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Gallery drive honors Class of 2020

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WAITSBURG— High school graduations are looking a little different this year, and Waitsburg High School's ceremony is no exception. A gallery drive through town followed by a drive through 'ceremony' is scheduled for May 29, starting at 6 p.m.

The Class of 2020 Gallery Drive will begin at Preston Park, with the students as passengers, lined up in alphabetical order, following a pilot car. Each vehicle will have one student in cap and gown. Twenty-two cars will make their way down Main Street, snaking through Waitsburg. The staff at Waitsburg High School is asking community members along the route to wave and cheer for the students from front lawns and driveways while practicing social distancing.

The Gallery Drive route stretches from Arnold Lane to West 10th Street, but the 'festivities' don't end there. Following the Gallery Drive, students will drive on to the football field from the baseball field gates on East 10th Street and drive around the football field, on the track. Vehicles will stop at the northern end zone area, and the student will exit the car and walk to a stage where they will receive their diploma. After the student receives their diploma, they will return to their car and exit the field. A pilot car will lead the ceremony to help ensure direction and distancing.

Cars must continue moving while the student accepts their diploma. The school district is asking the drivers to keep lots of space in between the vehicles. The preferred distance is roughly a block away from the vehicle they are following. The district is asking that no one gathers at the football field during the ceremony.



Lane Gwinn

No turning back, you're graduating.

See the Graduation Special Edition Page 7-12.

Waitsburg City Council update

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg City Council met Wednesday, May 20 at 7 p.m. via conference call. All board members were present except councilman Karl Newell. The council discussed the Complete Sidewalk Project Award, a capital library grant, and the status of the city pool.

City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe gave an update on the Complete Sidewalk Project Award that the City received earlier this year. He said that he has been in contact with property owners who will be impacted by the project, and he is working to resolve any negative feedback he receives.

Hinchliffe also reported that the City of Waitsburg, with the approval of the council, will be applying for a Library Capital Grant. The grant was developed by the state legislature in 2019 with the goal of assisting libraries operated by government entities with improvements, construction and/or rehabilitation. The grant program is a 50/50 structure, meaning that the grant will only cover 50 percent of the proposed cost. Currently, apartment-style rooms or professional rental spaces (meeting/conference areas) are being explored. Hinchliffe has been working with an architect and asked the board for \$6,600 to cover fees related to the architectural work. The board voted to approve the \$6,600 requested.

The council weighed the status of the city pool. Earlier in the year, the pool's closure was presented as a way to free up money to pay for flood-related damages. Pools across the state are currently weighing the viability of a season with the pandemic-related restrictions, and the council members were concerned about pool staff, attendance, and other issues. After much discussion, it was ultimately decided that it would be safest to close the pool for the 2020 summer season. Many council members requested that the city utilize the closure to assess the pool for repairs and improvements.

The city council voted to appoint Kevin House as mayor pro tem. House has served as mayor pro tem in years past.

Mayor Marty Dunn appointed Jim Romine, David Paxton and himself to the Community Health and Protection Committee, formerly the Emergency Preparedness Committee. Kevin House and Jim Romine were appointed to the Infrastructure and Budget Committee. Karl Newell and David Paxton were appointed to the Community Recreation and Remembrance Committee. Karen Gregutt was appointed to the Planning Commission.

Port commission report for May

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—At the May 13 Port Commission meeting, Executive Director Dickinson expressed a desire for people to follow all the social distancing guidelines set forth by in the Governor's Phased Approach to Reopening Business and Modifying Social Distancing Guidelines, so the county can move from Phase II into Phase III more quickly.

"For the most part it is going fine, she said. "I'm proud of our businesses and our community."

Dickinson said the Lyons Ferry Marina Concessionaires are making great strides in promoting social distancing guidelines. Wally and Joanne Knouff have been visited by the Department of Fish and Wildlife and commended for their efforts following and promoting social distancing guidelines.

Dickinson said the boat launch and store at the Lyons Ferry Marina are open. Trailer camping is allowed in alternating sites. Tent camping is not yet allowed.

"We are very lucky to have those concessionaires," Dickinson told the commissioners.

"The efforts people have made to shop locally are also making a difference.

"People who have lived here for years, that have never been to the Blue Mountain Station Co-op or Dingles' are going in there," she said.

She said businesses are managing to hang on during the COVID-19 challenge.

VS on Main Street is the only business she has heard that is closing, although the building owner is interested in helping vendors continue to operate in some fashion. The store will be open on Fridays and Saturdays for the time being.

Restaurants are opening and their owners are dealing with guidelines set forth in the Phase II plan. One of these guidelines concerns a contact tracing capability. Guests eating inside the restaurants will be asked to volunteer contact information so public health officials can contact them if the need arises.

Columbia County First is the mantra for business owners in Phase II. This means established clientele, only, will be serviced in establishments like hair salons.

"We want to do this right, so we can stay open," she said.

Dickinson is writing grants to help businesses respond to the COVID-19 challenge.

She said she has not heard back yet about a small business emergency grant she applied for through the state of Washington. If awarded, the Port will administer the grant and hand out checks to over 20 local businesses.

In addition, a \$6,025 Community Development

Block Grant, which is normally for low income communities, is available to the Port in response to the COVID-19 situation.

Dickinson is considering writing a grant to a local organization for additional funds.

She also plans to apply to a state grant program to help businesses who might need help with rent.

In other Port news, the Columbia Walla Walla rail operator has received a grant from the state Utilities and Transportation Commission for signage and signal changes going from Dayton to Wallula. Dickinson said the CWW railroad has been transporting seed for Seneca Foods, Inc.

There are no plans at this time to hire a new Economic Development Coordinator for the Port. Jennifer DeLannoy resigned from that position to spend time with her children after the Dayton schools closed in March.

The Dayton to Waitsburg Bike Trail Concept Plan will be ready for review, before the June Port Commission meeting.



Courtesy photo

Sean Milligan of Huntsville was sworn in by Port of Columbia Executive Director Jennie Dickinson on Monday, May 17. Milligan was appointed to fill the remainder of Fred Crowe's term on the Port Commission in Dist. No. 3.

Milligan, a third-generation civil engineer, works for the Walla Walla District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He lives in Huntsville with his wife Tammy.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

WALLA WALLA COUNTY'S PHASE 2 APPLICATION NOW UNDER REVIEW BY STATE

Review process to be complete in three to five days

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—On Tuesday, May 26, Walla Walla County Unified Command (Walla Walla County Emergency Management and Walla Walla County Department of Community Health) announced that the variance request the County submitted on Thursday, May 21 to move the County to Phase 2 of Governor Insee's Safe Start plan is now under review by the State of Washington Department of Health.

At the time the County submitted the application, it did not meet the disease activity criteria, thus the Department of Health (DOH) held the application. Over the weekend, the DCH updated information related to the County variance application and resubmitted it to the DOH. Secretary of Health, John Wiseman contacted the county on Tuesday to confirm that Walla Walla County does now meet eligibility criteria and the application is under review. The review process takes between three to five business days.

In last week's variance request, local leaders from the county and cities of Walla Walla and College Place submitted letters urging the move to Phase 2, as did the Department of Community Health (DCH) and Providence St. Mary Medical Center. Mayor Marty Dunn also submitted a letter on behalf of the City of Waitsburg.

When Walla Walla County moves to Phase 2, multiple business sectors will be allowed to open at certain levels of occupancy under the requirements established by the State of Washington. Requirements are aimed at minimizing spread of COVID-19 to staff, customers, clients, and visitors. Per Washington's Safe Start plan, businesses are not authorized to open until they meet all safety criteria. Criteria for Phase 2 operations can be found on the Safe Start website located at: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/safe-start>.

LIBERTY THEATER TO PRODUCE 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL' AS WINTER MUSICAL

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Liberty Theater Manager Mike Ferrians announced a change in the programming for the Winter musical, it will be *A Christmas Carol*, a reprise of their original production from 2011. The originally announced production of *The Sound of Music* will not take place. This version of *A Christmas Carol* was developed for the stage from the Charles Dickens book by Mike Ferrians and Brenda Henderson. The play is scheduled to run from November 12 through December 5, 2020.



Dr. Kyle Terry as Scrooge in the 2011 production.

Ferrians said, "In light of changing plans and extenuating circumstances due to the unprecedented situation this year, this show will allow us comfortably to produce an old familiar favorite story, perfect for the holidays."

The play faithfully reproduces Dickens' tale and will be enriched by the classic sounds of Victorian carols common in Victorian England and will include exquisite period costuming and beautiful hand-painted backdrops. The stage version written by Ferrians and Henderson was picked up by schools across the country in the years following the 2011 show, and even discovered by a community theater company in Nottinghamshire, England, who asked permission to perform their version.

Auditions are yet to be scheduled and may need to be submitted by video. Stay tuned for further information.

NEW PRESCOTT SUPERINTENDENT SELECTED

PRESCOTT—Following the May 19 staff interviews and community forum, and the May 21 final interview with the Board, the Prescott School Board of Directors voted unanimously to offer Justin Bradford the position of superintendent/principal, pending contract negotiations. The district will make a formal announcement confirming the finalized contract offer in a special board meeting next week.



Justin Bradford

One of three final candidates, Mr. Bradford is joining Prescott School District following the resignation of current superintendent, Brett Cox. Mr. Bradford would begin his new position in Prescott July 1, 2020.

Mr. Bradford has twenty-nine years of experience in education, with a Master's in Educational Leadership from Eastern Washington University. He has an extensive background in leadership and special education and is currently the Director of Special Education, Curriculum & Instruction, and Assessments at College Place Public Schools. Mr. Bradford says he is accustomed to wearing many hats in a district and is looking forward to the combined superintendent/principal role in Prescott.

"I am very thankful that the Prescott School Board has provided me with this amazing opportunity," Bradford says. "The selection process was fantastic. I look forward to getting settled into the community and getting to know the hopes and dreams of the students, staff, and families of Prescott. I am so very proud to be a Tiger!"

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

PROVIDENCE ST. MARY REFINES EXEMPTIONS TO VISITOR RESTRICTIONS

WALLA WALLA—Providence St. Mary Medical Center has revised its COVID-19 visitor restriction policy to reflect the evolving understanding of risks presented by the pandemic.

The new guidelines include allowing a support person for a newborn if the mother may have COVID-19, gives ill parents the ability to designate another person to escort a child to a medical appointment, and provides clarity for disabled individuals, their families and caregivers.

So far these are the only exemptions to the no-visitors policy currently in place in accordance with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

All visitors and patients are required to wear a mask.

Providence St. Mary asks patients and their families to consider communication through phone calls and video chats as their primary means of communication.

Support from the Providence St. Mary Spiritual Care Team also is available for patients and families. A chaplain/patient advocate can provide support if requested for patients, or for family members not able to enter due to restrictions.

"HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT" VIRTUAL EVENT SHARES INFORMATION ABOUT DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE BY TEENS

DAYTON—The Coalition for Youth and Families is hosting an online presentation of Hidden in Plain Sight on Tuesday, June 9 from 8 - 10 a.m. The program is an educational experience that walks you through a typical teenage bedroom, which is set up with drug paraphernalia "hidden in plain sight." Access the event through the organization's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cc.cyf.



Courtesy photo

A splooof is a homemade filter used to mask the smell of smoke.

Initially designed as a hands-on interactive experience, the program has now been adapted to the virtual realm. The event offers adults insights into current trends in youth substance abuse, drug paraphernalia, concealment of illicit drugs and alcohol. Volunteers educate community members about drug trends, drug paraphernalia, how to talk to youth about alcohol and drugs, and what to do if a problem is suspected.

Log in and learn what is trending with youth today and how to start the conversations that can sometimes be difficult but are necessary.

View CFY's website coalitionforyouthandfamilies.org for more information about the event.

The mission of the Coalition is to promote and support a healthy, and safe environment, free from alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse, violence, and related social issues affecting our youth and families.

Touchet Valley Weather May 27, 2020

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Isolated T-storms	Few Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy
High: 80 Low: 52	High: 85 Low: 59	High: 90 Low: 66	High: 86 Low: 56	High: 75 Low: 55	High: 74 Low: 54	High: 72 Low: 56

Weather Trivia

How many times is the Empire State Building struck by lightning?

ANSWER: On average, more than 20 times per year.

Weather History

May 27, 1896 - A massive tornado struck St. Louis, killing 306 people and causing 13 million dollars in damage. The tornado's path was short but cut across a densely populated area. It was the most destructive tornado of record in the United States at that time.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	60	52	71/49	0.10"	1.85"
Wednesday	56	49	72/49	1.66"	0.48"
Thursday	62	46	72/50	0.00"	+1.37"
Friday	58	44	72/50	0.00"	55.4°
Saturday	66	44	72/50	0.00"	61.0°
Sunday	73	46	73/50	0.00"	-5.6°
Monday	69	51	73/51	0.09"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	5:08 a.m.	8:32 p.m.	9:27 a.m.	12:27 a.m.
Thursday	5:07 a.m.	8:33 p.m.	10:38 a.m.	1:07 a.m.
Friday	5:07 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	11:52 a.m.	1:41 a.m.
Saturday	5:06 a.m.	8:35 p.m.	1:08 p.m.	2:11 a.m.
Sunday	5:05 a.m.	8:36 p.m.	2:24 p.m.	2:37 a.m.
Monday	5:05 a.m.	8:37 p.m.	3:42 p.m.	3:02 a.m.
Tuesday	5:04 a.m.	8:38 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	3:27 a.m.

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Waitsburg School District Update

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg School Board met Thursday, May 21 at 6 p.m. All school board members were present. During the meeting, the board discussed graduation plans, a continuous learning plan, and other items.

Secondary principal Stephanie Wooderchak reported to the board that the middle school had been invited to the Milton Free-water Drive-In Theater for the 8th grade promotion. After some discussion, the board decided it was best to come up with another plan in the event that Walla Walla County does not move on to Phase II of the statewide reopening plan.

The Class of 2020 will be participating in a gallery drive on Friday, May 29, which will end near the football field and the students will receive their diplomas, one at a time, in a drive thru fashion. Speeches, photos, and other fun happenings will be available at the school's website that day. The students will get to 'walk' in their caps and gowns.

During the maintenance report, Mr. Pickel, on behalf of Colter Mohney, updated the board on the construction happening

near the elementary parking lot. A waterline broke, and the City of Waitsburg has been working to repair the break.

Colter Mohney has been working with NextGen Services, the district's new IT provider. They have begun moving all technology over to the new servers.

Mr. Pickel told the Board that one of the light poles in front of Preston Hall had been vandalized, and they were currently searching for replacement poles. The company that made the original light pole no longer produces the poles, so they are searching for something similar. Mr. Pickel said they did file a police report.

Basic maintenance including painting, weeding and spraying has been happening during the school closure. Walla Walla County crews will be out before graduation to grade the high school parking lot.

During the superintendent's report, Superintendent Pickel reported that the school is currently preparing for a slightly smaller student population next school year. He said that schools across the state are anticipating lower numbers, mainly due to uncertainty around the coronavirus pandemic. He is hoping for more guidance from

the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) in June. The school has also started exploring ways to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) for teachers and staff for the upcoming school year.

Board member Christy House said that she had reached out to local printing companies, and Inland Saxum Printing in Walla Walla would be able to provide diplomas by May 29. House said she felt that the senior class deserved to receive diplomas during the 'graduation ceremony' after having so much taken away already. The board decided it was worthwhile to explore ways to print with Inland Saxum.

At a special meeting on Monday, May 18, the school board met to discuss the emergency school closure waiver. Due to the coronavirus-related closure, the school was under the required 180 contact-teaching hours. The emergency waiver would allow the schools to adjust schedules to comply with the required hours. The school board voted to approve the waiver application.

The Waitsburg School District will continue to post homework and graduation updates on their website, www.waitsburgsd.org.

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

Dayton Senior Center
403 E. Patit St.
12 p.m.
Drive up only

Thurs., May 28
Pork chops & gravy
Roasted potatoes
Green beans
Broccoli salad
Pie & Milk

Tues., June 2
Stew
Biscuits
Caesar salad
Angel food cake
Milk & apple juice

WAITSBURG SENIOR LUNCH MENU

Waitsburg Senior Center
504 Main Street

Tues., May 28
Chicken fried steak
Mashed potatoes
Veggies
Bread
Brownie

Dayton School Board Update

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton School Board met Wednesday, May 20 at 6:00 pm via Zoom virtual meeting. All board members were present. During the meeting, the board discussed budget information, the high school graduation ceremony, and the upcoming school year among other items.

Elementary principal Doug Johnson reported that Dayton Elementary staff and teachers are continuing to improve their online learning models. Mr. Johnson said that a scheduling committee has been formed for the sole purpose of planning the elementary schedules, and they will be meeting with incoming Superintendent Guy Strot soon to include him in the process. The committee is being mindful of the pandemic while planning the 2020-21 school year and keeping all scenarios in mind.

Secondary principal Kristina Brown shared some of the creative ways the secondary staff have connected with the students, including morale-boosting teacher "parades," virtual class competitions, and other fun activities. The teachers have all practiced suggested social distancing. Principal Brown also reported that graduation details are being finalized, and a final plan will be available soon.

During the superintendent's report, Superintendent Johnson reported that the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has provided an emergency waiver regarding the required

instruction hours. Part of the waiver calls for school boards to agree on a continuous learning plan.

The Dayton School District has had to adjust their school year, with the last official day being June 16. Due to COVID-related closures, the school district did not meet the required contact-teaching hours. Extending the year will allow the district to meet the requirement while keeping students safe.

Superintendent Johnson touched briefly on the budget, as there was not much to report on at the time. He informed the board that districts across the state are expecting budget cuts, and Dayton schools are being mindful of potential cuts. Superintendent Johnson said that the 2020-21 school year is very up in the air all of the way around, and he expects to get more guidance from the state in early June.

Dayton High School graduation will be held on June 6 at 1:00 pm. Seniors and their families will participate in a drive-thru style ceremony using their own vehicle. One student will be allowed out of the vehicles at a time to come forward and receive their diploma. Complete details will be released soon.

The school board discussed out of endorsement teachers and found that all teachers who were teaching outside of their certification were qualified to do so.

The board voted to pass all resolutions as presented. The meeting was adjourned.

What's better than Butter Stonehenge?

By Emma Philbrook | THE TIMES

I am convinced that about half the stuff on the Internet these days is lists of things to do in quarantine. Fifteen recipes to try, twenty home-repair projects you can do in a day, the one hundred and thirty plants you absolutely need to squeeze into your yard while you have the free time to plant them. I'm sure you've read at least a couple.

As a journalist, I will let you in on a secret about these lists: they are found at the very bottom of the idea barrel. Sure, there are some well-thought-out list-articles that are worth reading, but for every one of those there's a dozen or so that were cobbled together with a few Internet searches by somebody with zero knowledge of the topic. MSN in particular is teeming with them.

Given that my brain has hit a roadblock this week, I've decided to cop out and write a lazy, lousy list of my own. So here's "Ten Things to Do in Quarantine When You've Already Done Everything the Internet Said you Should."

Develop a conspiracy theory. Blindly put your finger on a random article in the newspaper, then turn to another page and select another article in the same way. There is a sinister connection between these two articles. Figure out what it is.

Learn a few foreign folk dances. Teach

your family. Hula is good for beginners – after that, you can move on to Irish clogging and maybe even a few Balkan circle dances. It's good exercise, and the worst that can happen is that everybody leaves the room when the foreign folk music's on – instant privacy!

Make a list of all the places that you have ever hoped to travel to. Then figure out at least three things about each place that are absolutely horrible. Fun? Not necessarily, but it'll make a quiet summer at home seem more appealing.

Take bets on how long the stuff you planted will live.

Write a bad romance novel. Think of the lamest idea you've ever had for a story of any sort, reduce the IQs of the main characters by 30 points or so, crack open your thesaurus to avoid describing anything in a straightforward manner, and get typing.

This one's a particular favorite in my house – when you've run out of movies to watch, do dramatic readings of Supreme Court argument transcripts. It's civic education for the kiddos and will give the adults lots of ammunition for political smack talk once we can get close enough to talk smack again.

Make cookies but don't bake them. Freeze them and give them to the people you would like to give homemade cookies to but would not like to give the coronavirus

to. These people can then bake the cookies on their own, killing any germs in the process. (Wait, did I accidentally get a helpful hint in there? Darn it!)

Invent a sport in which all the players must stand at least six feet apart at all times. Syndicate it. Make millions of dollars. Buy a bigger house in which to quarantine more comfortably.

Build the Seven Wonders of the World out of pantry items, take touristy pictures, and post them on social media.

Wash your hands again. (Hey, it can't hurt.)



I Can't Believe It's Not Stonehenge!



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
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337-8898
Rev. Matthew Wyatt

Dayton School District breakfast & lunch delivery times

Meals will be delivered by school bus to the following locations: (Times are approximate)

Bus #1
11:00 a.m. – Valley View Court
11:30 a.m. – Country Village
12:00 p.m. – Cameron Court

Bus #2
11:00 a.m. – 1st Street/Richmond Ave
11:20 a.m. – 4th Street/Dayton Ave
11:25 a.m. – Knoblock Apartments
12:00 p.m. – 4th Street (Adventist Church Parking Lot)

Meals will also be available for pickup at the Dayton Elementary Multipurpose Room at 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, please contact the administration office at (509) 382-2543 or Jana Eaton at (509) 520-7051. Arrangements can be made for rural deliveries.



Waitsburg Schools Meal Drop off

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



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COMMENTARY & NEWS



Walla Walla-Columbia County Fire District #2 update

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

Fire District #2 commissioners met on Tuesday, May 12th at the Waitsburg Fire Station. The search for a part time fire chief for the district continues, as the May 1 deadline for letters of interest from candidates for the job passed with no applications received.

Commissioners will keep the application open and plan on increasing the sites for placing ads to attract applicants.

The purchase of four new automated external defibrillators (AEDs) was approved, along with a training module for the devices. The devices analyze the heart's rhythm and if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

The need for purchasing AED's was discussed during the Walla Walla County Commissioner's open house last October. The fact that Walla Walla County Sheriff's do not carry AEDs in their vehicles was seen to be a weak spot for treating Waitsburg area residents as the Fire District only possessed one at that time.

Commissioner's reviewed the District's new website which was designed by Waitsburg designer Suze

Wood. Wood was selected for the job after bids from two additional vendors were also reviewed. Wood's bid was competitively priced, the Commissioners were impressed with her experience, and pleased that she will be able to provide local support if needed.

In new business, concerns over Columbia Walla Walla Railroad's plan to store thirty 65' railcars containing butane gas on the company's side tracks between Waitsburg and Prescott were discussed. A series of emails provided by Liz Jessee, Director of Emergency Management for Walla Walla County, followed efforts to assess responsibility and hazmat risk between a number of state agencies.

Jason Lewis, Senior Transportation and Legislative Policy Advisor for Washington State's Utilities and Transportation Commission, responded in an email that the issue is very complex and that there are no regulations per state code other than the private track lease agreement.

Columbia Walla Walla Railroad Owner/President Paul Didelius responded in an email to The Times that "CWW LLC is unaware of any failures or incidents related to standing (non-moving) railcars of butane. Perhaps scores of rail yards, shippers, and re-

ceivers within the State of WA have butane cars sitting within at any moment."

District #2 Fire Commissioner Randy Charles stated that he would do research on Liquid Petroleum Gases (LPG's) and their storage in rural areas. He plans on developing a plan for the department to address any incidents resulting from the storage of these tanks.



Kate Hockersmith

One of thirty railway cars containing propane scheduled to be stored on sidetracks between Prescott and Waitsburg.

WWCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES NAMES DR. CHAD HICKOX PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE

Walla Walla—The Walla Walla Community College Board of Trustees Chair Tim Burt announced last week that Acting President Dr. Chad Hickox has been named the permanent President of the College effective May 20, 2020.

"In this rapidly changing environment, Dr. Hickox has proven he is a trusted leader who is well-qualified and ready to lead through these unprecedented times," said Board Chair Tim Burt. "The Board heard from members of the faculty, staff, and students, as well as members of the communities the College serves, who supported the selection of Dr. Hickox and asked that the Trustees consider his immediate appointment rather than engage in a lengthy, costly search process."

Hickox's professional experience in higher education spans 24 years and numerous roles with several colleges across the country.

"I am honored and eager to continue this important work and believe I have the right strategic vision and collaborative colleagues across the institution to lead this outstanding community college into a bright future," said Dr. Hickox

Hickox has served as Walla Walla Community College Acting President since March of 2020. He came to WWCC in February of 2018 as the Vice President of Instruction following an extensive interview process that included two full days of interviews in Walla Walla and Clarkston with a search committee of 24 mem-

bers drawn from all areas of the College. Since that time, he also has served as the Executive Vice President/Provost from July of 2019 until March of this year.

Prior to coming to Walla Walla, Hickox served as the Chief Academic Officer at a rural community college in Helena, Montana from 2015 to 2018. He served as the Accreditation Liaison Officer to the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) and gained valuable experience from 2008 to 2015 when he held a number of increasingly progressive leadership roles at South Seattle College, where he served as the Associate Dean of Academic Programs and both Interim and permanent Dean of Academic Programs before being named Chief Strategy and Chief Data Officer. In these roles, he participated with a number of national higher education coalitions, including collaboratively securing grants from the National Science Foundation that focused on promoting women, students of color, socio-economically disadvantaged,

Hickox lives in Walla Walla with his wife and two sons.



Dr. Chad Hickox

BIRTHDAYS

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

May 29: David Moser, Geraine Hansen, Harry Seaton, Randall Johnson, Betty Wood, James Angell, Andrea Estes, Cody Nordheim and Nick Stroobants. Enzo Harri.

May 30: Preston Hinchliffe, Melissa Huwe and Amy Thomas.

May 31: Kathleen Smith, Valerie Coe.

June 1: Sean Baker, Virginia Beckel, Gary Peters, Jimmy Fisher and Jon Bickelhaupt.

June 2: Jared Farley, Mitch Adams, Matthew Leid, Jerri Lambert, Becki Maki, Dallas Uthe, Shannon Mock, Cathy Eastwood, Angela DeLong, Amber Mellish, Jillian Henze.

June 3: Jim Bloor, Janice Klick, Melinda Nubla, June Van Denventer, Lynne Robinson and Sharon Sherlock.

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Three candidates vie for Superior Court Judge for Asotin, Garfield, and Columbia counties

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Vic Bottomly is a private practice attorney in Clarkston, Wash., focusing on Criminal and Civil Law for Asotin, Garfield and Columbia Counties.

Bottomly said he never before set out to be a judge because he has been happy in his 27-year career as a trial lawyer.

But over the past several years the Superior Courts in the three counties have struggled with an increasing caseload and lack of resources. The courts have also had to “trudge” along without a sitting judge for over a year, Bottomly said.

“This created a large backlog for our dockets and brought case resolutions to a crawl. More recently, the COVID-19 pandemic has compounded delays. Our courts need to regroup and reorganize,” he said. “My interest in this position is simply to bring stability back to the judiciary and provide focus and energy on improving how our courts treat our citizens.”

Bottomly is licensed to practice law in Montana and Idaho, but the majority of his practice has been in Washington State. He said he has engaged in just about every area of law that might come before judges in the Superior Courts, as well as in the Federal



Vic Bottomly

courts. He said he is fortunate to have appeared before judges in almost every county in the state.

Bottomly attended the University of Montana School of Law and has an advanced tax law degree from the University of Washington School of Law.

Brooke J. Burns is a Court Commissioner in private practice in Clarkston, Wash., focusing on Family and Criminal Law. She said the focus on Family and Criminal law is good preparation for the role of Superior Court judge because those are the majority of cases they need to understand and rule on.

Over the years Burns has found herself frustrated when experiencing unsound legal decisions and/or bias, in the legal system, she said.

“The most important task as a judge is to make sure that you have looked at all of the evidence and that you apply the law,” she said. “That may sound obvious but you would be surprised how many times those essential elements are overlooked.”

She said, if she is elected, she will make sound decisions that are sound on the law and well-based on facts, the way she has always wanted to see from the bench.

“I’ve worked years to get here which is why I made the decision to file,” Burns said.

Burns is a graduate of the Creighton University of



Brooke J. Burns

Law and has practiced law in her hometown of Clarkston since 2006.

For **G. Scott Marinella** there is no substitution for judicial experience and the depth of cases. He said the trials he has handled during his thirty-six-year career as an attorney make him an excellent candidate for the position of Superior Court Judge.



G. Scott Marinella

Marinella has served as Columbia County’s District Court judge since 2002. Before that he was in private practice with local attorney and former state legislator, Terry Nealey. Marinella also served under Nealey as the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, which he said gave him a well-rounded legal practice in criminal and civil trial work.

For the past twenty years Marinella has served as a Court Commissioner in the Superior Court for Garfield and Asotin counties, and has served the judicial district as an elected Judge Pro-tempore, handling dockets in all three counties, including trials and various hearings.

Marinella said he is in the process of winding down his private practice, in Dayton.

“I am interested in working as a full-time judicial officer. It will be a great amount of work, but I am looking forward to it,” he said.

Marinella graduated from Gonzaga University School of Law in 1983 and has a background in business administration.

The candidates have filed, and the races are on!

THE TIMES

Filing for the 2020 elections closed last Friday, May 15, clarifying the races to come. A three-way competition is on for the Walla Walla County Commission District 1 seat. Currently held by two-term incumbent Jim Johnson of Waitsburg, he will not be seeking re-election after his successful battle with cancer.

The District 1 seat encompasses the central and southern voting districts in the city of Walla Walla and the south-central part of the county up to the Oregon state line.

Three Republicans have filed, including local business owner Jenny Mayberry (Hot Mama’s Espresso), Walla Walla realtor Roger Esparza, and Walla Walla County Sheriff’s Office employee Tom Cooper. There are no Democratic challengers.

The Walla Walla County Commissioners District 2 race leaves Todd Kimball, the incumbent, unopposed.

The Washington State House of Representatives, 16th Legislative District will see a change, as current 16th District Rep. Bill Jenkin, R-Prosser is not running for reelection for the Position 1 seat. He is a candidate for the Washington Senate seat currently held by Maureen Walsh, R-Walla Walla, who is not seeking another term. Jenkins will be facing Danielle Garbe Reser, D-Walla Walla, the former executive

director of the Sherwood Trust, who is also a decorated Foreign Service Officer with a 14-year career for the State Department. Waitsburg resident Perry Dozier, a Republican, a farmer and former Walla Walla County Commissioner, is the third candidate for that seat.

Walla Walla nurse Frances Chvatal has filed as a Democrat for the Position 1 seat currently held by Jenkin. She will face longtime Walla Walla farmer and businessman Republican Mark Klicker.

First-time candidate Carly Coburn, D-Pasco, will challenge Skyler Rude, R-Walla Walla for the 16th Legislative District Position 2 seat.

U.S. District 4 Congressional Rep. incumbent Dan Newhouse, R-Yakima will battle against five challengers: Libertarian Ryan Cooper of Pasco, Tracy “Justice” Wright, R-Grand Coulee, Douglas McKinley, D-Richland, independent candidate Evan Jones of Richland and Sarena Sloom, R-Kennewick.

Incumbent Cathy McMorris Rodgers faces four challengers for the 5th Congressional District seat she has held for 15 years. She will run against Spokane Democrat Dave Wilson, Spokane Valley Republican Stephen Major, Brendan O’Regan, an independent candidate who filed with a Seattle address, and Democrat Chris Armitage of Spokane Valley.



Perry Dozier



Roger Esparza



Bill Jenkin



Jenny Mayberry



Mark Klicker



Todd Kimball

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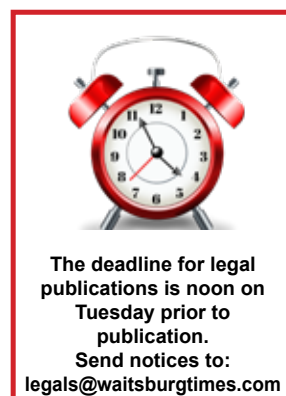
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The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any

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LIFESTYLES

TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Rhubarb Upside-Down Cake

Thank you for those who give me feedback on my recipes. Katheryn sent me a note on the Pecan Sandies and said she eliminated the nuts and used all butter instead of part oil and part butter and they turned out delicious. (This was in the original post. Let me know if you want that cookie recipe.)



In this one I did all sorts of wrong but it still turned out great. I read the ingredients for the topping and put it together as if I didn't need the directions. Then I started putting the ingredients together, thinking they were talking about the cake. I put the flour, sugar, and butter in a bowl. THEN, thinking for a cake that was odd. Yep, the butter needed to be blended with the sugar, and part of the sugar was supposed to be tossed with the rhubarb, so I had to fish out the butter, try to separate as much of the sugar and flour as I could, then start over. Sometimes I amuse or amaze myself.

The recipe calls for a nine inch pan.** If you have one of those truly two inch deep, no edge nine inch pans, it will work. My round nine inch pan has edges and is not quite two inches deep, therefore the cake baked onto the edges making it harder to get out of the pan. I do have a nine inch square pan that is deeper I wish I would have used, or a smaller oblong pan.

Plus, read the directions for the cake before putting it together, as the butter and sugar get divided, another goof I did.

INGREDIENTS:

Topping:

4 Tbsp unsalted butter, melted
 ½ c. all-purpose flour
 ¼ c. sugar
 Stir together butter, flour, sugar, and ¼ tsp salt until moist and crumbly.

Cake:

1# rhubarb
 1 ½ sticks unsalted butter, (divided)

room temperature plus more for buttering pan

2 large eggs
 1 ¾ c. sugar (divided)
 1 c. sour cream
 1 ½ c. flour
 1 ½ tsp baking powder
 Coarse salt
 ½ tsp finely grated orange zest plus 1 Tbsp fresh orange juice

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Make the topping, set aside. Butter a nine inch round pan**See note above. Dot with four tablespoons (half stick) butter cut into pieces. Toss rhubarb with ¾ cup of sugar, let stand for two minutes. Toss again and spread in pan.

Whisk together flour, baking powder, and 1 ½ teaspoons salt. Beat remaining stick of butter and cup of sugar with a mixer on medium speed until pale and fluffy. Beat in zest and juice. Beat in eggs, one at a time, until incorporated, scraping down sides of bowl. Beat in flour mixture in 3 additions, alternating with sour cream until smooth. Spread evenly over rhubarb. Crumble topping evenly over batter.

Bake until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean and top springs back when touched, about an hour. Let cool for 10 minutes. Run a knife around the edge of cake and invert onto a wire rack. Let cool completely.

Cook's note—Martha Stewart's—Let the cake cool for 10 minutes before removing it from the pan. The rhubarb will be too hot to handle safely right after baking, but if the cake sits too much longer, it may stick.

Variations: Martha doubled the amount of crumb topping and used one teaspoon finely grated lemon zest and one tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice instead of the orange zest and juice.

MY NOTES: I put in four cups of rhubarb, which also made the cake dough higher in the pan. I also doubled the topping as suggested, but couldn't use it all as I ran out of room. I didn't have either the orange or lemon zest and/or juice so added a teaspoon of vanilla.

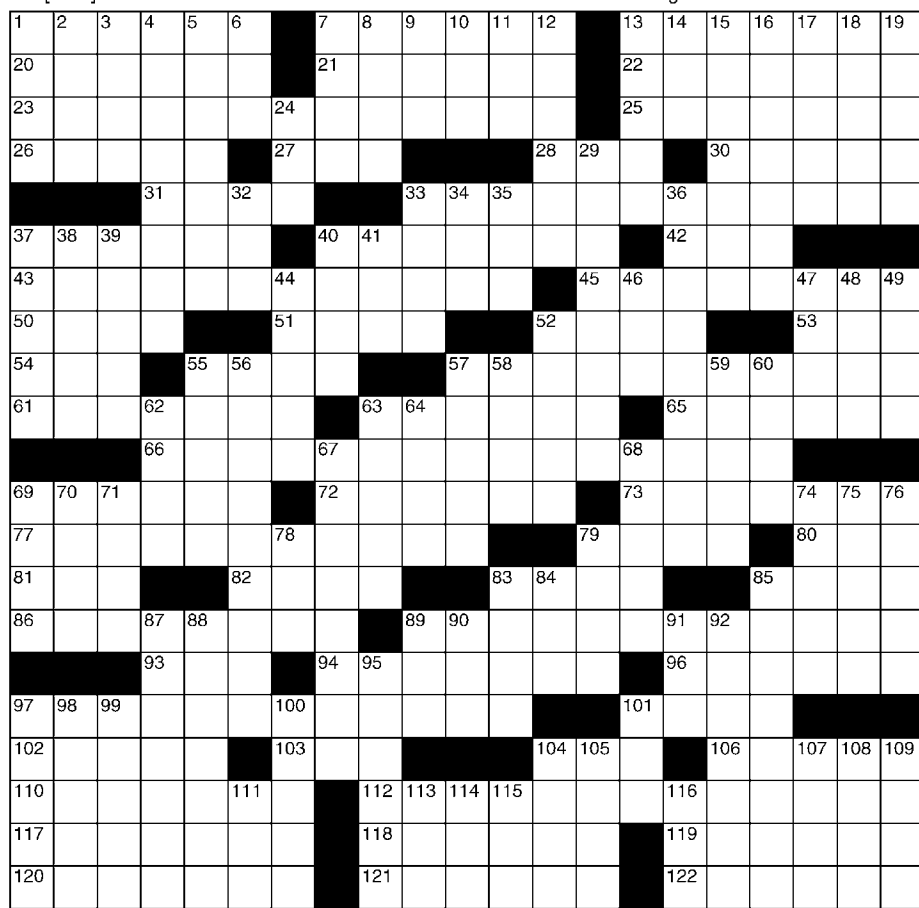
I added the description "divided" to the sugar and butter, so it will be easier to catch. It is a delicious cake and even with all my goofs, it was great.

ENJOY!

Super Crossword

FIRST-CLASS ATHLETES

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Pictures of our Class of 2020 Seniors in their caps and gowns will be posted on www.waitsburgsd.org on May 29, 2020.

Recorded reflections of each student of the Class of 2020 will be posted on www.waitsburgsd.org on May 29, 2020.

A Congratulation speech by Mr. Pickel, Waitsburg School District Superintendent will be posted on www.waitsburgsd.org on May 29, 2020.

The Honor Speeches from the Class of 2020 will be posted on www.waitsburgsd.org on May 29, 2020.

The Gallery Drive will leave from Preston Park at 6 p.m. on May 29, 2020.

The Gallery Drive will arrive at the WHS football field at 6:45 p.m. for graduates to receive individual recognition and receive their diplomas.

Waitsburg High School Class of 2020 Graduates

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Amy Farley
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Kirsten Miller

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Grace Coulston
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Amy Farley
Seamus House
Cason Nichols

To the Class of 2020



Superintendent Mark Pickel

Whatever you have planned for next fall, as best as you are able to, keep those plans. Whether its college, military service, apprenticeship programs or other form of post high school education, know that just 2 months ago all educational institutions, as well as the military have all had to make adjustments to their operation to put safety as their number one priority. Everyone has been working hard to figure out how to safely start and reinvent what your experiences will look like as you move forward.

If you think that you would like to take a gap year, please keep in mind the following (yes, I am going there!). Whatever you think you want to do during your gap year just remember that the opportunities for travel or for work may be limited. So really think that through before committing to anything.

Whatever you choose to do, do so with confidence,

Congratulations, graduates of Waitsburg High School. What a ride it has been this school year, especially these last few months. There are not a lot of classes that can say that they lived through a flood and a pandemic in the same school year!

So, what is next? As you contemplate your plans post high school, I offer you a couple of things to think about.

pride, and with a little attitude! We could not be more proud of what you have accomplished during your time here in Waitsburg. Your families and your community are tremendously proud of you. We are very excited for all of you as a new chapter begins. We cannot wait to see what great things you will accomplish!

Over the course of this year, I have observed some incredible moments;

- Our morning greetings as you went to and from the cafeteria with your breakfast.

- The compassion and patience you showed the elementary students whenever I witnessed your interactions with them.

- The pride I felt during the flood when you showed leadership, grit, and dedication to your community by sandbagging the levies and around homes to protect them from damage.

- The never-give-up attitude on the sports field. You showed an undeniable spirit of competitiveness while showing respect for your opponents (remember the Liberty Christian basketball game at home 50-49 buzzer beater- awesome!)

I would like to end with this. If you are lucky enough to find a career/job that you love going to everyday, you will never have to work a day in your life. That is my wish for all of you. Chase after your dreams with passion and gusto and find that thing that you love to do. If you can do that, you will never have to work a day in your life.

Wishing you all the best.

Sincerely,
Mr. Pickel

New traditions honor 2020 graduates' unique year



Mrs. Groom

long career, I can safely say I am meant to teach older students, especially seniors. Even though they drive me crazy once that Senioritis bug hits (sometimes as early as September, but usually between March and April), it is my joy and pleasure to watch high school seniors successfully finish a high school career. This year is no exception, but the end of the Class of 2020's high school year has been exceptional.

You, the Waitsburg High School Class of 2020, did not get to do those last projects in class. You did not get to participate in spring sports. You did not get to attend your last prom. You did not get to be honored at your final banquets. You did not get to walk down the aisle of the gym to receive your diploma. However, you did get to see and experience the love of your school and your community.

You did get a visit from the WHS staff when they honored you with a sign, letting everyone in town

I believe that every teacher has a special place in a school. Some are meant to teach littles, some are meant to teach middle school kids, some are meant to teach high school students. Even within these categories, teachers find that place where they are meant to be; where magic can happen in a classroom. For me, after my

know you are a member of the WHS Class of 2020. You did get to have a banner with your senior picture placed on Main Street. You did get adopted by a member of the community, adopted by a person you may or may not know. You did get to have your picture taken in your cap and gown. You did get to have a Gallery Parade around town and down Main Street on the night of your scheduled graduation. You have been honored in ways no senior class has ever been. The end of your senior year has been unique.

Rather than focusing on what has been lost, I hope the Class of 2020 will focus on what has been gained. Because of what has happened to the end of your senior year, maybe your experiences will result in new traditions. Perhaps, new ways of teaching and learning will result from our Distance Learning experience. As a staff, I want us to visit each senior in the future and place a sign in his or her yard. I hope we find a way to hang banners of our graduating seniors on Main Street every spring. I want us not to take the rituals and traditions of our community for granted, because we never know what tomorrow may bring. I trust, as your senior year comes to an end, you have learned how much people love you.

Congratulations Waitsburg High School Class of 2020. May the experiences of this spring teach you that you are resilient and with a little help from your friends, your family, your school, and your community, things lost can be things gained.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Groom

Wishes for the Class of 2020 from the Staff of Waitsburg High School

Mrs. Stephanie Wooderchak

It has been a pleasure to work with you over these past years. I wish you much happiness in your new life adventures.

Mr. Gabe Kiefel

I wish for each of you a rich life, full of authenticity. It has been said that to wish someone to live in interesting times or an exciting life could be considered a curse. This would be because interesting times may be full of surprises and discomfort. An exciting life carries with it the possibility of danger or injury. I do not wish for you a boring life. I hope that you may live a full life. However, I wish for you smooth sailing, calm waters, and an amount of predictability. I hope you find what you seek in this world and wish that you gain the wisdom to know what to do with it once you have found what you seek.

Ms. Kathy Pradere

I wish I could give to the senior Class of 2020 the graduation ceremony they deserve. You worked hard for many years and deserve to walk on stage, to have your name announced and to be handed your diploma in front of family and friends.

I applaud you for blazing forward with a unique graduation ceremony that will be remembered forever. I encourage you to continue striving towards achieving your goals and dreams. Even though the path you take may look a little different than you expected, you will have amazing stories to tell about how you got there.

Mrs. Liv Leid

BRAVO! You did it! Congratulations on your hard work and perseverance; I know it will pay off. I encourage you to live with life and to be courageous and adventurous. What a proud day, and I couldn't be happier for you! "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." Henry David Thoreau

Mrs. Nicole Abel

I wish for you strong work ethic. Have fun with what you are doing, and be proud of what you have done.

Mr. Matt Elder

Find something that you truly love. Understand that you are powerful. Be curious. Don't be afraid to be earnest. Know that many things that feel personal are often random. Remember the compliments you receive, forget the insults, if you succeed in doing this, please tell me how. Be careful whose advice you buy, but be patient with those who supply it. Advice is a form of nostalgia. Dispensing it is a way of fishing the past from the disposal, wiping it off, painting over the ugly parts and recycling it for more than it's worth. Be kind to each other. Be proud of yourself. Be brilliant.

Mrs. Roseann Groom

You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one.
-Henry David Thoreau



Because your character is something that can never be taken from you without your permission and because it is built on the thousands of choices you make every day, I wish you...

- ...Patience when life's choices are difficult.
- ...Kindness when reaching out to others.
- ...Humility when choosing to behave authentically.
- ...Respect when showing people they are important.
- ...Selflessness when meeting the needs of others.
- ...Forgiveness, because it is an attribute of the strong.
- ...Honesty, so you live a life free of deception.
- ...Commitment, following through on promises and finishing what you begin.

GRAD ISSUE



Trinity Abel:

After graduating, Trinity plans to move to Walla Walla and get a job with a veterinary clinic. She plans on attending school to become a veterinary technician in the future.



Marley Ahler:

Marley has been accepted to her dream school, Eastern Washington University. She plans on going into the criminal justice field, and is leaning towards becoming a social worker.



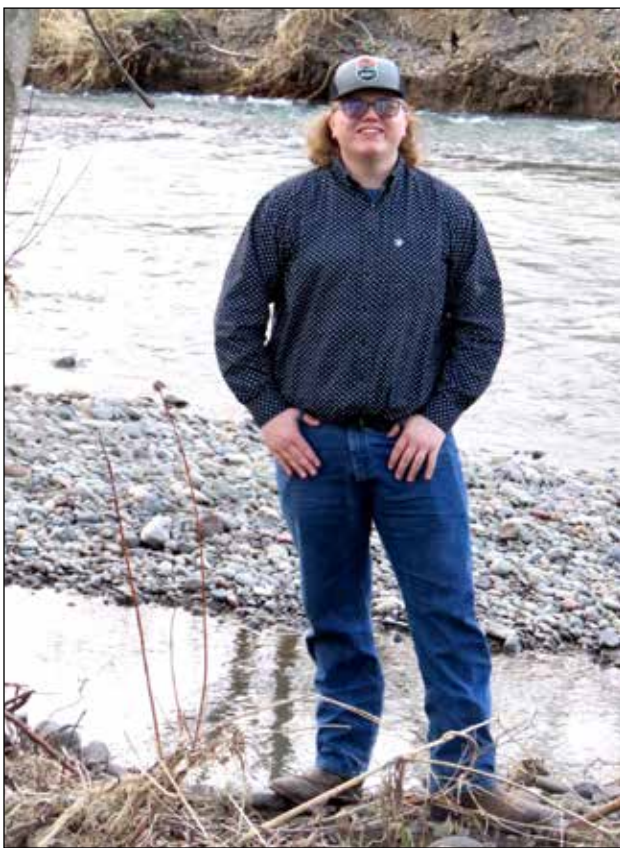
Logan Baker:

Logan will attend Walla Walla Community College for two years before transferring to Washington State University. His goal is to earn a Bachelor of Psychology degree.



Wyatt Bohlman

Wyatt plans on attending Walla Walla Community College's Diesel Technician program, as well as taking automotive technician courses through the Universal Technical Institute. His ultimate goal is to become an automotive engineer before opening his own auto shop, focusing on custom off road vehicles and servicing emergency vehicles.



McKellyn Bradham

McKellyn plans on traveling to Texas, where he will learn to climb and repair cell towers.



Huntlyr Clarno

After high school, Huntlyr plans on entering a work program. He wants to learn a trade, and is currently exploring trades to find the perfect fit.

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GRAD ISSUE



Grace Coulston

Grace plans on pursuing a career as a registered nurse. She will study at Walla Walla Community College.



Haylee Crow

Haylee plans on attending Walla Walla Community College and earning her AA degree, while deciding which career path she wants to pursue.



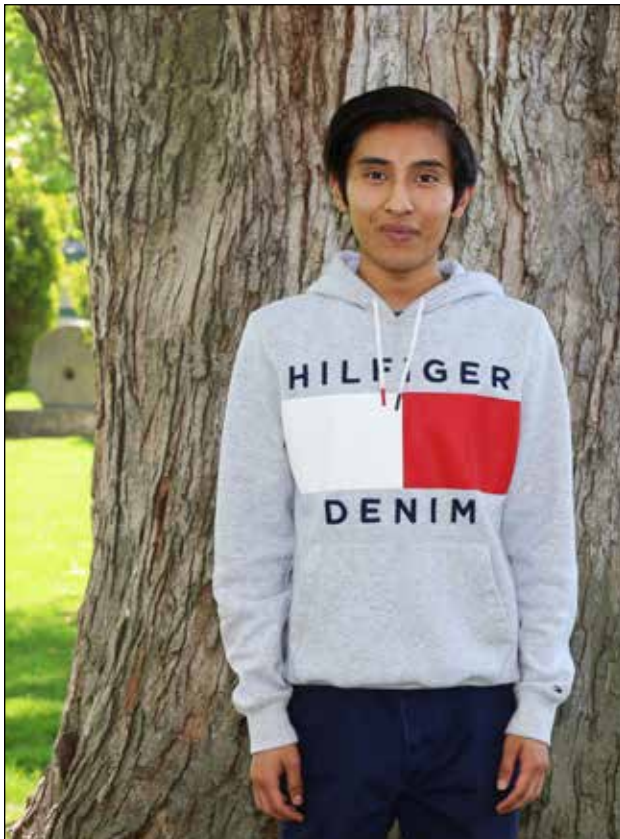
Tim Daves

Timothy plans on attending Walla Walla Community College. He plans on making his love of the outdoors a career by becoming a game warden.



Thomas Elder

Thomas plans on moving to Sitka, Alaska with his family before serving a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He plans on attending Brigham Young University after his mission.



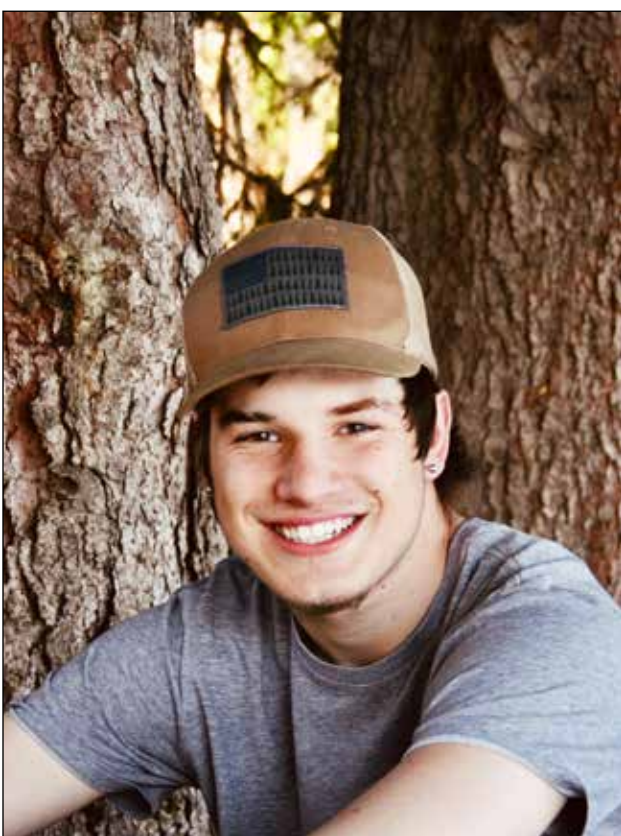
Alexis Espana-Silva

Alexis was a senior this year. Next year, sky's the limit.



Amy Farley

After graduation, Amy will be studying at the College of Idaho. She plans on becoming a physical therapist.



Gavin Gould

Gavin plans on working immediately following graduation. His ultimate goal is to go to lineman school.



Seamus House

Seamus will be attending University of Idaho, studying agriculture system management. Following college, he hopes to get a job at a local crop input company.



Braden Kitselman

After high school, Braden wants to attend lineman school. He is currently exploring programs to find the right fit for him.

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Kailyn Lewis

Kailyn will be attending Oregon Health and Science University. She plans on earning her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and becoming a pediatric oncology nurse practitioner.



Kadin McGee

Kadin plans on attending Walla Walla Community College. He will be pursuing a job in the information technology field.



Annelise Miller

Annelise (Anna) is planning on joining the United States Army. Her goal is to become a military lawyer.



Kirsten Miller

Kirsten will be moving to Hawaii, where she plans on studying at the University of Hawaii Manoa. She plans on becoming a marine biologist.



Issac Montoya

Issac plans on taking a year off from school so he can explore his interests and career paths. He plans on picking academia back up, and attending the appropriate school.



Kevin Murphy

Kevin served as the Waitsburg City Council student representative during his senior year of high school. He's hitting the graduation trail with limitless options.



GRAD ISSUE



Cason Nichols

Cason plans on attending Eastern Washington University in Cheney, WA.



Andrew Reeves

Andrew plans on attending cosmetology school, with a goal of becoming a barber.



Bradley Sandau

Bradley will be attending Washington State University, where he will work to earn a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.



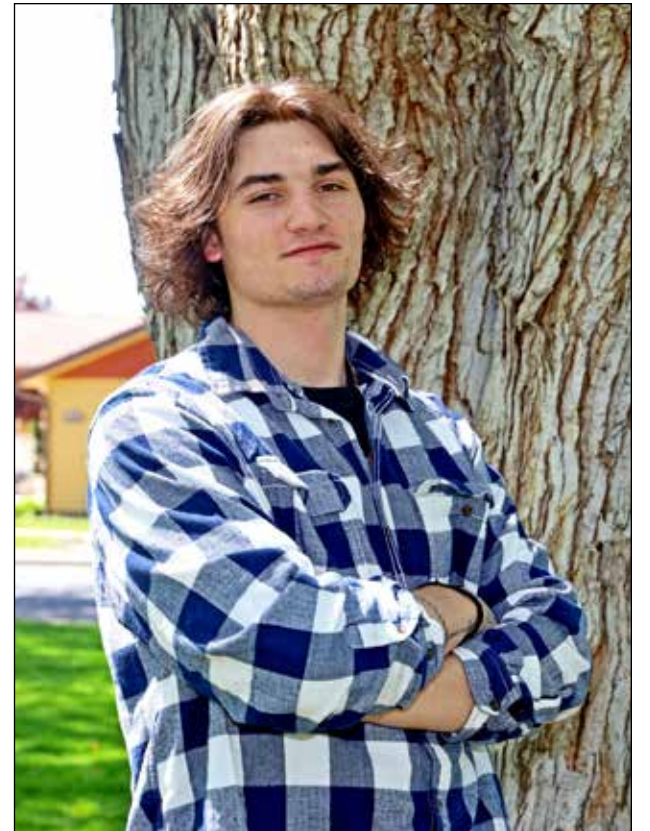
Christian Watson-Solis

After high school, Christian will attend trade school and become an electrician. He wants to move to the Tri Cities, and eventually travel the states.



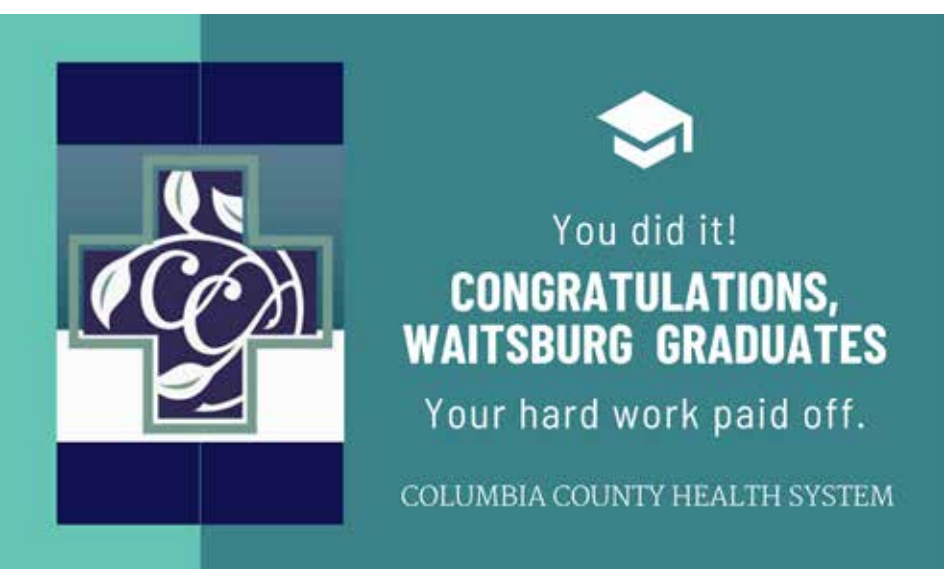
Hannah Tiner

Hannah will be attending Walla Walla Community College for two years before transferring to Eastern Washington University. She will be studying early education, with a goal of becoming a kindergarten teacher.



Johnny Wyatt

After graduation, Johnny will be joining the United States Army.



GRAD ISSUE



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**KEVIN MURPHY
ANNA MILLER
HAYLEE CROW
ANDREW REEVES
LOGAN BAKER**

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