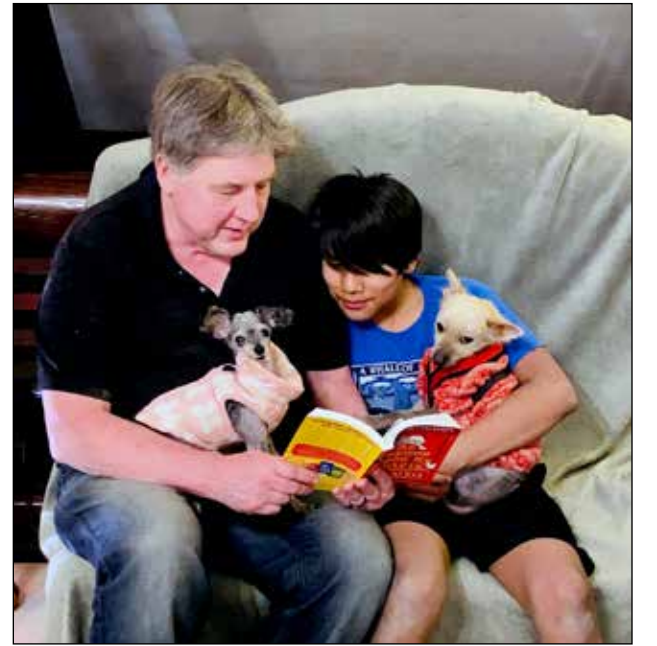
She begins her day at 4 a.m. and studies until the children wake up. She resumes her studies in the evening when her husband gets home from work and can be with the children.

Leonard said she is supposed to graduate with her certification in December 2020, but that is contingent on the ability to do her student teaching in the Fall of 2020. That may not be possible if school doesn't reopen on time.

"It's a lot to cope with daily and it can be downright mentally and emotionally exhausting," Leonard said.

The family has been careful to stay informed but not consumed by the news, she said she is trying keep her worries from affecting the children.

"I put on a mask, stay positive and we continue on with our learning," she said.



Courtesy photo
Justin Jaech and his son Isaac take time out to read together.

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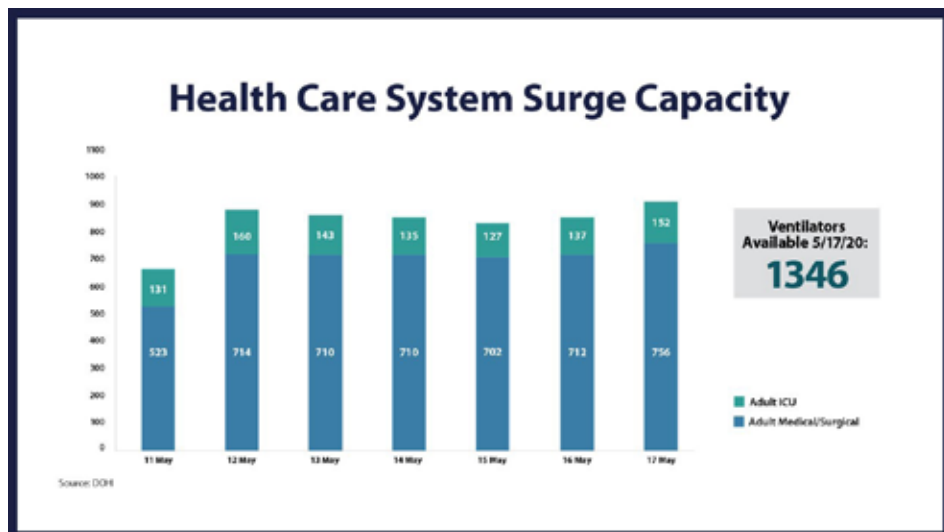
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OLYMPIA—On Monday, May 18, Gov. Jay Inslee announced the state's plan for all elective procedures to resume. Medical and Dental practices will assess their own readiness and their communities' COVID-19 activity to determine whether, and to what degree, they will reopen.

"Our health care system was one of the first in the nation to be hit with COVID-19 cases when there was much we were still learning about the novel virus. Because of the great work of our health care system and communities, we managed the peak of COVID-19 activity in April without having a crisis in our hospitals," Inslee said. "This plan was developed with many partners in our health care delivery system — including nurses, surgeons, pediatricians, dentists, community

health clinics and hospitals."

Aside from being determined by the COVID-19 activity in different regions of the state, the reopening of health care services will be determined by a facility's PPE availability, hospital capacity and more.



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Washington state will resume elective surgeries, thanks to a positive outlook about the number of ICU beds and ventilators available statewide as this graph shows.

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