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DAYTON'S GREEN GIANT GETS A REFRESH



Left Phot by Terry Nealy, right photo by Beka Compton
Terry Nealy took this photo of Paul Hendrickson (left) and Sterling Allen (right) working to refresh Dayton's Green Giant on the hill west of town. Nealy said they weeded, replaced and repainted the blocks located in the area of the Green Giant's stomach. They started the project earlier this year.

Washington counties see record early voting

Secretary of State's Office reminds voters to return their ballots

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA — With seven days to go until the Nov. 3 General Election, the Office of the Secretary of State is reminding voters to return their ballots as soon as possible.

Voters are encouraged to return their ballots by placing them in any of the nearly 500 ballot drop boxes statewide. Drop-box locations can be found by logging in to VoteWA.gov, as well as on the Secretary of State's Office website.

Ballots may also be returned by U.S. mail—no postage required—but must be postmarked by Nov. 3 to qualify for the election. The U.S. Postal Service recommends voters return their ballots at least a week before Election Day. Voters can track their ballots and check their ballot status on VoteWA.gov.

"We encourage voters to cast their ballots as soon as possible—whether by drop box or U.S. mail—to ensure their votes count and their voices are heard," said Assistant Secretary of State Mark Neary. "Voters who have not received a ballot should contact a county elections office right away to ensure their registration is up to date. For people who haven't registered to vote but would like to participate in the General Election, there's still time."

Though Oct. 26 was the last day for online and mailed registrations or updates to be received, people can visit a county elections office to register in person. The deadline to register in person and receive a ballot in time to participate in the General Election is 8 p.m. on Election Day.

More election information, including important dates and deadlines, an on-line voter guide, and election data and statistics, is available at sos.wa.gov.

Port to revisit Broadband grant application

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Only the top seven applicants out of a field of thirty have been chosen to receive funding from the Washington State Public Works Board for their broadband projects. The Port of Columbia was not among them, having ranked in the middle of the field at number twelve by the board last Friday.

"What this shows is there is a huge need for better broadband service and not enough funding to go around," The Port's Executive Director Jennie Dickinson said

Dickinson said the Port's application would have been stronger if the engineering had been completed, but there were time constraints.

She will reach out to the Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) later this week to discuss options for getting the engineering done. She will also discuss ideas with the Port commissioners at their next meeting on Nov. 18.

Dickinson said it is unlikely CERB or the Public Works Board will have any new funding for broadband projects until after the next legislative session.

Port officials have devoted many hours over the last two years to get the broadband project off the ground. Dickinson said she would be better prepared when the next opportunity arises.

The Makah Tribe, the Kalispel Tribe, Grant County, the Port of Skagit, Wahkiakum County PUD, Hood Canal Telephone, and the Port of Ilwaco were the top seven applicants.

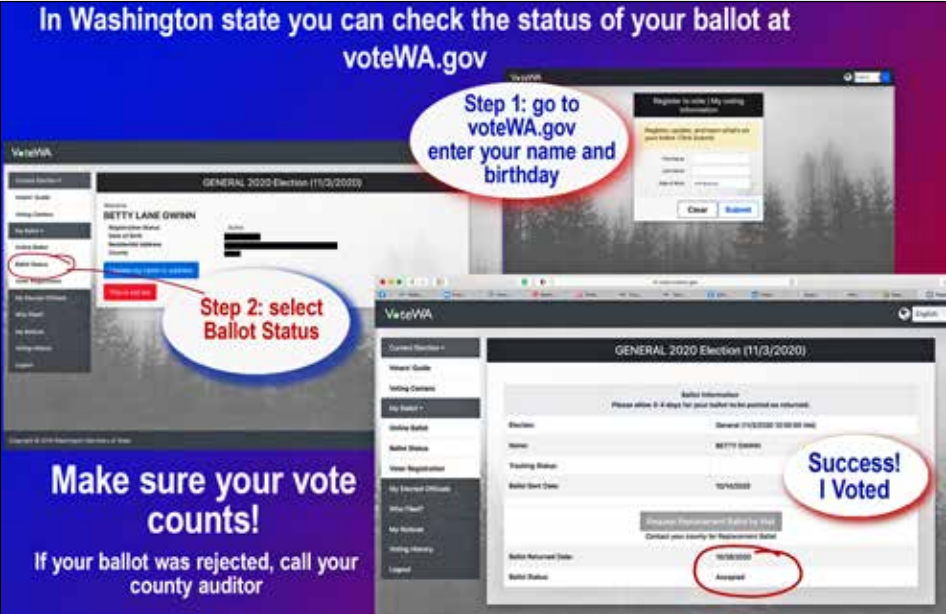
COVID-19 UPDATE FROM UNIFIED COMMAND, WALLA WALLA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND WALLA WALLA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH) is reporting 187 new COVID-19 cases in the past two weeks (10/13/2020 to 10/26/20). This has put the county at the highest number of active cases since the onset of the pandemic with 175 active cases.

"We are seeing an uptick of cases in Walla Walla County. Gaining control of this increase will depend on the actions of our community. We need everyone's diligence in supporting social distancing and wearing of masks. Also, cooperation in contact tracing, isolation and quarantine is essential," said Public Health Officer

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

WAITSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH TO RESUME IN-PERSON SERVICE ON NOVEMBER 1

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—It has been more than 200 days since Pastor Matthew Wyatt gave a sermon to a church full of friendly faces. The church will be opening its doors for the first time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic on November 1.

"We have committed to being in complete compliance with the regulations our county is in, and with that church will look a little different," Wyatt said. "We are limited to the number of people that can be in our building. We will have a sign-up on our website and our Facebook page so that families can reserve their spots for whichever service they decide to attend."

The church has prepared social distancing measures, and the building will be professionally sanitized prior to both Saturday evening and Sunday morning services. Wyatt said that all services would continue to be live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube, so those who do not feel comfortable attending service in person can still participate.

Sunday, November 1, will be the first Sunday service, and Saturday service will begin November 7. Sunday service will start at 10 a.m., and Saturday evening services will start at 7 p.m.

"COVID-19 is something that we respect, and we will continue monitoring the changes as they happen," Wyatt said. "We are so excited to get back to worshipping together and look forward to seeing the faces we've dearly missed."

All information, including reservation information, can be found on the church's website www.waitsburgchristianchurch.org.

PUBLIC INVITED TO COLUMBIA COUNTY RURAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Columbia County Rural Library District Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting for the purpose of approving COVID-19 Reopening Policies.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29.

This will be a virtual meeting and can be accessed on Zoom at, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787> The Meeting ID is 852 3836 3787

For audio-only dial-in, use the phone number, (253) 215-8782.

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ROAD INTO TUCANNON REOPENS

PENDLETON, Ore.—Forest officials on the Pomeroy Ranger District reopened motorized access on Forest Service Roads (FSR) 47, 4712, and a portion of FSR 4713 on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Due to significant flood damage from February 2020, long-term temporary closures along the Tucannon River were put in place until critical repairs could be completed.

This year, work has been ongoing to repair the Little Tucannon bridge, FSR 47, 4620, 4712, and 4713. Culvert replacement work on FSR 4713 continues south of the Panjab Campground. The public will not be able to drive to Panjab or Meadowcreek trailhead until contractors finish final repair activities next week. Ladybug and Panjab campgrounds are open.

The public is reminded that several roads and trails are closed in other areas with significant flood damage. Detailed closure maps and updates on flood repair activities are available on the Umatilla National Forest Facebook page and website, <https://www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla> and at any Forest office.

BLUE MOUNTAIN REALTY CONTRIBUTES \$2,500 TO THE CLUB

DAYTON—For the third consecutive year, Blue Mountain Realty has contributed \$2,500 to The Club for operating expenses. The presentation was made to The Club Board members Anne Strode and Samantha Edwards.

"We are proud to support the ongoing after school programs The Club is offering for members in kindergarten through the fifth grade, and the additional programming for older members," said owner Blaine Bickelhaupt.



Courtesy photo

From left Blaine Bickelhaupt, Julie Bickelhaupt, Samantha Edwards, and Anne Strode.

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE LIBERTY THEATER?

Update from Touchet Valley Arts Council

THE TIMES

As many people know, Mike Ferrians recently resigned as manager of the theater. The Touchet Valley Arts Council (TVAC) thanks him for all he has done for the theater and hopes he will participate in future live productions.

The TVAC and staff have been working for several months in efforts to reopen the Liberty Theater. Many changes have been implemented at the theater to meet state-mandated guidance to keep guests, staff, and volunteers as safe as possible and allow us to legally reopen and remain open as a business.

Unfortunately, the process of making these safety changes has taken much longer than expected. In August, TVAC set a target "soft opening" date of mid-October for free showings of the movie Hugo to benefit and celebrate our local communities. However, that schedule became impractical as it has taken several months to examine options to maintain or improve air quality in the theater, and the portable air purifier that was ordered in early September has taken more than 6 weeks to arrive. The planned "soft opening" movie showing is also intended for TVAC and staff to conduct a trial run with all the new procedures in place to see if further adjustments should be made to continue operating weekly. The delayed reopening is planned for before Thanksgiving week.

When the theater reopens, guests will be required to wear a face-covering over their nose and mouth at all times in the theater, except when actively eating or drinking while in their seats. Social distancing must also be maintained; therefore, the number of people in the theater auditorium and lobby will be limited. Generally, only every other row of seats will be available, with at least three seats remaining empty between groups of guests to maintain 6 feet of separation. Seating arrangements with limited theater capacity (which is capped at about 30%) has to be balanced to allow as much of the public as possible to attend a showing while maintaining social distancing. This is complicated by varying guest group sizes and makes guests selecting seats and buying tickets more complicated. Options are still being considered to make seat selection and ticket buying as straightforward as possible. It is recommended that those interested in attending a movie should arrive well before the show start time, so there is adequate time to get everyone seated and appropriately distanced on time. TVAC would appreciate the public's patience as the new requirements and processes are implemented for the theater to reopen and operate as safely as possible. The Liberty Theater COVID-19 policy is posted at www.libertytheater.org.

BIRTHDAYS

October 29: Daniel Reese, Kaia and Ania Larsen, Paul Presler, Nicholas Lodato, Seamus House.

October 30: Judy Bradley, Barbie Thompson, Ken Colby, Cindy Hofer, Robert Peddinani, Meghan Conrath, Aryn Davis.

October 31: Virginia Nichol, Ben Lincoln, Pami Wallis, Sarah Henze, B.A. Keve.

November 1: Connor Talbott, Phyllis Eaton, Courtney Mock, Curtis Johnson, Jack Osburn.

November 2: Dean Hermanns, Richard Webber, Shane DuPree, Sondra Keith.

November 3: Lori Bartlow, Barbara Erwin, Margaret Rohde, Geoff Baker, Don Abbey.

November 4: Jim Nelson, Rick Davis, Taryn Streeter, Allyson Hurd, Victoria Brewer.



Touchet Valley Weather

Oct. 28, 2020

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Weather	High	Low
Wednesday	Sunny	54	34
Thursday	Sunny	61	37
Friday	Partly Cloudy	63	38
Saturday	Partly Cloudy	60	36
Sunday	Partly Cloudy	61	38
Monday	Partly Cloudy	60	39
Tuesday	Scattered Rain	58	34

Weather Trivia

What is dew point?

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Answer: A measure of atmospheric moisture.

Weather History

Oct. 28, 1987 - Thunderstorms over the San Joaquin Valley of California produced three-quarters of an inch of rain in 30 minutes at Placerville and caused numerous power outages due to lightning. Rain diminished in the northeastern United States but flooding continued.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Tuesday	59	46	61/42	0.00"
Wednesday	55	38	61/42	0.05"
Thursday	50	30	60/41	0.00"
Friday	47	28	60/41	0.36"
Saturday	41	30	59/41	0.14"
Sunday	33	22R	59/41	0.00"
Monday	40	24R	59/40	0.00"

Precipitation 0.55"
Normal precipitation..... 0.48"
Departure from normal +0.07"
Average temperature 38.8°
Average normal temperature 50.5°
Departure from normal -11.7°

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Full 10/31	Wednesday	7:29 a.m.	5:43 p.m.	5:04 p.m.	4:19 a.m.
	Thursday	7:30 a.m.	5:42 p.m.	5:23 p.m.	5:21 a.m.
Last 11/8	Friday	7:31 a.m.	5:40 p.m.	5:42 p.m.	6:24 a.m.
	Saturday	7:33 a.m.	5:39 p.m.	6:03 p.m.	7:26 a.m.
	Sunday	6:34 a.m.	4:37 p.m.	5:27 p.m.	7:30 a.m.
	Monday	6:36 a.m.	4:36 p.m.	5:56 p.m.	8:34 a.m.
	Tuesday	6:37 a.m.	4:35 p.m.	6:31 p.m.	9:37 a.m.

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Waitsburg City Council update

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg City Council met Wednesday, October 21, for a regularly scheduled meeting. Due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the council is meeting via phone conference. Call-in information is available on the City’s website, www.cityofwaitsburg.com.

City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe reviewed the second payment application for the Taggart Road Waterline/Extension project. The second payment included paving services on the new Hazelbaker Road and water line repair/replacement. Construction crews are anticipated to finish up this portion of work within the next week, and that the City should anticipate the third payment in November. The council approved the second payment for \$216,134.68.

Council Member Karen Gregutt relayed concerns about whether the ditch around the project was sufficient enough to direct excess water and prevent drivers from damaging the private fields along the road. Hinchliffe said he and Gregutt spoke earlier, and he felt the slope was steep enough to prevent issues. Still, he would do a final walkthrough before the project was finished and will ask for more grading if necessary.

The council reviewed the application for the first payment on the sidewalk project. In the past few weeks, crews have been working to finish sidewalk construction at the end of West 7th Street. Crews have been preparing areas for construction across town, including on Kinnear, Powell, and Willard streets. Hinchliffe expressed hope that the weather remains warm enough for crews to finish the project. The council approved the payment of \$30,759.20.

At previous meetings, the Council voted to approve a portion of the CARES Act money available to the City to be offered as grants to Waitsburg businesses. Only seven applicants applied for the \$1,500 grants. Hinchliffe told the Council that the applicants had finished applications as well as the necessary supporting documents.

The City received a rough total of \$55,000 of CARES Act money. Hinchliffe expressed that he was worried the City would have to give money back due to the small number of grant applicants and expenses incurred by the City buildings, including the library, did not quite hit half of the \$55,000. Council Member Gregutt asked if another round of small business grants would be possible.

Hinchliffe said that another round was a likely possibility, but he was concerned that applications would be few; the City has until the end of November to distribute the money. City Attorney Jared Hawkins offered some insight as to how the City could go about the second round of loans if the Council chose to do it.

The Council reviewed Resolution 2020-709- the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Walla Walla Emergency Management requested the City adopt the changes in a resolution. The update would allow for more monitoring along Coppei Creek and the Touchet River. The Council voted to approve the resolution.

Councilman Jim Romine reported that there have been several arrests in town, and that drug activity has been ‘thinned down’ a little bit. He also shared that the D.W Morgan building, formerly the Bullseye Tavern, had sold. Romine shared with the council that the Millstone Cafe and Bakery had posted on social media that they would be closing their doors.

Hinchliffe gave a brief update on the 2021 budget, saying there is not much in the budget at the moment, aside from a road project. He anticipates the budget process to be difficult as the City deals with COVID-19-related revenue adjustments.

The Council approved the monthly city bills and adjourned. The Waitsburg City Council meets the third Wednesday of each month and is open to the public, currently through a call-in number available from City Hall.

Reporter’s Note:
The Times reached out to the owners of Millstone Cafe and Bakery and the business is planning on staying open, retracting a Facebook post made earlier this month.

Prescott School Board update

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

PRESCOTT—The Prescott School Board met Thursday, October 22, via Zoom call for their regularly scheduled meeting.

Prescott School Board members are Chairman Preston Brock, Vice-Chair Kevin Chabre, Director Eva Madrigal, Director Erik Young, and Director Jacob Stueckle.

John Graham, Apollo Solutions Group representative, was accompanied by Mike Fuentes, Division Manager and mechanical engineer, to help answer technical questions for a solar array project that the school district has been exploring.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Graham approached the District about a solar array projects. Apollo Solutions is a state-certified Energy Solution Company (ESCO), one of roughly a dozen in the state that can perform energy work.

One big question the board had for Apollo Solutions pertained to equipment warranties. Graham informed the board that the inverters have a 12-year warranty, the optimizers have a 25-year warranty, and the modules have a 12-year manufacture defect and a 25-year power outfit warranty. The sub-contractor, TCI Renewables, offers one-year workmanship warranties and works with manufacturers to provide additional component warranties.

The board questioned insurance costs. Graham reached out to the Toppenish School District, who installed a similar system, and they did not see an increase in their insurance costs.

The project would require approximately one acre of land. The District plans to construct the solar array in the field behind the campus portables. That field is currently leased to a local farmer, and the board will investigate the property’s status. The proposed site is considered ideal for this application due to its southern exposure.

Graham shared a few grants that the school would be eligible for, should they decide to move forward with the solar array project. They included various energy grants and cost-overage grants through the Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

Superintendent Justin Bradford shared that the HOPE2.0 hybrid-schedule has been going very well. “The kids and staff seem very happy to be back,” Bradford shared.

He said there had been a few reminders about masks and distancing, and students have been willing to listen and honor the rules.

Like many superintendents in the state, he said

he has no idea when they will advance to full-time in-person instruction, but he hoped it would be sooner rather than later.

Bradford said that the school is looking at starting a LEGO robotics team and is exploring a \$2,000 grant through the OSPI for startup needs. The program has been successful as a virtual model, and several staff members are interested in leading the program.

He noted that the school is eligible for two grants through the Support Services division of the OSPI. The grants are \$85,000 and \$25,000 and have little spending restrictions. Bradford said he is working on the grant applications, and he is exploring using the funds for paraprofessional training and continuing education.

Two of the District’s custodians have resigned, and currently, there is one custodian candidate. Bradford said that the District is still looking for a second custodian. The board accepted the resignations and approved the hiring of the new custodian.

The District will hold parent-teacher conferences at Vista-Hermosa on November 9 and at the Prescott School on November 10. Report cards will be sent out around that time.

The board accepted the first reading of Policy 3211, Gender-Inclusive Schools.

Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

Waitsburg City Council:
Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.
Call-in information available at www.cityof-waitsburg.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.

Halloween Trunk-or-Treat at the Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
Preschool and Elementary aged children welcome!

October 31, 5-6:30 p.m.
504 Main Street, Waitsburg

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

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 Health District Board of Commissioners
Fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m.

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

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

Thursday, October 29
Fish sandwich
Potato chips
Pickled beets
Salad
Crisp, Milk

Tuesday, November 3
Alice Springs Chicken
Mashed potatoes
Gravy, Roll
Stewed tomatoes
Oranges, Milk

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

Tuesday, November 3
Meatloaf
Mashed potatoes
Vegetable (chef’s choice)
Bread
Fruit
Cookie

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT MEAL DELIVERIES

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





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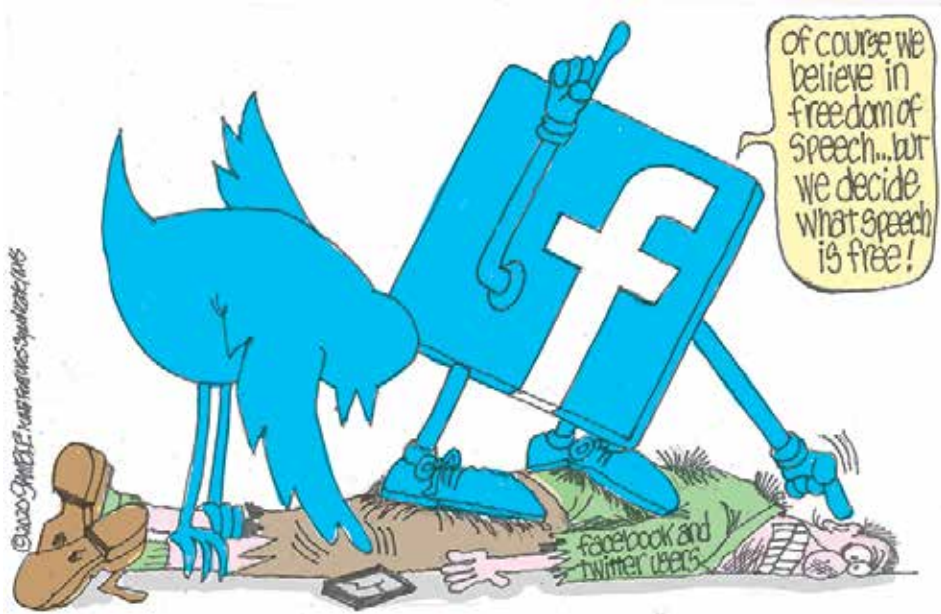
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Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
504 Main
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
337-6589
Pastor Stan Hughes

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

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

NEWS & COMMENTARY



LETTERS

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I've known Mark Klicker for many years and his trustworthiness and integrity is unmatched. I've had business dealings with Mark and his word can be trusted. Our district needs Mark to represent our farms and businesses to help solve the tax, regulations, and spending problem in Olympia. Our businesses are crippled with regulations and taxes.

Education, Farming, Healthcare, Businesses, etc will be well represented with Mark's expertise and experience as our new state representative.

Urging my family, friends, and the public to vote for Mark Klicker as our new representative for District 16 Position 1.

Thank You,
Joe Messenger

WWCSO

October 16

A burglary was reported overnight on 10/14/2020. Prescott

October 18

A burglary was reported in the County on the morning of 10/18/2020. Waitsburg
On 10/18/2020 deputies investigated a call of malicious mischief. Waitsburg

October 19

An assault and destruction of jail property occurred at Walla Walla County Jail. Walla Walla

October 20

A political sign was damaged by graffiti. Walla Walla County

October 21

A hit and run was reported in the County. Burbank

October 23

Threats call where an employee at Walla Walla Nursery, on Stateline Road, was going to get a gun and shoot employees working in HR at 0800. Walla Walla County

October 24

Deputy was dispatched to the 900 block of Sunset Blvd regarding an assault that had occurred in the 200 block of W. 2nd Street in Burbank. Burbank

Deputies were dispatched to the 300 block of Douglas Way in Wallula regarding an unwanted person. Wallula

Last call for Port of Columbia small business relief funds

THE TIMES

DAYTON—October 30th is the deadline for applications to the Port of Columbia COVID-19 Small Business Relief Fund. This is the third and likely the last round of grant funding available to businesses this year. Over \$94,000 is still available to assist businesses with ten employees or less that were harmed financially by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through their Economic Development contract with the State of Washington Department of Commerce, an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Dayton, and a grant from the Innovia Foundation, the Port of Columbia has facilitated two rounds of small business emergency grant funding totaling \$321,744.01 so far in 2020.

- \$154,138.00 in Governor's Strategic Reserve Funds to 25 businesses in July
- \$76,800 in City of Dayton CARES Act funds to 13 businesses in September
- \$77,472.97 in State of Washington CARES Act funds to 9 businesses in September.
- \$13,333.04 in Innovia grant funds to 2 start-up businesses.

"Concerns are being raised about how the upcoming cold and flu season, rising COVID-19 case numbers, and the typically-lean winter months may affect the economy here," stated Jennie Dickinson, executive director of the Port of Columbia. "We want to make sure that any businesses in need of assistance get help now, so they are as prepared as possible for the months ahead."

A local committee made up of one representative each from the City of Dayton, Columbia County, Port of Columbia, Dayton Chamber of Commerce, the non-profit sector, and the private sector reviews all applications.

Grant information and application forms can be found on the Port's website at www.portofcolumbia.org/covid-19.

No-cost flu vaccines available at select Albertsons, Safeway stores in Washington

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—The Department of Health is collaborating with Safeway Inc. and Albertsons Companies LLC to offer no-cost influenza (flu) vaccination for uninsured adults over the age of 18 to help prevent flu illness during the COVID-19 pandemic. Health officials are concerned that the presence of both viruses could put more people in the hospital and strain Washington's health care system.

Twenty-three Albertsons and Safeway pharmacies across the state will offer the flu vaccine free of charge through June 2021 to uninsured adults. The pharmacies will not charge an administration fee, and no proof of residency or immigration status will be required.

Find the list of participating locations on the department's website.

Everyone 6 months and older needs a new flu vaccine every year. Young children, pregnant women, people with underlying health conditions, and those aged 65 and older are at high risk of complications from flu illness. Flu is a highly contagious disease that can cause mild to severe illness, can lead to hospitalization, and can even be fatal – even in healthy young adults. Getting a flu vaccine reduces your chances of getting the flu but does not prevent other respiratory infections.

Adults who have insurance should also get vaccinated now. Flu vaccine for those age 19 and older is covered by most insurance companies and by Medicare and Apple Health (Medicaid). Washington also provides flu vaccine, and all recommended vaccines, at no cost to everyone under the age of 19.

The effort is a collaboration between Safeway, Albertsons and the Department of Health.

For help finding a health care provider or vaccine location, and to learn more about flu, visit www.KnockOutFlu.org

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

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Dayton School Board report for October

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Dayton School District Superintendent Guy Strot talked about the effect the COVID-19 challenge was having on staff and students when he addressed the school board at last week’s meeting.

He said he is very proud of the staff and students in the elementary school and in the middle and high schools for following the rules and following the District’s Reopening Plan. The teachers are doing an amazing job of “soldiering on” during this stressful time.

There is a good working partnership between the school and the staff within the County Public Health Department. Strot said he would be touring school facilities with a representative from Washington State Labor & Industries to ensure the District has done all it can to keep school employees safe.

Strot said there is a district budget shortfall due to a smaller student enrollment than was anticipated. The budget was based on a projected enrollment of 382 students. Twenty-four students have switched to other schools and programs, and eight students are being homeschooled. (The Middle School, however, gained three students.)

The shortfall is estimated at between \$80,000 and \$120,000. The District will watch expenses, and no radical changes will be made, for now.

Business Manager Paula Moio discussed revenue. She said the District had filed a \$50,000 claim with FEMA, but no reimbursement has yet been made. All the funds allocated to the District from the CARES Act have been spent.

Strot asked the Board of Directors to approve a change order for the elementary roof project and approve sales tax for the project in the amount of \$14,000.

He said there are some damages that occurred during construction that need to be addressed. The District is negotiating with the contractor for that.

Strot asked the Board of Directors to consider policies that are out of date or are deemed essential at future board meetings.

“Great things are happening in the grade school,” Strot said in his report about Dayton Elementary School.

The Parent-Teacher Service Organization (PTSO) hosted a “successful” book fair in the library.

Blue Mountain Counseling of Dayton sponsored a creative pumpkin coloring contesting.

October 20 was pumpkin delivery day from the Washington State Penitentiary in Walla Walla for students in preschool through third grade.

Judi Pilcher, President of the Food Bank, has reached out to offer the Backpack Program, which will provide weekend bags of nonperishable food items to qualifying families. HomeStreet Bank also donated \$500 to provide winter apparel to elementary students.

Strot said Fire District 3 visited K-3 classes to talk about fire safety.

Parent-teacher conferences are Nov. 4 through Nov. 6. Many teachers are offer-



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dress Up Theme	Spooky PJs	Halloween Color Day Superhero: Red, Black Jelly Beans: Orange The Grapes: Purple Pumpkins: Green	Goblins and Ghouls (group)	Favorite Candy	Halloween Costume
1st Period Activity	Cider and donuts Halloween Karaoke (before School)	Mask Decorating	Mystery	Trick or Treat Bags	Haunted House

Dress Up Days Are Class Competition. So The Winning Class Gets A Prize

ing evening or afternoon conferences.

Secondary Principal Kristina Brown said parents have the option of phone, Zoom, Google meets, or in-person conferences.

“We usually get a really great attendance,” she said.

Brown told the board of directors she has been visiting classrooms and performing teacher evaluations.

“It is exciting to see great teaching and students engaged in learning,” she said.

“We are so thrilled to be back in the schoolhouse.”

Brown said some students had fallen behind, academically, over the last six months.

“It has been several months since we’ve done any screening. We really want to know where our kids are right now, so we can work with them and provide interventions.”

She said students are being tested, in English Language Arts (ELA) and math, using Star assessment testing.

Star testing helps identify students who need additional academic support. It provides a consistent tool for monitoring progress. The data can be used for planning individualized or small group instruction, and in professional development for staff. Student attitudes can also be assessed using this tool.

Brown said ensuring grade-level performance is the goal of quarterly Interim Assessments for ELA and Math. These assessments help teachers better understand student comprehension and identify target areas of concern.

Brown wanted to give a “shout out” to teachers Kristine Warren and Heather Clarys for organizing the PSAT. Thirty-four students in Grades 10 and 11 and two Running Start students took the Preliminary SAT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) on Oct. 14.

Brown said a tour with Educational Service District (ESD) 123 Loss Control Specialist Christine Poirier had been scheduled to evaluate facility safety.

She said football, basketball, volleyball, and strength training for fall conditioning are underway, and coaches meet with the students once a week.

“We appreciate the coaches who are volunteering their time to work with our students,” she said.

COVID-19 — FROM PAGE 1

for Walla Walla County, Dr. Larry Jecha.

Contact tracing is a primary strategy recommended by the CDC to contain the spread of COVID-19. DCH is asking our community to cooperate with local contact tracing teams when they call individuals who test positive for COVID-19 or close contacts of known cases of COVID-19. For more information about contact tracing please visit the Center for Disease Control

and Prevention website or the Washington Department of Health website.

DCH reports transmission in Walla Walla County related to household and social exposures, travel (both residents traveling out-of-county and non-residents traveling into the county), and small gatherings. For guidance related to gatherings please visit the Washington State Coronavirus Response website.

Individual actions make a difference in stopping the spread of COVID-19 in our community. If you are not feeling well, please stay home from work, school,

social gatherings, and going out into the community. If your symptoms persist, contact your health care provider to ask about getting tested for COVID-19.

Walla Walla County is currently in Phase 2 of Governor Inslee’s ‘Safe Start’ plan. Additional information regarding the ‘Safe Start’ plan can be found on the Governor’s website.



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NEWS & LEGAL NOTICES

Apples from the past

The Lost Apple Project explores lost apple varieties and has visited homestead sites on Jasper Mountain in recent years

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Honeycrisp, Fuji, and Gala are all names we recognize. How about Fall Jeneting, McAfee, and Nero? Thanks to the work of Dave Benscoter and the Lost Apple Project, you may become familiar with a couple of recently-rediscovered lost apple varieties.

The Lost Apple Project came to be after Dave Benscoter was asked to help pick apples for a friend outside of Spokane. Benscoter grew up around apple trees and quickly determined that none of the fruit was usable, but he couldn't quite kick the strange-looking apples from his mind.

Benscoter offered to help his neighbor trim trees in the spring and spent the winter looking up ancient varieties of apples. His research led him to discover abandoned orchards all over Eastern Washington. One location is on Steptoe Butte where James "Cash-up" Davis built a hotel in the 1800s which he surrounded with apple trees. The hotel was destroyed by fire in the early 1900s, leaving behind the trees.

In 2016, the Lost Apple Project partnered with the Whitman County Historical Society. Since then, the Lost Apple Project has dedicated its mission to rediscovering and preserving apple varieties planted before 1920 across Eastern Washington.

While the project's focus is in the Inland Empire, Benscoter isn't afraid to look outside the county lines and has recently found a suspected lost variety on Jasper Mountain, on the LZ Conover property.

Benscoter first visited Waitsburg in September of 2017, after Kate Hockersmith arranged visits with property owners on Jasper Mountain. Joined by a couple of local history buffs, Benscoter found a few apples of interest in the abandoned orchards that once sustained the homesteading community just 15

minutes outside Waitsburg.

While it is unclear exactly when the first family moved onto Jasper Mountain, there was a healthy community until the mid-1930s, when an earthquake shook the entire Walla Walla Valley and damaged the springs that provided water for families and their livestock.

A hand-drawn map included in an essay by 'Hap' Cline, who spent their childhood on Jasper Mountain in the early 1900s, has an unnamed "log-cabin" dated 1880. Cline's father, Joseph F. Cline, moved his family to Washington from Missouri after gaining employment at Waits Flour Mill in 1905. In 1910, the Cline family rented a farm, known only as 'the Brooks place' in Cline's words. The plot of land sat at the head of Whiskey Creek.

Cline's essay talks about moving to the Brooks place and describes the fruit trees and berry bushes, and how they would dry apples and other fruit on the summer kitchen roof.

'They had to be turned every day,' the essay reads.

On July 15, 1936, an estimated 5.75 magnitude earthquake shook northeast Oregon and southeast Washington. The quake's epicenter was located near Milton-Freewater, permanently disrupting springs and other water sources in parts of the Blue Mountains, including Jasper Mountain. Families packed up and moved their homes closer to town shortly after.

"Some of them moved away faster than others," said Pam Conover, daughter-in-law of the late LZ Conover, who purchased one of the old homesteads that are currently being explored. She and her husband Larry, shared secondhand stories of families hauling water up the mountain with horse-drawn carts.

Apples were a staple for homesteading families across America. The easy-keeping fruit could be turned into applesauce, juice, or preserved. Certain varieties, according to Benscoter, could be kept in root cellars throughout the entire winter, providing a hearty snack during the chilly seasons.

Currently, there are three lost varieties being explored in the Jasper Mountain area. The Autumn Grey, the Jackson Winter sweet, and the Streaked-pippin apples are promising, but Benscoter said it could



Beka Compton

Dave Benscoter, the investigative mind behind the Lost Apple Project, gathers apples on the LZ Conover property on Jasper Mountain. These apples are one of three lost varieties being investigated.

be awhile before anyone knows for sure. Apple identification is a dying art, and Benscoter is only aware of five or six identifiers in the entire country. Many of the lost varieties have little to no digital record, and identifiers often have to sift through books full of paintings. Apple identification considers the skin color of apples, striping, shape, seed size and shape, and more.

During his recent visit, Benscoter visited the property owned by the Conover family in the rain as October released its first taste of fall weather.

He is also currently exploring trees on the Hockersmith property and on the Nordheim property, as well as suspected varieties in the Dayton, Walla Walla, and Pomeroy areas.

In addition to the hunt for apples, the Lost Apple Project hosts a grafted tree sale in the spring. Apple enthusiasts have the opportunity to purchase young trees and grow once-lost varieties in their own backyard.

The Lost Apple Project shares many of Benscoter's adventures on Facebook, via The Lost Apple Project page. More information can also be found through the Whitman County Historical Society, www.whitmancountyhistoricalsociety.org/lostapple.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been established for Wednesday November 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Columbia Walla Walla Fire District #2 Station, 234 Main Street, Waitsburg WA 99361 to hear comments on the proposed 2021 Columbia Walla Walla Fire District #2 Budget amendment. Copies of the proposed budget amendment are available for inspection at the Columbia Walla Walla Fire District #2 Station during regular business hours. Please note, this may be a Zoom meeting depending on COVID rules at that time. If you would like to attend the Zoom meeting please contact clerkfire2@hotmail.com and a link will be emailed to you. Columbia Walla Walla Fire Protection District #2
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Columbia County Planning Commission Openings

The Columbia County Planning Commission is accepting letters of interest from eligible citizens for Seat #4 term expiring December 31, 2022. This seat will become a float seat so citizens residing in Columbia County Districts 1, 2 or 3 are encouraged to apply. The planning commission addresses issues related to zoning, land use, and development regulations. This is an ideal opportunity for an interested individual to give back and have a voice in the community. Regular meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Planning Department. A district map may be found at <http://www.columbiaco.com/DocumentCenter/View/4227>. Interested individuals should send a brief bio and statement of interest to

Planner Dena Martin via email at Dena.Martin@co.columbia.wa.us or mail to: Planning Department, 114 South 2nd Street, Dayton, Washington. Please call the Planning Department at 382-4676 with any questions.
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SPECIAL MEETING BUDGET HEARING

Walla Walla County Fire Protection District 7 - Prescott, Washington, Board of Commissioners, in accordance with RCW 52.16.030 and the OPMA COVID extension mandate, will conduct a Special Meeting and the annual Budget Hearing for its 2021 Expense Budget on November 09, 2020. The Special Meeting and Budget Hearing and subsequent budget adoption will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Red Room, Prescott City Hall which is

located at 108 D Street, Prescott, WA 99348. If you would like to attend, please contact Aj Jacobson at 509 849-2835 prior to November 6, 2020. Copies of the budget will be available upon request.
Greg Fletcher-Commissioner Chairman
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Touchet Lowden Mosquito Control District that a public

hearing will be held from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Monday November 9th 2020 at the Touchet Fire Station, Touchet, WA, to consider setting the annual budget for the 2021 operating year. Written testimony, which will be read into the record, may be sent to: Touchet-Lowden Mosquito Control District, P.O. Box 173, Touchet, WA 99360. Dated this 29th day of October, 2020
Board of the Touchet-Lowden Mosquito Control District.
By: Alisha Scholz, Secretary

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Columbia County Public Hospital District #1 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Levy Certification: Public Hearing and Discussion/Approval: 2021 Budget: Public Hearing and Discussion/Approval

11/12/2020 at 11:00am
Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Columbia County Public Hospital District No. 1. will be held on November 12, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Administration Building on the District's Dayton, Washington campus. The purpose of the meeting: Levy Certification: Public Hearing and Discussion/Approval; Proposed 2021 Budget: Public Hearing and Discussion/Approval. Final disposition shall not be taken on any other matter at such meeting.

Item

1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Open Public Hearing: Levy Certification Discussion
 4. Close: Public Hearing re Levy Certification
 5. Discussion/Approval of Levy Certification
 6. Open: Public Hearing re: Proposed 2020 Budget
 7. Close: Public Hearing re: Proposed 2020 Budget
 8. Discussion/Approval of Proposed 2020 Budget
 9. Adjournment
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Celebration Days asking for leadership volunteers

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg Celebration Days (WCD) board of directors met Monday, October 26 at 7 p.m via Zoom call.

The board met to elect a new president, vice president, and an advertising director. Directors had to postpone the election until the November meeting, as they had not yet had any volunteers step up with interest.

Waitsburg Celebration Days is a volunteer-led non-profit, formed in 2013 to continue community celebrations originally hosted for over 100 years by Days of Real Sport. WCD stepped in to insure the celebration would remain an annual event on the third weekend in May.

Celebration Days events have included a Brewfest and tasting, a BBQ complete with live music, a soap-box derby, a car show, a parade, and Sunset Cruise and ATV rides.

The board hopes to have interested volunteers to fill the board seats by their next meeting on November 16.

Secretary Abby Grende raised some questions about funding and was informed of some quickly-approaching deadlines for grants from local entities like the Port of Walla Walla. There was also a brief discussion about different fundraisers, like the spaghetti dinner that the Celebration Days Queen has done historically. There was some interest in pursuing fundraisers, should the leadership positions be filled.

Currently, the board of directors is unsure what the 2021 Celebration Days will look like. The 2020 event was canceled in March, shortly after the coronavirus pandemic broke out globally, and the board is monitoring the situation closely. They plan to move forward and prepare for the event but are ready to cancel should the

circumstances require.

Interested volunteers are encouraged to reach out to board members. Lisa Naylor, President (retiring), Joy Smith, Vice President (retiring), Secretary Abby Grende, Treasurer Pat Gleason. Other board members include Ann Adams, Wendy Richards, Denise Winnett.

Waitsburg Celebration Days will meet again on November 16, at 7 p.m, via Zoom call. For agendas and call-in information, email Secretary Abby Grende at abbysot@hotmail.com.



2017 Celebration Days on Main Street in Waitsburg.

Times Photo

Updates from Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

COVID-19 re-openings: What is open today

THE TIMES

Most recreation opportunities offered by WDFW have reopened, and license sales have rebounded and even exceeded the previous year sales to date. (WDFW offices, hatcheries, and some campgrounds remain closed, though staff is to assist the public by telephone.)

Still, COVID-19 re-emergence remains a serious threat. The department asks you to continue physical distancing, stay close to home until communities enter Phase 3, wash hands frequently, bring along a face covering, and only head out when you are well.

The WDFW would like to thank our partners for their support in sharing these practices. Staff has worked hard to ensure that the COVID-19 challenge does not create new barriers to enjoying outside opportunities. The public's willingness to continue following these guidelines is key to continued access to nature and its resources.

All hands-on deck to reopen lands and waters

Leading into the reopening of state lands, WDFW crews cleaned and prepared

hundreds of public boat launches and facilities in wildlife areas, many of which were still closed since last fall. This included disinfecting restrooms from top to bottom, cleaning debris from trails, picking up trash, and opening widely dispersed gates. With more than one million acres managed by WDFW in Washington, this was no small task.



Courtesy photo

Keep an eye on the horizon for more WDFW updates.

Gardeners Grove

Shutting down for winter

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

Well, that escalated quickly. Our weather has gone from a pleasant and mild fall to a mid-winter's frozen tundra practically overnight. It took the better part of a day to get above freezing. And so it goes, another turning of the wheel—toes in socks, socks in boots. The parkas are out, and before you know it, we'll be back inside, once again relegated to the confines of the indoors, daydreaming about spring.

All-season gardeners know better. Winter gardening using container pots keeps the landscape visually stimulating through the cold months. In his book on the subject, celebrated landscaper and gardener P. Allen Smith suggests dusty miller, pink heather, and daffodil bulbs. As for me, I'm not there yet.

Now is the time to extract final harvests and remove any plants that are not frost hardy.

Spent annuals can be discarded to compost piles (or the garbage if they were diseased), and more delicate perennials can overwinter indoors.

Pulling up the dead and dying is easier said than done when it comes to undoing all the ties and stakes it took to support the massive cherry tomato plant and giant sunflowers. Several of the larger sunflower stalks are drying for use as stakes in next year's garden.

For every row of plants pulled, the soil is turned by hand, re-covered with a weed blocking barrier, and topped with mulch.

There are a couple of little bursts of green poking out from the seam in the weed barrier, though. I am always experimenting. Last time, it was with a trellis fashioned from an old bar stool, which stunted the watermelon plant's growth. This result could be a good or bad thing, depending on your needs.

This year I'm pushing the limits of the growth season. Partly due to user error, I started bok choy and kale seeds too late in the season. I now know to restart earlier next spring, and bok choy and lettuce will be among the first veggies to look forward to.

Now, heading boldly—or rather coldly into fall, I'm growing what has come to be known as experimental kale. From what I understand, kale is pretty tolerant of cold, so I intend to test the limits on how far into winter we can go. If it grows well, there will be plenty of fresh kale chips for weeks, and if it doesn't, well, no one cries over spilled kale.



As the temperature drops, plants and pots endure the effects. Especially porous materials such as concrete absorb water, then as it freezes, can crack and break. Coating the inside of planter pots and the outer lip with a wood sealer helps to prevent this. Even the hardiest winter foliage needs nourishment. Outdoor plants can handle freezing temperatures better if the soil is moist. The moisture acts as an insular layer for the roots.

Insular layers aren't just good for roots. I leave the strawberries out all year. By covering them with dried, fallen leaves, they can bounce back stronger and more readily in spring.

Any plants that can't handle the extreme cold should overwinter indoors. Recreate their ideal lighting and warmth with hanging or clip-on grow lights. If your home is low on floor or table space like mine, consider going vertical. Hang planters near windows and let low-light tolerant plants sink into the shadows.

As this year's garden wrapped up, I couldn't help but be a little sad. Gone are the days of fresh lettuce, peppers, watermelons, onions, carrots, and tomatoes. Remember when I didn't like tomatoes? Memories! You wouldn't guess that now judging by how many gallon bags of sauce are in my freezer.

This year, my big garden game-changers are the tools that enabled me to manage the doubling of the garden's footprint. Weed barrier cloth and my garden scooter are my new best friends. Neither of which I plan to do without next year. In fact, the garden will feature widened rows for better scooter access.



Photos by Brianna Wray



Clockwise from top left: experimental kale pokes out from the seams of the weed barrier as we test just how cold tolerant it is. Even until the very end, the garden produced a high yield of tomatoes, peppers and watermelon. This pumpkin did not survive the first frost.

The greatest joy of this year's growing season was the overwhelming abundance. Being able to share vegetables with friends and family and to donate to food banks has been a great way to stay connected as we faced this time of uncertainty.

The biggest lessons of the year from readers came from Carl Teller: Tomatoes can get too much sun. I wouldn't have guessed it. Most gardeners will tell you tomatoes love the sun and can't get enough. We know better now; there can be too much of a good thing. Likewise, Teller's pumpkin challenge seems to have stumped us all. While I finally celebrated having two wee pumpkins growing last week, the frost came along and turned them into a waxy mush I had to discard. I'm going to buy a pumpkin, and I'm going to call it a day. Will there be pumpkins in next year's garden? I don't think so.

NFL Week #8 – Seahawks vs. 49ers

NFL WEEK EIGHT GAMES AND PICKS

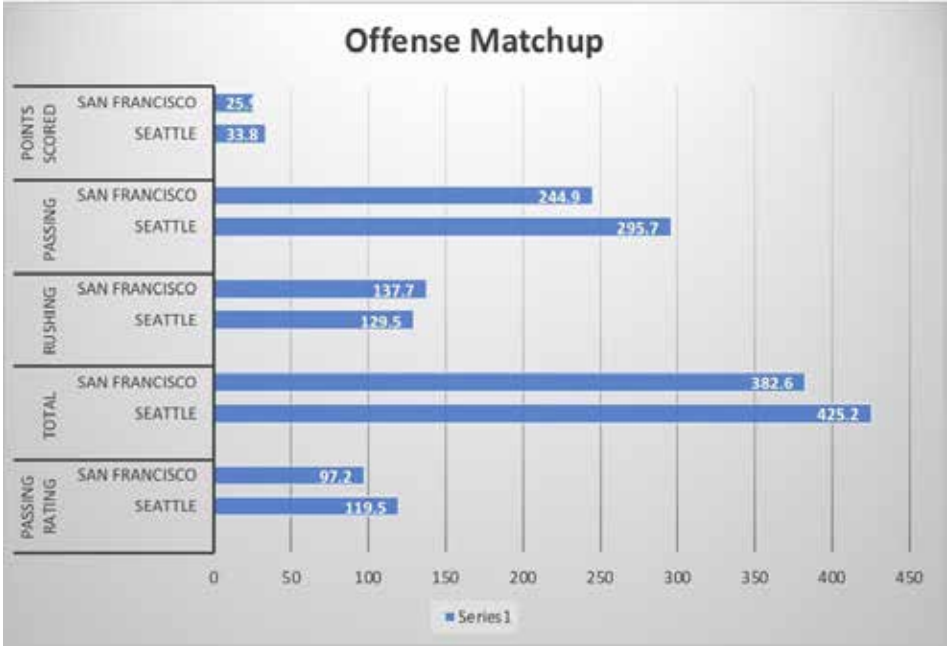
By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

Seattle hosts the San Francisco 49ers this week. This is the first game against San Francisco this year, and they won't play again until the last week in the regular season. If Seattle doesn't want that to be a meaningful game, they need to win this one. Last week Seattle lost its first game of the year to Arizona in overtime. It was a game they let slip away.

This week they play a 49ers team that is 4-3 on the season and continues to have injuries pile up on their roster. Running back Jeff Wilson is out until week 12 after suffering a high ankle sprain last week against the Patriots. Raheem Mostert, the 49ers top running back, has been placed on injured reserve, and the earliest he will play in week 10. Former Seahawk Richard Sherman is also out with a calf injury and is not expected to return until week 10. Wide receiver Deebo Samuel is listed as doubtful for this week's game. Both safeties for San Francisco didn't play last week due to injury and are listed as questionable this week. Even though quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo came back from an ankle injury last week, he has never run well and only made one attempt for four yards last week.

With all of San Francisco's injuries, especially to their running game, this should be a good time for Seattle to get back to their winning ways even as the defense continues to struggle. Look for Russell Wilson to have a better week and lead Seattle to a victory.

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Thu	5:20PM	FOX/NFL	Atlanta	Carolina	Carolina
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	1:25PM	FOX	Seattle	San Francisco	Seattle
Mon	1:25PM	FOX	New Orleans	Chicago	New Orleans
	5:20PM	NBC	Dallas	Philadelphia	Philadelphia
	5:15PM	ESPN	Tampa Bay	New York Giants	Tampa Bay



WDFW takes an important step in post-fire habitat recovery

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

In September, wildfires that tortured the Pacific Northwest did a number on the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW) Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area (Swanson Lakes), located about 10 miles south of the town of Creston.

Swanson Lakes is a 21,000-acre tract of native grasslands nestled among the channeled scablands of the Columbia Plateau. Shrub-steppe and riparian/wetlands comprise the dominant habitats, and much of the area is rangeland, with some old Conservation Reserve Program fields. The undulating landscape is characterized by numerous pothole and rim rock lakes and one intermittent stream.

In western habitats, wildfire threatens native vegetation in two ways. First, given our rangeland's generally unnatural fire cycles from fire management and encroaching invasive species, wildfires often burn much hotter than they would in pristine habitats. Fires that are too hot scorch the seed bank and possibly the underground root structure of native shrubs like sagebrush, damaging the plant's potential to regenerate. Second, invasive weeds are incredibly prolific and competitive. In the case of the earth being blackened down to bare soil, weeds can quickly flourish, outcompeting native plants, often by simply covering the area, effectively shading out the native species.

Fortunately, WDFW was poised to respond, leveraging funds in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to quickly apply native grass seed mix to the charred Swanson Lakes landscape. Aerial seed drops covered about 930 acres on October 22nd, scattering two varieties of Bluebunch wheatgrass, Idaho fescue, Sandberg bluegrass, and prairie dune grass across Swanson Lakes and a portion of adjacent BLM lands, said Mike Finch, WDFW Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area Assistant Manager.

Fall is not the ideal season to sow grasses, but the timing could not have been better. The WDFW and BLM made the seed drops in October to ensure native seeds were available to germinate on the exposed soil ahead of any invasive species seeds. Additionally, wet snow that fell on October 23rd and 24th worked well to soak the seed into the soil surface, increasing the likelihood of establishment through good seed-to-soil contact. The WDFW plans to return with machinery in drier conditions to scratch the seeds slightly deeper into the soil surface.

Finch mentioned that Swanson Lakes was one of three areas receiving fall seed drops. The areas were



Photo courtesy WDFW

This lake in the Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area is one example of the unique channeled scablands and shrubby habitat.

prioritized for immediate reseeding due to their deeper soils, being more likely to establish and sustain healthy native grasses by allowing roots to grow down into moist soils for good summer survival. Understanding site conditions and prioritizing restoration efforts is important for project success and the best use of resources, particularly with native grass seed cost as high as \$200 per acre, plus application time.

Native shrub-steppe communities are a critical part of the arid West's ecosystem, providing food and shelter for a wide variety of wildlife. For example, the sharp-tailed grouse is an iconic western prairie grouse species that thrives in shrub-steppe habitat. Precisely why maintaining quality native habitat in Swanson Lakes is of critical importance. The area was acquired by the Bonneville Power Administration, primarily as a wildlife mitigation project for Columbian sharp-tailed grouse, a state "threatened" species.

By leveraging funding and relationships with the BLM, and making smart decisions on the use of available resources, WDFW can sustain unique and



Mike Finch, WDFW

Native grass seed being dropped in Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area, October 22nd.

important shrub-steppe habitat areas like Swanson Lakes to benefit wildlife and the public user well into the future.

Good News?

Because not all the bad things happen

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

This week was somewhat sad reading about the spread of COVID-19. It will make the holidays a very different experience this year, and not in a good way. But then I remembered a plaque a former boss had in his office. It read: “Not all the bad things happen.”

In the past, when something annoying, problematic, or unexpected happened to me or someone close to me, my usual knee jerk reaction was to panic. Maybe it is maturity or maybe just exhaustion, but now I’m not going crazy about the little things. The past few months have had some potential issues but no catastrophes.

When I was doing the dishes during our kitchen remodel, I noticed there wasn’t any hot water. While others were busy trying other faucets, guessing what the problem could be, and looking at the water heater like it would either announce its failure or immediately start heating the water. I called the plumber.

It was the thermostat, under warranty, and by the way, the hissing sound in the guest house was a burst pipe, which was immediately repaired. So, two birds, one stone, and all is good.

Yesterday, while making coffee and toast for breakfast, the appliances died, no power. I reset the GFI outlet, which didn’t work. Went outside to the circuit breaker, nothing was tripped, but I reset it anyway. No dice, still dead. I reset the GFI,



reset the circuit again, and voila’ power. I still have no idea why, but it worked the second time around, and all is good.

Last night I finally had to turn on the heater in the kitchen; it died. No heat. Luckily, I just bought a portable heater at Cascade. At least I have a temporary fix and some additional heat, so again, all is good.

Until this morning, while sitting at my dining room table, freezing, I realized my new (less than a year old) mini-split heater wasn’t lit up or producing any heat. Surprise, it wasn’t working; evidently, the circuit breaker tripped. Or, possibly, when I was trying to reset the kitchen breaker, I mistakenly tripped this one. Now the heat is on, and I can take my gloves and scarf off. Heat is good when the temperature drops to under 20 degrees.

When I went to Cascade to buy the heater, I made a few stops along the way. In the process, I lost my prescription glasses. I hunted every inch of the parking lot, retraced all my steps, went into every store I visited that day, all to no avail. Yesterday, I made a “Hail Mary” stop at Cascade. They had my glasses, see it’s true; not all the bad things happen. And, while there I saw (now that I had my glasses again), the great tome; “The Farmers Almanac.” I bought it as a gift for Daniel. Now, he has all the tools he needs to plan our next garden. However, with me and Mother Nature working alongside him, he may see his plans evolve into a whole new plan.

I am ready for next year, thanks to Barnes & Noble. I just purchased a new cookbook, “Zucchini Unleashed.” Thankfully, I only have two zucchini left, but I know next year I will be ready for the onslaught of the green monsters. I have figured out that zucchini, flies, and cockroaches are alike; they defy destruction. They will outlive us all, and we just need to learn to accept the bugs and cook the zucchini. The good news is: I can cook, and even better—I live with a chef.

The Last Stop Sign: Zonia Dedloff, Mayor of Starbuck

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

My recent visit with Starbuck’s new Mayor, Zonia Dedloff, was a revelation for me. First thing I learned: she has lived there for 50 years. She and her late husband, Jerry, parked a trailer here in the late 1960s, along with many others, to work on building the Little Goose Dam. Jerry, a diamond driller, was one of many who traveled the U.S., following jobs like this. “It really was one long vacation,” she said of those years. The dam work temporarily swelled the little hamlet’s population. Although Jerry and Zonia had traveled through most U.S. states on jobs, Starbuck turned out to be their last stop.

“It was wall-to-wall trailers when we got here,” she says of the dam workers. “But we just fell in love with the place.” They watched the completion of the Little Goose and raised two boys, Jerry and Zonie.

“You’ll never be considered a true Columbia County person unless you have family going back for generations,” she quipped. “When we first got here, the locals referred to us as ‘those damned dam workers.’” Others may differ, however. Over the years, the name Zonia Dedloff has become almost synonymous with Starbuck.

“When the boys were grown, I went through a terrible time with the empty nest syndrome,” she said. I got a job bartending at Dorsey’s” - a Dayton hotel, restaurant, and lounge of that era (now the location of Columbia County Commissioner’s office). “I worked there 15 years.” She’d already had a taste of bar life. Enter through the front door of Zonia’s house, and you’ll find it a foot lower than the rest of the house. “The previous owners of the house were drinkers and

poker-players,” she said. “There was nowhere for the single men to gather and drink. So they built this addition onto the front of the house for a bar.”

Dedloff’s home is a delightful museum of antique and vintage items filling every room. She owns a massive collection of old bottles, some more than a century old, dug up from the ground around town. All are displayed on shelves at her home. In a curio cabinet stands the first doll she had as a child, along with many others that followed.

Zonia was raised in Madras, Oregon, by her parents Zonie and Mabel Nance. She was the youngest of 16 children.

“My mother was an avid recycler before anyone talked about recycling,” she said. “I’m one, too. I love to make something new out of something old.”

Sitting in her house, it shows. Her recycling hobby led her to become a consummate crafter. Both skills shine in the hundreds of letters she has written over the years to shut-ins, the lonesome or the sick, just to cheer them up. She mails her notes in handmade envelopes.

Dedloff has logged many years as a volunteer at the Dayton Food Bank and the Dayton hospital gift shop. She has volunteered at the St. Vincent DePaul store in Dayton for 22 years. She was an organizer of the Dayton Farmer’s Market and has become famous for her baked goods. She currently sells them at the



Zonia Dedloff , Mayor of Starbuck

Blue Mountain Station Co-op market.

After serving as a Starbuck councilwoman for many years, Dedloff ran for Mayor in 2016 but lost to a write-in candidate. As previously reported by *The Times*, Zonia was appointed Mayor on September 22, when Richard Ells resigned from the position, partly for health reasons. Her goals as Mayor? “Well, we need to do something about our water and sewer systems,” she said. They’re okay for now, but I’d like to see that completed if possible. And we have some new stop signs coming.”

Only one was enough to make her and Jerry park their trailer in 1966, but I doubt anything will stop Zonia Dedloff from being an active part of the town she has championed for half a century. “I love Starbuck. I always have. the best thing about it is the people. There are great people here.”



Bottles of every shape and size are one of Dedloff’s collections displayed at her home.

The Cookie Chronicles

When Dogs Have Senior Moments

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

As every dog owner knows, we can learn as much or more from our fur brothers and sisters as they learn from us. It’s often noted how some of us actually come to physically resemble our dogs. But there are other ways in which dog and owner can mirror each other.

As Cookie reached a birthday milestone this summer – turning 10 in human years, which brought her right up against retirement age in dog years – it became clear to us that she is entering the same stage of life that we are in. She’s still fit and healthy, still clear-eyed and joyful, funny, and smart. And yet...

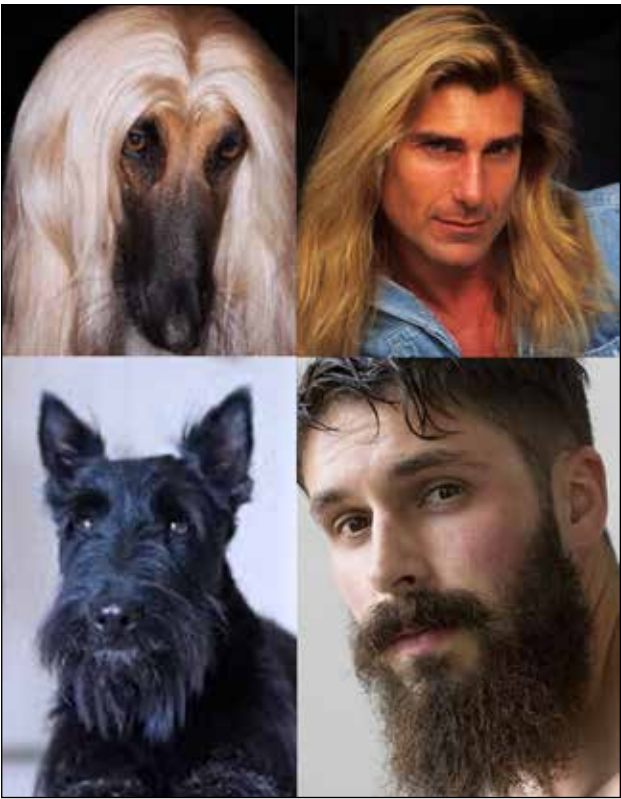
She sleeps a lot more than she used to. She’s putting on weight. She chases after the ball once or twice, but after that, she tucks him away – game over.

None of this is surprising or worrisome. But there is something that has recently begun happening that might be. More and more often, she forgets where she’s hidden, Mr. B.

As noted in Chronicle chapter three, Mr. B is much more than just a dog toy. For Cookie, he’s a wingman, a security blanket, a constant companion, and a secret decoder for important communications. As such, she has always kept a close watch on his whereabouts.

Now granted, there have been more than a few occasions where I got a bit over-zealous with the Chuck-it, and Mr. B ended up in the upper branches of our blue spruce. In fact, he once spent the better part of two years up there before the wind knocked him down. Mr. B has also put in more than a few days on the roof and vanished into various shrubs and bushes after an errant throw. That’s on me, not on Cookie. And there is always a back-up ball waiting in the wings.

But this is different. A number of times this past summer, her ball has disappeared when I haven’t even thrown it. For reasons unknown, Cookie hides it somewhere in the yard, maybe to start a game of hide and seek, maybe just to have Mr. B in a safe secret place that only she can find. Except she can’t find it either. She’s like a squirrel forgetting where the nuts are buried.



Chapter 21—Where's your ball!

It’s a lot like looking for your car keys, or reading glasses, or cellphone. These are things that bedevil me almost daily. When I task Cookie with the command to “go find Mr. B!” she’ll begin a full investigation, racing and sniffing around the entire perimeter of the yard. And I will join in, looking under shrubs and behind bushes and inside all the odd little nooks and crannies where a hiding place might be.

Usually, one of us will find him. (It helps that Mr. B glows in the dark.) But sometimes we don’t. Most recently, he vanished on a sunny and warm late summer afternoon (remember those!) and still has not been found. I’m dead certain I didn’t throw him, and equally certain Cookie didn’t take him outside of the fences. He’s in here somewhere, and neither one of us has been able to find him. I suspect he’s hunkered down next to a very nice pair of prescription glasses that Mrs. G lost track of while gardening last spring.

Be that as it may, it leads me to worry that this sort of senior moment might be a precursor to some sort of dog dementia. Does such a thing even exist?

Sadly, it does, and as usual, details are to be found from a variety of internet sources. The Bark (www.the-bark.com/content/canine-dementia-signs-symptoms-treatments) has a fancy name for it – Canine Cognitive Dysfunction (CCD) – and defines it as “an age-related neurobehavioral syndrome in dogs leading to a decline in cognitive function.”

At the Dog Dementia website (<https://dogdementia.com>) you’ll find symptoms to watch for, a printable checklist, resources for dog owners, special toys for senior dogs, true accounts from pet owners who have dealt with CCD, and a link to an entire book about caring for a dog with dementia.

If you’re a daytime tv news watcher, you are probably familiar with the endless barrage of drug ads addressing a blizzard of afflictions, most of which you’ve never heard of. These invariably include a horrifying rundown of potential side effects and the admonition to “Ask your doctor!”

It turns out that last advice is the best advice. I’m happy to note that Cookie displays none of CCD’s serious symptoms and losing track of her ball is probably no worse than me forgetting where I left my cellphone. But I’ll keep a close watch (if I can remember to do so). And if things start to slide downhill, it’s off to the vet. Maybe there’s a brain enhancing supplement for dogs, like the one I’ve seen advertised with the ingredient originally found in jellyfish.

Area businesses offering safe Halloween alternatives

THE TIMES

Calling all goblins, ghouls, and ghosts! Halloween is still happening in the Touchet Valley, with some minor adjustments. Social distancing will be enforced at all events listed below for the safety of all the spooky participants.

Per state guidelines, face masks will be required in addition to a costume mask. Halloween costume masks are not accepted forms of face coverings.

Downtown Waitsburg plans on getting spooky on Saturday, starting at 4 p.m. with David Long, Walla Walla DJ, providing music at the Fire Station on Main. Does anyone know the Monster Mash?

Angled parking spaces in front of Ten Ton Coffee will be available for trunk-or-treat cars. If trick-or-treaters are far and few at your house (or you simply would like to join the fun), decorate your car and bring your treats downtown for a trunk or treat evening.

Businesses up and down Main Street, including The Millstone Bakery and Waitsburg Grocery, will have treats, music, cookies and cocoa. Trick or treaters of all ages are welcome from 4 p.m- 7 p.m.

The Waitsburg Presbyterian Church will also be hosting a trunk or treat for preschool and elementary

aged kiddos, Saturday from 5 p.m- 6:30 p.m. 504 Main Street, Waitsburg.

Columbia County Health System is hosting a Safe Trick or Treat Saturday from 2 p.m - 4 p.m. Staff will be at both the Administration Building and Booker Rest Home handing out treats.

Swing into the parking lot behind Dingles Hardware in Dayton for a drive-through trick-or-treating experience. Located at the corner of Commercial and 1st Streets from 3 p.m - 5 p.m.

In partnership with Columbia County Public Health, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office will be offering treats for the trick-or-treaters of Dayton. Deputies and other volunteers will be set up at a table Saturday from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. for a self-serve style pick up.

The Wenaha Gallery will have a table full of treats available for a self-serve style stop all day Friday, October 30. Costumes not required, but appreciated.



Beka Compton

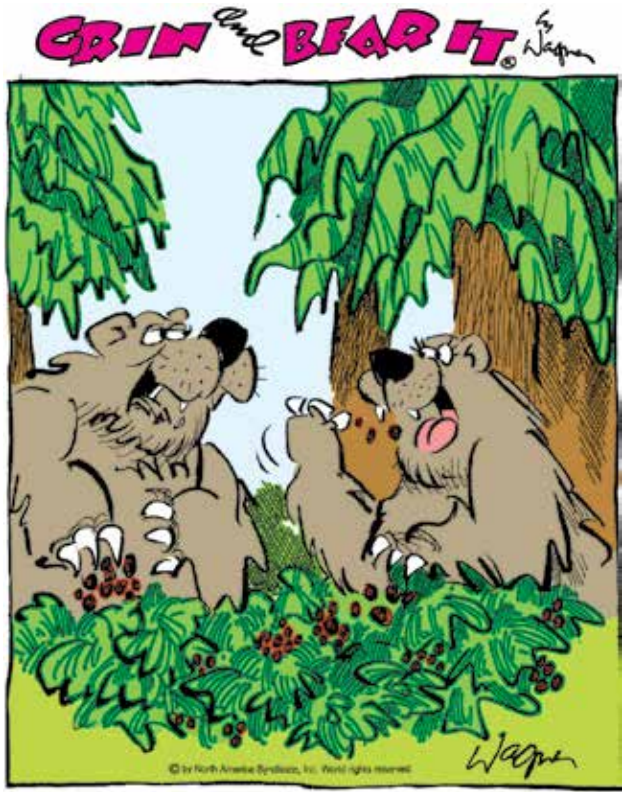
Broom's pumpkin

Waitsburg resident Gayle Broom donated a Giant Atlantic pumpkin to Nancy's Dream Garden as part of the Schulke Pumpkin fundraiser. One of the smaller pumpkins from her garden, the nearly 100-pound pumpkin sold for more than \$70. Gracie for scale.

R.F.D.



by Mike Marland



"You fatten up nicely."

LAFF - A - DAY



"I'm making a last-minute change to my wedding list...there'll be a different groom."

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

October 28, 2010

Former resident Jason J. Lujan, 30, will return to his home in the 100 block of Murphy Street, Waitsburg, after being released from police custody on Nov. 14. Lujan is a registered, level III sex offender currently under Department of Corrections supervision.

To better serve its readers and advertisers in Columbia County, *The Times* has opened an office half a block from Main Street behind Manila Bay Cafe next to the courthouse in Dayton.

The Waitsburg Historical Society has received a grant for \$2,000 from the Blue Mountain Community Foundation to do work on the Wilson-Phillips house recently donated to the society.

[Photo caption] Waitsburg-based wine columnist Paul Gregutt lifts a glass to the release of his completely updated guide to Washington wines.



Twenty-Five Years Ago

November 2, 1995

Nearly 20 headstones at the City Cemetery in Waitsburg were overturned last weekend, officials reported. The city responded that the gates to the road into the cemetery, off East 8th Street, would be closed on weekends and on weekdays from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The pedestrian gates will remain open at all times.

Walla Walla resident Rene Erm has passed the Washington State Bar Exam, the State Bar Association has announced. Passing the exam is required to practice law in the state. The Bar reports that of 816 candidates who took the extensive test in July, 79.4% passed.

Former Touchet resident, Larry Gene Troester, 35, passed away on Oct. 25, 1995 at his home in Pittsburg, Kan. He apparently died as a result of an asthma attack.

Fifty Years Ago

November 12, 1970

Ernest Mikkelsen of Waitsburg has been elected as a director of the National REA from Washington state, it was announced at the 31st annual meeting of the Columbia County REA held in Dayton last week. Mikkelsen has been on the Columbia County board since 1941. He has served as president of the cooperative since 1949.

[Headline] Local wheat hits \$1.51 per bushel
Waitsburg city council passed two ordinances last week raising the garbage collection fees from \$1.25 to \$1.50.

Word from Spokane Tuesday revealed that Lewis Patton came through his open heart surgery with his heart functioning normally, and will be kept in intensive care for approximately three days.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

November 16, 1945

George Clibon has purchased the James property on Main Street, formerly occupied by Leila's Cafe and will open a plumbing shop there. He is also building a new home on Coppei Avenue across from the Standard Station.

The City Fire department has been remodeled this week, enlarging the door of the truck quarters to accommodate the rural fire truck as well as the city truck.

The Red Cross Sewing Center will be closed for the present. Groups who sew are asked to get their materials from Walla Walla as the need for finished products is still great.

One Hundred Years Ago

November 19, 1920

Rock St. Jacques who for the past 12 years or so, has had the racetrack leased, has sold his interests at the track including hay, etc. to a group of Waitsburg horse enthusiasts composed of a number of farmers and businessmen.

Little Ernestine Rice and Eddie Petrick were given a party last Saturday by their mothers. The following young people were present: Tennys Teeeters, Catherine Williams, Maxine McConnell, Helen McDaniel, Hazel Milligan, Erma Shuham, Lola Woodworth, Jean Leonard, Lola Petrick, Donovan James, Adrian Tate, John Lloyd, Elwood Brown, and Fred Rice.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

November 22, 1895

There are almost too many pig pens in this city for the atmosphere to be of the most balmy nature. Perhaps you've noticed it.

The Presbyterian Dime Social at the palatial home of Hon. and Mrs. W.G. Preston on Thursday evening of last week was an exceptionally pleasant affair.

Miss Jennie Loundagin, one of the loveliest girls in this community, goes to Walla Walla tomorrow to enter Whitman College. The best wishes of her many friends go with her.

Mrs. D. Ferguson was in the city from Dayton a few days ago, rustling for the Peoples Press. That is the kind of wife for an editor to have.

Super Crossword

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- 1 Patronize for purchases
- 7 Tennis segment won without loss of a point
- 15 Dude
- 20 Actress Duff or Swank
- 21 Not righted, as wrongs
- 22 Epic about Troy
- 23 What a siemens is a unit of
- 26 Open into flower
- 27 Seamless shift
- 28 Get fixated
- 29 Scottish port
- 30 Viper type
- 33 — T (just so)
- 34 Broiling bar
- 35 Diverse assortments
- 44 Flip out
- 46 "— help if ..."
- 47 — Khan (Islamic title)
- 48 Elicit an encore, say
- 49 Italian entree
- 55 Ore- —
- 56 Gift getter
- 57 Signs off on
- 58 "My treat"
- 59 Mars vehicle
- 61 "Dilate" artist DiFranco
- 62 Formerly
- 63 Oakland team
- 65 Flukes
- 70 Many a released prisoner
- 72 Grandpa Walton player Will
- 73 Tarzan player Ron
- 74 Draw out
- 75 Jai —
- 76 Reagan's "Star Wars" prog.
- 77 Tries to trim down
- 82 Luau chow
- 83 Dartboard's rings, e.g.
- 88 Astral bear
- 90 Alternate spelling of a word: Abbr.
- 91 Fair-hiring abbr.
- 92 Actor Kevin of "Weeds"
- 93 Part of a routine baby immunization
- 99 Churn up
- 100 Stetson, say
- 101 Ending of ordinals
- 102 Flow stopper
- 105 Err in finding the total of
- 108 Fruity pastries
- 110 Jaffa citizen
- 114 Assembly associated with a church creed
- 118 Put off
- 119 Cheapest ship quarters, formerly
- 120 Take out of the pier
- 121 Number of dwarfs
- 122 Infuriated
- 123 Gazes
- DOWN
- 1 The Bible's Queen of —
- 2 Far from flat, as terrain
- 3 Balsam fir or pine extract
- 4 Lobby orgs.
- 5 Part of MFA
- 6 Beginner
- 7 Jean- — Godard
- 8 — whim
- 9 Actors Kilmer and Avery
- 10 "And on and on": Abbr.
- 11 Bit of babble from a crib
- 12 Once-a-year
- 13 Old Persian
- 14 Academy email ending
- 15 Activity-tracking device
- 16 Stretchy
- 17 See 65-Down
- 18 Mille — (Minnesota county)
- 19 Fruity beverages
- 24 Apple buy
- 25 Police cruiser
- 31 Post-it note, informally
- 32 Gyro breads
- 34 Utah's lily
- 36 Winans with 12 Grammys
- 37 Be fond of
- 38 French for "summer"
- 39 Govt. health agency
- 40 Tardy
- 41 Pitted garnishes
- 42 The Green Party's Ralph
- 43 Trades jabs
- 44 Watch readout, for short
- 45 "So that's your trick!"
- 50 For the — (temporarily)
- 51 Self-pride
- 52 Run up, as expenses
- 53 The "A" of OAS: Abbr.
- 54 Bana of "Troy"
- 60 Poem of exaltation
- 61 Suffix with pent-
- 62 Whale locale
- 63 Keepsake
- 64 At least one
- 65 With 17-Down, Princess or Royal Caribbean
- 66 Ad — committee
- 67 Baldwin of "Aloha"
- 68 Eye suggestively
- 69 British soldier of old
- 70 Add zing to
- 71 Beautify
- 75 Prefix for "height"
- 76 Food filter
- 77 Three, in Ulm
- 78 Optimistic declaration
- 79 Interior-design magazine
- 80 Saints linebacker Manti —
- 81 Tax form ID
- 84 Egg-shaped things
- 85 Salt, chemically
- 86 Clergyman's area: Abbr.
- 87 Ltd. cousin
- 89 Civil War folk song
- 94 Trendy
- 95 Pursued
- 96 Hauled (off)
- 97 Clothes
- 98 Trendy
- 103 1970s-'80s sitcom
- 104 Gets as much as one can out of
- 105 Docs' orders
- 106 Big name in slushes
- 107 1970s-'80s skit show
- 108 "Toodles!"
- 109 Read digitally
- 111 — -chef (#2 in a kitchen)
- 112 Peewee pup
- 113 Cost an arm — leg
- 115 Belief system
- 116 Epoch
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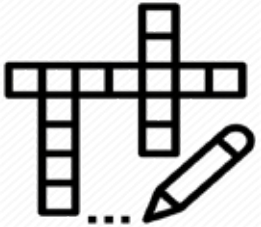
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Super Crossword

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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Apple Puff Pancake

I shared this before and it was one of the most popular ones. It uses a lot of eggs and milk so it makes a great breakfast dish, or if you are like me, I like a breakfast dinner. What surprised me the first time I made it, was the way the apples start at the bottom and end up on the top. ☺

If you wanted to slice and bag the apples the night before, mix the rest of the ingredients, then it should go together quickly in the morning, if time is an issue. All that would be left is melting the butter and putting the brown sugar on top.

Personally, I enjoy cinnamon so I would add ½ tsp.



INGREDIENTS:

- 6 eggs
1 ½ c. milk
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 c. all-purpose flour
3 Tbsp sugar
½ tsp salt
¼ tsp ground cinnamon
2 Tbsp butter
2 apples, peeled, cored and sliced
3 Tbsp brown sugar

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees.

In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to blend eggs, milk and vanilla. Add flour, sugar, salt and cinnamon, mix just until blended. Set aside.

Melt butter in a 9 x 9 inch square pan. Arrange apple slices in the bottom of the pan, and pour the batter over them. Sprinkle brown sugar over the top.

Bake for 20 minutes or until puffed and lightly browned.

MY NOTES:

Taste before adding syrup, because it is sweet. When we made it, it was enough for several breakfasts and if I remember, Joe even ate it for dessert!!

If you want to read the reviews, you can find them on All-Recipes.com. Many tweaked it a bit.

ENJOY and stay warm!



Japanese anemone

These perennial plants tolerate a range of light conditions and soil types, growing 2-4 feet tall. They feature delicate, showy white or pink blooms on slender stems that come out in August and can continue to show into the autumn months. Anemone can become rather invasive, forming a thick ground cover; it may require regular attention to keep it from taking over. – Brenda Weaver

Sources: www.amateurgardening.com, www.rootwell.com

HALLOWEEN MOVIES

This is Halloween

Scary and not-so-scary movies to stream

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

Horror is an exciting genre that has gained popularity in recent years. There's no shortage of disturbing thematic choices available, including hauntings and the supernatural, psychological thrillers, eerie reality tv shows, slashers, science fiction, humorous horror, and Halloween melodrama, each clamoring for the spotlight. Now more than ever, new expressions of filming fear are redefining the genre.

These days when I want a fright, it's faster to turn on the news. When it comes time for entertainment, I tend to go for something different.

If you're celebrating indoors instead of hitting the streets for All Hallows Eve, consider streaming these movies and shows; some scary, some innocuous flights of fancy.

Netflix is a streamer's paradise. Their offerings of new scary stories are on point. *The Haunting of Bly Manor* (2020) is a supernatural horror drama television series, created by Mike Flanagan for Netflix, and loosely based on Henry James's work, particularly his 1898 novella *The Turn of the Screw*. Dani, an American au pair, cares for two orphans in an ominous English manor. The job is unsettling, to say the least, as Dani and the children learn dead does not always mean gone.

Not thrilling enough? Try *Ratched*, (2020-) a psychological thriller about the character Nurse Ratched from Ken Kesey's 1962 novel, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. Created by Evan Roman-

sky and developed by Ryan Murphy, the series serves as a prequel to the book.

Or revisit the Netflix original series, *Stranger Things* (2016-), and get sucked into the Upside Down. Sheriff Hopper and Eleven will have you right side up in no time.

As a not-so-scary Netflix option, might I suggest *A Babysitter's Guide to Monster Hunting?* (, 2020). Reluctantly recruited by a secret society of babysitters, Kelly Ferguson battles the Boogeyman and his monsters when they nab the boy she's watching on Halloween. Of course, he's no regular boy as he discovers his ability to turn nightmares into reality.

While not specifically Halloween themed, *Worst Witch* (2017-) is fun for the family, especially around this time of year. The television series, based on the best-selling children's books, written and illustrated by Jill Murphy, follows the adventures of Mildred Hubble, a young witch from a normal life outside of magic, who finds herself the worst student at Miss Cackle's Academy for witches.

The streaming service Hulu definitely takes "Huluween" seriously. They have conveniently queued up the Halloween episodes of family favorite television shows, making them accessible with one click rather than having to navigate to each season's details page.

Hulu's scarier selections range from classics such as the Chucky mov-

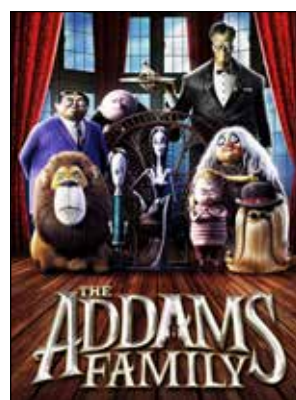


ie *Child's Play* (2019) and *Texas Chainsaw Massacre* (2013) to recent television shows, including seasons of *American Horror Story* (2011-) and *Hannibal* (2013-2015).

In horror-comedy options, check out the new Hulu original *Bad Hair* (2020), where a woman's new hairdo appears to have a mind of its own. Set in 1989, when the music television industry was new, an ambitious young woman gets a weave to succeed in the image-obsessed world of music. However, her flourishing career may come at a great cost.

In the comedy-horror television series *Stan Against Evil* (2016-18), Stan Miller of Willard's Mill, where 172 witches were burned historically, is the first sheriff to retire in many years. All the previous constables met with untimely, gruesome fates. Following the loss of his beloved wife, Stan discovers there was more than sewing going on in her craft room. This show isn't so much frightening as it is hilariously gory. There will be blood, and it will be in someone's mouth.

The mysteriously spooky and all together ooky *Addams Family* is back in action in this 2019. animated movie. With an updated storyline and animation, these characters are prepared for outlandish stunts. They have a pet lion named Kitty, but things never get too far out of hand. (Wink-wink, nudge-nudge).



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