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WAITSBURG FLOOD: THEN AND NOW



2020



1996

Beka Compton | Courtesy image

This Waitsburg home on Preston Avenue was built in 1908 and has survived past floods, including the 1996 flood. The owners plan to pull it apart, dry it out, replace the floors and repair it to be someone's home once again.

Waitsburg homes and farms underwater

Friday's flood generated disaster assistance in many forms

By Beka Compton & Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES



Lane Gwinn

Water from the Touchet River caused road closure on Highway 12 from Waitsburg to Dayton. The closure began Thursday night and was lifted Sunday by DOT.

WAITSBURG—February 7 is starting to earn quite the reputation in the Walla Walla Valley, as two major floods have ripped through the area in less than 25 years. The 2020 flood, which people are just now able to start assessing the damage from, fell on the 24th anniversary of the 1996 flood.

The flood is suspected to have been caused by a combination of snow, heavy rain, and unusually warm temperatures causing high water levels

in local rivers. On Tuesday, Feb. 5. The National Weather Service reported 3.8" of snowfall, with .69" of rainfall on Wednesday, Feb. 5, a record amount, and .91" of rain on Thursday, Feb. 6, another record amount.

By late Thursday afternoon, water in both the Touchet and Coppei rivers began to rise and show signs that various levee locations between Waitsburg and Dayton could be breached.

Thursday evening water from the Touchet River overran its banks and began flooding properties and covering the roadways east of the Hwy12/Preston Ave. bridge.

Lynne Carpenter, whose father, Skip, owns Preston Ave, LLC, a rental business in Waitsburg, couldn't stop saying "my heart breaks for the tenants" as she stacked her personal belongings on her couches, while the water around her house was quickly rising. The rental company had three homes that sustained significant damage.

Friday morning the Washington State Department of Transportation closed Hwy. 12 between Dayton and Waitsburg as the roadway was still covered by water and debris.

The flooding wasn't limited to Preston Avenue, or the city limits. There was heavy flooding on Lower Hogege Road, which as of Monday, was still closed due to road damage.

"I never thought I would hear rushing water in my horse lot," said Lanny Adams, as he raised his voice to talk over the roar of water running through his dry lot. Adams' wife, Ann, said she 'felt horrible for their neighbors. Fencing in the horse pasture had helped divert flood water from the neighbor's home until a surge ripped the posts out of the ground. With the fences gone, the Adams family watched as water rushed towards the neighbor's house. It was later learned that the mud packed against the doors of the home had actually become a barrier preventing water from getting inside.

When Colter Mohny, Interim Fire Chief for Waitsburg was contacted for a comment, he was happy to report that there was only one service call over the weekend, and it was unrelated to any flooding issues. He mentioned the great

Flooding conditions in Columbia County

County and city crews working long hours

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Board of Columbia County Commissioners called a special meeting last Thursday and passed an emergency resolution allowing money to be freed up to purchase materials to help mitigate a possible flood, after water in the North and South Touchet Rivers and Patit Creek began rising faster than usual, because of rapid snow melt caused by rain and warm temperatures.

At that meeting Emergency Management Department Director Ashley Strickland told the commissioners the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers determines flooding to be an emergency if there is an imminent threat to lives and property, with confirmation by the National Weather Service. At that time their criteria had not been met.

He was told by a National Weather Service hydrologist, that day, the Touchet River was expected to crest at 9 a.m. on Friday morning, and rain would change to snow and colder weather, which should slow the runoff.

By Friday morning at around 1 a.m., it became clear that people and property were in imminent danger from extensive flooding, and volunteers were called to the public works department to fill sandbags for use by the city and county crews.

Charles Eaton, the County Public Works Director, said Baileysburg Road was closed to traffic, and several people living along the road were essentially cut off. People living on the Wolf Fork and Whiskey Creek were cut off as well.

South Touchet Road was closed at Milepost 2 and the foundations of some homes were inundated with water.

The Eaton Bridge on South Patit Creek had water over the top of it. He said there were concerns about high water on the levee from the rail bridge to the city's wastewater treatment plant, and crews were hard at work, adding some "height" to it.

There was flooding in Huntsville, as well. However, the county lacked the manpower to deal with it, at that point in time.

He said he was concerned about the snow that was expected later in the day, through Sunday. Crews were working as fast as possible to stabilize and provide temporary repairs ahead of the time they would need to run snowplows.

By noon the Washington State Department of Transportation had closed Hwy. 12 between Dayton and Waitsburg because of flooding over the roadway.

On Saturday, the highway continued to be closed from milepost 358 to 366, until midmorning.

Over the weekend, city and county crews were continuing to shore up the Touchet River levee from the rail bridge to the golf course, and to replace the rip rap by the city park.

On Sunday night the levee lost another hundred feet between the rail bridge and golf course.

There are continuing issues on Tucannon Road, Harting Grade, Wolf and Robinson Forks, higher up, will remain closed for the time being.



Michelle Smith

The Touchet River Levee foot path was closed due to flooding while county and city personnel worked to stabilize the levee by adding and shoring up the riprap.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

Keeping Love Alive



Betty and Cecil Fletcher, married 67 years



Sandy and Skip Carpenter, married 54 years

NEWS BRIEFS

DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL SAM ERWIN MEMORIAL BREAKFAST!



Proceeds will benefit the Prescott High School Scholarship Fund. The Prescott Lions Breakfast will be held on Saturday February 15, and Sunday, February 16, from 8 - 11 a.m. The breakfast features all you can eat eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, waffles, calypso eggs, juice, coffee for \$10.00. Location: corner of Hwy. 124 & D Street.



To Lane Gwinn,
my favorite sister,
love you. Happy
Valentine's!
-Gail Gwinn

SPECIAL AWARD TO BE GIVEN TO FIVE YEAR OLD LIFE SAVER

DAYTON—On Friday, February 28th at 4 p.m. at the Columbia County Courthouse, a Life Saving Award will be presented to five year old Carl Burnstad in the Court Room. Mr. Burnstad dialed 911 when his mother became unresponsive. Due to limitations of the E911 phone systems when cellular calls are placed, it would have been very difficult to locate the family in the rural location where they live.

Columbia County recently started using RapidSOS which is a service that aids in locating cellular callers to a more precise location than previously possible. RapidSOS, along with Carl's quick thinking, allowed the emergency responders to be guided directly to his residence. Without Carl dialing 911, it is very unlikely his mother would have survived. Without RapidSOS, Emergency responders would have been significantly delayed in reaching her, putting her at greater risk.

The public is invited to celebrate Carl at this event.

Touchet Valley Weather

Feb. 12, 2020

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Wednesday	Mostly Cloudy	46	35
Thursday	Scattered Rain	50	34
Friday	Rain & Snow Possible	47	36
Saturday	Scattered Rain	45	38
Sunday	Scattered Rain	50	43
Monday	Scattered Rain	48	45
Tuesday	Mostly Cloudy	47	35

Weather Trivia

Does weather affect arthritis?
ANSWER: Science has not proven this, but many people with arthritis swear it is true.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	38	30	44/32	0.01"	1.92"
Wednesday	49	34	44/32	0.69"	0.43"
Thursday	50	45	44/32	0.91"	+1.49"
Friday	53	44	44/32	0.31"	40.9°
Saturday	46	35	44/32	Trace	38.1°
Sunday	43	29	45/32	0.00"	+2.8°
Monday	45	32	45/32	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:01 a.m.	5:14 p.m.	9:50 p.m.	9:13 a.m.
Thursday	6:59 a.m.	5:15 p.m.	11:07 p.m.	9:39 a.m.
Friday	6:58 a.m.	5:17 p.m.	Prev Day	10:06 a.m.
Saturday	6:56 a.m.	5:18 p.m.	12:22 a.m.	10:36 a.m.
Sunday	6:54 a.m.	5:20 p.m.	1:35 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
Monday	6:53 a.m.	5:21 p.m.	2:45 a.m.	11:50 a.m.
Tuesday	6:51 a.m.	5:23 p.m.	3:48 a.m.	12:36 p.m.

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-Karen Gregutt

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WALLA WALLA—Are you a descendant of a pioneer who established residence in Washington, Oregon, Idaho or Montana during or prior to the year 1885? If you are also graduating from high school this year or are currently attending college, you may be eligible for the Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington Chapter No. 12 scholarship, in the amount of \$750.

Applicants must meet the above qualifications and must also reside in Walla Walla County, within the city or rural routes of Dayton, WA, or within the city or rural routes of Milton-Freewater, Oregon.

Preference will be given to students whose letter of application best highlights their educational or professional goals, their interest in one's own family history, as well as their volunteer and community activities. Applications accepted September through May 1, annually.

For more information visit, <http://daughtersofthepioneersww.com/> or contact Scholarship Chairwoman Judith Fortney at jafortney@q.com, or (509)529-8210.



TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

Events Calendar

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 13

Blue Mountain Heritage Society

Dayton Memorial Library & Delaney Bldg.
111 S 3rd St.
Dayton, WA
9 a.m.

Next Steps 2020 Workshop

Walla Walla Valley Food System Coalition and Sustainable Living Center
Food hub feasibility study update & next steps workshop.
Lunch provided
Visit www.fsc.org to register
Walla Walla Airport - Blue Mountain Room
45 Terminal Loop,
Walla Walla, WA
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 14

For Love of Geese - Blue Mountain Land Trust

Observe the incredible flocks migrating through the area and learn about their life history amid a cacophony of honking.
McNary Wildlife Refuge - Environmental Education Center
65 Maple Street
Burbank, WA
1:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Popcorn Fridays

Fresh popcorn at the library with lots of toppings.
Dayton Memorial Library & Delaney Bldg.
111 S 3rd St.
Dayton, WA
3 p.m.

Mythical/Moveable Blue Grass Jam

Ten Ton Coffee
216 Main St.
Waitsburg, WA
Free weekly blue grass jam. All are invited.
6:30 - 9 p.m.

Liberty Theatre Reader's Theater

Two live-read plays: *Bertha and the Saxman* and *The Fourposter*. \$15 per person or \$25 for two people includes champagne, bubbly cider and chocolate!

Liberty Theater
344 E Main St.
Dayton, WA
7 p.m.

Valentine's Day Party

Drink specials, Jell-O shots, pudding shots and beer pong. Bring your date or come solo there will be fun for everyone. We hope to see you all there! 21 and over.
Whiskey Canyon Sports Bar & Grill
701 Preston Ave,
Waitsburg, WA
9 p.m. - 12 a.m.

Valentine's Day Salsa

An evening of sultry Latin dancing with DJ H-Boss. Bring a partner or find one on the dance floor! \$10 online or at the door. Ages 21+.
Foundry Vineyards
1111 Abadie St.
Walla Walla, WA

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 15

Pruning 101 Class with Bill Warren from Warren Orchards

Learn basic pruning techniques for apple trees, using the OSU pruning handbook. Taught by Bill Warren an orchardist and farmer, producer and farm manager. Bring loppers. If you want loppers inspected, arrive at 9:30. Class limited to the first 15 people who register with class fee - \$25.00 for BMS Co-op members; \$30 for non-members
Warren Orchards
422 N. Touchet Road
Dayton, WA, 99328
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Open House at Fields Spring State Park

Discuss the needs and future of winter recreation at Fields Spring State Park. Staff from the park and the Winter Recreation Program will provide a warm fire, cocoa, cider and snacks.
Fields Spring State Park
992 Park Rd.
Anatone, WA
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Book Chat

The not a book club, book club. Dessert provided.

Dayton Memorial Library & Delaney Bldg.,
111 S 3rd St.
Dayton, WA
6 - 8 p.m.

MONDAY
FEBRUARY 17

PRESIDENTS' DAY

Art Opening: f4 at b4
Four new local artists bring sculpture, installation, painting and illustration to our walls:
Maddie Bailey, Hannah Bartman, Sophia Titterton, and Lindsay Tebeck. Light refreshments will be provided.
Brasserie Four
4 E. Main Street
Walla Walla, WA
5 - 7 p.m.

Columbia County Commissioner's Board

Public question-answering session.
341 E Main St #4
Dayton, WA
6 - 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 18

Composting with Worms

Learn about the magical process of using worms to create rich compost. Class is free, registration is required at slccep.wufoo.com
Walla Walla Community college Water & Environmental Living Center
640 Water Drive
Walla Walla, WA
6:30 - 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 19

Discovery Kids - Interactive Story Time

Dayton Memorial Library & Delaney Bldg.
111 S 3rd St.
Dayton, WA
10 a.m.

Storybook Art with Carnegie Picture Lab

Carnegie Picture Lab presents a child-friendly event having fun with Storybook Art.
Walla Walla Public Library
238 E. Alder Street
Walla Walla, WA
2:30 p.m.

SweetHearts for Kids Benefit Luncheon

Luncheon benefiting Children's Home Society of Washington in Walla Walla. Keynote speaker, Dave Newell, offers his thoughts on "Healing hearts: creating healthy communities in the 21st Century"
Marcus Whitman Hotel & conference Center
6 W. Rose Street
Walla Walla, WA
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 20

Blue Mountain Heritage Society

Dayton Memorial Library & Delaney Bldg.
111 S 3rd St.
Dayton, WA
9 a.m.

Beaver Believers/Secret Life of the Forest

Tells the story of our watershed engineers for conservation and recovery. Mike Denny narrates *Secret Life of the Forest: The Northern Blue Mountains*
Liberty Theater
344 E. Main St.
Dayton, WA
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The Reptile Man

See the Reptile Man and more animals this evening in our gym! Admission is \$2.00 per person for the hour-long show.
Berney Elementary School
1718 Pleasant St.
Walla Walla, WA
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Winter Reads Big Idea Talks: Marriage of a Thousand Lies

Written by S. J. Sundu.
Presented by Everett Maroon.
Walla Walla Public Library
238 E. Alder
Walla Walla, WA
7 - 8:30 p.m.

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

Dayton Senior Center
403 E. Patit St.
12 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 13

Spaghetti
Mixed Veggies
Garlic bread
Fruit Jello

Tues., Feb. 18

BBQ Chicken
Baked beans
Carrots/Coleslaw
Cornbread
Brownie

WAITSBURG SENIOR LUNCH MENU

Waitsburg Senior Center
504 Main Street

Tues., Feb. 18

Spaghetti
Salad bar
Garlic Bread
Fruit
MOW: Caesar Salad



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Fri. Feb. 15	7:30
Sat. Feb. 16	3, 7:30
Sun. Feb. 17	3, 6:30
Tues. Feb. 19	6:30

(509)382-1380 or libertytheater.org

Meetings & Gatherings

Alcoholics Anonymous - Dayton: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 p.m., Dayton First Congregational Church-UCC dining room, 214 S. 3rd St.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Waitsburg: Saturday, Monday and Friday, 8 p.m., Presbyterian Church basement, 504 Main St.

American Legion Post #35: First Monday, 6 p.m., Waitsburg Town Hall, 121 Main Street.

American Legion Post #42: Second and fourth Wednesdays, 7 p.m., American Legion Building, 211 E. Clay St., Dayton.

Bingo: Every Friday, doors open at 4 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m. Dayton Eagles, 222 E. Main

Blue Mountain Heritage Society: Second Thursday, 9 a.m. Delany Building, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

Blue Mountain Station: Tues - Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., 700 Artisan Way, Dayton.

Book Chat: Third Saturday, 6ish-8ish, Delany Room, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

Celebrate Recovery-Dayton: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Catalyst Church, 311 S. 4th, Dayton.

Celebrate Recovery-Waitsburg: Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., Waitsburg Christian Church, 604 Main St.

Columbia County Commissioners: First and third Mondays, 9 a.m., Commissioner's Chambers, 311 E. Main, Dayton. (Work sessions are the first and third Wednesday of each month.)

Columbia County Commissioners: Third Mondays, 6-7 p.m. public listening sessions. Commissioner's Chambers, 311 E. Main, Dayton.

Columbia County Health System: Fourth Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., Dayton General Hospital board room, 1012 S. 3rd St., Dayton. (May and Sept. meetings will be held at Waitsburg Town Hall.)

Columbia County Planning Commission: Second Monday, 5:30 p.m., 114 S. 2nd St., Dayton.

Columbia-Walla Walla No. 2 Fire Commissioners' Meeting: Second Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Waitsburg Fire Department, 234 Main Street.

Columbia County Rural Library Board: Third Monday, 7 p.m., Delany Building, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

Dayton City Council: Second Wednesday, 7 p.m., Dayton City Hall, 111 S. 1st. St.

Dayton Friends of the Fairgrounds: Second and fourth Thursdays, 7 p.m., American Legion Building, 211 E. Clay St., Dayton.

Dayton Friends of the Library: Second Friday, 10 a.m. Dayton Memorial Library, 111 S. 3rd St.

Dayton Kiwanis: Second and fourth Thursdays, Noon, Delany Building, 111 S. 3rd St.

Dayton Parent-Teacher School Association: Second Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dayton Elementary Multipurpose Room, 614 S. 3rd St.

Dayton Planning Commission: Third Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Dayton City Hall, 111 S. 1st St.

Dayton Senior Round Table: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12 p.m., Dayton Senior Center, 403 E. Patit St.

Dayton School Board: Third Wednesday, 6 p.m., School Administration Building, 609 S. 2nd St.

Discovery Kids: Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Dayton Memorial Library, 111 S. 3rd St.

Friends of the Dayton Community Center: Last Tuesday, 5:30, Delany Building, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

Friends of the Dayton Dog Park: First Monday, 6 p.m., Chief Springs, 148 E. Main, Dayton.

Memory Cafe: Second Wednesday, 10 a.m.-Noon, Moose Creek Cafe, 330 E. Main St., Dayton.

Prescott City Council: Second Monday, 7:30 p.m., Prescott City Hall, 108 S. "D" St.

Port of Columbia meetings second Wednesday at 3:30 p.m., Port Main Office 1 Port Way, Dayton.

Prescott School Board: Fourth Thursday, 6 p.m., District Boardroom, 207 S. "A" St.

Soup for the Soul: Last Friday, 5:30 p.m., Dayton First Christian Church, 410 S. 3rd. St., Dayton.

Waitsburg Christian Church Youth Group: First and third Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Waitsburg Christian Church, 604 Main Street.

Waitsburg City Council: Third Wednesday, 7 p.m., Don Thomas Building, Fairgrounds.

Waitsburg Commercial Club: Fourth Thursday, Noon, Waitsburg Town Hall, 121 Main St.

Waitsburg Commercial Club: Last Thursday, Town Hall, Noon RSVP for lunch waitsburgcc@icloud.com or (509)316-1488

Waitsburg Parks & Rec. District Board: First and Third Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., WHS band room, 421 Coppei Ave.

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church Youth Group: Every Wednesday, Middle school 5-7:15 p.m., Dinner 6:45-7:15 p.m., High School 6:45-9 p.m.

Waitsburg Resource Center: Thursdays, 2-4 p.m., 106 Preston Ave. (side of Banner Bank).

Waitsburg School Board: Third Thursday, 6 p.m., Preston Hall Board Room, 605 Main.

Waitsburg Story Time: Mondays, 10:30 a.m., Weller Public Library, 212 Main St.

Waitsburg Senior Round Table: Tuesday, 11:30 a.m., Waitsburg Presbyterian Church, 504 Main St.

Weller Public Library Board Meeting: First Tuesday, 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main St., Waitsburg.



Waitsburg School Menus

Fruits & vegetables, nonfat chocolate and 1% white milk are offered with every meal.

Thurs. Feb. 13: B:Yogurt Parfait. L: Hot ham & cheese, steamed broccoli, baby carrots and pears.

Fri. Feb. 14: B: Pancakes. L: Chicken Nuggets, jojoes, cherry tomatoes, and a cookie.

Mon. Feb. 17: NO SCHOOL - President's Day

Tue. Feb. 18: B: Biscuits & gravy. L: Nachos, pepper strips, black beans and oranges.

Wed. Feb. 19: B: Long John. L: Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, cucumbers and fruit cocktail.

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Church Directory

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

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

Waitsburg Christian Church
604 Main St
Worship 10:00 a.m.

Each Sunday
337-8898
Rev. Matthew Wyatt

COMMENTARY & NEWS



PASTOR MATT WYATT RESPONDS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS EFFORTS OVER THE WEEKEND

To the Editor,
It was a busy weekend but very fulfilling. I saw a community come together in a way that was inspiring and made me so grateful to be a part of this town. As for the questions, we have had one family stay the night at the church. We are feeding close to 100 people each day. The things that stood out to me was the Girl Scouts coming and staying for close to 12 hours each day to help in any way possible. We had a person who wishes to remain anonymous give her credit card to the store with an open limit for any supplies we need. Jamie at the store donated all the food for our first breakfast. It has been amazing to watch. My wife and I thought we would do something simple and open the church at 3 a.m. on Friday and just cook a small breakfast. It was then that many people just started showing up asking how they could help. We have had dozens of volunteers and many, many people donating food, water, hygiene supplies, beds and bedding. There are a lot of homes still in need of help so we have teams ready to go once we get the go ahead. I've contacted a church in Tri-Cities that specializes in disaster relief and they will be sending a team. It's just been an amazing thing to watch as hundreds of people are all coming together.

Waitsburg is special. We feel church isn't just on Sunday. Church is every day of the week and if we can give people just a little bit of time to breath a bit and relax, we will continue keeping our church open as long as it takes.

Matt Wyatt

State of emergency declared for City of Waitsburg

A special City Council meeting was held to make the declaration

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—At a special meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, Feb. 11, the Waitsburg City Council declared a state of emergency. This action is needed by funding agencies to release emergency assistance to help the City rebuild from the effects of the recent flood. The City of Walla Walla, as well as the County of Walla Walla have also declared states of emergency.

City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe said that he has been working on assessing the damage to the City since Saturday. He discussed the notable damage to the City's levees, with the Coppei levee east of the Preston Street bridge to the area near the Grange being impacted the most. Public works started sandbagging that area early Friday morning, and reinforced the dike at the Fairgrounds, with riprap and gravel repairs.

"The Coppei flood fight was successful."

Floodwater inundated homes and structures mainly along Preston Ave., past Harmon Street and E. 2nd, from the Highway 12 bridge to the east. The Preston Street bridge 'took quite a beating' and Hinchliffe said the Department of Transportation (DOT) has already been out to assess it. Hinchliffe said the DOT's

scope of repairs is limited to paved surfaces of the road and the deck of the bridge.

Several areas near the treatment plant were close to failure. The public works crew has been hauling rock and riprap material to re-arm the dike in case the City experiences another highwater event, as the ACOE noted there are still two months of flood season left.

Hinchliffe has been in contact with the County Emergency Management, the County Commissioners, the State Representatives, and the Department of Ecology. The request for assistance from the ACOE has already been submitted.

City power was not compromised, and the City's wells are fine. The treatment plant was moved and raised after the 1996 flood, and it stayed running during the flood event.

Public Works was ready with a thousand sandbags at the Fairgrounds.

Hinchliffe noted that the City had no budget cushion going into the year, and cuts will need to be made to respond to flood control needs.

Assistance for individuals was discussed, with Commissioner Kuykendall crediting the work of Pastor Matt Wyatt, Joy Smith and Jillian Henze and the volunteers at the Waitsburg Christian Church for their excellent volunteer organization and help with food, clothing, care and necessities. Residents are encouraged to make use of the resources available, including the Waitsburg Emergency Updates page on Facebook which can connect people to resources available (a listing is available in this issue of *The Times*).

BIRTHDAYS

February 13: Denise Shaffer, Lori Ann Witt, Tamra Fry, James Olson, Jonathon Baker, Justin and Travis Turner and Patty Mayberry.

February 14: Susan Talbott, Edith Wold, Gina Lytle, Susan Zuger and David Smith.

February 15: Ephraimia Reese, Andrew Wertz, Neta Henze McKenzie, Ansehl Hofer, Christina Hofer, Jack Otterson, Stacy Ashcroft, Wanda Witt, Andrew Wertz, and Brianna Wray.

February 16: Jason Eaton, Mike R. Mayberry and Loren Eng.

February 17: Loyal Baker, Jack Rodgers, Chris Blair, Mathew Kurth, Betty Sauer, Angela Webb and Larry Lawrence.

February 18: Cole Lindsey, Greg Schuler, Lauri McKinley, Michael and Philo Murphy, Nancy Powers, Ann Ahler and Charles Mead V.

February 19: Carrie Abel, Margaret Osterero, Rick Harper, and Mark Johnson.

WALLA WALLA COUNTY OPENS DISASTER CALL CENTER

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WALLA WALLA—Have you been affected by recent flooding? Walla Walla County and the State of Washington are compiling damage estimates for the purpose of requesting possible help from FEMA and SBA. If there is enough damage throughout the county, it may be possible that assistance will come in the form of monetary grants to individuals and low interest loans from FEMA. There is no guarantee that this will happen, but if you have flood damage it is extremely important that you call (509) 524-2913 to report that damage. The deadline for compiling this information is February 21, 2020.

Owners, renters and businesses please report. If your primary residence was affected, including personal belongings then report it. If your apartment or their contents were damaged, then report it. If your manufactured home or trailer where you live is damaged, then report it. If your business was affected, then report it. If your residence is isolated because of loss of road access, then report it. This reporting number is only for Walla Walla County and only to report flood damage. If you live outside Walla Walla County, contact the emergency management office for your county.

There are three operators available from 9am -5pm daily to receive your call. If lines are busy or after these hours please leave your contact information, name, phone number and we will call you back as soon as possible. Even if you have no intention of requesting help from government agencies, please help your neighbors by reporting your damage so we can adequately document the effect of the floods on the county as a whole.

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CAFE OPENING SOON IN DAYTON

'Test Kitchen February' on now

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Alicia Walker wants to continue her family's philosophy of providing organic, locally sourced, nourishing food to the community. Her goal is to open, 'Locally Nourished', a new breakfast and lunch café, in the building formerly occupied by Winter Rose Boutique, on Main Street.

Until recently, Walker has been the proprietor of a slightly similar business on Main Street called 'Noble Hunt' and she is in the process of downsizing from that.

She said she is looking forward to occupying the new space, which she secured a couple of weeks ago. The new space is smaller and more intimate. An added benefit is that it is on the sunny side of the street and has an "awesome" patio overlooking Caboose Park, she said.

"I might have to wear sunglasses, but that's okay," she said with a smile.

Walker is part of a family who believe food quality is important. Her sister, Melissa Weatherford, has been a past Blue Mountain Station Co-op Market manager, creating delicious soups and breads. Weatherford is currently providing healthy food to veterans and staff at the Walla Walla Veteran's Administration, where she is employed as a cook.

Walker said their parents owned and operated Little Dipper Dairy farm in Dayton, and that her mother Terrisa is looking forward to doing the early morning baking at Locally Nourished.

Products will be sourced from Joel's Organic Flour, eggs from Hacienda Zaragoza in Walla Walla, Pure Eire Dairy, Verdurous Gardens, and coffee from Rey's Roast and Walla Walla Roasters. Animal products will come from animals that are humanely treated.

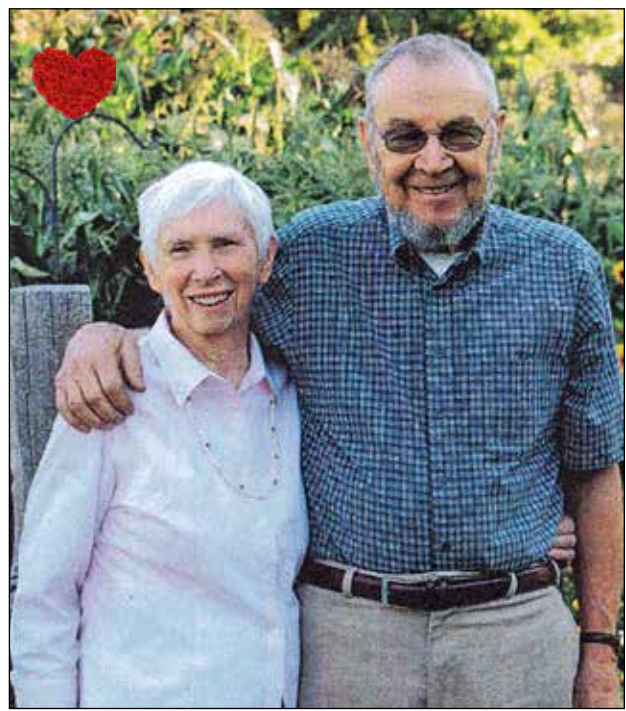
"I just want to try to do better," Walker said.

She is planning for a plethora of coffee options, house made yogurt, soup, salad and dressings, bread and pastries, and possibly some guilty pleasures on the menu.

She is also planning to have a 'grab and go' hot food case filled with breakfast and lunch items, along with a mini-market, offering house made grocery staples, such as soup stock.

'Test Kitchen February' begins right now and Walker said she is open to suggestions from the public about what they would like to see offered at the café. She can be reached at: alicia@locallynourished.com

Locally Nourished is opening, in March, at 217 E. Main Street. Hours will be from 6 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday through Tuesday.



Mary and Bob Rickel, married 64 years

HOMES OR BUSINESSES DAMAGED BY THE FLOOD MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION



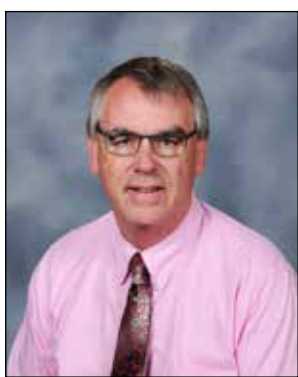
WALLA WALLA—If your home or business was damaged during the flood, you may be eligible for a reduction of value for the 2020 tax year.

Any real property or business personal property that has been placed upon the assessment roll as of January 1, 2019 in which the property was destroyed by a natural disaster in 2020, in whole or in part, is eligible for a reduction of the value for the 2020 tax year.

Please contact the Walla Walla County Assessor's Office at 524-2560 for a destroyed property form. The application must be filed within three years of the date of destruction.

DAYTON SUPERINTENDENT SELECTED

DAYTON—Following last night's final interviews with community and school staff, the Dayton School Board of Directors voted unanimously to offer Guy Strot the position of superintendent, pending contract negotiations. The district will make a formal announcement confirming the finalized contract offer at their upcoming board meeting, scheduled for February 19, 2020.



One of three final candidates, Mr. Strot would join the Dayton School District following the planned retirement of current superintendent, Doug Johnson. Mr. Strot would begin his new position in Dayton effective July 1, 2020.

Mr. Strot has fourteen years of experience in education, with a Master's in Teaching from Concordia University. He is currently in his fifth year as a principal at Kalama School District, and previously served as a teacher and principal in the Lind Ritzville Cooperative Schools. Dayton School District has utilized the services of Educational Service District 123 for their superintendent search. For more information, contact ESD 123 Superintendent Darcy Weisner at (509) 544-5785.

DAYTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY MAIN FLOOR REMODEL PUSHED TO APRIL

DAYTON—Columbia County Rural Library District Director Dusty Waltner said because of some purchasing and delivery delays it was decided to push the planned library remodel to Spring break in April.

The CCRLD board and library administrators had plans to close the library over Christmas break to remodel the main floor with new paint, new carpet, and a redesign for better flow, providing ADA access throughout. Improved signage, inclusive restrooms and a three-story-vertical lift allowing access from the Delany Room to the Youth Library were planned, as well.

Waltner said, "An extensive remodel takes time, planning, and coordination, and the timeline adjustment ensures that the remodel is planned well."

"We are excited to move forward with our plans in multiple stages," she said.

Later stages of the remodel will involve improving access, storage and digitization of the local history and genealogy collections, the creation of a maker-space, with the addition of study areas, and updating the HVAC system for improved air quality.

PUBLIC MEETING ABOUT THE FLOOD AT THE FAIRGROUNDS PAVILION ON THURSDAY

DAYTON—Keep track of every dollar and every hour you spend on flood mitigation. That was the take-away message from government officials at the offices of the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, when they discussed next steps after the recent flood in Columbia County.

County and City officials are planning a public meeting at 6 p.m., on Thursday, at the Fairgrounds Pavilion to discuss the recent flood. The Pavilion is located at 102 Fairgrounds Lane, Dayton WA. Information about the state's Individual Assistance Program will be provided.

CLASSIFIEDS HELP WANTED

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401-100

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT:

Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for **para educator** (7 hrs./day) this is a temporary position for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Must hold an AA degree or equivalent.

Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for **ground maintenance custodian** (8 hrs./day) this is a temporary position through August 2020.

Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year for a **K-12 Music Teacher**. Applicants must possess and maintain required teaching certificate with appropriate endorsements.

Application materials are available online @ www.waitsburgsd.org or by calling the District Office at (509) 337-6301. Please direct questions and inquiries to Mark Pickel, Superintendent. E-mail mpickel@waitsburgsd.org. Position is open until filled. Waitsburg School District is an E.O.E.

PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

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

Nature of Work

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

Qualifications Required

Minimum of 18 years of age with a valid state issued driver's license, high school diploma or equivalent. Position closes at 4 p.m. on Friday, February 21, 2020. Depending on availability, anticipated starting date is Monday March 2, 2020. Applications are available M-F 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Waitsburg City Hall, 147 Main Street, Waitsburg Washington or on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com.

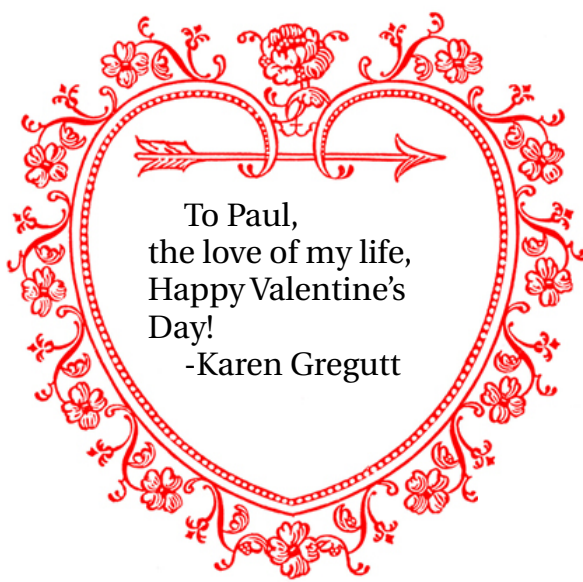
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Dayton City residents are reminded to get City permits prior to rebuilding

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DAYTON—As area property owners begin the daunting task of clean up and repair following the recent flood event, residents are reminded to obtain local permits prior to repairing or rebuilding flood-damaged structures. These permits are required to help ensure the safety and well-being of our citizens.

Local Building and Planning staff has recommended to City Councils and County Commissioners that all building permit fees associated with flood damage rehabilitation be waived and rehabilitation permits will be prioritized above all else to ensure expedient processing. Staff is aware of the stress this situation has placed on our citizens and will work to make compliance as simple as possible.

These permits are required as part of local government participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Participation in this program provides eligibility for flood insurance, flood disaster assistance, state and federal grants and loans, and buyout funds for frequently flooded areas. Compliance with the requirements of this program ensures ongoing eligibility to participate.

Local and federal floodplain management or-

dinances require that permits be obtained for any construction or development activity in a floodplain area, including the repair or reconstruction of structures damaged by a disaster.

Special conditions apply to substantially damaged buildings - those in which the total cost of repairs is 50 percent or more of the structure's pre-disaster market value. If a building is found to be substantially damaged, regulations require that repairs not begin until compliance with the local floodplain ordinance is demonstrated. In some cases, that may require repairs that include elevating or flood proofing the structure to reduce the potential for future flood damage and loss.

More information on substantial damage is available at Dayton City Hall, Columbia County Planning & Building and online through FEMA.gov. If a building is determined to be substantially damaged, flood insurance may also provide up to \$30,000 to protect the structure from future flooding through a claims process known as ICC (Increased Cost of Compliance).

State and federal assistance may be available to property owners to reduce the chances of future flood damage. Mitigation assistance may cover costs of relocation, or for elevating or purchasing flood damaged structures.

To obtain permits and for more information, contact:

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Bill Rodgers

Railroad bridge in Dayton.

COLUMBIA COUNTY FLOOD - FROM PAGE 1

Personnel at the County Public Works Department said the flooding seemed to be following the same course as the disastrous flood of 1996, which destroyed or damaged 22 bridges and caused \$30 million in damage.

Board of County Commissioners reconvene on Monday to discuss the damage

Columbia County isn't out of the woods yet.

Strickland said if the conditions are just right there could be another flood this year. There is still a lot of snow in the higher elevations.

"The heavy lift starts now," Eaton told the commissioners.

The county is now in a transition stage from performing emergency remediation, to assessing the damage, and with fifty roads to inspect, and bridges to inspect, the process will be slow and long, he said.

State legislators have been in touch with County and City officials and are offering their assistance.

If the governor declares a disaster, and numbers

meet the federal threshold, there could be federal aid, but there is no guarantee, said Eaton.

Eaton said he and FEMA would have to agree on the damage assessment before working through the process.

Flood Control Zone District unfunded

During the County Commissioners' special meeting, on Thursday of last week, there had been much discussion as to whether the county should be in the business of distributing sandbags to citizens, to protect their own property. The Public Works Department had been inundated with calls from people asking about the availability of sandbags. Only two pallets were stored at the Public Works Department.

Sheriff Joe Helm said it was his feeling sandbags should be reserved by the county for use in the event of landslides, infrastructure damage, damage to roads, and keeping in mind the potential need to evacuate people.

"I feel bad for property owners. If this does turn into a big flood how can people be evacuated if you don't have the materials?" he asked.

"If it gets worse, two pallets of sand, probably, isn't

a whole lot," said Commissioner Chuck Amerein.

"If it gets much worse, then the two pallets become more valuable, if you didn't deplete them," Strickland said.

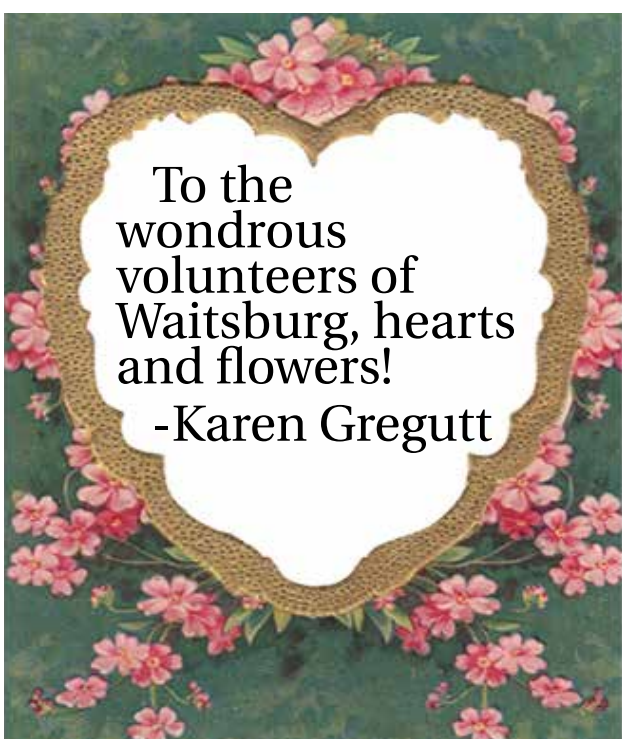
"We don't have a way to pay for it. If we do it this year then it will be expected next year," he added.

County Auditor Anne Higgins cautioned the commissioners about dipping into the County's reserve budget to buy materials.

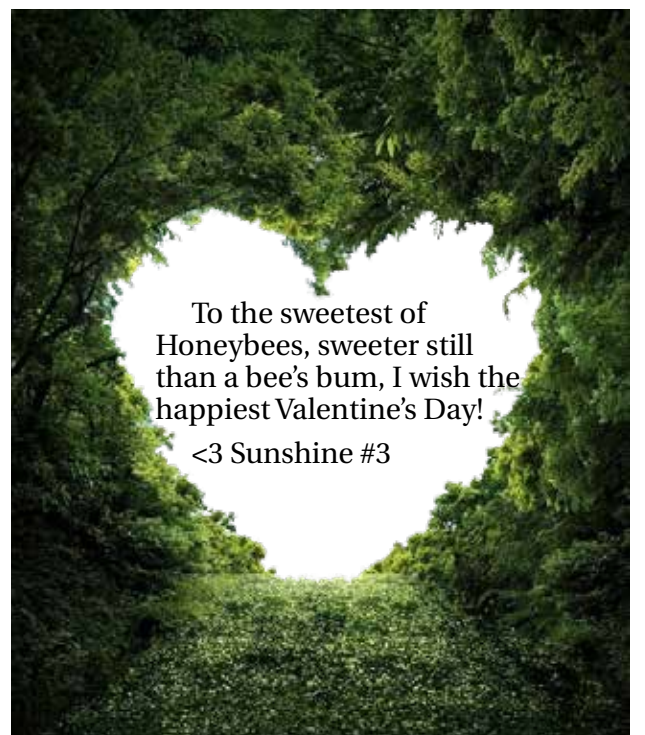
Charles Eaton who is the manager of the Flood Control Zone District (FCZD), reminded the commissioners about the "zero balance" in that budget.

In November 2019, Columbia County voters were asked to pass a permanent general access levy in the amount of ten cents per thousand of assessed value for the operation and maintenance of the FCZD, but the levy failed to pass.

Eaton said if voters had passed the measure, the money would have been used as seed money to go after grants, but to also provide sandbags for people to use in the event of a flood, like the one experienced last week.



David and Joy Smith, married 40 years



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outpouring of community support, noting the many people who pitched in to help.

"All around town, it was neighbor helping neighbor," he said.

City Councilmember Kate Hockersmith, who is also a member of the Emergency Preparedness Committee, noted the value of the City's recent dike repair on the Coppei River behind the Fairgrounds, which most likely prevented the downtown from being inundated with flood waters. Hockersmith attended an Emergency Flood Response meeting held on Sunday at the Waitsburg Christian Church. "If I had to choose a town to live in during a natural disaster, it would be Waitsburg; people come together here like nothing I've ever seen. They all have heavy equipment and they all know how to use it," said Hockersmith.

Waitsburg has a long road to recovery, but its citizens prove they are willing to come together and do whatever it takes to help a neighbor out. Flatbed trucks from Smith Bros. Landscaping and Walla Walla Electric, both Walla Walla-based businesses, were seen early on going up and down Harmon Street, loaded with sandbags while they worked to save homes in the neighborhood from the hip-deep wa-

ter. A group of McGregor Company employees drove out to help a fellow coworker redirect the flood water from his home. It seemed that every able person was out helping in some way on Friday, working tirelessly to lessen the damage.

4-H and FFA members joined the effort to fill sandbags and load the bags into trucks. One resident, who started delivering sandbags around 8 a.m. estimated that they moved ten tons of sand. There were more than a dozen pickups moving sandbags, many of which moved equal or larger amounts of sand. Sandbag efforts were based out of the Waitsburg Fairgrounds, near the FFA pig barns, Waitsburg's Emergency Preparedness Committee stores sandbags and sand there for just that purpose. Department of Corrections supplied a crew midday Friday to help fill bags.

There were many offers to help move livestock, but some people weren't able to get all animals to safety before being overrun by the water. Later in the afternoon on Friday, one person backed their Toyota pickup up to a front porch along a badly flooded Preston Avenue, which allowed a group of rescuers to enter a home and save the family dogs that had been left. One of the dogs panicked and jumped into the water. Rescuers were able to grab the dog before it

was swept away by fast-moving rapids. The dogs were reunited with their owners, thanks to the efforts of a few good-hearted community members.

Waitsburg First Christian Church opened their doors around 3:00 a.m. on Friday to welcome anyone needing sanctuary or a break. The churches in Waitsburg have come together to coordinate shelter and meals for those displaced by the floods. A list of people in need of help can be found at First Christian Church.

Deb Callahan, a veteran of Waitsburg's floods, would like to remind everyone to keep an eye on their friends that have been impacted by the floods. It is a very emotional time, and people are working hard to repair their homes, and may not be aware of just how emotionally straining a disaster like this can be.

Seeing your home under water is something to be rightfully emotional about, but Waitsburgians showed their 'glass half full' mindset, referring to our town as Wetsburg or joking about getting ready to go float the 'new river.' Kids could be heard making bets on who would fill the most sandbags, which kicked off a sand-bag filling frenzy. Community members have come together in the worst of times, letting any bygones be bygones, showing the true meaning of commUNITY.

Changes proposed for the City of Waitsburg elections process

The City Council is scheduled to vote on election proposal at the February 19 council meeting.

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe announced plans to hold a vote at the upcoming City Council meeting on February 19, 2020 to move the annual City election process to the Walla Walla County Election Board.

According to the City of Waitsburg Charter, City Council members and the Mayor, all serve one-year terms. One reason given for the proposed change is to have the city's elected officials' terms correspond with the State of Washington's model of four-year staggered terms, starting in 2022. Another change with this model would mean that elections would occur every two years in odd years.

RCW 35.30 provides for changes to the City Charter when "necessary or in the best interests of the City as a whole" said Hinchliffe. In a letter to *The Times* he noted that combining the Clerk and Treasurer positions and allowing the County to collect and remit property tax payments, were past changes to the Charter.

Hinchliffe states that the City run election process is "...expensive and fraught with perceived unfounded biases, annual elections don't allow City Staff to plan for anything longer than a year or so and can be extremely disruptive should large numbers of council positions change and new people come onto the City Council with limited or no knowledge of City operations."

Hinchliffe estimates the 2019 election cost the city "\$1145, for printing the ballots, envelopes and postage costs, \$157 for legal notices, with City of Waitsburg staff time calculated at \$476, for a total of \$1779. There is an additional cost paid to the County Elections board to maintain the voter registration list, which adds about \$3,200 to the overall cost." These figures total \$4,978, though the \$3,200 cost to maintain the voter registration list would remain if the county took over the election process.

"The cost for the county to run it would vary slightly depending on what is on the ballot as it becomes a per item cost share with all parties with items on the ballot; but we think it's going to be around \$1,000 +/- every two years" said Hinchliffe.

Karen Martin, Auditor for Walla Walla County agreed that running the City of Waitsburg elections through Walla Walla County's Election Department could be a cost-saver for Waitsburg. The costs are dependent upon the number of issues on the ballots and the number of races on the ballots. Using a recent county primary election with six issues on the ballot, as an equivalent for estimate, Martin estimated the cost to the city would be \$1404. There would also be the City's share of the indirect costs for the County, such as staff time, machine maintenance, ink toner cartridges, etc. which Martin estimated at \$800 per year. This would be an estimated cost of \$2,205 which is slightly higher than the estimated cost the city paid for the 2019 election.

The biggest potential savings would come from the change to staggered terms allowing for elections to be held every two years as opposed to annually. This is a change that could be made whether the election process stays with the city or moves to the county.

With this proposed change, the City will hold its election on the first Monday of April (April 6) which will include a longer term of about a year and a half for those elected in order to coincide with the Walla Walla County Election filing dates in 2020.

"Subject to RCW 35.30.080, the staggering of terms of city officers shall be established at the first election, where the simple majority of the persons elected as councilmembers receiving the greatest numbers of votes shall be elected to four-year terms of office and the remainder of the persons elected as councilmembers and the Mayor shall be elected to two-year terms of office. Thereafter, all elected city officers shall be elected for four-year terms and until their successors are elected and qualified and assume office in accordance with RCW 29.04.170."

"This has been a long time in the making a good step forward for the City. Making this change will help provide stability to the City Council while minimizing disruptions to the City Staff as they try to plan for the long-term viability of the City" said Hinchliffe.

City residents who have questions about this proposed change are invited to contact the City Administrator at administrator@cityofwaitsburg.com, or by phone at: (509) 337-6371. Additionally, city residents are encouraged to attend the upcoming City Council meeting which takes place at the Lions Building at the City of Waitsburg Fairgrounds at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 19.

Environmental dangers to be aware of following a flood

Important information to be aware of, after a flood, includes the possibility of contamination from coming in contact with floodwaters, contaminated soil, or even the air in your home

THE TIMES

According to the OSHA, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration:

"Although most floods do not cause serious outbreaks of infectious disease or chemical poisonings, they can cause sickness in workers and others who come in contact with contaminated floodwater. Floodwaters also may be contaminated by agricultural or industrial chemicals or by hazardous agents present at flooded hazardous waste sites.

Floodwater often contains infectious organisms, including intestinal bacteria such as E. coli, Salmonella, and Shigella; Hepatitis A Virus; and agents of typhoid, paratyphoid and tetanus. The signs and symptoms experienced by the victims of waterborne microorganisms are similar, even though they are caused by different pathogens. These symptoms include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramps, muscle aches, and fever.

Most cases of sickness associated with flood conditions are brought about by ingesting contaminated food or water. Tetanus, however, can be acquired from contaminated soil or water entering broken areas of the skin, such as cuts, abrasions, or puncture wounds. Tetanus is an infectious disease that affects the nervous system and causes severe muscle spasms, known as lockjaw. The symptoms may appear weeks after exposure and may begin as a headache, but later develop into difficulty swallowing or opening the jaw."

In addition, FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) notes that "Mold growth is a common occurrence in flood-damaged homes and damp environments. Mold can become a problem in your home if there is enough moisture available to allow mold to thrive and multiply. Dampness in basements, walls, carpets, and wood provides an environment for mold to flourish.

Health officials say problems from exposure can follow if mold is disturbed through cleanup procedures. Also, mold is easily transferred from one surface to another. Infants, children, immune-compromised patients, pregnant women, individuals with existing respiratory conditions (allergies, multiple chemical sensitivity, and asthma) and the elderly appear to be at higher risks for adverse health effects from mold.

Symptoms include nose and throat irritation, wheezing, coughing, asthma attacks in individuals who have asthma, and lower respiratory tract infections (in children). People with pre-existing respiratory conditions also may be susceptible to more serious lung infections. It is important to identify mold early and take steps to clean it up and prevent more mold activity.

For more information about how to clean your home after a flood, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/sclabtv>

Advice for homeowners/renters:

- Clearly document your loss and damage, take pictures and inventory items lost.
- Look for power issues before entering flooded areas: three lines in and two lines out, means a line is down.
- Do not enter flooded basements or rooms if power has not been shut off to the building.
- Be sure to contact your insurance company before getting clean-up or other help, as this must be done before volunteers can come on to your property.
- Throw out food that has been submerged in flood water, including canned food.
- Place debris off your property to the side of the road. This will allow pick up by FEMA or other official clean-up teams.
- Don't count on bleach alone to take care of your flood damage
- If you need help, don't hesitate to speak up
- Flood water can be toxic. Be sure to wear protective gear when in contact with potentially toxic water.

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NEWS & LEGALS

Focus on the Dayton Lions Club

Annual crab feed fundraiser
March 7

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Lions Club International (LCI) is the largest and most active community service organization in the world, according to Glen Mendell Vice-president of the Dayton Lions Club.

Mendell said the Lions Club motto is "We serve," and they do.

There are 1.4 million members in 46,000 clubs, in 210 countries, working to provide people with vision and hearing assistance, to help people dealing with pancreatic cancer, and diabetes and working to reduce hunger.

He said the Lions Club International Foundation provides grants and volunteers to partner with other organizations to help prevent river blindness in Africa, South and Central America.

The LCI Foundation has also provided substantial assistance with help on the ground in Puerto Rico after the devastation of Hurricane Maria in 2017, and works with the Gates and Carter foundations to vaccinate large numbers of vulnerable people against measles, he said.

In the Pacific Northwest, Multiple District 19 of the Lions Club provides funds and participates with Sight Life, formerly called N.W. Lions Foundation.

Mendell said Multiple District 19 also maintains

and operates Lions Health Screening Unit, which is available to all Lions Club service areas for free health screenings. They also operate the eye bank for cornea donations.

There are matching grants available in Multiple District 19 for blindness prevention, restoration of vision and hearing, and for making life easier for people living with those disabilities.



Fifth annual crab feed to be held Saturday, March 7 at the County Fairgrounds Pavilion.

He said the Dayton Lions Club contributes to the above efforts at the local, regional, and international levels as well, but most of the funds raised in the community stay in the community.

"This local non-profit club prioritizes its goals by assisting those in need with vision and hearing care. As an example, in 2018, the Dayton Lions provided over \$23,000 to help those in financial need with vision examinations and glasses. As part of our empha-

sis on vision assistance, we also collect used eyeglasses to be cleaned and reused in locations where people are not able to afford vision assistance," Mendell said.

The Dayton Lions also assist local youth by providing public service opportunities and training, as well as vocational and college opportunities and training.

Last summer, the Dayton Lions provided volunteer labor and equipment to remove debris from the property of a local family who lost their home in a fire.

"The Dayton Lions, like many service organizations, has experienced a decline in membership. We are now down to a group of about a dozen members," Mendell said.

Low membership makes it more difficult to provide some services, or to perform fundraising efforts for Lions Club projects.

Mendell said, "We are always looking for new members who would like to provide assistance and service to our community, as well as contribute regionally, and globally."

There is an opportunity to support the Dayton Lions Club, and their service projects by attending their fifth Annual Crab Feed fundraiser, at the County Fairgrounds Pavilion, on Saturday, March 7.

Tickets are \$35 per person, and they can be purchased at Banner Bank in Waitsburg, Banner Bank in Dayton, at Dingles of Dayton, and from any Lions Club member.

For more information about volunteering with Dayton Lions Club, or to purchase tickets to the Annual Crab Feed fundraiser, contact Glen Mendell by phone at: (509) 382-2350.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

NO: 20-4-00027-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of:
WALTER G. MONTGOMERY,
Deceased.

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

RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

NO. 20-2-00067-36
SUMMONS [PUBLICATION] DAVID V. BAKER, a single individual,

Plaintiff,
vs.

THE HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF JOSEPH DANIEL KIRKMAN, deceased; JOHN DOE I through JOHN DOE X, who are all persons known and unknown who claim an interest in the real property that is the subject of this action; and DELIGHT DEE LACEY, an individual who might have an interest in the real property that is the subject of this action,

Defendants.

The State of Washington to the said heirs and devisees of JOSEPH DANIEL KIRKMAN, deceased; JOHN DOE I through JOHN DOE X, who are all persons known and unknown who claim an interest in the real property that is the subject of this action, and DELIGHT DEE LACEY:

You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 30th day of January, 2020, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff David V. Baker and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned plain-

tiff's counsel Michael E. de Grasse at his office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court.

The above entitled action is to quiet title to certain real property situate in the City and County of Walla Walla, State of Washington, commonly known as 547 Washington Street, Walla Walla, Washington 99362, and more particularly described in the complaint.

If the defendant Delight Dee Lacey is served personally with a summons that requires a 20-day response, that summons supersedes the instant summons.

Dated this 24th day of January, 2020.

Michael E. de Grasse,
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Counsel for Plaintiff
The Times
January 30, February 6,
13, 20, 27, March 5, 2020
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

Case No. 20-4-00019-36 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In Re the Estate of MARYBELLE SAVAGE Deceased.

The Co-Personal Representatives named below

have been appointed and have qualified as Co-Personal Representatives 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 Co-Personal Representatives or their attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Co-Personal Representatives served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW

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Spring –you tease!

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

Last week, I was so excited. There, on the south side of my house shooting upwards to the fog shrouded sun, were sprigs of daffodils. Yay! Spring has sprung and I am ready for some sun. I started to fantasize about lighter clothing, lighter food and maybe even an outdoor tennis game. Then, boom! Rain, snow, cold and flooding. I am back to being mud-bound. I don't remember seeing this much mud in my house since the last flood in Los Angeles about 5 years ago.

I keep sweeping, dusting and mopping, yet Mugsy, my dog, and I manage to trample in mud with every walk, trip to the trash or when unloading groceries from the car. The mud seems never ending, so I have decided to work with the mantra from the movie *Field of Dreams*. Instead of baseball players appearing, I want spring. My mantra is: "If I clean, spring will come," and just maybe those buds that are starting to pop on the lilac bushes will actually start to bloom.

Ever the optimist, I will start my spring cleaning in the hopes I can lure the warmer, drier weather to appear. Markeeta Little Wolf has inspired me, I decided to start by making a batch of her homemade laundry detergent. But first, I have to rewash the white towels that turned grayish blue when I threw my blue sweatshirt into the towel load. I don't want to ruin her lovely laundry soap with a large quantity of Clorox. That just doesn't seem right.

I am so over stews and soup! I'm thinking about lighter, spring foods. My herbs from last year are actually resurrecting themselves. I started to pull out what I thought was grass growing in my parsley, then realized it's the chives making a comeback. So, while I'm in spring cleaning mode, maybe I will start a little weed-



Courtesy photo
Fresh asparagus, sprouting.

ing as well.

Lilacs, chives, magnolia tree blossoms and weeping willow blossoms are starting to tease me. So, I will continue to clean and sing my mantra, "if I clean, spring will come." Occasionally, I am actually in the mood to clean; usually it's because I'm procrastinating; even cleaning is more fun than work, starting my taxes, or re-organizing my closet, so that in two weeks when Daniel moves here, he will have room to hang up his clothes. But, if I keep up my mantra, the reward at the end of this cleaning blitz should bring the gift of spring and sun.

Flowers are nice, but the lure of asparagus, artichokes, apricots, and rhubarb have more appeal to me. Anyone who knows me, knows; it's all about the food, and now that the chef is moving in, I'm anticipating some very special meals. Thankfully, he is already planning the garden, with all sorts of vegetables and herbs, I am ready to turn that work over to him. Although I enjoy the bounty of the garden, I plant things that are tough and can withstand being ignored. I treat the garden like cleaning, I try to get away with the minimum. Tennis, hosting a party, meeting with friends, going for a run are activities that have more allure to me than picking weeds.

Wow! It worked, it's Monday morning and the sun appeared. The mantra may have worked. Yesterday I cleaned, today the sun is out. If the rain and cold return I will clean, repeat my mantra, "if I clean, spring will come," or, I will learn to live with mud. I've heard Waitsburg dirt is the best for growing things, but right now it just seems to be growing more mud and dust. Today, I'm basking in the sun!

Nancy's Dream is growing

Waitsburg nursery to move and expand

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Doug Biolo didn't have plans to stay in Waitsburg after his mother, Nancy Aronson, passed. It took a little bit of convincing from his sister, Janet Lawrence and a split-second decision to quit his job in Portland, Oregon. Biolo and Lawrence decided that it was time to give life to their mother's dream: a garden store. Now, they are getting ready to move Nancy's Dream Garden Center so that they can offer more than plants.

Nancy's Dream Garden Center, currently located at 503 W 2nd Street in Waitsburg, opened last year over Mother's Day weekend. The business plan was one that Lawrence and her mother had worked on for many years.

"Not everything bad comes from someone passing away," Lawrence said. "It's brought my family closer. It's brought me and my brother closer."

Gardening was something that was near and dear to their mother, and since they already had a business plan drafted up, they applied for a business license the same night that Biolo said 'let's do this.'

Their first year as a garden center went better than they anticipated. Working with growers from around the state, Nancy's Dream sold everything from succulents to Christmas trees. With such success, they knew that they had to invest in more space, so the business purchased a large lot on the corner of 2nd and Warren streets in Waitsburg, roughly two blocks closer to town than their current store front.

"We want to make something a little more permanent. We'll be able to offer a little more, and that will be good," Biolo said.

The business plans to be moved and operating at the new location by 2021. The intent is to be more than just a garden center as Biolo and Lawrence want their shop to be a destination.

The new lot will be complete with two greenhouses,



Beka Compton

Big things are in store for Nancy's Dream Garden Center. Over the next year, the business plans to move to a larger lot on 2nd Street, which Doug Biolo has been working to clear out. The new lot will provide space for more greenhouses, landscaping equipment, and lawn care supplies. Biolo said they are hoping to add a cyclist stop eventually.

es, a pond, surrounded by decorative, natural fencing. One of the greenhouses will be offered to a local grower for starting seeds and raising plants.

Biolo said he plans on creating a barrier out of shrubs and plants that are able to thrive in the area, complete with wine barrel planters full of flowers that the shop will sell and benches for people to sit on and relax. Over the next five years, Biolo and Lawrence plan to add four tiny houses for short-term rentals and an area for cyclists to stop and rest, recharge, and clean up.

Nancy's Dream Garden Center offered locally-grown watermelons, Walla Walla Sweet onions, and various fruits from Warren Orchards last summer, and

they offered Christmas trees during the holiday season. They also participated in the Schulke pumpkin fundraiser last autumn which honors the memory of a child lost to cancer with all funds going to the Ronald McDonald House. They plan on continuing these ventures in the future and have added more chilled storage to keep up with the demand for fresh fruits and vegetables.

"We are ready to expand, we definitely are," said Lawrence, excitedly. "We were really pleased with the support and the feedback from the community. It's been great. We'll still be on the main drag, which will be great for people who are coming from out of town, as well."

BEACON ROCK STATE PARK CAMPSITES NOW AVAILABLE BY RESERVATION

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Washington State Parks announces that people can now reserve individual campsites at two Beacon Rock State Park campgrounds. Until recently, these campsites were only available on a first-come, first-served basis. Previously, the only reservable sites were the group campground and kitchen shelters.

Beacon Rock State Park is a 4,458-acre, camping park located in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Beacon Rock itself is the core of an ancient volcano. The park includes 9,500 feet of freshwater shoreline on the Columbia River and more than 26 miles of roads and trails open to hiking, mountain biking and equestrian use. There is fishing on the lower Columbia River, below Bonneville Dam, for sturgeon, salmon, steelhead, bass and walleye.



Courtesy photos

Left: The mile-long trail to its summit provides outstanding panoramic views of the Columbia River Gorge. Above: The park includes 9,500 feet of freshwater shoreline on the Columbia River.

The Club seeks reading buddy volunteers



Dayton after school program partners with Innovia Foundation to promote reading fluency

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Children who are proficient and passionate readers by third grade are five times more likely to be college or career ready. The Innovia Foundation in Spokane, WA began a program in 2013 in Coeur d'Alene called Opening Books, Opening Doors to ensure young readers in that area had books to read and someone to read with, so all students are reading at grade level by third grade.

Recently, Innovia contacted The Club, in Dayton, WA to see if they would like to participate in the Opening Books, Opening Doors early reading project. The Club is partnering with Dayton School District and Columbia County Rural Library District with a common goal: by 2022, all students within the Dayton School District exiting the third grade will meet grade level reading goals.

The Club, the school district, and the library all

have a set of recommended books. The Club has immediate plans to match up students with volunteer reading buddies who can make at least a one-hour commitment each week. Students who attend the Club's after school program have been recommended by their teachers in grades K-3 as being in need of reading assistance.

Research has shown that 75 percent of students who struggle with reading in the third grade never catch up. Those students are four times as likely to drop out of school.

Volunteers or 'Book Buddies' are needed to read one-on-one with the same child each week to maintain consistency and promote positive relationships.

Generous project funders made it possible for The Club to purchase a set of books. It is their goal to have books placed in Dayton locations where children frequent. Reading proficiency by third grade is an important predictor of high school graduation and future career success.

If anyone is interested in making a difference in a child's life, they can pick up an application at Home-Street Bank at 427 E Main St. in Dayton, at The Club at 528 W. Cameron St. in Dayton, or they can apply online at theclubdayton.org. Book Buddies will be required to complete an application and pass a background check.

Country group Farewell Angelina to perform at Gesa Power House Theater

THE TIMES

The Gesa Power House Theatre presents country group Farewell Angelina in concert on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Named after a haunting Bob Dylan song, Farewell Angelina features four powerful vocalists, dynamic songwriters and accomplished multi-instrumentalists. Their stellar blend of heart-stopping harmonies over blazing double violins and guitars has earned soaring praise across the board.

Roughstock calls Farewell Angelina a "Superstar Act...with Killer Songs." *Rolling Stone* says, "Wickedly smart songwriting delivered with a healthy dash of sass...deft playing...into one sonic knockout punch."

Since last performing in Walla Walla, Farewell Angelina has released their first album, "Women and Wine," and their music video for the single "Ghosts" was #1 on the CMT 12Pack Countdown for five weeks, and in the top three spots for eight weeks.

A band of longtime friends, Nicole Witt, Andrea Young, Lisa Torres, and Ashley Gearing all met pursuing their dreams in Nashville, Tennessee. Each deeply respected and admired one another while they were building successful solo careers, touring and recording with top artists, and writing songs for some of Country Music's biggest hitmakers. Farewell Angelina's chemistry lives in watching each other shine, and most of all, creating moments every night with the Country Music fans they love so much.

Reserved seating tickets (\$45) are available online or by calling the box office at 509-529-6500.



Farewell Angelina

Courtesy photo

Talk about Art

By Carolyn Henderson | THE TIMES

Even in the most beautiful places, it's easy to walk by and not notice our surroundings. If we're more focused on our thoughts, or our phone, we don't pay attention to what's under our feet, over our head, or all around us.

Unless, of course, we're hiking with Doug Paulson. The Salem photographer, who describes himself as a "gotta know why" kind of guy, notices detail, and because he doesn't like keeping good things to himself, he mentions those details.

"I will go on walks with people, and point out things, and they are so amazed. But it's old hat to me. My hikes are a learning experience to fellow hikers if they like it or not."

Early on in his photography, he recognized that the details make the difference. Rather than worry about fitting an entire panorama into the image space, he focuses, literally, on the details, which he incorporates with the overall background to create a final piece that calls out to the viewer to enter in and be a part of the space.

"I will circle a subject until I get the best contrast of



Doug Paulson

color and light, thus enhancing the subject. "Shapes and features in wood, stumps, leaves - these all attract my attention. I like to see the small tree growing on top of a stump or a log. Shells and rocks on the beach, the lines in the sands, these are all things I like to find."

The resulting photographic images capture the movement of the moment. The viewer, set before that moment, has time to step in and listen, watch, wonder - and discover those details that Paulson so dearly loves. It's an opportunity for us to fall in love with those details as well.

Through March 7, Wenaha Gallery (219 E. Main, Dayton) is featuring the nature photography of Doug Paulson. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

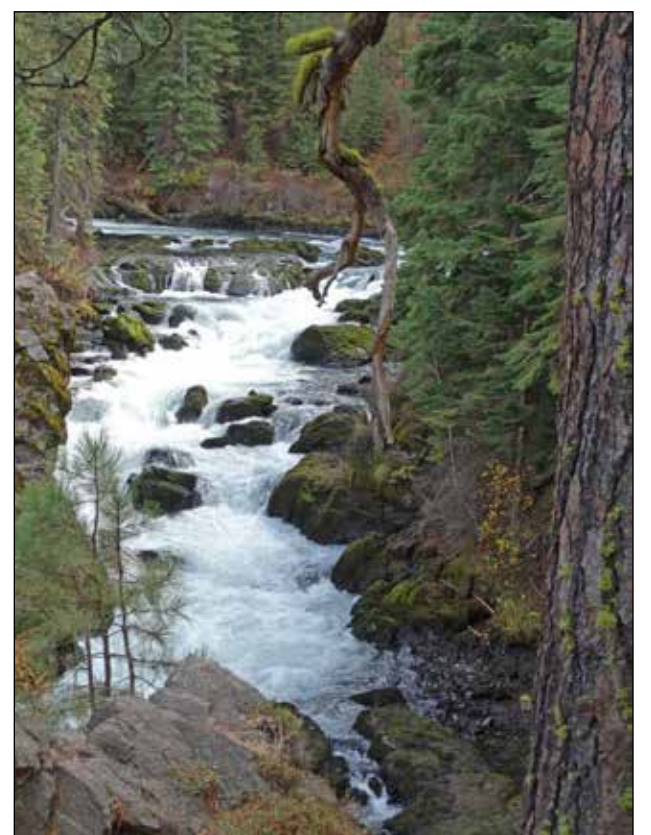
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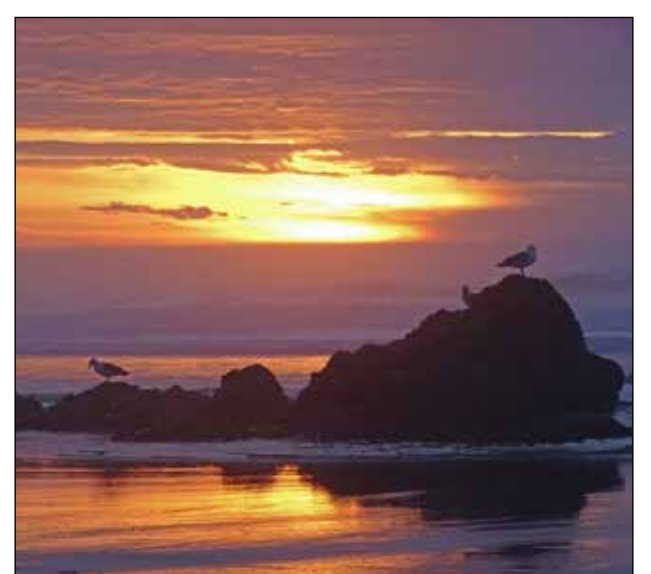


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Above: River Rush

Below: Birds on the Rocks

Left: Thoughtful Owl



WALLA WALLA CHORAL SOCIETY SHARES GOOD VIBRATIONS IN CONCERT

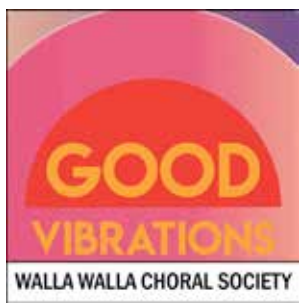
WALLA WALLA—The Walla Walla Choral Society's 2019-2020 concert season continues with *Good Vibrations* at Gesa Power House Theatre on Sunday, March 15 at 3 p.m. and Monday, March 16 at 7 p.m.

Vibrant, complex, tumultuous, contentious, fabulous, and of course, groovy—all at the same time. That's the 60s. The Beach Boys, Aretha Franklin, Bob Dylan, The Beatles, The Supremes, The Mamas and the Papas, Stevie Wonder, and many more artists churned out one extraordinary song after another.

"The extraordinary variety of cultural tones and nuanced music that was created and performed during this unforgettable decade has had an incalculable impact on our lives," says Artistic Director Gary Hemenway.

The Walla Walla Choral Society, a non-profit volunteer organization, promotes and performs accessible quality choral music for the Walla Walla Valley and collaborates with other artistic groups, enriching the community's cultural life.

Reserved seating tickets (\$17 Adults; \$12 Youth under 18) are available online (www.phtww.com) or by calling the box office at (509) 529-6500.



FOUR AWARDS AVAILABLE FOR 'OLD LADY ARTISTS'

SEATTLE—Arts advocacy organization Artist Trust announces the opening of applications for the Twining Humber Award. The grant is an unrestricted award of \$10,000 given annually to a Washington State female-identified visual artist, age 60 or over, who has dedicated 25 years or more to creating art. The award is made possible by a generous gift from the painter Yvonne Twining Humber (1907-2004), who established the Irving and Yvonne Twining Humber Fund for Artistic Excellence. Additionally, the SOLA (Support Old Lady Artists) Awards are three unrestricted awards of \$3,000 given annually to Washington State female-identified visual artists, age 60 or over, who have dedicated 25 years or more to creating art. The awards were created by artist Ginny Ruffner.

For application guidelines and grant support programs visit: artisttrust.org. The application process begins February 24.

SEATTLE ROCK ORCHESTRA PERFORMS PINK FLOYD

WALLA WALLA—Only a handful of single tickets remain for the Seattle Rock Orchestra performing Pink Floyd in concert at Gesa Power House Theatre on Saturday, March 21 at 7 p.m. This will mark the fourth consecutive year the performance group has sold out at the Power House.



This year, Seattle Rock Orchestra will pay tribute to psychedelic rock pioneers, Pink Floyd, with a complete performance of their landmark album *The Dark Side of the Moon*. As one of their most popular and frequently performed shows, the Seattle Rock Orchestra arrangements double as a veritable concerto for orchestra, featuring soloists from every section of the orchestra. Popular songs include "Shine On You Crazy Diamond," "Wish You Were Here," "Great Gig In The Sky," "Money," "Us and Them," and many more.

Seattle Rock Orchestra's mission is to create performances that are spectacular, fun, educational, and of exceptional quality. Seattle Rock Orchestra celebrates and perpetuates the orchestral tradition while exploring the rich history of rock and pop music; presents new works by emerging artists; engages in collaborations across genres and artistic disciplines; and offers exciting educational programs for youth.

Reserved seating tickets (\$50) are available online at www.phtww.com or by calling the box office at 509-529-6500.

Gardener's Grove: Grow Challenge

Biggest pumpkin and/or watermelon gets a prize!

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Sheltered from the recent downpour of rain, I'm staring out the window taking approximate measurements to draw up plans for the garden. This may very well be the best part of gardening: the kinetic energy around the hope for the future. As flood waters recede from Walla Walla and Columbia counties, we're ready to move into the next season.

A lovely reader, Carl Teller of Starbuck, has kindly challenged me to grow the biggest pumpkin. A challenge gladly accepted, then promptly forgotten. Well, not forgotten so much as instantly mistaken.

Ordering seeds is entirely too much fun. There are beautiful photos of fruits, flowers and herbs that seem like absolute must-haves. One should probably do the seed buying step after the planning stage, but I got excited. Somehow, instead of ordering pumpkin seeds, I chose giant watermelon seeds. They're in a similar category for me, both plants are big and neither one had I considered growing before.

The scale of the Ali Baba watermelon versus the human in the seed catalog made it a sure winner. No doubt I'll grow the biggest one, I thought, as I clicked away. At \$3, they didn't break the bank.

The typical yield is 12-30 pound melons with hard, light green rinds. The light color makes them resistant to sun burning which was the determining factor for me because my garden gets full, blazing sunlight. For Baker Creek Heirloom seeds, this is a best seller.



Courtesy photo
The Ali Baba watermelon with human for scale.

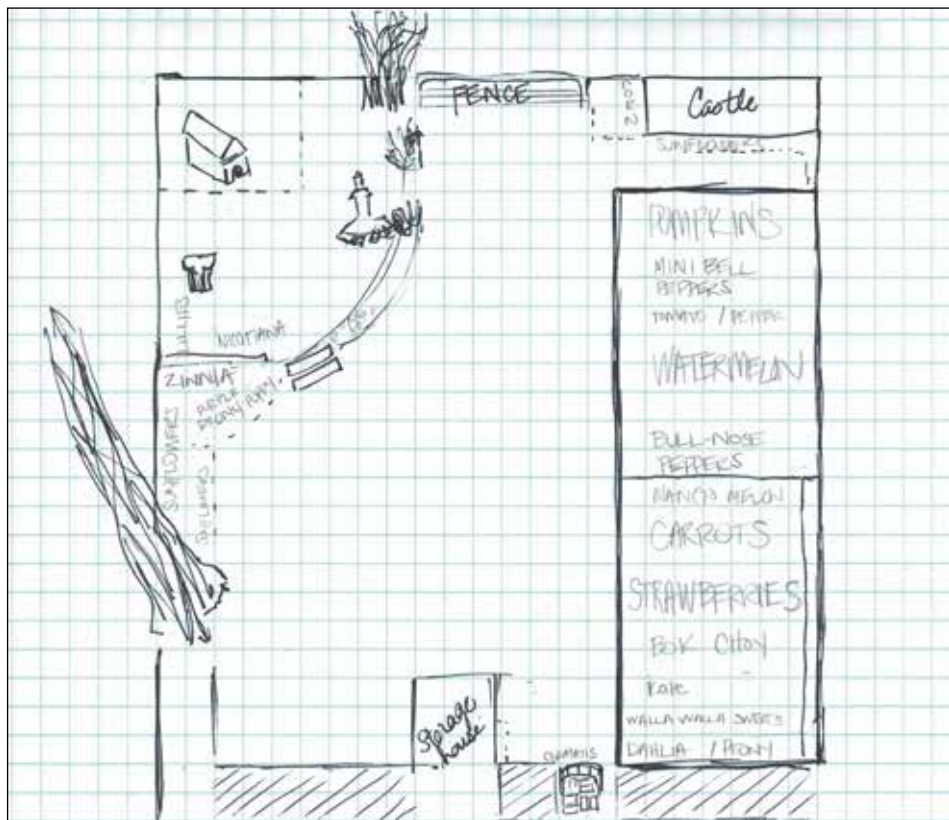
Having finally realized the error, I went back online to order the proper seeds. "Premium" Atlantic Giant Pumpkin, to be exact, for \$7.50. These were pricey, the most I've ever spent on a single seed packet, guaranteed to have at least five seeds inside. Ultimately they made it into the shopping cart because there were over 65 reviews written by people from Wisconsin to Texas and up through the Northwest who attest to its hardiness and mold resistance.

By giant, they mean pumpkins that weigh 500-1000 pounds each or more. "Lovely, giant, pale pink to deep orange pumpkins can weigh over 1000 pounds, and do so every year, with some select fruit reaching over 2000 lbs!"

This variety was introduced by the late Howard Dill of Nova Scotia in 1978.

Perhaps my eyes were bigger than my garden. In the hubbub, I also ordered something called mango melon (also known as vine peach). It's supposed to be great in pie. We'll be the judge of that!

Using graph paper, I can block in rough approximations of garden space by



Brianna Wray

In sketching out plans for the garden, draw fixtures in pen, then add possible plantings in pencil.

starting with familiar landmarks.

Our house, a rental, has quirky elements to it that reflect the previous renters and the owner, who lived here for many years as well. There's a castle in the far back corner and that is my cornerstone landmark. It would be wonderful if it functioned as garden storage, but as of now the structure is more of a spider factory than anything else. I like to grow sunflowers in front of it. Last year, late in the season, I made an attempt at corn on the north side of the castle. They were lost to an early frost. I'll try that again, but sooner in the season this year.

Now that I've got both seeds (and a few several more) on the way, I want to expand the challenge. Still, in an attempt to learn from my cantaloupe/cucumber debacle last year, I'll be separating all the vines with taller plants like peppers and tomatoes as I undertake the garden expansion. Wish me luck!

Other seeds that found their way into my cart were little finger carrots, baby bok choy, mini bell peppers, bullnose peppers, zinnias of the purple prince and polar bear varieties, scentsations nicotianas, purple peony poppy, and a dahlia mix. In addition to my overzealous shopping, Baker Creek also includes free seed packets with every purchase.

What I missed on my list was corn, and I'm considering bringing in tomatoes. That, of course, requires taking canning seriously. We shall see.

Carl Teller challenged me and I'm inviting you to join the fun. Grow the biggest pumpkin, (or watermelon, or both)! Share your seed selections and garden goals with brianna@waitzburgtimes.com.

LOVE IN THE AIR



Myra and Randy Mann, married 52 years



Kate and Eric Hockersmith, married 29 years

D-W Boys basketball knocks off another opponent at the buzzer

By Dave Schreindl | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—In clearly their best game of the season, Dayton-Waitsburg's boys basketball team avenged an early home loss to the DeSales Irish on a last second three-point shot by sophomore guard Dylan Bledsoe to win, 49-46.

As the clock wound down Tuesday night amid a snowstorm, things heated up in the gym at DeSales and one couldn't help but wonder if a win at the buzzer could happen a third time for D-W. The Irish took advantage of some cold shooting by Dayton-Waitsburg in the third quarter and stretched what would be their biggest lead to eight points at 32-24 on a bucket by Jack Lesko.

D-W would triple its third quarter output with 24 points. Senior Tavven Seney exploded offensively for 13 points, most of which came in the fourth quarter in his final high school basketball game. Seney swished nothing but net four times at the line, hit an awkward bank shot, and hit a long range shot with a minute left to pull D-W to within one point at 43-42.

Freshman Monte Pettichord contributed to the comeback with a lay up and two free throws. In a season where missed free throws were a running theme, Dayton-Waitsburg made them when they counted most.

Bledsoe was the hero twice in the final minutes. He

missed a three-pointer with three and a half minutes left from the corner, but hustled out and around to the free throw line and grabbed the rebound and shot it back in to make it a 38-35 contest. Junior Mason Finney gave Dayton-Waitsburg a brief one-point lead on a full court layup off a DeSales missed shot. The Irish would take back the lead with 54 seconds left on two free throws by Kay Fruci.

D-W would take back the lead on a Seney shot in the paint with 40 seconds left. Fruci would tie it at 46 with a free throw but failed to give the Irish the lead as he missed his second shot. Two more missed shots by DeSales set up a full time out with 12 seconds by D-W and then the winning shot at the buzzer by Bledsoe.

The win meant two league wins and four total victories for the season.

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
D-W	11	7	7	24	49
DeSales	8	10	14	14	46

Dayton-Waitsburg (49): Seney 13, Finney 12, Pettichord 7, Bledsoe 6, Costello 4, VanBlaricom 4, Evans 2. 3-pts: 4-18, Finney 2, Bledsoe, Seney. Fouls: 21. Fouled out: Finney. Turnovers: 9. Free Throws: 10-17.

DeSales (46): Hultzinger 12, Fruei 10, Lyford 10, T. Worden 7, Chase 3, J. Lesko 2, F. Worden 2. 3-pts: 3-14, Lyford 2, Fruei. Fouls: 14. Turnovers: 15. Free Throws: 11-22.

D-W Offense fizzles in final game before districts

By Dave Schreindl | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Dayton-Waitsburg's girls basketball team got off to a great start against league foe DeSales Irish last Tuesday in its final league game of the 2019-20 season but a quiet third quarter led to an Irish victory of 40-24 heading into the post season.

Neither team played well in the first quarter that ended in an 8-8 tie. Junior MacKenna Culley looked like she was going to get D-W going with a three-pointer to take the lead 11-10 with five minutes left in the first half. But DeSales put out that fire with a bucket by Morgan Thomas who was left all alone under the basket and a couple of free throws.

Senior Kira Boggs came out of the locker room at half and hit a three-pointer after two Irish missed a couple of attempts to make it 19-16. But nobody scored in double figures or took charge offensively for D-W as its two offensive leaders combined for just 10 points total. Junior Sadie Seney led the team with seven points and freshman Claudia Benavides finished with three points, all from the free throw line.

On a positive note, Dayton-Waitsburg played excellent defense and held the Irish to 40 points. DeSales was led by Maddie Wahl's 14 points.

D-W will need to get its groove back when they take on Tri-Cities Prep in a double-elimination game as a part of the Eastern Washington Athletic Conference's district tournament.

Flooding and other extenuating weather conditions led to the decision by both Superintendents to postpone the District playoff game between Dayton-Waitsburg and Tri-Cities Prep scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 8. The game was moved to Monday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. at Columbia-Burbank high school. Win or lose D-W will play a second contest Tuesday in Granger.

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Final
D-W	8	5	5	6	24
DeSales	8	11	14	7	40

Dayton-Waitsburg (24): Seney 7, Culley 6, Laughery 3, Boggs 3, Benavides 3, Larson 2. 3-pts: 5, Culley 2, Seney, Boggs, Laughery. Fouls: 17. Fouled out: N. Morgan. Turnovers: 21. Rebounds 31.

DeSales (40): Wahl 14, Thomas 9, Buratto 8, Arceo 7, Skaarup 2. 3-pts: 3, Wahl 2, Thomas. Fouls: 12. Turnovers: 10. Rebounds 47.

Wa-Hi Girls and Wa-Hi Boys teams advance to district playoffs

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Wa-Hi girls basketball team (13-7) qualified for the district playoffs. However, the last two games they played in the regular season were losses against Kennewick and Hermiston. This dropped them from a third-place finish in their conference down to a fifth place finish. As a result, they will be on the road for the first round of the District 8 4A playoffs. That game will be against the Gonzaga Prep Bullpups (14-6) February 12th in Spokane at 5 p.m.

February 4th 58-53 (Loss) Kennewick @ Walla Walla

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Kennewick	15	16	21	6	58
Walla Walla	13	13	17	10	53

February 7th 53-42 (Loss) Walla Walla @ Hermiston

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Walla Walla	15	9	11	7	42
Hermiston	8	15	13	17	53

The Wa-Hi boys team (16-4) also qualified for the district playoffs finishing their regular season schedule with convincing wins over both Kennewick and Hermiston. The third-place finish in their conference comes with a first round home playoff game in the District 8 4A playoffs. This game will be in Walla Walla against the Mead Panthers (9-11) on February 12th at 6 p.m.

73-59 (Win) Kennewick @ Walla Walla Feb 4th

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Kennewick	1	19	20	19	59
Walla Walla	15	23	18	17	73

87-57 (Win) Walla Walla @ Hermiston Feb 7th

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Walla Walla	22	25	16	24	87
Hermiston	8	16	15	18	57



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SPORTS

Prescott boys win 4th straight game and qualify for district playoffs

COLTON—Prescott boys basketball traveled to Colton on Saturday Feb. 8th for their final regular season game of the year. In the first quarter, #23 Miguel Ayala opened the scoring under the basket after getting an offensive rebound. A couple of possessions later #12 Jonathan Cardenas stole the ball in the backcourt and scored to give Prescott an early 6-0 lead. Colton then went on an 8-0 run behind some hot shooting to take the lead 8-6. For the rest of the quarter, the teams would trade the lead back and forth with Prescott prevailing, ending the quarter with a 12-11 lead.

At the start of the second quarter Miguel Ayala once again opened the scoring with a shot under the basket. Jonathan Cardenas stole the ball on the press on the very next possession and found #1 Omar Velazco open for the easy layup. On the other side, Colton was struggling with their shooting in part due to Prescott's tight defense. A three-pointer by #11 Antonio Hernandez made the score 26-11 and Colton hadn't scored in the quarter with only a few minutes left. Finally, Colton's Chris Wolf and Jackson Meyer would get things going combining for the last six points in the quarter to get Colton back in the game 26-17 at halftime.

The game wouldn't stay close for long as Prescott came out after halftime and quickly stretched the lead to 40-20. Late in the third quarter Omar Velazco put a great move on his defender that was part hesitation and part deke. It turned what would have been a difficult contested layup into an easy one, making the score 44-20. The third quarter would end with the score 46-20.

With the game in hand, the fourth quarter featured many of the members of the junior varsity. They defended well and held Colton to eleven points in the fourth quarter. The game would end with Prescott winning 53-31 which was their fourth win in a row to close out the regular season. Since Garfield-Palouse defeated Oakesdale in their matchup this week, it means that Prescott (9-3) will travel as the #3 seed to #2 seed Oakesdale (10-2) Saturday, February the 15th to start the district playoffs. Pomeroy (5-7) is the #4 seed and they will be traveling to #1 seed Garfield Palouse (11-1) in the other matchup. Districts are a double elimination tournament, so Prescott is guaranteed at least two games.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Prescott	12	14	20	7	53
Colton	11	6	3	11	31

Prescott: Omar Velazco 11, Victor Garcia 6, Antonio Hernandez 5, Jonathan Cardenas 19, Miguel Ayala 12



Eric Umphrey

Above: Jonathan Cardenas races ahead of the pack to give his team an early 6-0 lead.



Left: Miguel Ayala scores two of his twelve points of the game.

THE MATBIRDS ARE BACK AT IT



Beka Compton

Coaches Jake Winona and Will Winona demonstrate how to escape from a common wrestling move during Mat Birds practice. Coach Rob Parrish stands by, ready to answer any questions the young athletes may have.



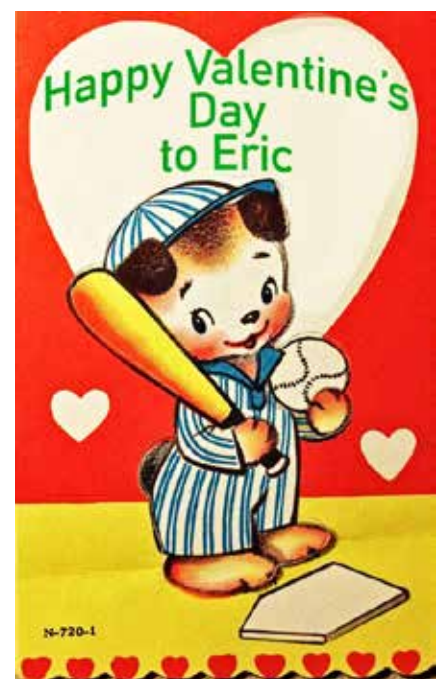
Beka Compton

Coach Will Winona gets down on the mat, answering questions that a wrestler had about the escape maneuver they were practicing. Will grew up wrestling in the Washington Little Guys Wrestling Association.

Local Boys & Girls Basketball Standings

League 3A/4A Boys				Overall				League 2B Boys				Overall				League 1B Boys				Overall			
School	W	L		W	L	School	W	L	W	L	School	W	L	W	L	School	W	L	W	L			
Chiawana	15	1		19	1	White Swan	11	1	16	5	Garfield-Palouse	11	1	14	6								
Kamiakin	13	3		17	3	WWVA	10	2	15	4	Oakesdale	10	2	16	4								
Walla Walla	12	4		16	4	Columbia	9	3	11	10	Prescott	9	3	13	6								
Kennewick	11	5		13	6	Kittitas-Thorp	8	4	12	9	Pomeroy	5	7	5	14								
Richland	9	7		12	8	Tri-Cities Prep	6	6	13	8	SJEL	4	7	6	13								
Southridge	6	10		7	13	Liberty Christian	4	8	9	12	Colton	1	10	1	18								
Hanford	3	13		5	15	DeSales	3	9	7	14	Touchet	0	10	0	16								
Pasco	2	14		3	17	Dayton-Waitsburg	2	9	4	15													
Hermiston	1	15		2	18	Mabton	1	9	4	17													
						Lyle-Wishram	0	5	1	16													

League 3A/4A Girls				Overall				League 2B Girls				Overall			
School	W	L		W	L	School	W	L	W	L	School	W	L	W	L
Chiawana	15	1		18	2	Columbia	12	0	19	2					
Kennewick	13	3		16	3	Tri-Cities Prep	11	1	16	5					
Pasco	11	5		14	5	White Swan	8	4	17	4					
Hermiston	10	6		13	7	Mabton	8	4	15	6					
Walla Walla	9	7		13	7	DeSales	7	5	11	10					
Richland	7	9		8	12	Kittitas-Thorp	4	9	10	11					
Hanford	3	13		4	16	WWVA	3	9	6	13					
Kamiakin	3	13		4	16	Dayton-Waitsburg	3	9	3	18					
Southridge	1	15		4	16	Liberty Christian	1	11	2	18					



LIFESTYLES

MUSEUM AFTER HOURS TALK EXPLORES THE MUSICAL BAUER SISTERS OF WALLA WALLA

Susan Pickett, a violinist, musicologist, and Whitman College Professor Emerita, will speak about Emilie and Marion Bauer, Walla Walla natives who had influential music careers in New York City at a Fort Walla Walla Museum After Hours Talk.

The presentation will take place in the museum's Grand Hall, 755 Myra Road, on Thursday, February 27 at 4 pm. It is free to attend.

The Bauer family had a prominent presence in Walla Walla. The eldest child, Emilie Frances, may have been the first Jewish child born here in 1865. Marion Eugenie, the seventh and last child of the Bauer family, was born here in 1882. Emilie Frances, who was initially a music critic for the Oregonian, moved to NYC around the turn of the century. She was the first American critic to whom Claude Debussy allowed an interview. Marion Eugenie soon joined her sister in NYC, studying music composition. During her lifetime, Marion composed over 160 works, including a symphonic poem that was performed by the New York Philharmonic in 1947.

Like so many women who were recognized for their talents during their lifetimes, both sisters disappeared from the annals of music history until Susan Pickett's curiosity led her to rediscover the careers, writings, and music of these two remarkable women.



Emilie and Marion Bauer

Courtesy photo

TEDDY BEAR TEA FUNDRAISER SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 29



WALLA WALLA—It's that time of year, again! The 14th annual Teddy Bear Tea takes place on Saturday, February 29 at the St Francis Church Social Hall, at 722 W. Alder St. in Walla Walla.

This fundraiser for the Walla Walla-Columbia School Retirees Association features tea, sandwiches, fruit, cookies, and chocolates.

There will be also multiple exhibits of teddy bears (commercial and hand-made), a story corner, a coloring table and a store featuring bear mementos.

A silent auction section features themed baskets including Seattle Seahawks memorabilia, Walla Walla Sweets hats, game tickets, bats and balls, Mod Pizza, garden supplies, a baby doll with cradle, quilt and clothes, a fishing tackle box with supplies, a set of porcelain dolls, and art from Kris Takemura.

Two hand-made bears will be raffled off with tickets costing \$1 each.

Admission is \$6.00 and tickets will be available at the door. Proceeds support student teacher/school practicum scholarships, which are awarded to graduates from schools in Columbia and Walla Walla counties.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

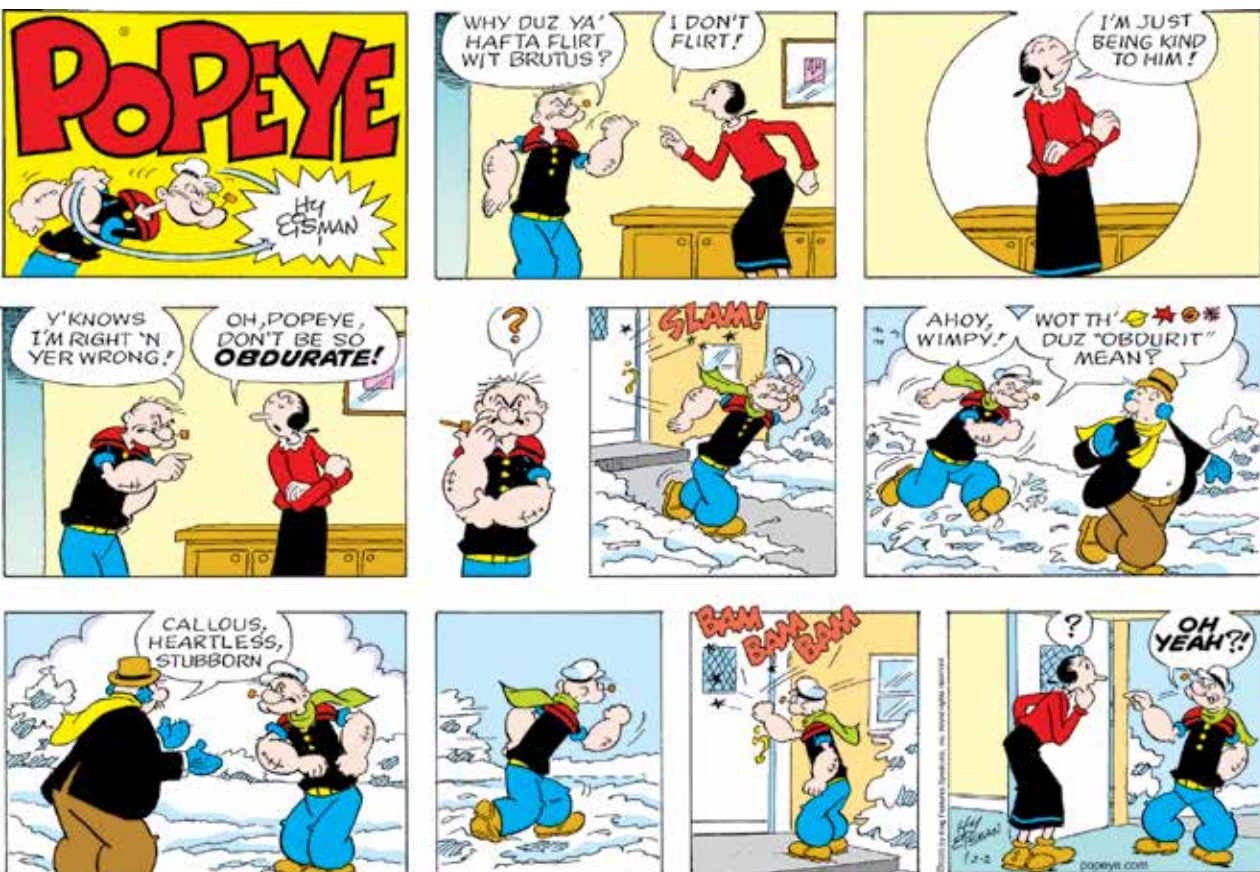
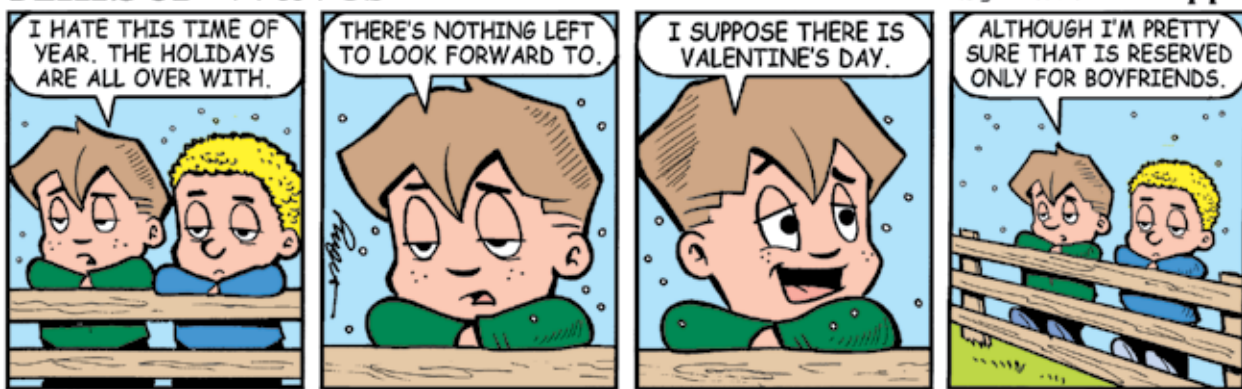


LAFF-A-DAY



"Remember that awful dinner the Shipleys had us over for? This stuff would make a wonderful revenge."

Amber Waves



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago
February 18, 2010

A ski hill on Valentine's Day is an unnatural setting for sorrow, particularly when it comes from a gathering of college students far too young to be mourning the loss of a close friend. But the intimate memorial service on Ski Bluewood's Huckleberry run was a fitting tribute to the 19-year-old member of the Whitman College Ski Club who died Saturday in the mountain's second fatal accident. He was the first to die from his injuries on Bluewood before rescuers had a chance to transport him to a medical facility.

[Photo caption] First grader Ashton Phinney reads with his puppy in Sandy Startin's class at Dayton Elementary. Phinney and his 26 classmates are eager to improve their reading and social skills thanks to "Reading with Lucky," a program sponsored here by Dayton's Blaine and Julie Bickelhaupt.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
February 9, 1995

[Photo caption] Columbia County District Court Judge Chuck Thronson holds the reigns of his team of horses, Jake and Daisy, hauling skiers to lodge at Ski Bluewood. He finds the time he spends with his team and sleigh is a relaxing break from the mental rigors of the bench in Dayton.

Fifteen DeNova Club members enjoyed a luncheon at the Farmer's Cafe Thursday, Feb. 2. Polly Richardson surprised members with a festive Valentine cake and Hazel Brown furnished Valentine napkins. A box of Valentine chocolates was won by Margaret Rutledge as a door prize.

Rob Birdsell, who teaches vocational business and computer courses is coaching the boys varsity basketball team. He is a 1985 graduate of Lewiston High School and earned a bachelor's degree in business from Eastern Washington University in 1994. He and his wife have a one-year-old daughter.

Erosion is being diminished in Washington state, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Fifty Years Ago
February 12, 1970

The Commercial Club and the Waitsburg Lions Club members were introduced to the preliminary plans of the Waitsburg Development Corporation at separate meetings last Tuesday evening. J. V. Glover made the presentation to the Commercial Club, while Turk Ely talked to the Lions.

The meeting of the Sex Education Committee, originally set for Wednesday, February 12, has been postponed until Thursday afternoon, February 19 at 2 p.m.

[Photo caption] Connell's Byron Morgan is treated to a bit of the "ball in the mush" with a check by the Cardinals' Martin Huffman. Since there was hand contact, a foul was called on the play. Gary Pierson, right, reaches in to assist with the defensive maneuver, while Jeff Peterson looks on at the left.

DeNova Club met at the home of Mrs. Michael Saxon with co-hostess Mrs. Vernon Smith. Mrs. Saxon, in charge of the program, introduced Mr. Maib who discussed the Special Levy.

Seventy-Five Years Ago
February 16, 1945

The storage situation for the 1945 crop is becoming critical. The Touchet Valley Grain Growers, Inc. reports that at present, 75 percent of the 1944 crop is still in storage and it will take 80 cars to ship this before July 1.

Completely surprised Friday night was Pierre Ganguet of the Coppei when friends suddenly arrived at his home to honor him on the occasion of his birthday.

Miss Alberta Snyder was hostess for a birthday party honoring her brother, Elmer, Friday evening. Maurice Huwe, Kay Huwe, Jim Mays, Duane Huwe, and Marion Allman were the young people present.

Let's keep in mind the French proverb: "That day is lost which one has not laughed."

One Hundred Years Ago
February 20, 1920

A Buick bumper was lost about half way along the Neace grade on Saturday February 14. If the finder will please notify King Witt, he says he will buy him a wedding present.

One of Waitsburg's landmarks is being removed this week. Workmen are engaged in tearing down what is known to the oldtimers as the old Robinett residence which stands in the Neace lot near the corner of Main and East Third Streets.

Born at the farm home on the Coppei Wednesday morning, February 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Marion Walker, a daughter.

I have sold my Durham bull to the Walla Walla Dairy, W. W. Kruckek.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago
February 22, 1895

C. W. Wheeler and wife entertained the public school teachers and graduating class at an oyster supper on Tuesday night, merely to show the appreciation of the good work done by teachers and pupils.

This open weather has had a tendency to start many plays to going, and as a consequence our blacksmiths are enjoying quite a boom in business.

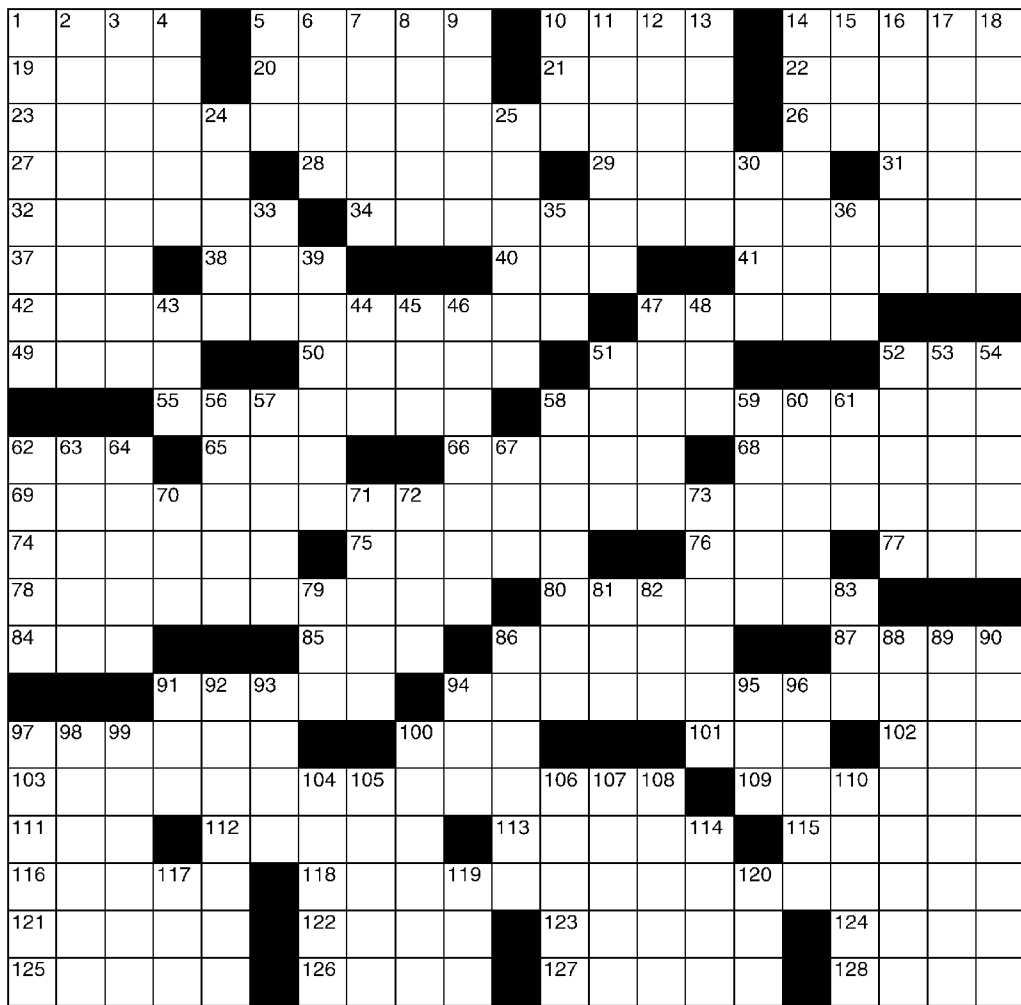
This Washington's birthday, is a busy day in the Burg. The schools are having a holiday and the children are rending the air with merry shouts of joy. The militia boys are parading, and the band is making music sweet. Tonight a grand ball will be given at the Armory by the members of Co. D. than which there is not a better Co. in the state. Boom.

FUN & GAMES

Super Crossword

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PR WORK

- ACROSS**
- 1 Maize
 - 5 1980s TV's "Kate & —"
 - 10 Bank acct. underwriter
 - 14 Resort isle near Naples
 - 19 Cock- — (mixed dog breed)
 - 20 Pencil end
 - 21 Prehistoric beast, briefly
 - 22 ALF or ET
 - 23 Pool hall champion?
 - 26 Flower calyx part
 - 27 Off — (sporadically)
 - 28 Small flycatcher
 - 29 Christmas songs
 - 31 Omega preceder
 - 32 Passover crackers
 - 34 Place where pizza dough is flattened?
 - 37 "We — not amused"
 - 38 Ripken of the diamond
 - 40 Angriiness
 - 41 Actress De Carlo
 - 42 Get the shoe mender on the phone?
 - 47 Marine eel
 - 49 Poetic foot
 - 50 Pertaining to the sun
 - 51 Still wrapped
 - 52 In spite of the fact that, for short
 - 55 King Arthur's home
 - 58 Commercial in which all of one's fury is unleashed?
 - 62 Fido's sound
 - 65 Faced
 - 66 Phileas Fogg creator Jules
 - 68 Like a slob's bed
 - 69 Blowtorch the exterior of your launch vehicle?
 - 74 Wind section player
 - 75 Quaint oath
 - 76 Just a — (somewhat)
 - 77 Hissing snake sound
 - 78 Ice-skating food fish?
 - 80 Mexican menu items
 - 84 Blast maker
 - 85 "Mammal" has three
 - 86 "Thank you, Henri"
 - 87 Opéra part
 - 91 PR concern
 - 94 Farmer's motto?
 - 97 Risen from sleep
 - 100 Seemingly endless time
 - 101 Park oneself
 - 102 Dwelling: Abbr.
 - 103 Tirades about the trials of being a mother?
 - 109 Not switched off
 - 111 Ace
 - 112 Art style
 - 113 Sofa
 - 115 Spanish for "queen"
 - 116 Wax theatrical
 - 118 Actor Moranis playing a garbage sweeper?
 - 121 12-inch stick
 - 122 Small toiletry case
 - 123 Pay the penalty
 - 124 First-aid plant
 - 125 Fencing blades
 - 126 Part of NYPD: Abbr.
 - 127 Tightly wound
 - 128 Give away temporarily
- DOWN**
- 1 Squid dish
 - 2 Expanse
 - 3 Sports squad that rarely has home games
 - 4 Vivarin rival
 - 5 Fourth mo.
 - 6 Belt holder
 - 7 Longtime con
 - 8 Split evenly
 - 9 Lucy's TV pal
 - 10 32nd pres.
 - 11 Actress
 - 12 Disguised, for short
 - 13 Alternatives to Pepsis
 - 14 Tapioca-yielding tree
 - 15 Hoppy drink
 - 16 1972-77 Broadway musical
 - 17 Explanation
 - 18 Queued up
 - 24 Tennyson's "— Arden"
 - 25 More elusive
 - 30 Astron. distance
 - 33 Little pouch
 - 35 Like the vbs. "eat" and "lie"
 - 36 Tiny dog
 - 39 Get bested by
 - 43 TV network north of the USA
 - 44 Ty-D- — (bathroom brand)
 - 45 Slo- — (fuse type)
 - 46 Riga native
 - 47 Brawl
 - 48 Athena's bird
 - 51 Sam once in the Senate
 - 52 Trees yielding wood for ships
 - 53 Mythical hell
 - 54 Dramatist Clifford
 - 56 Collect
 - 57 Conductor Zubin —
 - 58 Cake icer
 - 59 Countryish
 - 60 Cell terminal
 - 61 Yukon maker
 - 62 Cut short
 - 70 Suffix with neat or peace
 - 71 "— tell ya!"
 - 72 Problems for vain types
 - 73 Tide targets
 - 79 Shin's place
 - 81 Noted coach Parseghian
 - 82 Bygone AT&T rival
 - 83 Slump
 - 86 Home of Monte Carlo
 - 88 Vehicle ownership certificate
 - 89 Get drunk
 - 90 Trapped
 - 91 34th prez
 - 92 Corporate marriages
 - 93 Avonlea girl
 - 94 Hide — hair
 - 95 It's nothing
 - 96 Comical Cheri
 - 97 Current unit
 - 98 Pre-race stretch, say
 - 99 "King Ralph" actor Peter
 - 100 Ocular cleansing receptacle
 - 104 One way to mark debits
 - 105 Uninspired
 - 106 Like skim milk
 - 107 Mozart's "Così fan —"
 - 114 Egg layers
 - 117 Golf gadget
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 - 120 "Annabel —"

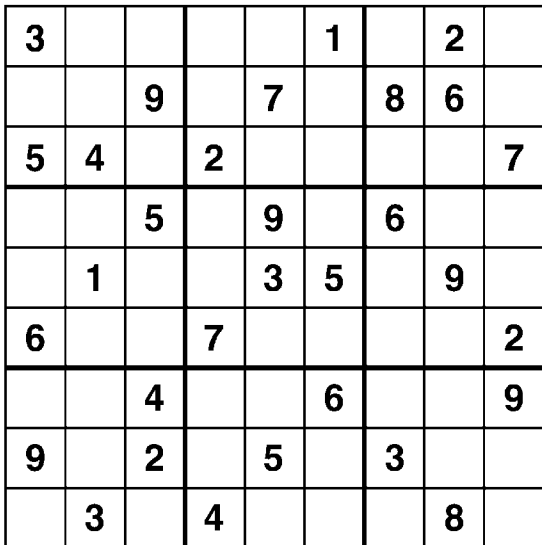


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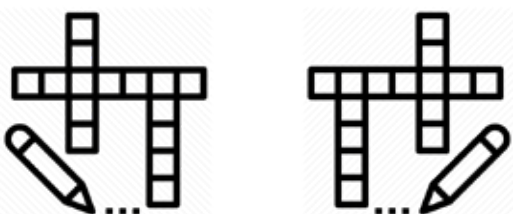


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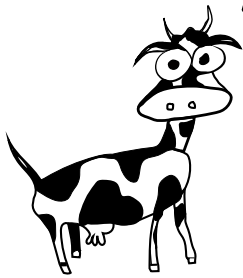
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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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Super Crossword

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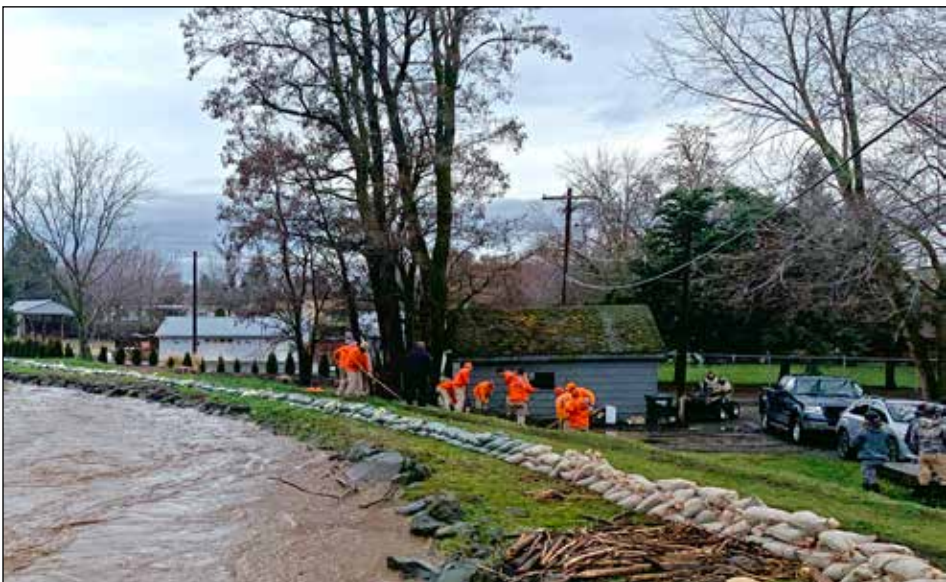
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Erik Young

Clockwise from Top: Aerial photo of Preston Ave Friday morning. Horses stand on a little island created by the flood, unphased by the new lake in their dry lot. The horses had access to safe, dry land with fresh hay and clean water, but they were reluctant to leave their hay bale. Saturday sunset in Waitsburg brightens the end of a tough day. Lisa Morrow stayed in good spirits while she helped Keith Marlow and his crew fill sandbags. Countless community members of all ages spent the day filling and delivering sandbags around Waitsburg. DOC workers saving a tree to protect the dyke on the northwest side of Preston Ave bridge.



Emergency resources

Emergency response center

The Waitsburg Christian Church on Main Street has opened an emergency response center. The church is open in 24/7 for those who need a place to stay, with plenty of bottled water, food and resources. Use the front access on Main Street. Questions about church facilities can go to Pastor Matthew Wyatt, 916-622-9932. Volunteers are needed to stay at the church during daylight hours.

Resources for school-age children

Waitsburg School District Superintendent Mark Pickle and Rosy Nechodom, provided an update on resources for children affected by the flood.

- Free breakfast and lunch at the school
- Transportation support
- Counseling support
- Shoes, clothes, books

Call Rosy for help with the items above: 509-520-6875. Rosy said affected children will show signs of trauma in different ways - parents know their children best. If parents notice different behavior, talk with children and call Rosy for support. She also recommended getting kids back into their normal school routine.

Showers

The school district has also opened up showers for those in need. Available 3:15-5:15 p.m. Call Denise Winnett, school administrative assistant, during school hours, 509-337-6351, and call Gabe Kiefel after 3:15 p.m., 509-240-4878. Access

to washers and dryers is also available at the school.

Sandbag return

- Wastewater treatment plant
- Fairgrounds
- County rock pit

Additional help on offer

Bagged lunches will be available through Feb. 16 at the Waitsburg Christian Church. Daycare is also available at the Waitsburg Christian Church.

The Waitsburg Christian Church is not ADA accessible, but help will be given to those who need access for meals, respite or fellowship.

Individuals offering assistance

Meals for those affected and hardworking volunteers: Margie Benson, 509-629-2988

Heavy equipment and tool-sharing system: Bryan Martin, 509-629-2300

Support for our affected families (childcare, laundry, cleaning, etc.): Joy Smith, 509-539-8773

Pickup trucks or trailers for sandbag pickup: KC Kuykendall, 509-396-1460

Donations needed - please drop off at the Waitsburg Christian Church

Walkie-talkies (with instruction manuals) portable white boards and markers, garbage bags, sandwich bags, small brown paper lunch bags, paper plates (large and small), paper bowls, napkins, towels, toilet paper, plastic utensils: forks, knives, spoons, zip ties, pens, paper, Post-It notes and first aid supplies



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