

# The Times

Thursday  
March 25, 2021  
Vol. 144 No. 4  
www.waitsburgtimes.com

SERVING WAITSBURG, DAYTON AND THE TOUCHET VALLEY

Published Since 1878

ONE DOLLAR



Bill Rodgers

March 18 on Clodius Road, Spring Valley Vineyards. The grapevines are trimmed and ready to start growing. It was sort of a surreal Daliesque day that morning...the only things missing is watching the snow melting from the tree branches.

## City Council votes to approve new mower

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Equipment purchase and financing, and ongoing flood control efforts were discussed at the Waitsburg City Council meeting on March 17.

Meeting in person for the first time in over a year, councilmembers present were Mayor Marty Dunn, Kevin House, and Jim Romine, with Karen Gregutt joining the meeting via phone call. City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe and two community members were also present. Waitsburg City Council will continue to hold their monthly meetings in-person at the Waitsburg Lions Club building at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds. The City will follow all current COVID-19 guidelines for in-person gatherings.

Walla Walla County Sheriff Mark Crider was scheduled to speak at the meeting; however, he was unavailable. Councilmember Romine said Sheriff Crider was attending a training session that was running later than anticipated.

Hinchliffe led a discussion on Washington State's LOCAL Program for funding the purchase of a new mower for the City's Public Works (PW) department. LOCAL financing is a financing contract (lease) through the Office of the State Treasurer (OST) for equipment and real estate projects. The leases are pooled together as a security called a Certificate of Participation, (COP) similar to municipal bonds. Program participants gain access to the tax-exempt bond market, below market fees and expenses.

According to Hinchliffe, the Public Works (PW) department is in need of a new mower. The current mower is a mid-2000's model, with lots of hours on the machine, and is being used for all of the City's mowing needs. He said that the mower runs well, currently, but it is showing signs of aging.

Hinchliffe presented two comparable mowers from equipment dealers Pape Machinery and RDO Equipment. The mower from RDO cost roughly \$4,000 less and was available for immediate purchase. After some discussion among the councilmembers, they voted to purchase the mower from RDO, for approximately \$59,000. Public Works will keep the current mower for a specific job area, potentially the park. The new mower will be used for larger areas, including the fairgrounds and the cemetery.

Should the City of Waitsburg pursue a loan from the LOCAL program, the payments would be due annually, with the first payment due in December, according to Hinchliffe. The loan is a five-year note, with the interest rate currently at .33%. There is no penalty if the city pays off the loan early.

The council discussed Resolution 2021-716: Retainage Release. The City Council voted to approve the final payment to Sharpe & Preszler, for work related to Hazelbaker Road/ Taggart Road Extension project, in the amount of \$30,504.29. This is the final payment for the project.

During council reports, Councilmember Romine noted that two damaged lights along Main Street had been repaired and stated that it made a big difference in the appearance of the area.

Hinchliffe shared that the City of Waitsburg is slated to receive roughly \$270,000 from the American Rescue Plan, passed earlier in March. Money received will go towards recouping financial losses incurred by the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic, investing in water and sewage repairs, and the potential for another round of business grants. The city has a couple of years to use the funds, according to Hinchliffe.

Hinchliffe said that he had met with a couple of council members to assess needed repairs to the large breach in the Coppei River bank that runs along Preston Avenue. A plan to temporarily repair the breach is being developed, with Hinchliffe saying that the city is working on gaining easement rights from property owners in the area for repairs.

This year's election for the Waitsburg City Council will be the first handled by Walla Walla County and not the City. Elections are to be held every other year, in odd years, for either three or four seats on the council. Hinchliffe did not specify which seats would be up for election in this first round. The filing period for Waitsburg City Council is May 17-21.

The Millrace Grade project is waiting on Department of Transportation certification before it can advance to the bid process. Hinchliffe said that he expects a spring-time bid period.

The council voted to reimburse Bill Moran for fuel-expenses that he incurred in February for snow removal during the winter storms. The council did not specify a cost.

The meeting adjourned after the approval of bills. Further information about the mower purchase, and the LOCAL Program, can be found at www.cityofwaitsburg.com.

## County Commissioner Ryan Rundell speaks to the city's reluctance to approve ILA

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—At their meeting on March 10, the Dayton City Council expressed reluctance to sign the Interlocal agreement (ILA) with the County for Law Enforcement, Dispatch, and Municipal Court services.

Columbia County Commission Chair Ryan Rundell went on record last week to talk about his frustration over the protracted negotiation process between the county and the city. He also addressed opinions expressed by some city council members at that meeting.

Rundell explained the need for an updated ILA. He said since the ILA was initially entered into in 2007, there have been structural changes within county departments, and the cost of providing services has increased.

"If nothing else, we needed a simplified contract," said Rundell.

Back in 2019, Rundell said he hoped the City and the County, along with all the parties involved, could sit down together and hash out the terms of the contract that would be amenable to all. Then have the attorneys present a contract for their signatures.

Instead, Rundell said the City attorney was brought in which led to a long process of "lawyering" and delaying tactics, on the City's part.

Rundell said delaying tactics included repeated requests for information, exceeding what was needed, and failing to answer the phone after the city set a time and date for conversations to take place.

At the Mar. 10 council meeting, Councilman Dain Nysoe said he thought the city was being "strong-armed" into signing the contract after receiving a letter calling for arbitration if the draft agreement was not approved within two weeks of the receipt of that letter dated Feb. 22.

Rundell said the only time there was any traction during negotiations was when the word arbitration was mentioned.

"After a year and a half of delaying I don't think it's strong-arm tactics to say enough is enough," Rundell said.

Several city council members expressed frustration about not getting some of the things they wanted written into the contract.

"The only things in the contract are those things both parties agreed to," Rundell said. "If the Council is disappointed, they should have provided more oversight to their negotiation team."

Rundell said by using delaying tactics, the city successfully avoided paying increased costs for services they received for almost two years.

He said the County initially asked for a three-year contract, but the City held out for a five-year contract.

Rundell now believes the City wanted a five-year contract to provide ample time to look into establishing its own police force.

"To single the Sheriff's Office out is unfair," Rundell said. "The citizens of Dayton should know that the Columbia County Sheriff's Office is there to serve you and are doing it at a bargain price."

He hopes when the ILA is renegotiated in five years, the city and county can sit down together without all the lawyers.

"We can't be separate. We have to be on the same page," he said.

"I am hoping that both parties engage transparently and honestly, so that we can work together, both in our coming contractually obligated quarterly meetings, and in general, for transparency," he said.

The previous ILA was entered into on Jan. 2007 and the City agreed to pay the County an annual fee of \$269,998 for services.

Seven years ago, a mutually agreed upon Continuation of Services Agreement increased annual fees, raised periodically to \$337,428, according to City Administrator Trina Cole, in June 2020.

The new contract was mediated in Nov. 2020. It calls for a payment of \$612,500 to the county each year with annual increases tied to the Consumer Price Index, beginning on Jan. 1, 2022.

The County approved the agreement on Dec. 21, 2020 and the City approved it at the March's City Council Meeting.

### INDEX

- Weather..... 2
- Calendar..... 3
- Commentary..... 4
- Legals..... 6
- Pioneer Portraits... 10
- Puzzles..... 11

4

Waitsburg School Board

7

Antlers to Antenna

8

All Sports



# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

## NEWS BRIEFS

### 2021-22 FEE INCREASE WILL ENSURE SNO-PARKS CONTINUE TO OPERATE

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—The Washington State Parks Winter Recreation Program announced the price of Sno-Park permits would increase when they go on sale on Nov. 1. This will be the first increase since 2009.

The price increases reflect rising costs of Sno-Park operations, including trail grooming, plowing, clearing lots and roads, bathroom maintenance, fuel, and staffing. The program had to replace aging equipment, including snowcats. Over the last 12 years, the program opened several new permanent and temporary Sno-Parks to meet customer demand.

The Sno-Park permit fees for the 2021-22 season are:

- Seasonal permit: \$5
- Annual snowmobile permit: \$50
- Special Groomed Trail Sticker: \$70
- Daily Sno Park permit: \$25

The Discover Pass is not needed for parking at Sno-Parks.

In 2019, the Winter Recreation Advisory Committee, which oversees non-motorized Sno-Parks, appointed a subcommittee to review permit fees. The subcommittee surveyed and compared Washington's fees to those of other private and public entities, some of which charge several hundred dollars a season for one family to access one location.

The subcommittee also called on such stakeholders as ski and dogsled clubs, the majority of whom supported the increase.

"Washington state has a wonderful Sno-Park program that is a model for the rest of the nation," said long-time volunteer Karen Behm of the Central Cascades Winter Recreation Council. "The 12-year lapse in rate hikes created constant challenges when it came to meeting the demand for services and equipment."

The Winter Recreation Program is entirely self-supporting, relying on Sno-Park permit sales, snowmobile fees, and a small portion of the state's fuel tax to fund the operation of 130 Sno-Parks statewide.

### FOOD GIVEAWAY COMING TO WAITSBURG MARCH 27

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg Christian Church, in partnership with Restoration Community Impact and New Beginning Christian Community Church, will be hosting a drive-up food giveaway on Saturday, March 27, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., or while supplies last.

Two semi-trucks loaded with 2,000, 30-pound boxes full of assorted fresh fruit, meat, and other items will be parked at the Waitsburg Elementary School parking lot, handing out boxes to anyone who shows up. The giveaway is open to residents of both Walla Walla and Columbia counties.

"This is open to everybody, no question asked," said Pastor Matthew Wyatt. "It doesn't matter if you feel like you have a need or not. They don't want to go back with any boxes left; they want to give them all away."

Pastor Matthew Wyatt said that they would allow friends or family to pick up a box for anyone unable to drive out to Waitsburg.

All the donating vendors are based in the Tri-Cities. They include Butter Creek Livestock, Cascadia Produce, USDA Farmers to Families, Farmer Frog, Incarceration to Inspiration, Ouren Law Office, Clean Sweep Tri-Cities, and INSP.

### THE CLUB CLOSED DURING SPRING BREAK, LIKELY OPEN FOR SUMMER PROGRAM

THE TIMES

Jim Pearson, Director of Program Operations at the Club has announced the decision to forego hosting a spring break program this year.

"Despite the recent loosening of COVID-19 restrictions, there are still a number of barriers to providing a quality all-day weeklong program," Pearson said.

Although Pearson said the Club can't offer a program during the spring break, the staff are setting their sights on planning for a six-week long summer recreation program that will be safe, stimulating and educational. This can take place as long as the current trend in COVID-19 developments continues on a positive trajectory.

Pearson said many of the organizations with whom the Club staff works to provide meaningful activities are facing uncertainties in their operations, as well.

### WAITSBURG CELEBRATION DAYS 2021 CANCELLED

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—For the second year in a row, the third weekend in May will be a quiet one, as the 2021 Waitsburg Celebration Days has been cancelled.

The decision to cancel was made by executive board vote on March 15, just before a regularly scheduled meeting.

"Due to the uncertainty of COVID, the current phases of Washington State, and the requirements from the state to hold outdoor and indoor events; it is with regret that Waitsburg Celebration Days 2021 has been cancelled by Executive Board decision on 3/15/2021," said Abby Grende, WCD Secretary. "There are too many variables and unknowns to move forward with this event in the spring of this year. We look forward to resuming with WCD in May 2022. Thank you for your continued patience and support."

While the board entered the year optimistic about a 2021 event, the vote to cancel was cast after correspondence with the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health and Washington State Department of Transportation indicated that approval for necessary permits and documents is still limited.

Waitsburg Celebration Days will begin meeting again at a later date. The board currently has two open seats, President and Vice President, and will continue the search for volunteers to fill the positions. Interested parties may contact Abby Grende at abbysot@hotmail.com.

### AT THE LIBERTY

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Showing at the Liberty Theater on March 26, 27, 28, and 30 is the 2020 drama *Nomadland*. Showtimes are Friday & Saturday at 7:30 pm, Sunday matinee at 3 pm, and Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm (Not 7:30).

Following the economic collapse of a company town in rural Nevada, Fern (Frances McDormand) packs her van and sets off on the road exploring a life outside of conventional society as a modern-day nomad. *Nomadland* features real nomads Linda May, Swankie, and Bob Wells as Fern's mentors and comrades in her exploration through the American West's vast landscape. Some reviewers describe this as a melancholy depiction of American society that is "fraying at the edges."

*Nomadland* takes you somewhere you've never been, introduces you to marvelous people you knew little or nothing about, and leaves you full of feelings you may not have known you had, but glad to have taken the journey and changed by it" (*The Wall Street Journal*). This is the third movie directed by Chloe Zhao.

This movie is rated R for some full nudity, with a runtime of 108 minutes. Rotten Tomatoes rates this as 94% favorable, and the audience score is 80%.

Also, the *March Madness Virtual Variety Show* is scheduled for release on March 26. Please check the Liberty Theater website for more details.

Please purchase your tickets and select your seats on the Liberty Theater website and remember online sales close one hour before movie time. Some tickets and seats may be available at the door. Please arrive early to prevent congestion in the lobby. Anyone who attends must wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth and maintain social distancing so the theater can remain open as a business. Under current distancing requirements, the theater is limiting seating to about 25% capacity. The Liberty Theater would like to thank all their patrons for their cooperation and support.

### Touchet Valley Weather

March 24, 2021

#### Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Wednesday	Few Showers	53	37
Thursday	Few Showers	52	36
Friday	Partly Cloudy	59	37
Saturday	Mostly Sunny	62	40
Sunday	Partly Cloudy	67	46
Monday	Partly Cloudy	65	42
Tuesday	Sunny	64	43

#### Weather Trivia

How often does lightning strike the ground in the United States?  
 Answer: Between 25 to 30 million times each year.

#### Weather History

**March 24, 1989** - Low pressure off the coast of Virginia brought heavy rain to the mid-Atlantic Coast states and heavy snow to the northern Appalachians. Cape Hatteras, N.C. was soaked with 5.2 inches of rain in 24 hours, and snowfall totals in Vermont ranged up to 12 inches.

#### Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Other
Tuesday	52	34	56/38	0.00"	Precipitation ..... 0.34"
Wednesday	58	33	56/38	0.00"	Normal precipitation ..... 0.54"
Thursday	72R	36	56/38	Trace	Departure from normal ..... -0.20"
Friday	58	40	56/38	0.01"	Average temperature ..... 46.9°
Saturday	55	40	57/38	Trace	Average normal temperature ..... 47.4°
Sunday	51	37	57/39	0.18"	Departure from normal ..... -0.5°
Monday	53	37	57/39	0.15"	Data as reported from Walla Walla

#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:47 a.m.	7:11 p.m.	2:15 p.m.	5:09 a.m.
Thursday	6:45 a.m.	7:13 p.m.	3:29 p.m.	5:44 a.m.
Friday	6:43 a.m.	7:14 p.m.	4:47 p.m.	6:13 a.m.
Saturday	6:41 a.m.	7:15 p.m.	6:06 p.m.	6:39 a.m.
Sunday	6:39 a.m.	7:17 p.m.	7:26 p.m.	7:03 a.m.
Monday	6:38 a.m.	7:18 p.m.	8:48 p.m.	7:27 a.m.
Tuesday	6:36 a.m.	7:19 p.m.	10:10 p.m.	7:52 a.m.

# The Times

## STAFF DIRECTORY

**LANE GWINN, Publisher & Editor**  
lane@waitsburgtimes.com  
(206) 817-8794

**MICHELE SMITH, Dayton Editor**  
michele@waitsburgtimes.com  
(509) 520-5297

**BRIANNA WRAY, Lifestyles Reporter**  
brianna@waitsburgtimes.com

**ERIC UMPHREY, Sports Reporter**  
sports@waitsburgtimes.com

**BEKA COMPTON, Reporter**  
beka@waitsburgtimes.com

**LUKE CHAVEZ, Advertising Manager**  
advertising@waitsburgtimes.com

---

**CONNECT WITH US ONLINE**  
www.waitsburgtimes.com  
www.facebook.com/waitsburgtimes  
Instagram: @waitsburgtimes

**The Times**  
216 Main St., P.O. Box 97, Waitsburg  
242 E. Main Street, Dayton  
(509) 337-6631

## Doyle ELECTRIC inc.

Do you feel Safe & Secure?  
Are you considering a security system to protect your family?

Give Doyle Electric a Call Today! We can tell you about the many affordable options available, from security systems, camera systems, to security gates. And because we're your neighbor, we can provide dependable and continuous service!

1421 Dell Ave. Walla Walla 529-2500  
WA DOYLEE1277CL OR OCB#19588

## CITY LUMBER & COAL YARD

Everything for the Homeowner

- Plumbing
- Glass - Electrical
- Lawn & Garden
- Valspar Paints
- Drywall
- Landscaping
- Bark & Compost
- Rock, Sand & Concrete Supplies

(509) 382-4211 • 200 N. 3rd, Dayton Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sat. 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## Flood control, repair ongoing process for City of Waitsburg

*More than a year later, flood repair and prevention efforts are still the focus for the City of Waitsburg*

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Between a major flood event and a global pandemic, repairs, and improvements for the levees surrounding Waitsburg have been slow going.

At the March City Council meeting, City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe shared an in-depth look at some of the issues, like easement rights and costs, that have impacted flood repair.

A significant breach along the Touchet Riverbank, which runs along Preston Avenue, has been a major concern for years, especially after the February 2020 event. Hinchliffe said he and councilmember David Paxton met with representatives from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to assess the breach and develop a temporary repair plan. Efforts may include pushing earth into a berm for a diversionary levee.

“The bad part is, no matter what you do, there will be ongoing bank erosion,” Hinchliffe said. “The idea is to just delay it long enough so water won’t make it into the city.”

Hinchliffe went on to say that a section of the levee south of the Preston Avenue Bridge, out past the Grange, has been removed from the USACE Levee Inspection Program, leaving all maintenance and repair responsibilities up to the City of Waitsburg. Once the city fixes the levee, the section in question may re-qualify for the Levee Inspection Program.

According to Hinchliffe, necessary repairs will cost between \$300,000 and \$500,000, based on an estimate received from Anderson Perry & Associates (AP). The repairs will take roughly two years, and Hinchliffe said AP is currently preparing plan details and drafting a contract.

Due to the nature of the area, Hinchliffe said there are many entities involved in approval processes and inspection, including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), various fisheries, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the USACE.

The City of Waitsburg is planning to begin repairs to this particular section of the levee in 2022. Part of the cost will be offset by the use of materials already owned by the city, including quarry rock. This inventory helped offset costs for earlier repairs made along the Touchet River at the Willard Street corner, which was eroding so quickly it threatened the property above.

During the meeting, Mayor Marty Dunn expressed concerns about a couple of trees that could come loose and cause blockages or extreme damage in the event of another flood. Hinchliffe said they are working with homeowners for easement rights to perform minor repairs and preventative measures. Hinchliffe noted that in 2001, when the city made similar repairs, property owners granted easements to four out of the seven properties that run along the area. Two property owners have granted temporary access, and he is currently working to obtain the final easement right from the remaining owners.

Flood control and repair efforts are a developing situation in the City of Waitsburg for both the Touchet and Coppei Rivers.

## New deputies hired in the Sheriff’s Office

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Columbia County Sheriff Office has hired David Walling and Riley Conahan as new deputies for the county.

David Walling was raised in the Ellensburg area, graduating from Kittitas High School in 2014. He served as a missionary in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for around six months before turning his focus to Pastoral Ministry, receiving a B.A. from Northwest University in 2018.

After graduation, he began looking into Law Enforcement as a career. He was hired at the Benton County Correctional Facility in June 2020 as a Correction officer until his lay-off due to county budget cuts.

Walling said he is looking forward to working for the Columbia County Sheriff’s Office.

Sheriff Joe Helm said with the proper training Walling could be the next school resource officer in Dayton schools.

Riley Conahan graduated from Warden High School in 2017. He attended Big Bend Community College before joining the U.S. Marine Corps in 2018. Riley worked in motor transportation during the two years he spent on active duty. He now serves in the Marine Reserve Corp.

Conahan said he enjoys helping people. He served as a volunteer firefighter in Spokane but realized law enforcement would be a better fit for him after talking it over with deputies in the Spokane Sheriff’s Office.

“I am excited about being in Law Enforcement and being out in the community,” Conahan said.

Walling and Conahan have been accepted to attend the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission’s Basic Law Enforcement Academy, Washington’s mandated training academy for all city and county entry-level peace officers in the state. The courses begin on April 7 and will end on August 11 in Burien Wash.

In the meantime, the new deputies are familiarizing themselves with department policies, radio procedures. They are also taking the time getting to know people, and places in the community.

With the addition of Walling and Conahan, the Sheriff’s Office has increased the number of patrol deputies in Columbia County to six. Sheriff Helm is considering whether to fill the vacant Chief Deputy position. If the position is not filled, the funding can be used to hire a seventh road deputy.



Michele Smith

David Walling (l) and Riley Conahan (r) have been hired in the Columbia County Sheriff’s office.

## Community Calendar

### Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

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

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

**Waitsburg Celebration Days:**  
Meetings TBA

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

### Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

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

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

**Dayton School Board**  
Third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Dayton High School auditorium

**Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners**  
Fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

**Coalition for Youth & Families**  
Fourth Wednesday monthly at 3 p.m.  
<https://coalitionforyouthandfamilies.org/get-involved>

**Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
Every month on the Third Monday at 7:00 PM  
Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

**Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting - Online**  
Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon  
Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5598153650>

**Starbuck City Council:**  
Second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Starbuck City Hall

### DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH

Dayton Senior Center  
403 E. Patit St.  
12 p.m.  
Drive Up Only  
**Thursday, March 25**  
Beef stroganoff  
Zucchini  
Spinach salad  
Roll  
Pudding  
Juice, milk  
**Tuesday, March 30**  
Spaghetti  
Mixed veggies, salad  
Garlic bread  
Fruit Jell-O  
Milk

### WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

504 Main Street  
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
**Tuesday, March 30**  
Hamburger with bun  
Vegetables (chef’s choice)  
Tater tots  
Fruit

### WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

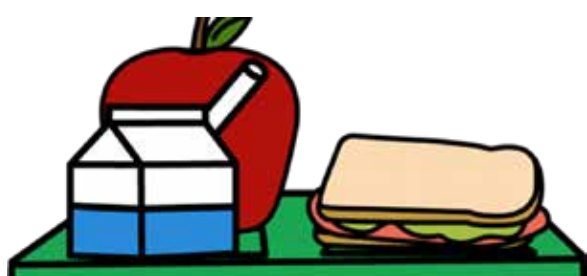
Beginning February 25th, Waitsburg School District will no longer be providing home meal deliveries. Families wishing to continue receiving meals at home must pre order online and pick up the meals from school. Orders must be received by Wednesdays at 5:00 PM for pick up the following week and may be picked up Monday or Thursday, 8 a.m-9 p.m.  
For more information, call Susan Wildey at (509) 337-6461, or visit [www.waitsburgsd.org](http://www.waitsburgsd.org).

**Thursday, March 25**  
B: Breakfast Sandwich  
L: Turkey gravy  
Mashed potatoes  
Roll  
Green beans  
Apples

**Monday, March 29**  
B: Scram. eggs & bacon  
L: Lasagna  
Garlic bread  
Baby carrots  
Apples  
Apples

**Friday, March 26**  
B: Yogurt parfait  
L: Pizza  
Baby carrots  
Pineapple  
Cookie

**Tuesday, March 30**  
B: Biscuit & gravy  
L: Chicken patty on a bun  
Baked beans  
Applesauce  
Grapes



*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.  
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Each Sunday  
337-8898  
Rev. Matthew Wyatt

Brought to you courtesy of

## Lloyd's Insurance, Inc

Walla Walla  
(509) 525-4110

## Waitsburg School Board discusses sports, property sale at March meeting

*Student activities have also been ramping up at the Waitsburg School District*

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg School Board met Thursday, March 18, for a regularly-scheduled meeting. Board members Christy House and Ross Hamann were unable to attend the March meeting. The school board is currently meeting in-person, with a Zoom option for anyone interested in attending virtually.

Before the business meeting, the school board held a public hearing to discuss whether or not to sell two district-owned properties. The two properties in question were willed to the district in 1975 as part of the Vollmer Estate. The district has not used the properties for school-purposes and has no plans in the foreseeable future.

There were no members of the public that wished to speak during the public hearing. The board will update details surrounding the potential sale at future school board meetings.

Immediately following the hearing, the school board began the business portion of the meeting.

Secondary principal Stephanie Wooderchak shared that the Shout Out board is filling up with photos at the Preston Hall Middle School.

Waitsburg High School was celebrating Homecoming Week, and everyone was looking forward to the Senior Nights for both football and volleyball. Some of the homecoming events were buff puff volleyball, balloon toss, and decorating the Cage at the high school.

Preston Hall and Waitsburg High School will be hosting open-house events on

March 30 from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., and parent-teacher conferences will be held on March 31 by appointment. The district is offering Zoom conferences for families that prefer to meet virtually.

Spring sports will begin practice in March. Currently, Dayton Waitsburg Athletics is planning on offering baseball and softball teams. Between the two schools, 13 students are signed up for baseball and 14 for softball. Superintendent Mark Pickel said that the two schools are still trying to get students interested in the golf and track and field programs, interest is low, and there may not be teams for those sports this year.

The DW Athletics has hired a dedicated athletic director, Sam Korslund, for the spring and winter sports seasons. Korslund was also approved as the football assistant coach, following the resignation of John Watts. Watts will still coach baseball.

The trees have been removed from Caroline Street, at the athletic field. Pickel said that the trees were in worse condition than the district initially thought, and it was a 'very good thing they came down when they did.'

At Waitsburg Elementary, students have been busy with activities like the Read Across America program, celebrating Dr. Suess. The Waitsburg Winners program has also made a comeback this year, with many good deeds being recognized.

The district is still searching for a K-12 Music teacher, and Pickel said he has reached out to surrounding universities. Two schools have responded, forwarding the job listing to their music departments for interested college students.

During the Superintendent's Report, Pickel reported that the school submitted their reopening plans, a necessary step to receive SR2 money (stimulus relief funds). Pickel said that Waitsburg's reopening plan was approved within days, and the district will receive approximately \$218,000, available by the end of March.

The board adjourned the business meeting, following policy readings, before entering an executive session.

## WSD continuing plans to replace high school roof

*The project was approved in April, 2020, but was delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic*

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg School District is in the final stages of planning for the high school's roof repair, a project that the board voted to approve in April 2020.

Currently, the district is working with Design West Architects, based in Kennewick, WA, to complete the schematic drawings of the high school's roof. Superintendent Mark Pickel said plans are being prepared

for the bid process, but exactly when they would be complete was unclear. He plans to have information available at the upcoming school board meeting. There has already been a public hearing and approval so the plans will not require formal approval during the actual board meeting.

The roof project was originally planned for the summer of 2020 and was delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"In talking with another general contractor, we learned that because of how restricted things were with the masks, OSHA, L&I... that we would not have enough to cover the total costs of the project," Pickel said. "They suggested we wait until this spring, when things had settled down with the pandemic."

There has been a significant rise in construction costs during the pandemic which may also impact

the cost of the project. Pickel is unsure of any impact at this time as the district has not received the final plans. The project will go to bid once the plans have been finalized. The bid process will begin in April and Pickel estimates the process will take two weeks. He will have more details after meeting with the project's dedicated architect at a later time. Once the school accepts a bid, officials will work with the selected contractor to develop a timeline for construction and completion.

Roughly \$230,000 was left over from the 2016 school bond, which will fund the roofing project. A public hearing was held in March 2020, and the board cast the final vote at April's regular meeting. Details surrounding the project will be updated as the project progresses.

### BIRTHDAYS

**March 25:** Marilyn Johnson, Lee Brannock and Richard Basel.

**March 26:** Whitney Baker, Rod Estes, Emma Brookshire, Dottie Frohreich, Chet Bond, Jim Kessler, Dawn Nichols and Kris Lytle.

**March 27:** Bill Laughery, Rachel Halley, Emory Flathers, Tammy Brown, Samuel Donnelly, Maddison Miller and John Mason.

**March 28:** Natalie Faye Teal, Bill Hopwood, Gary Thomas, Terri Conover-Stroud, Collette Waltermire and Bret McKinney.

**March 29:** Robin Hogan, Austin Beasley, Carroll Smith, Edna Pearson, Jan DeCoria, Bob Stokes, Vanessa Lafer and Karen Peters.

**March 30:** Hubert Kinder Jr., Rosemary Brinkman and Elizabeth Mercer.

**March 31:** Bob Baim, Eileen Huffman, Steve Ruley, Christopher Hansen, Brandon Watson, John Hansen, Ed Lambert, Jack McCaw, Olena Newbury and Robert Hinchliffe.



### CCSO

**March 15**  
Lost dog taken to pound. Stockton Road

Animal call. Highway 12  
Citizen contact at Ameristar. Main Street

**March 16**  
Wanted person located at Dayton City Park. 1st Street  
Citizen Contact at Blue Home. Main Street  
Domestic problem. Lower Hogeeye Road

**March 17**  
Traffic call at General Store. Main Street  
Warrant service at Country Village.  
Citizen contact. Spring Street

**March 18**  
Civil problem. Stedman Road  
Animal call. Wagon Road  
Warrant confirmation. Main Street

**March 19**  
Threats at Dayton High School. 3rd Street  
Citizen Contact at Best Western Hotel. Main Street  
Harassment. Clay Street

**March 20**  
9-1-1 call. Bluewood  
Suspicious activity at Joso Railroad Bridge

Traffic stop at Lewis & Clark State Park. Highway 12

**March 21**  
Suspicious activity near Whoopemup Hollow (Waitsburg)  
9-1-1 call. 5th Street  
Harassment reported. Stedman Road

### WWCSO

**March 15**  
A woman's home was entered, paperwork stolen. Prescott

**March 16**  
A theft was reported. Burbank  
A domestic disturbance occurred, and a man was injured. Walla Walla County

**March 20**  
Adult male was arrested on three misdemeanor warrants. Walla Walla County

**March 21**  
Female arrested for assault, DV. Burbank  
Seized vehicle pending search warrant after the operator eluded Oregon State Patrol. Touchet  
Verbal domestic. Touchet  
DWLS 2nd degree. Touchet

## The Times

A PROUD TRADITION

*The Times was founded in 1878 by C.W. Wheeler and has been produced every week since then. It is one of the oldest newspapers in the state of Washington.*

The Times publishes news and information about Walla Walla and Columbia counties and their communities. We have offices located in both Waitsburg and Dayton.

The newspaper welcomes news tips and information about community activities. An independent newspaper, *The Times* welcomes expressions of opinion and commentary in Letters to the Times column.

Periodical postage paid at Waitsburg, Wash. 99361. (USPS 630-120) Postmaster: Send address changes to The Times, Subscription Mailing Address, P.O. Box 97 Waitsburg, Wash., 99361. For address corrections send Form 3579.

Annual subscription rates: Walla Walla and Columbia counties - \$40; Out of County - \$45. We gladly accept major credit cards

## Reader's Forum

*The Times* welcomes Letters to the Editor and invites readers to share their ideas, concerns and thoughts on matters of importance on our Opinion Page. Letters to the Editor can be emailed to editor@waitsburgtimes.com, or mailed to The Times at P.O. Box 97, Waitsburg, WA 99361. Letters can also be hand-delivered to our office or submitted to our waitsburgtimes.com. The deadline for letters is Tuesday at noon.

Letters may be no more than 400 words long. All letters must be signed by the writer(s) using their actual name, and complete contact information for each writer, including address and phone number must be included.

We reserve the right to decline to publish any letter that we deem inappropriate for our readership. Letters may be edited for libel and objectionable material.

*The Times* does not print form letters, libelous letters, business promotions or complaints, poetry, open letters, letters proselytizing or espousing or attacking religious views without reference to a current issue, letters that are in poor taste or that are not on a topic of public interest.

**Due to volume during election season, *The Times* is unable to print all letters received. We strive to print as many as possible on a first come, first served basis. Letters that don't fit are moved to the following week.**

### SUBSCRIBE TO THE WAITSBURG TIMES - IT'S EASY!

To subscribe online, navigate to waitsburgtimes.com and look for the word 'Subscribe' in the upper right-hand side of your screen in the blue border. Click on the word 'Subscribe.'

Choose either the 'New' or 'Renewal' button under the words Subscription Information, then toggle 'Subscribe Now'. This will take you to the page which offers different subscription options based on your location.

If you would ONLY like to own an online subscription, look for the words in yellow, 'Online edition only' printed in yellow at the top right of the subscription box.

Remember, an online subscription comes with your print subscription, so be sure to fill out the Online Access Information at the bottom of the form—choose a username and password.

**To subscribe by mail:** send a check based on the information below, to: PO Box 97, Waitsburg, WA 99361

**In County** (Available in Columbia and Walla Walla County, WA)

1-year subscription: \$40  
2-year subscription: \$75  
3-year subscription: \$105

**Out of County**  
1-year subscription: \$45  
2-year subscription: \$85  
3-year subscription: \$120

### Virginia (Ginny) Just

April 4, 1937-March 17, 2021

Ginny passed away unexpectedly on March 17, 2021, at St. Mary's Medical Center.

Ginny was born in Kenmore, New York on April 4, 1937. She attended Cleveland Hill High School in Buffalo, NY, Cortland State Teacher's College, majoring in Education, and received her Master's Degree in Education at Eastern Washington University.

While attending Geneseo State, Ginny married her sweetheart, Joseph Just, on August 25, 1958. God blessed Ginny and Joe with 4 children: Mary J Hutsell (Randy), Joseph A Just (Rexanne), James C Just (Polly), and Jason D Just (Stacy); grandchildren: Katie, Miranda, Seth, Eli, Meg, Kate, Aubree, Logan and David; and great-grandchildren: Declan, Farrah, Haiden and Piper.

Ginny was a devout Catholic and became a Franciscan Nun. Ginny enjoyed music, genealogy, cross stitch and knitting "Prayer Shawls". Ginny enjoyed spending time on the water fishing with Joe and catching the "flying fish".

Ginny's love of her life was her friend, partner and guide, Joe. Their love of nature included feeding squirrels ("Sammies") and counting visits of hummingbirds coming to their multiple feeders. There was not a day of her life that she didn't thank God for having put Joe in hers. Ginny and Joe decided to have engraved on their cemetery plot's stone - "Holding Hands Forever".

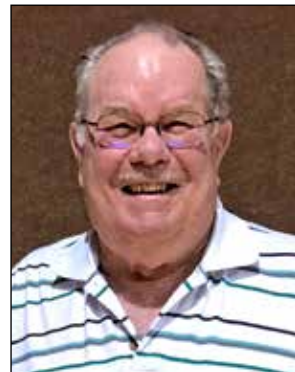
Funeral will be on April 10, 2021, at 11:00 at St. Mark Catholic Church, Waitsburg, WA. In lieu of flowers, Ginny would prefer contributions be made to Birthright of Walla Walla.



### Ronald Ernest North

July 16, 1942 – March 9, 2021

Ronald Ernest North passed away on March 9, 2021 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Ron was born in Vallejo, California on July 16, 1942 to Lyle and Thelma (Kinvig) North and grew up in Lakeview, Oregon. He joined the Air Force soon after high school and served until 1964. He later joined the Navy in 1967 and served until retirement in 1983. The Navy took him to Memphis, Tennessee where he met and married Brenda Burgess in June 1968. As an aviation electronics technician, he was stationed in San Diego, Bremerton, and Oak Harbor (VA-95), and served on the USS Kitty Hawk, the USS Coral Sea, and the USS America. He was also assigned as a recruiter in San Mateo and Redwood City, California.



After retirement from the Navy, Ron and Brenda lived in Alger, Washington for 26 years until relocating to Dayton, Washington in 2009. While in Alger, he received an Associate's Degree from Skagit Valley College, worked in agricultural retail and vendor sales, and enjoyed working on the Alger volunteer fire department. He is survived by his wife, daughter Heather Moorman (Daren) of Finley, Washington, son Jeff North (Kristi and her daughter Nicole) of Mount Vernon, Washington, sisters Ellen Barton of La Grande, Oregon, Kate Powers of Dayton, Washington, and Mary Church (Roger) of Lakewood, Washington, as well as several nieces and nephews. Celebrations of Ron's life will be planned for Dayton and Alger in the coming months. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Heart Association or an organization that assists Veterans in need.

### Velma A. Sickles

July 15, 1927 – February 18, 2021

Velma Adeline Sickles, 93, passed away peacefully following an extended illness.

Velma was born on July 15, 1927, in White Bluffs, WA to Denzil C. and Neoma R. Gluck Mock. The family moved to Waitsburg in 1933 and she graduated from Waitsburg High School in 1945. She attended the University of Washington where she majored in music. In 1948, she returned to Waitsburg where she met Bob Sickles while working in the cannery. The couple married on February 6, 1949.

Velma worked at Maybac's until she became a mother and stayed at home with her children. She loved to play the piano and taught many students at her home over the years. Velma worked at the Waitsburg Elementary School for 21 years, 19 of those as the secretary. She also worked with



Velma and Bob on their wedding day, February 6, 1949.

her husband Bob doing the books for their insurance business in both Waitsburg and Washtucna. Velma was a dedicated member of the Christian Church where she was the organist for 43 years, treasurer for 40 years and a member of the choir. She and her husband Bob sang duets for many weddings and funerals. Velma was a founding member and treasurer of the Odako Club. She was also a member of the Waitsburg Historical Society and the WA State School Retirees Association.

Velma loved spending time with her grandchildren, doing puzzles and decorating for the different holidays. The annual family trips to Wallowa Lake and the Oregon Coast were among her favorite things to do. Velma's family was her greatest treasure.

Velma is survived by her two daughters, Sherrie (David) Morris and Dawn (Jeff) Nichols both of Waitsburg; two sons, Ed Sickles (Heide) of Seattle, Steve Sickles (Carolyn) of Walla Walla; 16 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and her brother, Delbert Mock of Waitsburg. Velma was preceded in death by her husband, Bob; son Dennis; and brother, Darrell Mock.

A memorial service will be on Friday, April 9, 2021, at 2:00 PM at the First Christian Church of Waitsburg, with Pam Conover, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church of Waitsburg or the Waitsburg Historical Society through the Herring Groseclose Funeral Home, 315 W. Alder St., Walla Walla, WA 99362.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guestbook at [www.herringgroseclose.net](http://www.herringgroseclose.net)

## Walla Walla Hospice book club coming April 19

### THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—In an attempt to normalize discussions regarding end-of-life, Walla Walla Community Hospice has started a book club. The structure of the club is relatively informal. Group members are encouraged to read a selection of the assigned book before each meeting and some thought-provoking questions are supplied ahead of time to guide discussion.

According to Brad McMasters, Community Outreach Coordinator for Hospice, the discussion ends up being pretty organic and free flowing. The questions just fill in the gaps.

The book clubs are open to the public and are currently being held on Zoom. Participants have represented all ages and have included a handful of Hospice employees. The diversity has offered multiple perspectives which have made discussions more interesting and offered further learning opportunities.

The first book club took place in early summer 2020 and the book was *Bridging the Gap: Life Lessons from the Dying*, written by Kimberly C. Paul. Paul, an end-of-life professional and TedX presenter, also hosts

the podcast, "Death by Design." She facilitated a virtual workshop for Hospice in May 2020 and then participated in the subsequent book club.

The book was a collection of personal stories and life lessons Paul had experienced as a hospice employee. The second club in fall 2020 featured the book, *Driving Miss Norma* by Tim Bauerschmidt and Ramie Liddle. It tells the story of Norma Bauerschmidt's last year of life traveling cross-country in a thirty-six-foot RV with her son and his partner, Ramie. The story was touching and meaningful and the group was delighted to host Bauerschmidt and Liddle for the final book club meeting.

On April 19th, Hospice will facilitate another book club. The book, *As My Mother Lay Dying: A Tapestry Woven of Memories and Insights from the Bedside* by Antonia Rolls. Rolls is a painter, writer, performer, public speaker, and works holistically with people facing dying, grief and loss.

The book not only covers the experience of a mother's dying, but the deaths of all those family and

friends gone before. Descriptive, moving and honest, Rolls weaves stories of death, life, grief and recovery to show us how a single dying can unfold in love, and how loss and recovery can be tinged with beauty and understanding. The book captures the truth about death and what it means to honor the last months and weeks of life.

As in past clubs, the author will be joining the group for their final meeting. Though the first four meetings are held Monday nights from 7 to 8pm, the final meeting will be on Saturday, May 15 at 10am to accommodate for the difference in time in the UK where the author lives.

Participants will supply their own book which can be ordered from a local bookstore or purchased online.

To register and receive the link to connect via Zoom, please email [brad@wwhospice.org](mailto:brad@wwhospice.org) or call (509) 525-5561. To learn more, you can visit [www.wwhospice.org/calendar](http://www.wwhospice.org/calendar) or follow the Facebook event.

### CLASSIFIEDS

#### HELP WANTED

The City of Dayton is taking applications for two Temporary/Seasonal employees to work in the park, cemetery and where needed. Duties will include mowing, weed-eating, trimming, restroom maintenance, general grounds keeping. The wage is \$13.69 per hour, no benefits included. The job will be for 90 working days. Must have a valid Washington State drivers license and be at least 18 years of age. Jobs are open until filled. Get an application and job description

at Dayton City Hall in Dayton, 111 South 1st Street, or call 509-382-2361. You can apply online at [www.daytonwa.com](http://www.daytonwa.com). Any questions call 509-382-4571 or 509-382-2361, ask for Jim or Rob.

**Help Wanted**  
The Columbia County Maintenance Department is hiring a half time Facilities Maintenance Assistant. This position is for 20 hours a week, wage DOE. Job description and application are available at [www.columbiaco.com](http://www.columbiaco.com).

com/jobs.aspx, or in person at the Columbia County Auditor's Office, 341 East Main Street, Dayton, WA 99328. Position will remain open until filled.

#### SERVICES

**Horseshoeing**  
Kelly O. Gallaher  
(509) 540-0376 or (509) 540-0585

Sponsored by  
HomeStreet Bank  
&  
Kiwaniis Club of Dayton



DAYTON COMMUNITY  
EASTER EGG DRIVE-THRU

Saturday, April 3rd  
9:00 - 11:00 am  
at Dayton City Park

## Dayton School District board meeting report

*District will see an ending cash balance in Mar. or Apr. of over one million*

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—At the Dayton School District (DSD) board meeting last week, Superintendent Guy Strot provided a COVID-19 update, impact to the athletic program, how federal COVID relief funds will be spent, discussed an alternative learning program for fall, and changes to graduation requirements. He also spoke about an Innovia Foundation grant to help students achieve post-secondary education and training.

Strot said under the statewide move to Phase 3 of the recovery plan, attendance at athletic events can be held at 50-percent capacity of up to 400 people. The District will move into spring sports beginning on Mar. 29 for softball, track, baseball, and golf.

He said there had been no issues holding volleyball or football games.

“As of last Friday, we had zero active cases in our community and zero pending tests.”

Current regulations allow for youth basketball in the multipurpose room and for Middle School girls to have open gym basketball or volleyball two nights a week.

“We are following all health protocols to do this as safely as possible,” he said.

Strot said the DW Combine is hiring an athletic director for the spring and winter seasons and a permanent athletic director in the fall.

The Dayton School District has received close to \$417,000 from Round 2 of the federal COVID relief funds. Strot said President Biden’s \$1.9 trillion stimulus package should provide the District with an additional one million dollars.

“I never thought I’d live to see an ending cash balance of over one million dollars,” said Business Manager Paula Moio.

The money will need to be spent by Sept. 2023 and targeted in three areas, Strot said.

He said this could include facilities improvements such as electrical work or an HVAC system at the elementary/middle school, curriculum purchases for K-12, and help for students who have lost ground during the pandemic. 20-percent of the funds have to be spent on learning loss, he said.

He will lead a curriculum committee in the elementary school, and Principal Kristina Brown will lead a curriculum committee in the MS/HS. They will report to the K-12 Curriculum committee to decide which curriculum purchases to make.

Strot said online school is becoming an acceptable nationwide option, and the District will need to be ready to help students who prefer this model. Because COVID-19 will still be around during the 2021-22 school year, a distance-learning option will need to be offered, he said, but it will be slightly different.

Students will need to sign up and be accepted into this alternative program, said Strot.

For some students, the program will combine both in-person classes and online classes. The DSD will release further details this spring. Students who don’t fit in a traditional classroom will probably thrive in this model, he said.

Last year, the District created an alternative school, offering a Dayton School District diploma with 24 credits. This option gives students more flexibility. Students can receive the traditional Dayton High School diploma with 25 credits.

Strot said the state Board of Education has changed and relaxed some of the graduation requirements for the Classes of 2020 and 2021 because of the COVID-19 situation. Details will be presented to the board for approval in April or May.

Strot said he is not recommending summer school. Kristen Franke will offer a credit recovery course through APEX Learning.

Innovia Foundation, Spokane, received a \$150,000 grant to strengthen school and community partnerships and increase post-secondary education success for students in five rural eastern Washington communities, including Dayton.

The grant launches a two-year pilot project as part of Innovia’s “Say Yes to Education” initiative. The first phase will include community forums and surveys to gather input; 2,200 surveys have been sent to half the households in the county. Electronic versions will be sent to staff, parents, and students. This will culminate in a strategic action plan with solutions that advance college and career readiness.

Strot said the Center for Educational Effectiveness and Innovia Foundation will share the community survey results to the community in May or June.

### Elementary School

Principal Strot said parent/teacher conferences begin on Mar. 24.

He told the board he is not recommending distance learning for Grades K-5 next year. His research

indicates students do better if they are in a traditional classroom or in a homeschool program. However, if there is a demand, it is possible to provide that option.

The elementary teachers had a virtual conference with Curriculum Associates, the provider of Math curriculum and a consultant will visit the elementary campus this spring.

He and Jessie Howard are attending a trauma-informed course through Life Space Crisis Intervention. A two-hour course called “Turning Down the Heat” has been provided to all elementary staff.

Strot said he is grateful for Blue Mountain Counseling of Dayton for the difference Ms. Patterson is making with the students.

The new lunch schedule is going well, he said.

### Middle/High School

MS/HS Principal Kristina Brown said the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is participating in a virtual Winter Regional Leadership Competition with Mrs. Slaybaugh and staff at The Club.

The FBLA will also attend the state’s virtual Leadership Conference at the Best Western Plus Hotel and Conference Room, in Dayton, on Apr. 21-23, where they will participate in team-building and leadership exercises.

Fourteen high school juniors completed SAT preparations on Mar. 13. Help with funding came from the Gear Up program. Thanks go to Heather Clarys, the Gear Up team, and Mrs. Ortuno for working with the students.

Distance learning teachers Hannelee Farrell and Jeanne Walter provided updates to the board at last week’s meeting.

Farrell is the distance learning teacher at the elementary school. She began the year with 22 students and now has ten. She is using a hybrid teaching model through Google Classroom, digitally and on paper. Students get their schedules and assignments on Monday. Distance learning has exacerbated learning difficulties for a few of the students, she said.

Jeanne Walter has 20 students in her distance learning program. She said the students are doing well, with a B grade average for the program. She is covering everything from Advanced Placement courses to Individual Education Plans. She likes teaching with APEX, because of expanded course offerings. One student is studying Mandarin. Others are studying psychology, music and art appreciation.

“The parents seem happy with how their students are doing,” she reported.

## LEGAL NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA  
NO. 21 4 00045 36  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
RCW 11.40.030  
In the Matter of the Estate of

VELMAA. SICKLES,  
Deceased.  
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal 16 | representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must,

before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative’s attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the “ || claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty || days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as

provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent’s probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of Filing Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court:  
March 4, 2021  
Date of First Publication:  
March 11, 2021  
Personal Representative:  
Dawn A. Nichols  
Attorney for the Personal Representative:  
/s/ Michael V. Hubbard.  
WSBA #8823

Address for Mailing or Service:  
Hubbard Law Office,  
P.C. 145 Main PO Box 67  
Waitsburg, WA 99361  
The Times  
March 11, 18, 25, 2021  
3-11-a

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA  
No.: 21-4-00049-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
(RCW 11.40.030)  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:  
ROBERT K. WALKER,  
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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent’s probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of Filing Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court:  
March 4, 2021  
Date of First Publication:  
March 11, 2021  
Personal Representative:  
Dawn A. Nichols  
Attorney for the Personal Representative:  
/s/ Michael V. Hubbard.  
WSBA #8823

Address for Mailing or Service:  
Hubbard Law Office,  
P.C. 145 Main PO Box 67  
Waitsburg, WA 99361  
The Times  
March 11, 18, 25, 2021  
3-11-a

Date of Filing Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court:  
March 4, 2021  
Date of First Publication:  
March 11, 2021  
Personal Representative:  
Dawn A. Nichols  
Attorney for the Personal Representative:  
/s/ Michael V. Hubbard.  
WSBA #8823

Address for Mailing or Service:  
Hubbard Law Office,  
P.C. 145 Main PO Box 67  
Waitsburg, WA 99361  
The Times  
March 11, 18, 25, 2021  
3-11-a

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA  
NO: 21-4-00038-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
RCW 11.40.030  
In re the Estate of:  
KENNETH JAMES  
KLUNDT,  
Deceased.  
The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator 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 Administrator or the Administrator’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 Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent’s probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of Filing Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court:  
March 4, 2021  
Date of First Publication:  
March 11, 2021  
Personal Representative:  
Robert T. Walker  
Ann A. Parmley, WSBA #49063  
Of Attorneys for Personal Representative  
Address for Mailing or Service:  
2225 Isaacs, Suite A, Walla Walla, WA 99362  
The Times  
March 18, 25, April 1, 2021  
3-18-b

Date of Filing Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court:  
March 4, 2021  
Date of First Publication:  
March 11, 2021  
Personal Representative:  
Robert T. Walker  
Ann A. Parmley, WSBA #49063  
Of Attorneys for Personal Representative  
Address for Mailing or Service:  
2225 Isaacs, Suite A, Walla Walla, WA 99362  
The Times  
March 18, 25, April 1, 2021  
3-18-b

Date of Filing Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court:  
March 4, 2021  
Date of First Publication:  
March 11, 2021  
Personal Representative:  
Robert T. Walker  
Ann A. Parmley, WSBA #49063  
Of Attorneys for Personal Representative  
Address for Mailing or Service:  
2225 Isaacs, Suite A, Walla Walla, WA 99362  
The Times  
March 18, 25, April 1, 2021  
3-18-b

Date of Filing Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court:  
March 4, 2021  
Date of First Publication:  
March 11, 2021  
Personal Representative:  
Robert T. Walker  
Ann A. Parmley, WSBA #49063  
Of Attorneys for Personal Representative  
Address for Mailing or Service:  
2225 Isaacs, Suite A, Walla Walla, WA 99362  
The Times  
March 18, 25, April 1, 2021  
3-18-b

Date of Filing Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court:  
March 4, 2021  
Date of First Publication:  
March 11, 2021  
Personal Representative:  
Robert T. Walker  
Ann A. Parmley, WSBA #49063  
Of Attorneys for Personal Representative  
Address for Mailing or Service:  
2225 Isaacs, Suite A, Walla Walla, WA 99362  
The Times  
March 18, 25, April 1, 2021  
3-18-b

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA  
Case No. 21-4-00054-36  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
(RCW 11.40.030)  
In Re the Estate of  
LORRAINE MARY KONEN  
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 the co-Personal Representatives’ 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent’s probate and non-probate assets.

Date of Filing Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court:  
March 4, 2021  
Date of First Publication:  
March 11, 2021  
Personal Representative:  
Robert T. Walker  
Ann A. Parmley, WSBA #49063  
Of Attorneys for Personal Representative  
Address for Mailing or Service:  
2225 Isaacs, Suite A, Walla Walla, WA 99362  
The Times  
March 18, 25, April 1, 2021  
3-18-b

Date of Filing Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court:  
March 4, 2021  
Date of First Publication:  
March 11, 2021  
Personal Representative:  
Robert T. Walker  
Ann A. Parmley, WSBA #49063  
Of Attorneys for Personal Representative  
Address for Mailing or Service:  
2225 Isaacs, Suite A, Walla Walla, WA 99362  
The Times  
March 18, 25, April 1, 2021  
3-18-b

Date of Filing Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court:  
March 4, 2021  
Date of First Publication:  
March 11, 2021  
Personal Representative:  
Robert T. Walker  
Ann A. Parmley, WSBA #49063  
Of Attorneys for Personal Representative  
Address for Mailing or Service:  
2225 Isaacs, Suite A, Walla Walla, WA 99362  
The Times  
March 18, 25, April 1, 2021  
3-18-b

Date of Filing Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court:  
March 4, 2021  
Date of First Publication:  
March 11, 2021  
Personal Representative:  
Robert T. Walker  
Ann A. Parmley, WSBA #49063  
Of Attorneys for Personal Representative  
Address for Mailing or Service:  
2225 Isaacs, Suite A, Walla Walla, WA 99362  
The Times  
March 18, 25, April 1, 2021  
3-18-b



Courtesy photo

DAYTON—“Congratulations to the students of Dayton Elementary for reading more than 3,000 pages during Dr. Seuss week,” said Elementary Principal Guy Strot. Strot said “Spud” the bulldog, pictured here, handed out bite size cupcakes, “for being sweet”, and Smarties for “being smart” to students in Grades K-3 after their reading success during Dr. Seuss Week on Mar. 2. This week, Grades 4 and 5 will celebrate their reading success with a treat, and Principal Strot will be on the receiving end of some water balloons.

**Hop on in!**

**Ten Ton Coffee**

**7:30 am to 2 pm Daily**  
**216 Main St, Waitsburg**

# Chats with Mike: Max Evan Schmidt

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

If you had asked me about shed hunting a few weeks ago, I would have assumed we were talking about rotting pieces of pioneer carpentry that folks love to photograph or scrap out for projects. I was disabused of that notion when I learned about one of Max Schmidt's favorite forms of recreation: scouting for cast-off deer antlers, called "sheds." It turns out it's not an uncommon thing to do, but I'd never met anyone who did it until I met Max.

Dayton High School student Max Schmidt began shed hunting at 12, after a hike with his mother, Virginia. He is part of a hunting family and was looking forward to finding a shed of his own. Finding that first shed started a mad hobby that shows no sign of decline anytime soon.

Both white tailed and mule deer, the most common types of deer found in this corner of the world, shed their antler growth once a year from January to March.

This time of year is not only significant as the season for casting off antlers, but it is also when Max Schmidt enters a new round of friendly competition with his mother. On January 1, mother and son begin a tally to see who can find the most sheds. This year, the count is 14-10, with Virginia in the lead.

"It's just fun to find them," said Max. "And they're a fun conversation piece." This is the case when visiting the Schmidt home. Under a window in the living room sits an antique wooden box, an old egg incubator that functions as the family's repository for antler sheds. It's a tangled mess, but Max has an uncanny ability to pick through them and locate sheds that have any kind of a story behind them.

"This is the one my Mom saw fall off a deer up on the hill while it was feeding," he says, snatching one up. He then plucks a matching pair of sheds out of the box, holds them up, and says, "These are the ones me and my sister found."

As an uninitiated deer fancier, I now see the difference between the two deer species. Mule deer racks are bifurcated, forking in two directions as they grow, splitting again to create more "tines" or points. White tailed deer antler points all grow off of one central curving beam.

It turns out that shed hunting is sort of like fishing. Even if you don't find any, you can still have a good time outdoors. Sometimes Max and his mom go backpacking with no shed hunting in mind. However, when Max plans to go into the hills for antlers, he always carries gear specific for the hunt, including water, snacks, a lighter or fire starter, a water filtration kit, a knife, some rope, a saw, a headlamp, first aid supplies, a pair of binoculars, and his 9mm pistol which he earned last year.

"You pretty much want to take all this stuff because you never know what you'll run into," said Max. Once, on a trip up the Wolf Fork of the Touchet River, Max heard something suspicious before catching sight of two bear cubs scampering up a tall pine.

"We didn't stick around to wait for the mamma bear to show up," he said. "We just got out of there."

Two years ago, Max almost ran into another bear while scouting along the



Mike Ferrians

This handsome pair of matching elk antlers were found on a trip up the South Fork Touchet River in which Max had a close encounter of the third kind with a black bear.

South Touchet River.

"We were at the top of a ridge above this ravine, and I was making my way down when I heard something crashing through the brush and trees," Max said. "My mom was a little distance away, so she wasn't with me right then. At first, I couldn't see what was making the noise, but then this huge black bear just appeared and started running up the opposite side from where I was. It kind of freaked me out."

Max yelled, "Bear!" and his mother came running, sidearm at the ready. Talk about mother bears. The trip ended happily with the discovery of matched elk sheds in excellent condition. They are prominently displayed in the house.

A shed hunt with the pair can last from one hour to a full day, although most are two or three hours. A week ago, as of this writing, Max found seven sheds, the most he's seen at one time. Most of their trips are in the Blue Mountain foothills surrounding the Touchet Valley, but they have enjoyed trips to Hell's Canyon as well.

There is an etiquette around these hunts. Max and his mom are always careful to obtain permission from private landowners if they're not scouting on public land. It is also unlawful to take a "dead-head," which are antlers from a dead animal not naturally shed.

And what does Max do with all the sheds he finds?

"I just hold them," he said.

He's not interested in selling them to people. More elk antlers are hanging out in the shop, along with hunting trophies. For Max, the joy is in finding, collecting, and exploring new places. It's all for the fun of it. How many antlers does he have? He doesn't know. And what is he going to do when he runs out of room to collect antlers?

"Uh, I'm not sure," he said.

Perhaps a small museum in the backyard called the *Shed Shed*?



Mike Ferrians

An antique egg incubator comes in handy for storing almost four years worth of deer sheds.

# Reaching for the Star(link)

High-speed satellite internet may be the future for Columbia County residents, and a former Dayton resident is an early adopter and advocate.

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Self-proclaimed techie Phillip McKeen, of Walla Walla, may have a solution for rural households who may not have access to reliable internet connection.

"Growing up in Dayton, with very limited internet options, I saw the value of Starlink when it came available," said McKeen. "When they opened it up for sign up, I signed up with my parents address, just so I could get the equipment, see how it works, and help other people understand how it works."

Starlink has been offering beta service and kits on its website [www.starlink.com](http://www.starlink.com) since 2020 and plans on expanding service to "near global coverage of the populated world in 2021."

Since receiving his beta kit, McKeen has been offering independent consulting sessions for people living in, and around, the City of Dayton. McKeen said he does not work for Starlink or SpaceX; the consulting is a result of his love for both teaching and technology, combined with recognizing a potential solution to rural internet availability issues that he, himself, has experienced.

Starlink is a part of the SpaceX program, launched by Elon Musk in 2015. SpaceX builds and launches low-earth orbit (LEO) satellites for the Starlink service. Maiden voyages began in 2018, and now over 1,300 satellites have been strategically launched into orbit. SpaceX consulted with astronomers prior to launch, to eliminate as much satellite pollution as possible for minimal night-sky disruption.

For a small, \$50 fee, McKeen will bring his Starlink equipment to you, run some tests, and let you experience revolutionary satellite internet speeds. He says the fee is mostly to cover his travel expenses from Walla Walla, as many of his customers live outside of city limits.

"These people are considering putting a \$100 deposit down on a \$500 piece of equipment, and a \$100 per month service charge," McKeen said. "That's a lot of a gamble. People want to know if it is going to work for them."

McKeen's Starlink equipment works best for homes that are within a 10-mile radius outside of Dayton, but he can receive a signal as far as 20 miles outside of town.

"This works out in the middle of wheat fields, where there is nothing around," McKeen said. "There's no cell service, there is no REA, there is nothing out there, yet (Starlink) will connect, and it will go fast."

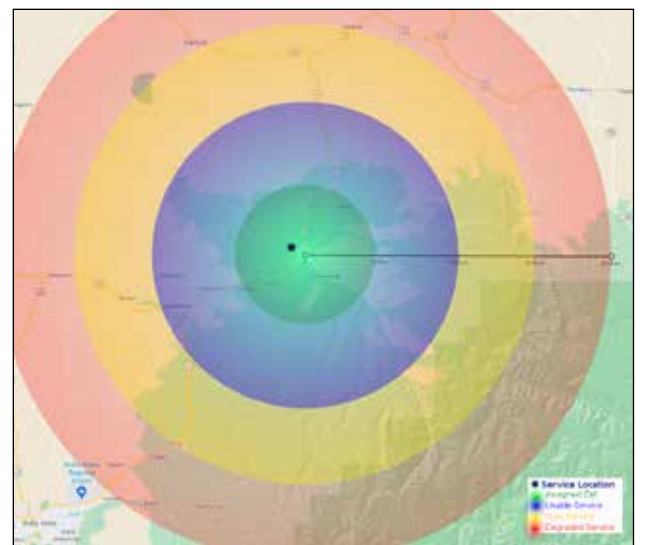
So, what sets Starlink apart from other satellite internet providers? The two other major providers, Hughesnet and Viasat use traditional geostationary (GEO) satellites. These rotate with the earth and are positioned over 22,000 miles away. This distance causes high level of latency, the delay between receiving data from one point to the next. Starlink's LEO satellites orbit only 340 miles from earth significantly reducing latency. Since the smaller LEO satellites are closer to earth they individually cover less area than GEO satellites. However, SpaceX is building, launching and creating networks referred to as "constellations" that cover large areas. Starlink, through SpaceX is the only provider that builds and launches their equipment giving the company a big economic and service advantages.

Positioning is another big factor. Starlink will be able to position its satellites to target specific areas where internet service has been unavailable or undeserved.

Starlink satellites are constantly moving, according to McKeen, the satellites can orbit the Earth in as quickly as 90 minutes. If you look up at a clear night sky and see a repeating, rotating line of satellites, you are likely looking right at the Starlink system.

McKeen has done a total of eight surveys in the area and said that all of his customers have been awed by the speed of the connection. Three of the eight have been so impressed that they have signed up for their own Starlink beta setup and service. Some of the surveys have been done on McKeen's own time, including one in Waitsburg and one in Starbuck, as he tests the boundaries of his service.

He does worry, however, that he may be doing more harm than good: His customers are often disappointed by the wait time to receive their Starlink



Courtesy of Phillip McKeen

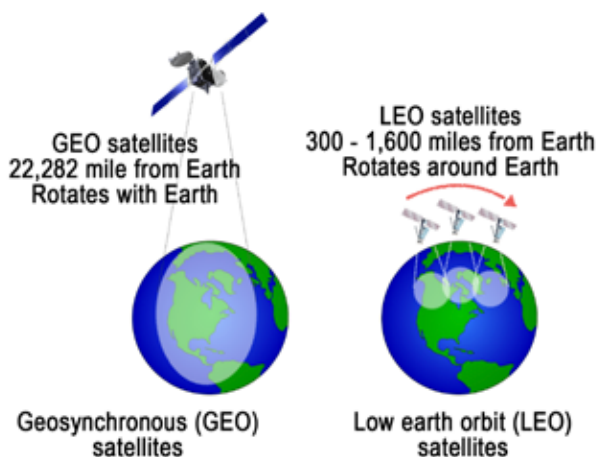
A map of McKeen's cell, or service area. Starlink will assign each person a unique cell area.

The blue dot is roughly where McKeen put his service address when he signed up for the beta. The blue area has full quality service; within 30% of current max speed of 100mbps down. The yellow area is where McKeen consistently sees reduced speed (as low as 25%, ~25mbps). The red area has intermittent signals, resulting in a couple seconds of outage every few minutes.

equipment, which may not be available for residents until the end of 2021. The beta service is also still being improved as the company is testing and fixing bugs and there are times the service is not available while improvements are being made. Such is the nature of beta testing.

"My most recent survey was for a HughesNet customer who lives far outside of cell range. He depends on internet for basic phone use," said McKeen. "Between the latency and the bandwidth, calls were very low quality. When connected to Starlink, he could actually carry a conversation with family over the phone and do so much more thanks to fast and reliable internet access. He was excited that he could get service by the end of the year."

If you are interested in McKeen's take on Starlink check out his posts on All Things Dayton WA on Facebook. McKeen is happy to explain all the "techie" details and can be reached by email at [pmckeen@nn-developments.com](mailto:pmckeen@nn-developments.com).



## Three of four local teams advance in NCAA tournament

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

It is often difficult to determine how strong a conference is going into the national tournament. This year was especially difficult, with most teams limited to games inside their own conference. Based on the results so far, the PAC-12 conference was certainly underrated and under seeded for the tournament. Four of the five PAC-12 teams have advanced to the sweet sixteen-round. USC, Oregon, UCLA, and Oregon State. Overall, the PAC-12 is 9-1 in the NCAA tournament, with the only loss the Colorado Buffaloes dropping their second-round matchup against Florida State 71-53. Since USC plays Oregon in the next round, the PAC-12 is guaranteed at least one team advancing to the Elite Eight. Now let's dive into how the local teams fared.

Eastern Washington fell to Kansas 93-84. After jumping out to a quick 9-0 lead, the Eagles were able to go into halftime ahead of Kansas 46-38. Brothers Tanner and Jacob Groves scored a combined fifty-eight points in the loss. In the second half, Kansas put up fifty-five points securing the victory. The good news for the Eagles is that the Groves brothers will be back next year to make another run at the tournament. The win was Kansas' fourteenth consecutive first-round win in

the tournament.

Gonzaga easily advanced by beating Norfolk St. 98-55 in the first round, then defeated Oklahoma 87-71 in the second round. Gonzaga's third-round opponent will be fifth-seeded Creighton. This game will be played on Sunday, March 28, at 11:10 am on CBS. This is the sixth time in a row Gonzaga has made it to the sweet sixteen and their thirty-second straight win dating back to last year.

Oregon's first-round opponent VCU had to forfeit due to COVID-19 protocols. The Ducks beat their second-round opponent, the #2 seed Iowa 95-80. Oregon will next play the USC Trojans. This game will be played at 6:45 pm on Sunday, March 28, on TBS. Oregon lost its only game against USC this season, 72-58, back on February 22.

The biggest surprise has to be Oregon State first upsetting Tennessee 70-56 in the first round, then beating Oklahoma State 80-70 in the second round. Oregon State's third-round matchup will be against #8 seeded Loyola Chicago. That game will be played at 11:40 am on Saturday, March 27, on CBS. Oregon State's win against Tennessee was the school's first NCAA tournament win since 1982. Oregon State made 32-35 free throws against Oklahoma State, good for a 91.4% free throw percentage.

## DW Wolfpack Volleyball earns one last victory before

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The newly-named Dayton Waitsburg Wolfpack Volleyball won against River View High School on March 18. Set scores were 15-25, 25-23, 25-14, 22-25, 15-9

Teagan Larsen finished the game with four aces, 15 assists, five digs, and one kill. Sadie Seney totaled 14 digs, 14 kills, three blocks, and two assists. Katherine Houchin ended the game with 16 digs and six kills,

and Makenna Barron had 15 digs and four kills.

"The team worked hard tonight and continues to gain confidence in themselves and each other with every game we play," said coach Tracy Barron.

For the pandemic season's final game, Wolfpack Volleyball lost the match against Columbia Burbank on March 20. Set scores were 22-25, 22-25, 25-22, 21-25.

It is only fitting that the team's seniors led in the

stat books on Senior Night, with Teagan Larsen marking 13 assists, four digs, two kills, and two aces. Senior Sadie Seney ended her seasons with ten digs, three blocks, 11 kills, two aces, and senior Katherine Houchin finished the game with six kills, eight digs, and three aces.

"I'm proud of the way the girls fought back today," said Barron. "They came together as a team, working hard to overcome mental errors."

Photos Beka Compton



Left: Teagan Larsen makes a narrow save. Larsen was one of three seniors playing at Saturday's match.

Middle: Makenna Barron (7) sets up to return a pass, during the final game at the Dayton High School gym.

Right: Katherine Houchin (11) jumps to return a play against Columbia Burbank during Senior Night on March 20

## Wolfpack Football falls to RVHS after a hard-fought battle

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Dayton Waitsburg Wolfpack Football had a rough night against a fast River View High School team on Friday, March 19, with a final score of 41-6.

River View High started the game with a dive play up the middle for a 60-yard touchdown.

"On Senior Night/Homecoming, I thought our heads were in a good place, then RiverView ran up the middle for a touchdown (TD)," said coach Troy Larsen. "To give our team some credit, they came out and made River View go three and out on the next three possessions."

The Wolfpack had some good drives all night but Larsen said that they "kept shooting themselves in the foot with penalties and four interceptions that killed good drives."

"River View is a power run team and plays a tough style of football," said Larsen. "Their physicality started to wear on us, and we didn't react the way I wanted us to, getting into our heads and letting emotions get the best of us."

The one bright spot for the DW Wolfpack was Colton VanBlaricom. Van Blaricom had an outstanding game and a great night receiving, 6-155 yards and a TD. He also had 100 return yards from punts and kick-offs, while leading the defense with 12 total tackles; seven solo, and a tackle for loss.

"I have been so impressed with Colton all year long, he is a great leader and will never be out worked on or off the field," said Larsen.

DW will travel to Columbia High School for a Thursday night league game, on March 25.

**Quarter scores:**

RV	14	20	7	0	41
DW	0	0	0	0	6

**Passing:**

Team 8-29 – 172 yards, 4 INT, TD.  
Pettichord 7-28-4, 112 yards.  
Finney 1-1, 60 yards, TD.

**Receiving:**

VanBlaricom – 6-155 yards, TD; Mohney – 1-12, Finney – 1-5.

**Rushing:**

Team 8-55  
Pettichord 6-44, Reser 2-11.

**DW Scoring:** double pass Pettichord to Finney, Finney to VanBlaricom 60 yards, kick block.



Photos Beka Compton

Left: Colton VanBlaricom (19), Mason Finney (16), Shawn Evans (17), Adam Puckett (65) and Garrett Korslund (2), all Seniors, led the Wolfpack as captains.

Top: DW Wolfpack played a tough game against River View High School on March 19.

Top Left: Garrett Korslund meets an enthusiastic Colton VanBlaricom before their final home game.



## AudioFarm | Music Review

Feelin' Saxy

By John Avery | THE TIMES

Coming of age in the '90s, I had an unfair bias against the saxophone. The once-hip instrument of jazz and early rock and roll had become associated with cheesy 80's hits like "Careless Whisper," talk-show politicking, and forgettable, soporific elevator music.

How wrong I was. Liberally employed by the band Destroyer in their widely acclaimed 2011 masterpiece, *Kaputt*, the saxophone imbued an album of cryptic synth-rock with cool, jazzy detachment. Destroyer's lyrics have always been poetic, never dull, but often impenetrable. Yet the saxophone dances along in the background, connecting you to a mood of dreamy urban longing. This album made me realize the real power of the sax and fortunately seemed to kick off a decade of influence that includes two new fantastic releases I hope you check out.

The first, *An Overview on Phenomenal Nature* by Cassandra Jenkins, uses the sax to much the same effect as *Kaputt*, tracing out a mood of somber reflection that enriches the singer-songwriter's powerful lyrics. On "Crosshairs," one of the

album's highlights, she sings: "empty space is my escape, it runs through me like a river, while time spits in my face." Coping with tragedy by reconnecting with nature is a running theme, and the album's instrumental closer, "The Ramble," drives that theme home to devastatingly beautiful effect. She creates a stunning soundscape of birds, footsteps, and distant voices that evaporate out of glittering ambiance and a fluttering sax. The track captures the healing spirit of a nature hike, reaffirming that whatever pain the body has endured, the world around us continues to sparkle with restorative beauty.

Finally, check out the latest album, *Ignorance*, by The Weather Station, another example of modern alternative music delving into the rich potential of instrumentation beyond guitars and drums. The opening track, "Robber," is abundant with strings, piano, and again, the sax. This time, though, the sax adds tension and chaos as the lyrics swell to the conclusion that thieves don't have to be real-life boogymen but can instead be the intangible system of money itself. It's a timely, masterful track, opening a steady, sure-footed album that never lets up.

These two new releases and the now-decade-old *Kaputt* are all available on Spotify, and anywhere you buy music. Enjoy, and keep it saxy!



cassandrajenkins.com  
New York-based artist, Cassandra Jenkins  
Merge Records  
*Kaputt* is the ninth album of Canadian band Destroyer. It was released January 25, 2011.

theweatherstation.net  
*Ignorance* by The Weather Station released February 2021

## Out and About: C&M Nursery

A small, family-owned nursery in West Richland that is well worth a visit

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

Planty friends, this one's for you. My birthday was on Friday, and it presented my mom and me with the perfect excuse to pop over to the Tri-Cities and do some plant shopping. We joined the Tri-Cities Houseplant Lover's Facebook page, and members were constantly posting photos of their loot from C&M Nursery in West Richland.

This was our first stop of the day, and we ended up falling in love with the little shop located at 2517 W Van Giesen Street. They have a huge outdoor plant spread which was being stocked with the first shipment of the season, but I was on a houseplant mission and didn't spend much time out there.

The nursery also had a large selection of soil, bark, and mulch, and they offer many lawn care services. It was clear that the employee working outside was happy to be there, hanging out with the plants and doing her thing; it set the tone for our visit.

The houseplant section is fairly new, according to Stacey, one of the new owners. While it only takes up a small fraction of the nursery's property, it feels as though it's been there from the start. There was a whale fin sansevieria on the front counter, which is one of my dream plants, a couple of small alocasia, and some hoyas. They were set aside for a drawing, much to my disappointment, but I was able to throw my name in the hat when I purchased my plants.

I've never seen an entire wall dedicated to sansevieria (commonly called snake plants or mother-in-law's tongues). They had a handful of varieties, including some 'dragon finger' sansevieria. If you're looking for a plant that thrives on neglect and can handle low light, sansevieria are your friend!

Another wall was loaded with tillandsia (air plants), air plant pots, fun hanging decor, and cacti. They even had terrarium kits from the Seattle Seed Company, which are fun projects to do with kiddos.

Plenty of the tillandsia were getting ready to bloom, which only happens when they are content with their conditions. Personally, I don't care for air plants but still ended up coming home with a gorgeous xerographica in a rustic clay bowl.

The nursery's back half was full of peperomia, maranta, calathea, and other popular houseplant genera. They had a few grow light systems displayed; one was set up for various succulents, one for syngoniums (arrowhead plants), and one for vining plants like Algerian ivy and strawberry peperomia.

Even a section of alocasia was tempting, but I held off since I have two Polly Alocasia that I am trying to coax out of dormancy. If you want a plant that causes grey hair, alocasias are your thing; look at them wrong, and they try to die.

Though I had never been there before and didn't personally know the staff, walking into C&M reminded me a lot of walking into Nancy's Dream Garden Center in Waitsburg. Everyone was welcoming and seemed to genuinely enjoy being at work. One of the ladies who worked indoors, Cami, gave me a (joking) "NOOOO" every time I picked up a plant, knowing that there was a good chance I would put it in my basket and take it home.

While we were there, the nursery received a truckload of plants from Walla Walla Nursery, each one individually packaged in brown paper. The owner must have sensed my excitement and asked if I wanted to help unpackage plants. So, for my birthday, I got to unwrap an entire truck's worth of plants, and it made my day!

Our overall loot included monstera adansonii (swiss cheese plant), heart leaf philodendron, a 'shady lady Marlene' nematanthus (goldfish plant), and a variegated ficus benjamina (weeping fig). C&M also has had a fun selection of pots and planters that fit any budget, so all of my plants came home with new pots. Houseplant prices ranged between \$6 and \$50, with indoor pot prices aligning closely with the plants.

Next time you are over in the Tri-Cities, I highly recommend stopping at C&M Nursery. Whether you are after shrubs or spider plants, they likely have it. The friendly conversation alone, is worth it!



Beka Compton  
Just a few of the plants I picked up from C&M Nursery! Top, a large xerographica.

Photo: C&M Nursery  
Left: The new houseplant addition at C&M Nursery was such fun find!



Beka Compton  
Top: a 'shady lady Marlene' goldfish plant,

### Friday Take and Bake at Blue Mountain Co-op

Menu for Friday, March 26  
Order by noon on Friday  
Pick up between 4pm and 6 pm at BMS Co-op

#### Bistro Week

- Brioche 1
- Avocado toast with house cured salmon, radish and pickled red onions on rye focaccia 16
- Asparagus quiche with olives, preserved lemon and saba 14
- Hanger steak, celery root puré, French green beans, green pepper sauce 28
- Banana frangipane tarte 10

Chef Daniel Rossi

Order at [www.counter-feat.com](http://www.counter-feat.com) or call (818) 399-9045



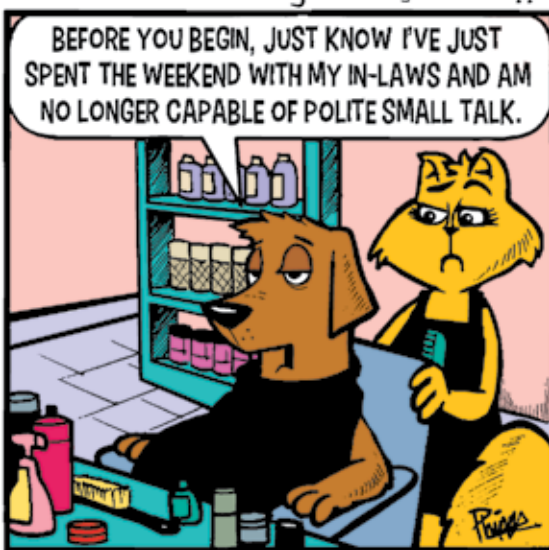
# FUN & GAMES



Cheyenne Frohreich

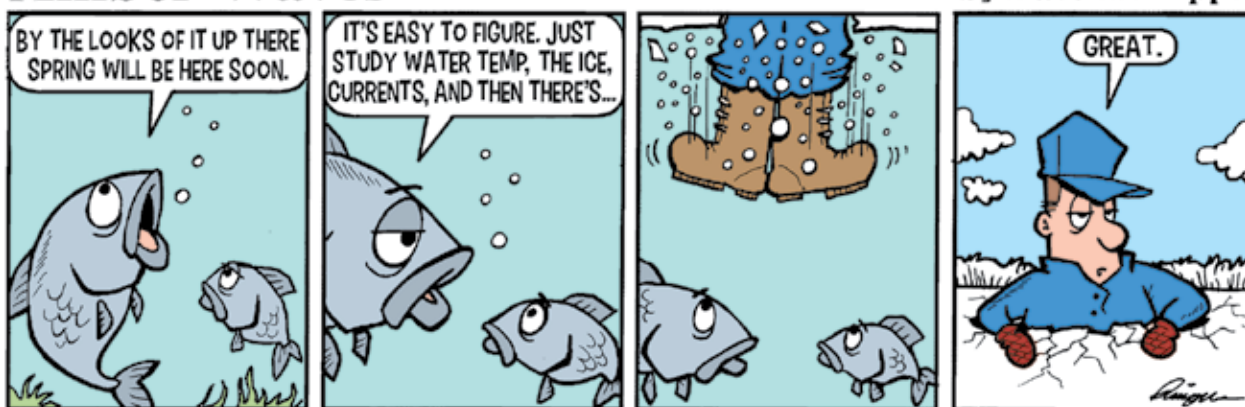
Sarge celebrating St Paddy's day and his first birthday.

## Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



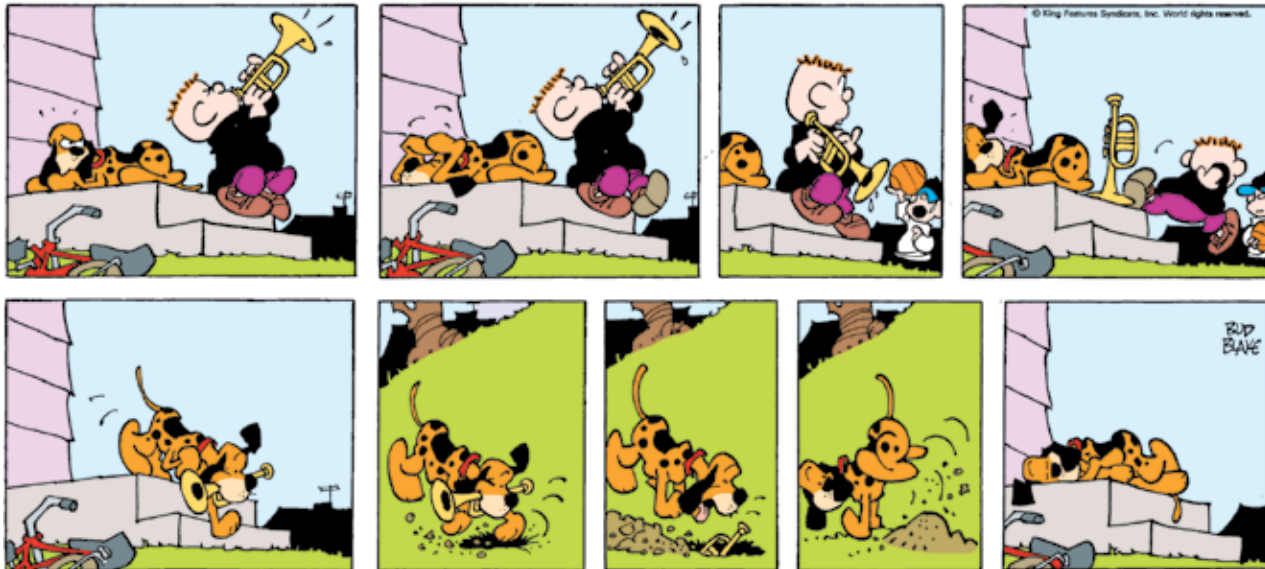
## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



## TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



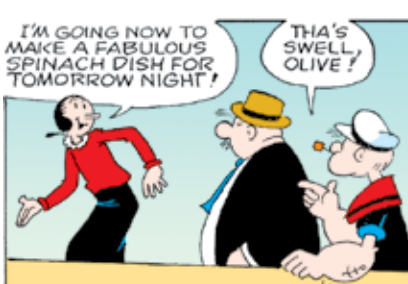
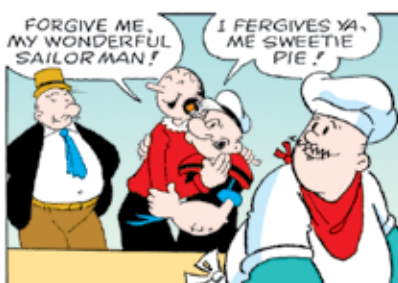
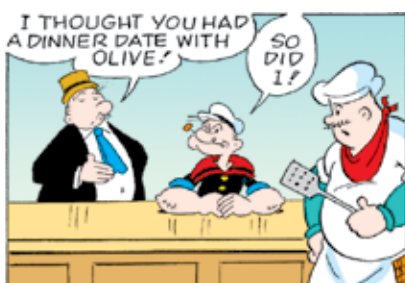
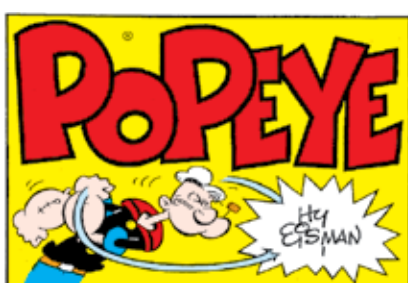
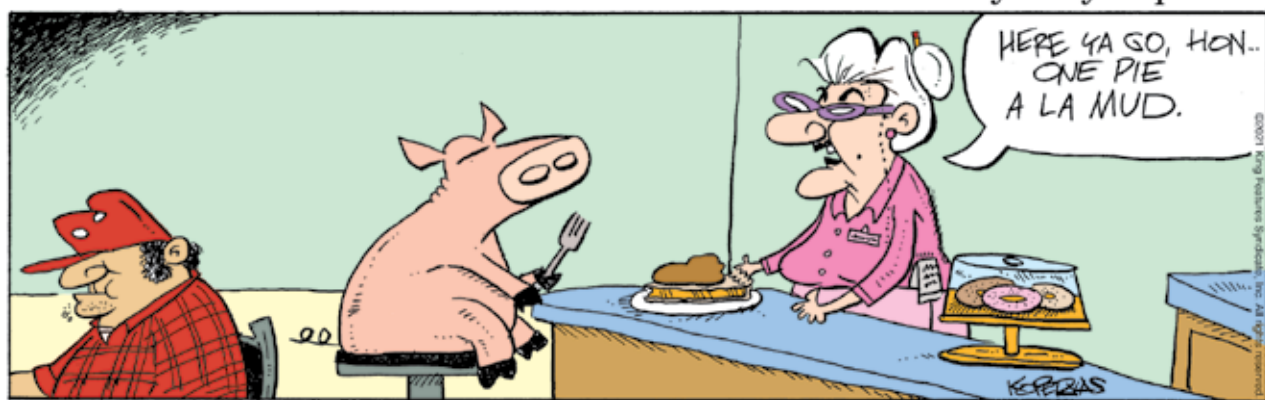
## R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



## PIONEER PORTRAITS

### Ten Years Ago

February 24, 2011

[Headline] From the Drug Front: Meth is Back: With Threat to Tri-County Drug Task Force, Sheriffs Fear Setback In Local War on Drugs

It was like a scene from Sherwood Forest. Men, women and children tromped through the woods carrying bows and quivers full of arrows. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, hundreds of modern-day archers, with compound bows priced between \$15-\$1,200, wearing synthetic, camouflage fleece and hiking boots, swarmed the forest hills at Tucannon Campground for the annual 3-D target shooting competition.

Every girl deserves to be a princess on prom night, even those who can't afford the dress. So Dayton resident and Cinderella's Closet organizer Katherine Besst has decided to play fairy godmother.

Don't miss the Amarillo Band, live at the Tuxedo Bar and Grill in Prescott, on Saturday. The performance will take place from 8 p.m. to midnight.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

March 28, 1996

Waitsburg's Junior Livestock Show will be held as planned Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6, thanks to the help of Boise Cascade. About \$800 worth of wood shaving—about 60 tons—was donated by Boise Cascade Corp. to the Junior Livestock organization to replace sawdust washed away inside the Community Building during the flood in February.

Rosendo and Kathryn (Farrell) Guizar of Grandview are the parents of a five pound, 14 ounce daughter, Kara Ellen, born March 14, 1996.

Actor Tim Behrens brings his comedy *McManus in Love* to the auditorium at Walla Walla High School Friday, April 12 at 8 p.m. Behrens portrays 15 characters—including a bat—in the play based on humor of author Patrick F. McManus, who will be there at 7 p.m. to sign books.

Students from kindergarten through fourth grade learned about hazardous household products Monday in Waitsburg.

### Fifty Years Ago

April 8, 1971

The Waitsburg Junior Livestock Show is scheduled to be bigger and better than ever before with 130 possible contestants signed up for the show which takes place on Friday and Saturday, April 9 and 10.

Roy Leid reported to the Commercial Club that Police Chief Leroy "Bud" Todt is taking a class in law enforcement techniques being conducted by the FBI in Walla Walla. Todt attends class each day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

When a person's pushing 50, that is exercise enough.

Bill Johnson was nominated for president of Lions Club at a dinner meeting Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Thomas and two daughters of Puyallup are visiting this week at the Don Thomas Home.

### Sixty Years Ago

April 21, 1961

Rick Davis was elected president of the student body Thursday morning. The other officers are Jack Cyr, vice president; Freda Kay Harris, secretary; Kathy Hall, treasurer; Nancee Clodius, yell queen; Judy Duckworth, Joy Broom and Wanda Nettles, cheerleaders.

A series of meetings recently by members of the community has resulted in final plans for a livestock building to be erected at the race track. Donations have been given, either as cash, cash pledges or a calf. Right now approximately \$7,500 has been donated or pledged.

### Seventy-Five Years Ago

April 12, 1946

Jean Erwin of Prescott has been named from that community as a candidate for the honor of being queen of the Days of Real Sport. Waitsburg candidates are Jacqueline Alexander, Janic Roberts, Barbara Arthurs and Ruth Wolfe.

Margaret Reed, Wayne Marsh, Kay Hermanns, and Betty Pollard have been ill this week with mumps.

The Vic Hirsch residence is being torn down and rebuilt following their recent fire.

A.T.E. bridge club met last Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lewis Patton. Prizes were won by Mrs. Joe McCown, Mrs. Henry Zuger, and Mrs. Dick Seaman.

### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

April 17, 1896

Last Saturday Chester Davies, the best bike rider in town, by suddenly stopping his wheel when going at a break pace, was thrown forward heels over head to the ground with such force as to break both bones of his left arm just above the wrist.

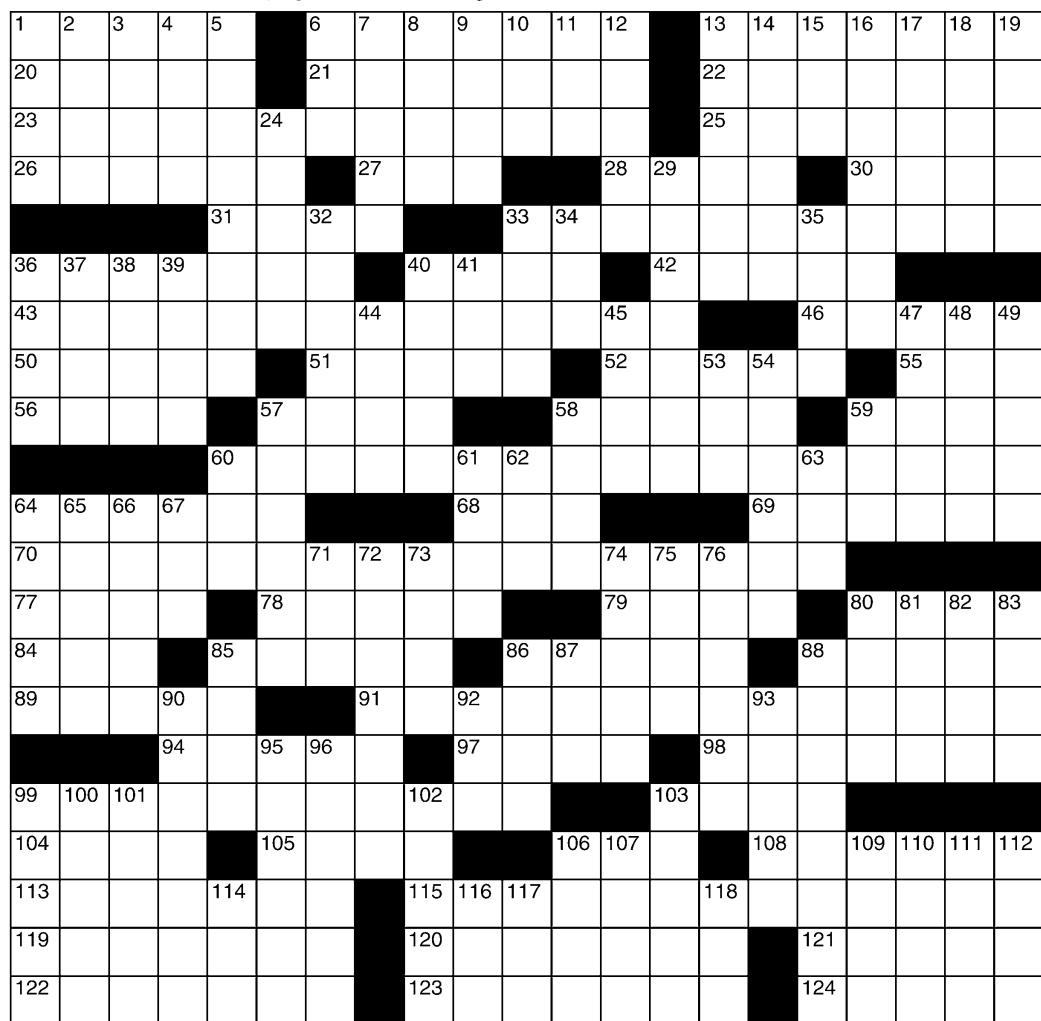
A sermon at the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening for young women and maidens by request. All come.

J. P. Bradley and wife arrived in this city on Sunday morning and opened the Bradley House. They are exceptionally good hotel people; give the very best meals and treat their guests well in every way.

# PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

## Super Crossword OPENING CUTS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Past artifact
  - 6 Steal the scene from
  - 13 "Chicago P.D." or "Law & Order"
  - 20 Kagan of justice
  - 21 Indigenes
  - 22 Euphoric
  - 23 Change in the side of a military formation
  - 25 Gates of philanthropy
  - 26 Karate instructor
  - 27 Female bleater
  - 28 Not docked
  - 30 Perfect site
  - 31 Court throw
  - 33 Really funny
  - 36 Talk up
  - 40 Get tangled
  - 42 Paid to get a hand
  - 43 Body that voted for the trial resulting in Charles I's execution
  - 46 "Baloney!"
  - 50 Creative flashes
  - 51 Rain forest, for one
  - 52 Sunset's direction, in French
  - 55 Tokyo sash
  - 56 TV's "Warrior Princess"
  - 57 With 77-Across, has a connection with
  - 58 "Ad — per aspera"
  - 59 Resting atop
  - 60 Twilight
  - 64 Liaison
  - 68 Excited, with "up"
  - 69 Wipes away
  - 70 Single bullet, say
  - 77 See 57-Across
  - 78 Dress up
  - 79 Sign gas
  - 80 Last letters
  - 84 Big bother
  - 85 "Help!" co-star
  - 86 Encountered
  - 88 Gnat's kin
  - 89 Oahu porch
  - 91 Vision test
  - 94 Bow of film
  - 97 Wine vat sediment
  - 98 Most snooping
  - 99 "Walker, Texas Ranger" star
  - 103 Ernie's buddy
  - 104 Dialogue bit
  - 105 — facto
  - 106 Toothpaste tube inits.
  - 108 Louise's film partner
  - 113 Fatty
  - 115 Old ad question
  - 119 Colonist, e.g.
  - 120 Russia and Turkey's place
  - 121 Good odor
  - 122 Own
  - 123 Distributing
  - 124 Benefactor
  - 10 "Hail, Catol!"
  - 11 High mil. rank
  - 12 Founded, on city signs
  - 13 "Enter"
  - 14 Like many short plays
  - 15 Buddy
  - 16 Safeguards
  - 17 Language of India
  - 18 Limerick writer Nash
  - 19 Strike heavily and loudly
  - 24 Mazda roadster
  - 29 Ordinance
  - 32 Belgrade's land
  - 33 Vatican City surrounder
  - 34 Suffix with Wyoming
  - 35 Retained
  - 36 Grand — (race event)
  - 37 Uncouth
  - 38 Premonition
  - 39 Film-rating gp.
  - 40 Mall stall
  - 41 Home to Hanoi, briefly
  - 44 Mortgage claim
  - 45 Quick bite
  - 47 Kachina doll carvers
  - 48 Dry as —
  - 49 Birds flap them
  - 53 Prior to, to bards
  - 54 Get for less
  - 57 ENT part
  - 58 Abbr. at the top of a 111-Down
  - 59 Actress O'Connor or Merkel
  - 60 Comic Caesar
  - 61 "Jeepers!"
  - 62 Pot-au- (French dish)
  - 63 Suffix with 93-Down
  - 64 Popular typeface
  - 65 Actress Jane
  - 66 Portable bed
  - 67 Year, in Rio de Janeiro
  - 71 — diavolo (pasta sauce)
  - 72 Unpaid debts
  - 73 Steenburgen of "Ink"
  - 74 Peruvians of old
  - 75 Crawl (with)
  - 76 Chemical "I"
  - 80 Tubular pasta
  - 81 Actress Falco
  - 82 "I" problems
  - 83 Email status
  - 85 Lustrous fabric
  - 86 Service costs
  - 87 Wood splitter
  - 88 Editorial page feature
  - 90 Consents to
  - 92 Film director Roth
  - 93 Missouri-to-Iowa direction
  - 95 Licoricelike seeds
  - 96 People using lassos
  - 99 Bracelet part
  - 100 Baseball's — Nomo
  - 101 Army squads
  - 102 Used oars
  - 103 Sink part
  - 106 — Sea (shrinking Asian lake)
  - 107 Amraz of 1950s TV
  - 109 Long Spanish river
  - 110 Spinks of boxing
  - 111 Office note
  - 112 Not nearby
  - 114 Bullfight cry
  - 116 — and cry
  - 117 Noted period
  - 118 Present label



THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE IS PROUDLY SPONSORED BY  
**BOOK & GAME**  
 C · O · M · P · A · N · Y  
 38 East Main Street Walla Walla (509) 529-9963 [www.BOOKANDGAME.com](http://www.BOOKANDGAME.com)

## MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

# Sticky Banoffee Cake



Being the proper Anglophile that I am, my television viewing leans heavily towards programs from across the pond. A long favorite is *The Great British Bake Off*, which, with its charming pastoral setting and English pleasantries, feels refreshing compared to more aggressive American competition shows. Each episode provides a crash course in British culinary vocabulary and offers up endless inspiration for experimentation in the kitchen.

This recipe, blending two British classics, Sticky Toffee Pudding and Banoffee Pie, was my answer to finding a use for overripe bananas other than the classic banana bread loaf. It should be noted here that the British term *pudding* refers to what most Americans label as *dessert*, and what we call *pudding* is closer to what the Brits specifically label as *custard*. Sticky Toffee Pudding is a moist sponge cake traditionally made with chopped dates that is either steamed or baked, then covered in toffee sauce. Banoffee Pie is made up of a layer of sliced bananas over a soft toffee layer in a pie crust and topped with whipped cream. In the resulting hybrid recipe below, bananas sub in for the dates to make for a moist cake and the molasses gives the toffee sauce a rich, distinctive depth of flavor.

### Ingredients:

#### For the Cake:

- 1 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 stick (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter, melted and slightly cooled
- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ cup light brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 3 overripe bananas mashed, about 1 cup
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 ½ teaspoons vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon ground allspice
- Pinch grated nutmeg
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

#### For the Toffee Sauce:

- 1 ¼ cups heavy whipping cream
- ½ cup light brown sugar
- ½ cup molasses
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- Pinch of salt

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour an 8" x 8" baking pan. Whisk together the flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt in a medium bowl. Stir in the allspice, nutmeg and chopped walnuts. In another bowl mix the melted butter, white and brown sugars together with an electric mixer or whisk, until blended. Add the mashed bananas, eggs, lemon juice and vanilla. Mix well. With mixer on low speed stir in the dry ingredients until just incorporated. Do not overmix. Pour the batter into prepared pan and set on middle rack of oven. Bake until golden brown and toothpick inserted into center comes out clean, about 30-35 minutes. While cake is in oven make the toffee sauce. In a medium heavy bottomed saucepan, bring the heavy cream, brown sugar, molasses, butter and salt to a boil, over high heat. Whisk continuously as the sugar dissolves. Reduce heat to medium-low to maintain a slow gentle boil. Cook for 15-20 minutes, whisking occasionally, until sauce slightly thickens, then remove from heat. Sauce will be the consistency of maple syrup and will continue to thicken as it cools.

When cake is done pull out and pierce several times with a skewer, poking all the way to the bottom of pan. Pour half of the toffee sauce slowly over top of cake, making sure it spreads evenly over surface. Place cake back in oven and bake for 6 minutes until sauce is bubbling. Remove and cool cake in the pan for at least 30 minutes on a wire rack. Cut into squares and serve each with a drizzle of remaining sauce over the top.

### Notes:

This cake is versatile enough to be a decadent evening dessert or as part of a weekend brunch buffet. Serve this cake warm or at room temperature. Toffee sauce can be gently reheated before serving. I served it with a dollop of fresh whipped cream. Experiment with adding dried fruit to the cake batter. Chopped dried apricots or medjool dates would be lovely. Try substituting the walnuts with other nuts, such as pecans or pistachios. Enjoy a slice with a good cuppa.

## LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

### Super Crossword

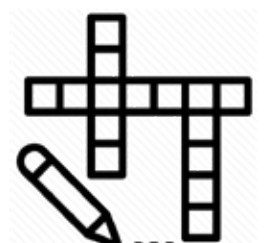
### Weekly SUDOKU

#### Answers

GLASS BAGS EPICS THUS  
 LIMIT ISAW MENLO WENT  
 AMPLEMAPLE BASALBALS  
 DESIRES LEHAR PIONEER  
 CNN RETELLS COGNAC  
 MIMOSAMA OISM ALI SETH  
 ANON ANNES CLOTS  
 RKO ONCD ETA SEAPORT  
 CAROBCOBRA ARCEDCEDAR  
 LOIN ERASMUS TINE  
 SHADES UTENSIL DAINTY  
 EACH SMITTEN CART  
 CHEAPPEACH LEMONMELON  
 TASTIER LAP EBAY IDO  
 ANGLE LOTTO PEON  
 SPUR CEO LAUREL LALLURE  
 PELOSI PLANTED LIU  
 ALLTOLD ENOLA JASMINE  
 CAMUSSUMAC ASPEN PANES  
 EGAN ELISE WOOS EGRET  
 SEND TYLER SNIT DEERE

#### Answer

8	3	7	2	4	6	1	5	9
2	4	1	5	9	3	6	7	8
5	9	6	8	1	7	2	3	4
4	7	3	6	5	8	9	2	1
9	1	2	7	3	4	5	8	6
6	5	8	1	2	9	7	4	3
3	6	4	9	7	5	8	1	2
1	8	5	3	6	2	4	9	7
7	2	9	4	8	1	3	6	5



## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	6		9	1		7		
3				7		4		
		4		8		1		5
1			5					7
	7	6			2	9		
2				3			1	
		3		7		2		9
	8		6				5	
9		7			8			3

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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

© 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

# THE LAST PAGE

## Book Briefs: Lane's Picks

2009 was a good year for my book group

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

**Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World** by Jack Weatherford

Though this best-selling book was published in 2005, I didn't read it until 2009. Before then, my reading material rarely included invading empire-building conquerors. This was before *Game of Thrones* (GOT), both the books and HBO series, became an addiction in my household.

What little I had learned about Genghis Khan was that he was a violent and ruthless invader, on horseback, wearing fabulous fur fashion. I especially loved

the hats. It turns out there was much more to the man than brutal empire building.



The name Genghis has become synonymous with savagery and brutality. More of a movie villain than an actual man. So, it was interesting to read Weatherford's depiction of Khan as a visionary leader. One who attempted to use religious tolerance, meritocracy, a universal alphabet, public education, and

globalization of commerce to create and maintain an empire that was twice as big as any before or since.

The book covers the time from Genghis's birth through the reign of his grandson Kublai Khan. Before his death, Genghis promoted those in his army through meritocracy and not birthright or status and wanted his closest advisor to be his successor, not his sons. Despite his wishes, however, Mongolia was ruled by his descendants until the last was finally deposed in 1920.

Even if historical non-fiction has not been at the top of your book list, consider giving this book a try. The love of GOT is not a requirement.

**The Keeper of Lost Causes: The First Department Q Novel** (Department Q Series Book 1) by Jussi Alder-Olsen

In 2009, I was introduced to Scandinavian crime novels. Considering this is a region with a very low crime rate, it seemed like a stretch; after reading the wildly popular *Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* trilogy by Stieg Larsson, I needed to find the next series.

I was lucky to discover the Department Q series by Jussi Alder-Olsen. Author Jussi Alder-Olsen is not the typical morose Nordic writer; he has humor and develops interesting and multi-layered characters. The stories are twisted puzzles that give you clues well before the crime is solved. However, the answers do not easily come, and I found the twists and turns fun, scary, and just out of reach until the end.

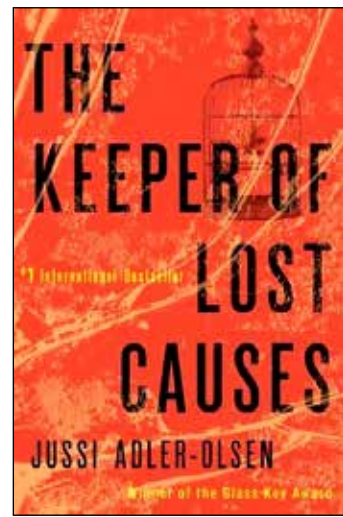
Danish detective Carl Morck blames himself for the shooting death and disabling of two fellow officers in a botched murder investigation. Back to duty, Morck is "promoted" to handle cold cases in the newly designated Department Q. He is now located in the basement, without furniture, windows, or staff.

His long history with the police has given him the knowledge to squeeze (blackmail) out funds for his new department's budget. The best use of this money is hiring Assad, a Syrian refugee who walks in off the street to become the department's janitor. Of course, he turns out to become so much more and is a perfect foil for Morck's difficult personality.

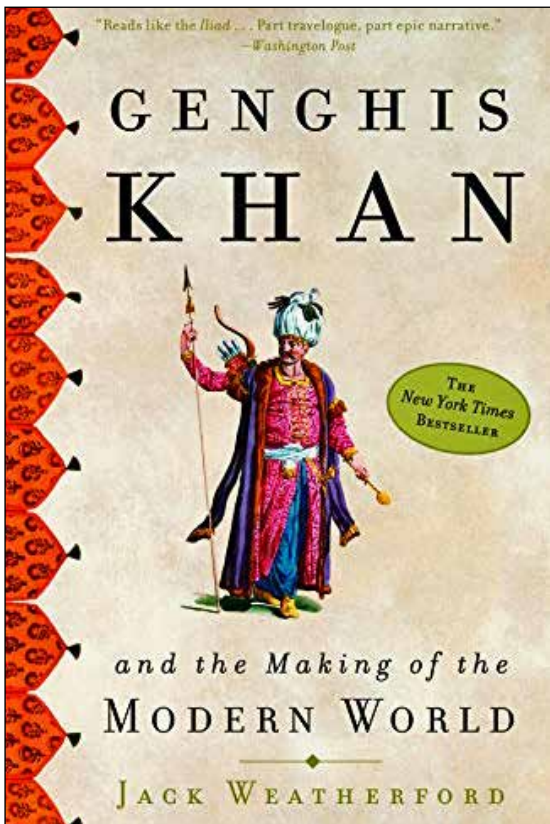
Remember, it is a Scandinavian noir, so Marck is a true anti-hero, unpleasant and sharp-tongued. Usually, these detectives work outside the rules and are disliked by jealous coworkers and threatened bosses because they are doggedly focused and get results. Unlike other noir detectives, however, Morck is also lazy. Having lost interest in his job, the world, and anyone around him, he spends a lot of time feeling sorry for himself.

In *The Keeper of Lost Causes*, the first book of the series, he cannot stay hidden behind his basement desk for long. Despite his antipathy, he gets drawn into a cold case involving a young Danish politician who disappeared five years earlier.

Alder-Olsen creates interesting characters and finds ways to develop them further in the following books. Each book gives more depth and understanding of the recurring characters. The latest book in the series, *Victim 2117: A Department Q Novel*, came out in March 2020. This installment ties a current event to Assad's background, answering many questions about Morck's trusted sidekick and the skills he has brought to previous cases.



Author Jussi Alder-Olsen.



# The Times SERVICE DIRECTORY

Add Your Business!  
Have your business listed in our next service directory, and get noticed!

Email us at [advertising@waitsburgtimes.com](mailto:advertising@waitsburgtimes.com)

or call us at (509) 337-6631 for more information.

### REAL ESTATE



LYNNE CARPENTER  
REALTOR®

360.929.4381

LCARPENTER@WALLAWALLACB.COM  
WWW.LYNNECARPENTER.COM

EACH OFFICE IS INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED  
EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY



KELLY • RIGHT  
REAL ESTATE

Scott Hudson, Broker

(509) 930-5157 cell

(509) 489-7000 main

scotthudsonhomes@gmail.com

Free market analysis for buyers and sellers

### INSURANCE



INSURANCE  
Auto, Home, Business,  
Farm & Crop, Life & Health

REAL ESTATE  
Residential, Commercial,  
Farm, Ranch & Land

103 S. 2nd. Ave,  
Walla Walla  
(509) 525-4110

[www.lloydsinsurance.net](http://www.lloydsinsurance.net)



McDonald Zaring Insurance

BUSINESS • FARM  
AUTO • LIFE  
HEALTH • HOME

22 E. Main Street  
Walla Walla

(509) 525-5730  
[www.mcdonaldzaring.com](http://www.mcdonaldzaring.com)

### MAINTENANCE



- Vinyl Siding
- Insulated Windows
- Exterior Doors
- Financing is Available

Alan Hunt  
Owner  
509-491-2987

8425 Gage Blvd., A-1 #355  
Kennewick, WA 99336  
Contractors# EXTEREC83578



Law : Uncomplicated

Matt Johnson  
Attorney | Partner

- ▶ [Matt@GravisLaw.com](mailto:Matt@GravisLaw.com)
- ▶ 509.382.2030
- ▶ 866.419.9269

Main Street, Dayton, WA  
[GravisLaw.com](http://GravisLaw.com)



(509) 382-3137

145 Main St., Waitsburg  
[julie@karllawoffice.com](mailto:julie@karllawoffice.com)

### AUTO



#### Services

- Tires
- Alignment & Balancing
- Scheduled & Preventative Maintenance
- Brakes & Suspension
- A/C & Electrical
- Gas & Diesel Engine Performance
- Cooling Systems

509-382-3078  
527 Cameron St. Dayton, WA 99328



ROBERT AND SHELLI BRYANT  
OWNERS

218 W. MAIN ST  
DAYTON, WA 99328

509-382-3189

Mon-Fri, 8am - 5pm

MOST MAKES AND MODELS

### MAINTENANCE



Your Next Project to Us

- Commercial
- Residential • Industrial
- Data/Telecom
- Solar • Fire/Security

1225 W. Poplar • Walla Walla  
509-525-8672

### FINANCIAL



- Accounting
- Individual and Business Income Tax
- Payroll Services

PO Box 228  
Dayton WA, 99328-0228  
(509) 382-4493  
1-800-870-4493

Your local lender.



Shawn Brown  
Loan Officer | NMLS 628474  
Cell: (509) 420-0686



Evergreen Home Loans ID NMLS 3182