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Lane Gwinn

Bill Rodgers has spent years raising this amazing collection of irises. He has been responsible for many of the iris patches that have sprung up over the last few years in town as he graciously shares bulbs during planting season.

Governor Inslee gives Columbia County the green light for Phase 2

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Columbia County is one of five counties in Washington that has been approved to move from Phase I to Phase II of Governor Jay Inslee's Phased Approach for Reopening Washington Plan.

Eligible businesses on the list for Phase II may open only after the state publishes its guidelines for that specific sector. The state is working to complete the guidelines and will publish each of them as they are finalized. Individual businesses are allowed to reopen when they have the ability to implement those guidelines.

In her newsletter on Friday, Port of Columbia Executive Director Jennie Dickinson said Columbia County agencies are working together to provide support to local businesses and residents as the county moves towards implementing Phase 2. 'Columbia County First' will likely be the mantra for providing services in Phase 2, because of concerns about how to manage an influx of visitors from other communities with higher infection rates.

She said plans are being made to provide local businesses with operational guidelines, along with a starter kit of personal protective equipment, sanitizer, gloves and masks.

Dickinson said keeping our citizens safe is a top priority for the public health department, and local agencies are working together to find a balance between allowing businesses to operate and protecting the population.

"Be assured our public health department is doing everything they can to respect the health of our citizens, while honoring the ability of many of our businesses to resume operations," Dickinson said.

Phase 2 guidelines can be accessed at: coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/safe-start.

WAITSBURG—RESPOND TO THE CENSUS!

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg residents' participation rate in the 2020 census is in the lower half for all of Washington state. So far only 40 percent of town residents have completed the survey.

If you haven't filled out a census form yet, go online and let's get Waitsburg's participation up to 100 percent!

The Census Bureau resumed field operations in the state on Monday, May 11. Census workers will resume delivering invitations and questionnaires to households that did not receive them before field operations were suspended in March.

Census workers will not ring doorbells or collect census information. All they will do is leave a questionnaire with instructions on how to respond at the front door. Census workers will have valid ID badges with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.

Deadline for the Self-Response Phase, online, phone and mailed self-responses, has been extended to October 31, 2020.

Our local participation rate as of May 10.

Waitsburg self-response = 40.2 percent

Walla Walla self-response = 60.3 percent

Dayton self-response = 62.4 percent

Washington State self-response = 63.8 percent

For information on how you can participate in this vital national count, visit my2020census.gov to begin.

One Waitsburg family has sewn 1,200 cloth masks and counting



Courtesy Photo

A small sample of the completed masks that the Winchester family has sent out to help protect people against the coronavirus.

Donations of elastic are needed

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Twelve hundred is a big number, especially when it is the 'projects completed and donated' tally. That is the number of cloth face masks that Skip and Lois Winchester, of Waitsburg, have sewn with the help of a few family members. Now, they are asking for the community's help finding elastic for the last 200 or so masks.

"It's been a lot of fun," said Lois. "The family time has been very nice, especially during these times." Lois, who is a sewer by trade, said that the roughly 1,400 masks have been sewn on three different machines and finished on a serger.

While the majority of the masks have already been given away to friends and family, there are at least 200 unfinished masks waiting on elastic before they can be put to work.

Skip and Lois, along with family members Mickey and Tawnya Richards and Chris Richards, have enjoyed sewing and distributing the masks to friends, family, and frontline workers who need the protection during the pandemic. Their masks have been sent as far away as Germany, where grandson Kyle Martin is stationed with the U.S. Army.

"We sent some masks all the way to Brooklyn. A good friend of ours is a captain there, and we sent some over for the EMTs in the department," Skip said.

According to Lois, each of the family members have their own tasks. Lois and her daughter-in-law Tawnya have been busy sewing the physical masks, using cotton fabric. Mickey has spent a fair amount of time sewing elastic on the masks.

"Chris has been busy cooking for us. She doesn't really like it, but she's pretty good at it," Lois said, while laughing. "No one is getting skinny." Chris has also been helping sew elastic on the masks.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

REMAINING TEST RESULTS FROM TYSON PLANT TO BE RELEASED THIS WEEK

The results of 38 pending COVID-19 test results from workers and inspectors at the Wallula, WA Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. plant will be released later this week, according to an email from the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health on Monday, May 11.

The last update from the DCH about the plant dated May 4, 2020 reported that 1,258 Tyson employees and 19 USDA inspectors have been tested, 1,239 test results have been received and 147 workers have tested positive. Workers at the plant reside in multiple counties including Walla Walla, Benton, Franklin and Umatilla.

A joint statement from Tyson Fresh Meats and Walla Walla DCH on Tuesday, May 5 announced the plant was resuming production after a brief shutdown. The plant announced the use of infrared thermometers to check workers temperatures before entering the plant, the distribution of protective facial coverings, the availability of wellness checks and the use of dedicated social distance monitors throughout the facility.

Tyson employees who tested positive will only return to work once they have met the criteria outlined by the CDC for safely returning employees. Employees who have not been tested or results are still pending will be unable to return to work, and all new hires will be tested prior to starting work.

Walla Walla, WA - Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH) is continuing to receive test results for employees tested at Tyson Foods in Wallula, WA. The DCH was able to test 1,258 Tyson employees and 19 United States Department of Agriculture inspectors working at Tyson, bringing the total of individuals tested during outbreak testing to 1,277. Below is a breakdown of the information DCH has received.

	4/29/20	5/01/20	5/02/20	5/4/20	Total of Received Results
Total Test Results Received	400	200	636	3	1,239
Positive Results*	56	60	28	3	147
Walla Walla County Positive Results	4	3	3	0	10
Negative Results	344	140	608	0	1,092
Remaining Pending Results to be Received	877	677	41	38	

*Positive results will not match Walla Walla County positive results as not all Tyson employees live in Walla Walla County.

GUIDELINES FOR OBSERVING MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY

WALLA WALLA—In observance of Memorial Day, the grounds at Mountain View Cemetery will be open to the public from dawn until dusk on May 22-25. Due to COVID-19, below are a few considerations for those planning to visit on Memorial Day weekend;

- Visitors are asked to strictly observe social distancing requirements while at the Cemetery.
- Families are encouraged to use the online burial service to locate those memorialized at the Cemetery. This tool can be found on the City's website at wallawalla.gov.
- Those planning to visit the Cemetery and requiring additional help in locating those memorialized at the Cemetery are encouraged to call the Cemetery office at (509) 527- 4485 a minimum of three days in advance of their visit for assistance.
- Cemetery staff will be available via phone to assist over Memorial Day weekend between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. In-person assistance will not be available.
- Cemetery maps and other supplemental information, including the Online Burial Search walk-through are available at the Cemetery kiosk near the office.
- To ensure the health and safety of Cemetery patrons, the Abby and City-owned Mausoleums will not be open to the public.

Flower arrangements are allowed in accordance with the Cemetery Flower Policy, which can be found online at wallawalla.gov.

Visitors are asked to be respectful of the Cemetery Flower Policy and should note that flower arrangements left on Cemetery grounds will be removed by City staff starting Monday, June 1 in order to allow staff to resume grounds maintenance.

ALL WHEELS WEEKEND 2020 CANCELED

DAYTON—The Dayton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors voted on May 6 to cancel All Wheels Weekend, the 26th annual car show scheduled for Father's Day Weekend, June 19-21. The decision to cancel was based on concerns over bringing large crowds into the community during the four-phase reopening of businesses due to the coronavirus pandemic.



"It would not be wise or socially responsible to bring large crowds from outside into our community right now," said Board Director Bette Lou Crothers, chair of the All Wheels Weekend Committee. Although Columbia County has received a variance to move to Phase 2 of the Governor's Safe Start plan, this phase only allows groups of up to five people gather together. Columbia County would need to be in Phase 4, where groups of more than 50 people could gather, to consider holding the event.

"It's with heavy hearts that we had to make this decision," said Crothers. "All the committee members put in long hours to make this event happen each year, and it was a tough decision for everyone."

The board discussed moving the event, but many other communities have also cancelled or rescheduled big summer events. "If we move the event, we run the risk of landing on someone else's date," said Chamber Board President Brian St. Clair. "It's like a game of musical chairs."

Although the event that draws thousands to Dayton will not happen this year, Crothers said she is hoping for a local town celebration. The Chamber will also be selling commemorative t-shirts, featuring the 100-year anniversary of Dingles of Dayton.

Sponsors and event registrants will be given the option of receiving a refund or rolling their sponsorship or registration fee into next year. For more information about refunds or ordering t-shirts, contact the Chamber at historicdayton.com or call (509) 382-4825.

Crothers said she is looking forward to seeing everyone back in Dayton for All Wheels Weekend in 2021.

Touchet Valley Weather

May 13, 2020

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Wednesday	Few Showers	67	46
Thursday	Scattered Rain	65	48
Friday	Partly Cloudy	68	50
Saturday	Mostly Cloudy	75	52
Sunday	Few Showers	69	49
Monday	Scattered Rain	68	48
Tuesday	Few Showers	62	42

Weather Trivia

When is a wind advisory issued by the National Weather Service?

Answer: When sustained winds reach 30 mph or gusts reach 40 mph.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	79	46	67/46	0.00"	0.75"
Wednesday	62	42	68/46	0.75"	0.49"
Thursday	66	42	68/46	0.00"	+0.26"
Friday	73	38	68/46	0.00"	59.3°
Saturday	80	45	69/47	0.00"	57.4°
Sunday	80	53	69/47	0.00"	+1.9°
Monday	72	52	69/47	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	5:22 a.m.	8:17 p.m.	1:52 a.m.	11:05 a.m.
Thursday	5:21 a.m.	8:18 p.m.	2:25 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
Friday	5:20 a.m.	8:19 p.m.	2:52 a.m.	1:14 p.m.
Saturday	5:18 a.m.	8:20 p.m.	3:15 a.m.	2:17 p.m.
Sunday	5:17 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	3:36 a.m.	3:19 p.m.
Monday	5:16 a.m.	8:23 p.m.	3:56 a.m.	4:21 p.m.
Tuesday	5:15 a.m.	8:24 p.m.	4:15 a.m.	5:23 p.m.

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DAYTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY COMMUNITY MEMORIES PROJECT

Collecting and archiving coronavirus experiences

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton Memorial Library is undertaking the initial collection, maintenance, and eventual archive of accounts of coronavirus in Columbia County. The purpose of this Community Memories Project is to encourage agencies, organizations, and individuals to document their actions and experiences during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Caitlyn Dare, a staff member at the library, is asking for submissions of poetry, prose, diary entries, photographs, music, art, memes, videos, data collection, or any other medium that can be stored digitally.

"Our goal is to make all holdings available to the public for use and we are currently in talks with Washington Rural Heritage to possibly host submissions on their site," Dare said.

All material, along with the biographical information of the submitter, will be held securely by the Columbia County Rural Library District.

For more information about the Community Memories Projects or to submit material visit the Dayton Memorial Library online at: DaytonML.org/community-memories/.

INSLEE ANNOUNCES CONTACT TRACING INITIATIVE

Confidential efforts will help businesses open and stop spread of the virus

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Gov. Jay Inslee announced the launch of a statewide contact tracing plan on Tuesday, May 12 that will allow more businesses to open and more people to be active in public while helping to slow and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

"Contact tracing is another tool in our toolbox for tackling COVID-19 in Washington," Inslee said. "While we need to continue physical distancing, this will allow us to get a better handle on who gets sick and how the virus is spread, which is vital to re-opening our economy."

Local health departments will lead these efforts and the state Department of Health and its partners will support this work.

The information collected is only used by public health professionals and is confidential. It will not be shared. Contacts will not be told the name of the person who may have exposed them to COVID-19.

TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

THREE ADDITIONAL WASHINGTON COUNTIES APPROVED FOR EARLY MOVE TO NEXT PHASE OF REOPENING

THE TIMES

CAMP MURRAY, Wash.—On Monday, May 12, Washington State Secretary of Health John Wiesman approved applications from Wahkiakum, Skamania, and Stevens counties to move into Phase 2 of Gov. Jay Inslee's Safe Start plan.

This brings the total to eight counties. Last week, Secretary Wiesman approved variances for Columbia, Garfield, Lincoln, Ferry and Pend Oreille counties.

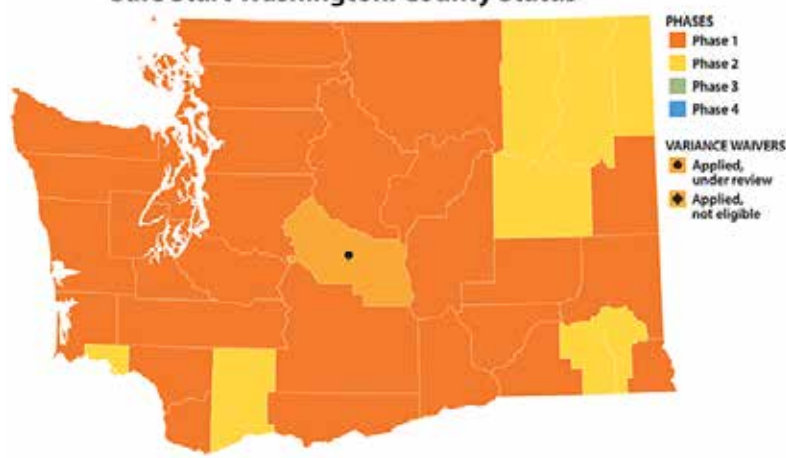
Businesses in the counties approved to move into Phase 2 must wait to reopen until guidance has been released for their industry on how to keep workers and the public safe. They must comply with all health and safety requirements outlined in that guidance to reopen.

To apply for a variance, counties must have a population of less than 75,000 and no new cases of COVID-19 in the last three weeks. The application process requires support from the local health officer, the local board of health, local hospitals, and the county commission/council.

Each county must demonstrate they have adequate local hospital bed capacity as well as adequate PPE supplies to keep health care workers safe. The application must include plans for:

- Making testing available and accessible to everyone in the county with symptoms
- Staffing case investigations and contact tracing
- Housing people in isolation or quarantine who can't or don't want to do so at home
- Providing case management services to those in isolation and quarantine

Safe Start Washington: County Status



- Responding rapidly to outbreaks in congregate settings.

The variance requests are reviewed by the secretary of health, who can approve the plans as submitted, approve with modifications or deny the application. If circumstances change within the jurisdiction, the variance can be revoked.

The state is still considering additional options to support different regional needs in reopening. Learn more about county variances and the statewide response to COVID-19 at coronavirus.wa.gov.

Individuals can also find COVID-19 information on the Department of Health's website or call 1-800-525-0127. Individuals can text the word "coronavirus" to 211-211 to receive information and updates on their phone wherever they are.

WASHINGTON WINS FEDERAL GRANT TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC RECOVERY FROM COVID-19

OLYMPIA—Unemployed workers throughout Washington will get jobs to help the state address and recover from the COVID-19 disaster, receive training for in-demand careers and get targeted help with their job search.

The \$12 million disaster recovery grant from the U.S. Department of Labor also will help the state's workforce system adapt to providing services virtually during and after the pandemic.

The grant will:

Place laid-off workers into jobs to respond to or mitigate effects of the COVID-19 disaster, including positions in emergency management; treatment and quarantine area set-up; unemployment claims intake; behavioral and developmental health, custodial services; delivery; food banks, shelters, and social and human services.

Provide more workers with:

- Career coaches to help create customized re-employment plans.
- Immediate help with job search and placement into jobs on the state's COVID-19 essential jobs list and other high-demand occupations.
- Short-term job readiness training for

laid-off workers.

- Longer-term training to help people enter secure careers as the economy recovers.
- Provide equipment, connectivity and training to help the state's workforce system adapt to virtual services.

The grant will prioritize help for people of color, those who are low income, and those who live in rural areas. The Employment Security Department, the Washington Workforce Association and the Workforce Training & Education Coordinating Board, which wrote the grant together, currently are determining exactly how many people the \$12 million will serve, but all agree the grant will kick start the state's efforts.

"These funds will help Washington begin its pivot from disaster response to economic recovery," said Gov. Jay Inslee. "Washington was among only six states that received \$12 million—the highest amount awarded. We're planning ahead and will apply for more grants to keep cranking up our economic engines."

"Like any good economic recovery plan, ours applies short- and long-term strategies," said Employment Security Department Commissioner Suzi LeVine. "Our first-

rate workforce development system will employ some people immediately and train others for jobs of the future."

The Employment Security Department will distribute the money using a formula based partly on the number of unemployed people in each of the state's 12 Workforce Development Areas. ESD and the state's Workforce Development Councils expect the money to be available soon.

"The need out there is so great, and we're committed to working with our partners to help Washington's businesses and workers survive these difficult times," said Kevin Perkey. Perkey is chief executive officer of the Workforce Southwest Workforce Development Council and president of the Washington Workforce Association, which represents the 12 WDCs.

People who have lost their job through no fault of their own are eligible to benefit under the grant rules. If interested, they should contact their local WorkSource center via phone or email. The Walla Walla region phone is (509) 527-4393 or via email at wallyajobs@esd.wa.gov. All WorkSource offices currently are closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

WAITSBURG SCHOOL'S KINDERGARTEN AND PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION PACKETS AVAILABLE MAY 18TH

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg Elementary will hold Kindergarten and Preschool registration for the Fall of 2020 on Monday, May 18th. There will be a drive thru station to pick-up registration packets from 8 a.m. to noon. The registration drive thru will be in the bus zone at the elementary school building. There will be another drive thru for drop-off of registration packets from 8 a.m. to noon on Monday, June 8th.

All children who turn five, on or before, August 31 and live within the Waitsburg School District boundaries are eligible to register for Kindergarten for the Fall of 2020. All children who turn three, on or before, August 31 and live within the Waitsburg School District boundaries are eligible to register for Preschool for the Fall of 2020.

A current immunization record and an official state birth certificate will be needed to register. Official Washington State birth certificates can be obtained at your local public health office.

If you are not able to register your child on the registration day, or if you have any questions, please contact Hannah Cole in the elementary office at hcole@waitsburgsd.org.

CHILDHOOD VACCINATION RATES DECLINING

CAMP MURRAY, Wash.—Immunization rates among children appear to be dropping during the COVID-19 pandemic. This leaves children and communities at risk.

Providers in Washington's Childhood Vaccine Program reported a 30 percent decrease in vaccinations for March and potentially a 42 percent decrease in April as data continue to be reported.

The amount of vaccine ordered by providers in March also fell both in Washington state and nationwide.

"We are concerned that babies and kids aren't getting all the vaccines they need to protect them," said Dr. Kathy Lofy, state health officer at the Washington State Department of Health. "Decreasing vaccinations increases the risk that we could see an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease."

Parents and guardians should make an appointment right away for any immunizations their child has missed.

"Now is the time to catch up. Talk to your doctor, nurse, or clinic about ways you can get vaccinated," Lofy said.

Find more guidance, here: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/PleaseContinueVaccinatingPatients.pdf>.

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.

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

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

Thurs., May 14

- Salisbury Steak
- Mashed potatoes
- Gravy
- Capri veggies
- Salad
- Cookie & Milk

Tues., May 19

- Spaghetti
- Garlic Bread
- Corn
- Caesar salad
- Fruit & Milk

WAITSBURG SENIOR LUNCH MENU

Waitsburg Senior Center
504 Main Street

Tues., May 19

- Spaghetti & meat sauce
- Veggies
- Salad bar
- Bread
- Brownie
- MOW: Garden salad



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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Each Sunday
337-8898
Rev. Matthew Wyatt

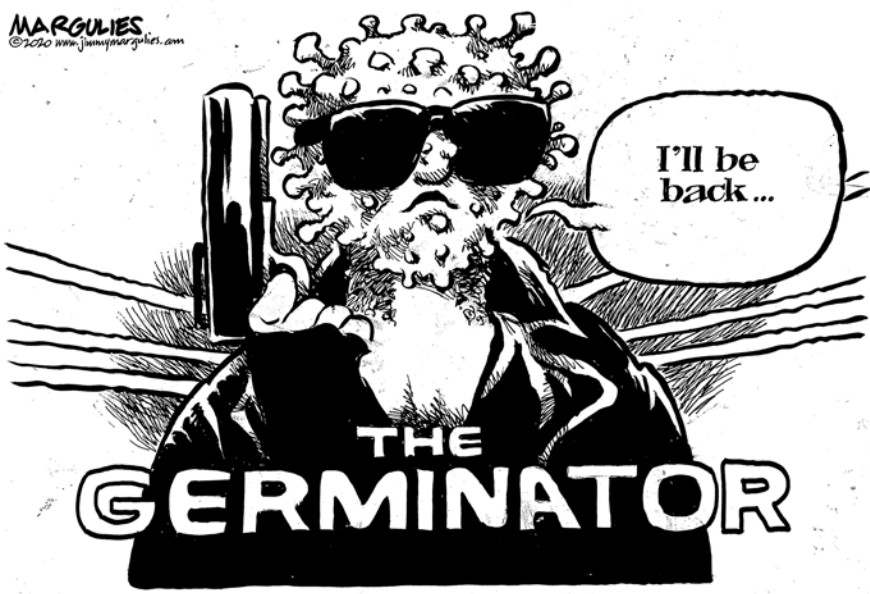


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Back to the wild

It's a whole new outdoor recreation world

THE TIMES

Exploring the outdoors feeds our souls and helps keep us healthy, when done responsibly. Yet, as we begin to once again enjoy these benefits, we must keep the wellbeing of all of us in mind.

For several weeks, Washington residents have put protecting their families and communities above enjoying our natural landscapes. As leaders in Washington's outdoor recreation community, we want to say thank you for this sacrifice. Fortunately, as Washington's state-managed lands, including parks, forests, natural and wildlife areas, begin to reopen for day use, we can once more enjoy the activities and environments we love.

Reopening comes with responsibility, however. We know COVID-19 is still here, and we should be recreating differently if we want to be safe and keep these areas open for us all to enjoy.

Regardless of how you spend time outdoors, you have a role to play. Lead by example – minimize the risks you take and the risks you pose to others.

It's not, of course, the outdoors itself that spreads COVID-19. It's the people, like us, who live in this state because we love the outdoors. With so many of us having been cooped up for weeks, the opportunity to explore our state's natural areas is a compelling draw. And yes, we can do that safely -- by taking responsibility for our actions.

To lead by example, each of us should be willing to have a backup plan when a site is crowded. Each of us should come prepared with face coverings for the unexpected situation when maintaining 6 feet of physical distance from others becomes impossible. Each of us should pack toilet paper and the essentials for frequent hand-washing or sanitizing. Each of us should exercise the self-control to stay home when we have even an inkling that we might be sick, or if we believe we may have been exposed to COVID-19.

For many of us, enjoying the outdoors means spending time with family and friends. During this time of reopening, we suggest that you enjoy the outdoors with only people from your household. If you do meet others, travel separately, stay 6 feet apart, bring your own gear, and disinfect shared surfaces frequently. But also remember that the best way to value your friends and family is to protect each other. Consider waiting to embark on that shared trip.

Please take care in selecting your destination. We suggest sites close to home. This could reduce the chance that COVID-19 could spread to unimpacted communities, or accidentally bringing it back to your community. Now is the perfect time to discover your local recreation sites. With some research, you may also be able to find less used trails, waters and recreation areas that are off the beaten path and less likely

to attract crowds.

Check before lighting a campfire, as the COVID situation has increased firefighting complexity and some burns bans are already in place.

Enjoy day trips, as all camping on state lands is still closed. Fill your cooler and gas tank before leaving your neighborhood, and plan to be back home before needing more supplies.

And, before heading out, it's best to confirm that your intended destination is open. Many sites, whether local, tribal, or federal, particularly those where maintaining proper physical distancing could be difficult, remain closed. Please respect these closures.

Finally, if you pack it in, pack it out. Trash cans may be available – but don't use them. If you are able, take that trash home with you. With more visitors and fewer maintenance staff, we're asking you to lead by example here too. Restrooms offer a special challenge; they may not currently be open or meet typical cleanliness levels due to high use and limited staff. There are many options for safely managing your own human waste and, if necessary, you should be prepared to do so. Piles of garbage, or worse, may put that site in jeopardy of being shut down, not because of COVID-19, but for unsanitary conditions. Nobody wants that.

If you, we, and all of us, act as leaders in our communities and embrace these changes to recreating in the outdoors, we begin to create the norms that can ensure safe and ongoing access to public lands and outdoor recreation for everyone.

It's a whole new world out there, so please, Washington, practice responsible recreation as you go back to the wild.

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April 15

Malicious Mischief investigation in Waitsburg at 137 Main Street, Waitsburg, WA.

April 21

Residential burglary that occurred sometime over the last week at an address in the 17000 block of E. HWY 12, Waitsburg, WA.

May 5

Someone illegally dumped a bunch of garbage in between the old barracks at the Airport, 180 E. Lear Ave., Walla Walla County.

May 6

A man and his wife were attacked by their own dogs at an address in the 500 block of Gose Street in Walla Walla County.

May 8

A compound bow was located in the back of a pickup truck, on Preston Ave. in Waitsburg sometime in the past 3 weeks.

An unknown driver backed into a light pole at 605 Main Street in Waitsburg and destroyed it.

May 9

A cargo container located on Charbonneau Drive was spray painted with gang-related graffiti overnight, Burbank, WA.

May 10

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Whitney M. Baker

MARCH 26, 1985-MAY 7, 2020

"Sometimes it takes more faith when there is no miracle."

-Author unknown

SPOKANE—Former Waitsburg resident Whitney Marie Baker, 35, of Spokane Valley, died May 7, 2020, at Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center.

She was born March 26, 1985, in Walla Walla, to Loyal and Kathy (Berry) Baker. Her first days involved hospitalization at Children's Orthopedic Hospital in Seattle due to medical complications following her birth. She was later diagnosed with a deletion and duplication of chromosome 22q, and genetic specialists predicted she would not live to one year of age.

Her medically fragile condition resulted in frequent illnesses, doctor appointments and late-night visits to the emergency room to battle pneumonia, ear infections and RSV. She was later diagnosed with severe reflux. In addition to those medical struggles, her chromosome rearrangement caused her profound mental and physical handicaps.

At age 2½, her parents placed her at St. Anne's Children's Home in Spokane where she received excellent around-the-clock care from nurses, with in-house physical and occupational therapy. She became roommates with Kelly Higgins, with whom she shared life for the next 27½ years.

While at St. Anne's, Whitney was often called upon to appear in television news segments and in other promotional, fund-raising efforts for St. Anne's and Catholic Charities. She was subject of a front-page feature story in the Spokesman-Review which told of the great love caregivers and staff of St. Anne's showed to her and to her family.

St. Anne's closed in 1994 and Whitney and several of the children moved to a group home in the Spokane Valley. After living in a succession of residen-

tial settings, the Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) of Spokane established the Valley ARC where Whitney and five of her friends from St. Anne's set up housekeeping.

Her parents continued their involvement in her life through the years, advocating for her and being her voice—and as a voice for disabled people—challenging D.S.H.S decisions with litigation—and winning—and in testimony before legislators.

Whitney's longevity was because of the love her parents and brothers, Matthew and Morgan, and because of the dedicated loving care she received from a long line of care givers, therapists, nurses, doctors, administrators and her life-long friend and roommate Kelly.

Whitney was an honorary member of the Waitsburg High School Class of 2003. She was a member of Chapter BE, P.E.O., Waitsburg.

She is survived by her mother, Kathy Atkinson and stepfather Jim, of Post Falls, Id.; father Loyal Baker and stepmother Charlotte, of Spokane and Dayton; brother Matthew Baker and sister-in-law Corinne of Loveland, Colo.; brother Morgan Baker and girlfriend Carina Wedel, of Spokane; nephews Drayson and Graham Baker of Loveland, Colo.; stepsister Ashleigh Atkinson-McNabb (Bob) of Ireland; stepsister Emi-

ly Atkinson of Carlisle, Penn.; stepsister Tessa Stewart of Spokane; stepbrother Christopher (Monica) of Spokane Valley; stepbrother Matthew Truesdale (Juanita) of Spokane Valley; stepsister Jennifer Sparks (Chris) of Richlands, N.C.; grandmother Joan (Berry) Summers and step-grandfather Larry of Walla Walla; grandmother Anita Baker of Waitsburg; grandparents Ron and Peggy Brookshire of Walla Walla; aunt Colleen Berry of Glenwood Springs, Colo.; uncle and aunt Kevin (Debbie) of Hobart, Wash.; uncle and aunt Charles (Patty) Baker of Quilcene, Wash.; aunt and uncle Peggy (Randy) Mudd of Pasco, Wash.; first cousins: Tom (Nicole) Baker of Moscow, Id.; Molly Baker-Hendrickson of Sequim, Wash.; Daniel (Hannah) Baker of Moscow, Id.; Emilie Baker (Jake Scott) of Port Townsend, Wash.; and Anthony (Dannielle) Henry of Richland, Wash.; and numerous nieces, nephews and second cousins.

Whitney was preceded in death by her grandfather Theodore "Ted" E. Berry (1988); and grandfather Thomas "Tom" C. Baker (2016).

Many of her former housemates from St. Anne's and Valley ARC also preceded her in death: Kelly, Gabe, Brynn, Jesse, and Keith.

A memorial will be set and announced at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to ARC of Spokane, 320 E. 2nd Ave., Spokane, WA 99202; Joya Child and Family Development, 2118 W. Garland Ave., Spokane, WA 99205; Ted Berry Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Blue Mountain Community Foundation, P.O. Box 603, 22 E. Poplar St., Suite 206 Walla Walla, WA 99362; the Baker Mudd Nursing Scholarship Fund, also through the Blue Mountain Community Foundation; or a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the care of Herring-Groseclose Funeral Home, 315 W. Alder, Walla Walla, WA 99362.



Whitney M. Baker

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As for Skip, he is the self-proclaimed 'gofer guy.' "I go out for materials and donations, and I deliver masks," he said.

The mask making and distributing has been brought to a standstill until the family is able to get more elastic. They are turning to the community for help, as they have been unable to find elastic 1" and smaller anywhere across the country. Lois says that ¾" elastic is preferred, but they have been cutting larger widths down to make it work.

With spring cleaning in full swing, the family is asking for any elastic or cotton fabric that people can donate. If you have 1" or smaller-width elastic to donate please call Skip and Lois at (503)-869-2376 and drop-off or pick-up can be arranged.



Courtesy Photo

Lois Winchester, and a few members of her family, have been using their quarantine time to sew reusable masks for friends, family, and frontline workers. The family has a large bag of masks that need elastic ear bands before they are ready to send out to the community.

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FILING PERIOD ENDS MAY 15 FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY OFFICES UP FOR RE-ELECTION THIS FALL

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The filing period for all Columbia County offices up for re-election this fall ends on May 15 at 4 p.m.

Open offices include Columbia County Commissioner District No. 1, and Columbia County Commissioner District No. 2, along with Precinct Committee Officers.

Candidates seeking to file must observe the social distancing of six feet while in the county auditor's office. The auditor's office is located on the second floor of the County Courthouse at 341 East Main Street.

May 18 at 4:30 is the final day for a candidate to withdraw from the ballot.

If there is a void in candidacy for any office during the filing period, a special filing period will be held. The Special Three-Day filing period will be held during normal business hours on June 1 through June 3, 2020.

LEGAL NOTICES

The Walla Walla County Conservation District (WWCCD) is issuing an Invitation to Bid on the McCaw Restoration Phase C Construction Project.

The project is located on the Touchet River approximately 2 miles west of Waitsburg. Major elements of this project include installing a series of large woody debris and engineered log jams in Touchet River. In-stream work window begins August 1, 2020 and concludes September 30, 2020.

Proposals will be for materials labor, equipment and appurtenant items required as per project plans and specifications. Bids must be guaranteed for 60 days from Project Award Date.

The complete bid packet is available at the WWCCD office, materials will be on a flash drive or hard copy. Given the current stay home restrictions, the USDA Service Center is closed for visitors. Please contact Lisa directly to arrange pick-up/drop-off of bid documents. (509)956-3762.

Proposals will include a statement of qualifications and the elements of which will be used to verify the bid. A 5% Bid Guarantee or equivalent will be required. The project will follow Davis-Bacon wage determinations (Prevailing Wages required).

Project Time Line:

Event	Time	Date
A. Invitation to Bid Advertised		May 7 and 14, 2020
B. Complete Bid Packet available	1 p.m.	May 11, 2020
C. Pre-bid meeting and site visit	9 a.m.	May 15, 2020
D. Proposals due no later than	3 p.m.	May 19, 2020
E. Bid Opening	3:05 p.m.	May 19, 2020
F. Project Awarded By	10 a.m.	May 22, 2020
G. Contract Signed By		May 26, 2020
H. Project Start Date		July 20, 2020
I. Project Completion Date		December 31, 2020

WWCCD retains the right to reject any and all bids and to waive minor irregularities in the bidding process. Bids must be received at the WWCCD office by the designated date and time.

For questions, please contact Lisa Stearns at (509)956-3762. Walla Walla County Conservation District, 325 North 13th Ave., Walla Walla, WA. 99362

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

No. 20-4-00062-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS PURSUANT TO RCW 11.40.030 Presented to WSDSHS

In re the Estate of: PATRICIA LOUISE TERTMAN, Deceased.

The personal representatives named below have been appointed as personal representatives of this estate. Any

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Date of filing notice to creditors with clerk of the court: 5-4-20
Date of first publication: May 7, 2020

Personal Representatives: AMIE WHITE
Attorney for Personal Representatives: Janelle M. Carman
Address for Mailing or Service: 6 East Alder Street, Suite 418 Walla Walla, Washington 99362

Court of Probate Proceedings: Superior Court of Walla Walla County
315 West Main Street Walla Walla, Washington 99362

SSN: Redacted
Respectfully Submitted this 4th day of May, 2020 by:

/s/ Janelle Carman, WSBA #31537
Attorney for Personal Representative

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

No. 20-4-00065-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS Presented to WSDSHS

In re the Estate of: ADRIENNE ELIZABETH BAILEY, Deceased.

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Date of filing notice to creditors with clerk of the court: 5-4-20
Date of first publication: May 7, 2020

Personal Representatives: CINDY WILLIAMSON and WILLIAM MCALPINE

Attorney for Personal Representatives: Janelle M. Carman
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Decedent's Social Security Number: redacted
Respectfully Submitted this 4th day of May, 2020 by:

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

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PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of: JEFFREY KIRK SCHNEIDER, 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.

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Virginia D. Schneider
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In re the Estate of: WANDA LEE BELL, Deceased.

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Vicki's pandemic bucket list

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

I know that we cannot remain a “sheltered at home” state forever; so I need to start facing reality. I am not usually a procrastinator, but since sheltering, I have seen a definite change in my behavior. Since I know I will be home all day again tomorrow, what’s the rush? The dirty laundry will still be dirty, the dust will only have grown (like my grey hair) and my windows will still be foggy.

Today is Monday, and the start of a new week; thoughts of my mother came flashing into my head. She was famous for regrouping and disciplining us by announcing “there’s a new regime now!” She’d declare “do your homework before going out to play, clean your room, and of course, quit picking on your brother!”

I have decided that today starts my new regime, but rather than a bucket list of things I need to get done, it’s more like a small pail—with a little hole in it (some stuff will most definitely leak out and not get done).

First and foremost, taxes. As soon as they announced a reprieve on filing taxes, I stuck mine in a drawer. It’s more fun buying wine than paying taxes and now I have until July! See, what’s the rush?

Laundry is stacking up, but Amazon just delivered three new pairs of pajama pants for Daniel, so now that’s not on the urgent list anymore. And, online shopping is much more fun than laundry.

I actually did sweep, Swiffer and wash my floors yesterday, but unfortunately my new vacuum seems to have died a quick death, so my carpets are still in need of help.

Closet cleaning and purging, a must! But, since hanging out at home doesn’t require much wardrobe thought, what’s the rush?

The refrigerator needs to be cleaned out. I know there is probably food molding and turning green, but what’s the rush? It’s already moldy, so can it get worse?

I bought some beautiful artwork from local Waitsburg artists last spring, yep, they’re still not hung, but why the expediency? I can’t have parties, so home dec-



orating is not a major priority.

Dust is piling up on the furniture and windowsills, no problem, I’ll just take another Claritin. And, I have plenty of tissues, and if they run out—I am now fully stocked with toilet paper.

I just spoke with the upholsterer, my fabric is being ordered, why clean the couch, it’s getting recovered.

Actually, I did feel motivated today to start dusting, but remembered the handyman is coming tomorrow to finish up work on the attic,

back door, and other dust creating projects, so that’s a futile project.

So much work to do! I recently read an editorial related to Mother’s Day, that reminded me that a “stay-at-home mom” carried the connotation that a woman didn’t work. When I was young, if asked what my parents did, my response was, “my father is a plumbing contractor, my mother doesn’t work.” Wow! Was I wrong! I realize just how much we took for granted. Stay-at-home moms do work, AND without pay.

How did she get all the cleaning and dishes done, meal planning, cooking, laundry, and ironing done all while being dragged on field trips, attending PTA meetings, taking care of my grandfather, helping us with homework, leading my sister’s and my 4-H club, and issuing not so gentle reminders to practice our musical instruments? All while planning her “new regime?”

I have it easy compared my mother, and that’s enough motivation to get me off my chair and into the laundry room. Hi ho, hi ho, it’s off to work I go, with leaky pail in hand, to start my new regime!

Emma's done with finals—now the real work begins!

By Emma Philbrook | THE TIMES

Finals are over. I’m done. I’d say I’m “finally” done, but that just feels like a bad pun even though I didn’t intend it as one and—ugh. Forget it. Finals are over.

If you can’t tell from that car crash of an opening paragraph, I’m still a bit burnt out from last week’s academic shenanigans. To be sure, my mental acuity is improving—I can more or less carry on a conversation now and I’ve stopped drooling on my shirt—but it’s going to take me a bit to get back to normal. And with my luck, by the time “normal” hits, grades will come out and knock me off my rocker once again.

On the other hand, the fact that we’re in the middle of a combination pandemic-recession and all I have to complain about is testing anxiety just goes to show that I probably shouldn’t be complaining at all.

With that in mind, it’s time to forget about finals and start enjoying summer!

...or trying to. The law school has a writing competition that starts right after finals, and because it has “writing” in the name, I went ahead and entered. The end product is due in a little over a week. Thankfully, I don’t have enough operative brain cells to panic yet, but I’m sure I’ll get there when the deadline approaches.

After that, though, summer will begin in earnest. I look forward to having more free time to waste in the same ways I wasted my free time during the school year—namely, crocheting and listening to Supreme Court arguments. I might also occasionally try to cook something.

Summer also provides a nice opportunity to get out of the house and go places. For most of the summer, those “places” will consist of Waitsburg’s various

sidewalks. However, I’m delighted to announce that I will, at some point, be taking an actual bona-fide trip on a real airplane and everything—back to South Bend to clear my apartment out so that I don’t lose my security deposit or my clothes. (Hey, it’s a change of scenery.)

Of course, I can’t fritter the whole summer away on civic engagement and rainbow afghans. Every student lawyer knows that summer employment is the key to getting an actual real-life paying job at some point in the future—and not to brag or anything, but I found some summer employment. I can’t tell you who hired me, but I can tell you where I’ll be working. (Hint: it’s the same place I’ve been working since spring break. Bonus hint: it rhymes with “ditch in cable.”)

Aside from work and play, I know that I should dedicate at least some of my summer to self-improvement. Besides exercising and refreshing my knowledge of the subjects I studied last year, I can work on breaking bad habits like slouching, being a clutterbug, overusing commas, and ending multiple paragraphs in a row with parentheticals. (I might wait a bit to start on those last couple, though.)

Many moons ago—well, two, to be exact—one of my professors asked one of my classmates what his plans were for spring break, and the classmate responded that he didn’t have any. The professor suggested Italy: “The flights are cheap, and you’ll probably recover.” We all got a good laugh out of that, which just goes to show how little we knew about the virus even such a short time ago, and how little we anticipated the impact it would have on our lives. (Five days later, I was at home when the school told me not to come back to South Bend.)

It’s shaping up to be a strange summer. Meanwhile, the siren song of my yarn basket is blaring in



Emma Philbrook

Emma shared a picture of a bag she made in November as a hostess gift for the wife of one of her professors.

my ears, and McGirt v. Oklahoma isn’t going to listen to itself.

The Cookie Chronicles

Chapter Seven—Mr. B Takes A Tumble
(On The Road Part Three)

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

We all travel for many different reasons, but one defining feature for any type of travel, whether for business, pleasure or pure adventure, is that it breaks you out of your day-to-day routines. If you work at home, and your family basically consists of your spouse and a dog, as ours does, then travel will throw a monkey wrench into just about everything.

One big reason for Cookie’s initial displeasure upon embarking (pun intended) on her first big road trip was this total disruption of her daily routine. Our day at the beach might well have compensated had it become the new daily routine. But such was not to be. We had many miles to go to reach our rented lodging in Palm Springs before there could even be a temporary new routine.

On the third day of our road trip we packed up the car and headed south along the Oregon coast, with stops now and again to stretch our legs and sniff the fresh salt air. The short winter daylight hours meant that we could only cover about 250 miles in a day, before stopping to find the evening’s food and lodging. A number of days passed in this way, until we found ourselves well south of San Francisco in a small town on California’s Central Coast, where we’d taken a dog-friendly room at the local Best Western.

By this time we’d learned a few things about traveling with Cookie. Finding a ground floor room within steps of a beach was rule number one. At home Cookie almost always sleeps through the night, but on the road things are not so predictable, and quite often in the middle of the night we’d be awakened by the dog rattling her collar, the signal that a bathroom break was required.

The first time we had to get up, get dressed, make our way with the dog down three flights of stairs to a motel parking lot, and then wait in the bitter cold while Cookie ran through her elaborate ritual of sniffing, circling, sniffing some more and then finally settling on the right spot, well, the first time was also the last time. We agreed never to settle for anything other than a ground floor room with quick access to the outdoors.

With practice it was getting easier to find a room. When entering the recep-



Courtesy photo

Cookie with Mr. B, a sweet memory.

tion area of a promising motel we’d always bring the pup in with us. She’s a shameless schmoozer, and can pretty much charm anyone. That, plus her petite stature and overall good nature, would generally do the trick.

Many motels do have a designated dog room, and this is often the worst room in the place. If you don’t mind sharing a kennel with your pet, these rooms are better than pitching a tent in a Walmart parking lot. But at the Best Western we’d scored an end room with an ocean view and a short patio opening onto a small courtyard. Perfect!

As we unpacked I opened the patio doors to get some fresh air. We were far enough south that it was pleasantly mild, and a lovely sunset was under way. Directly to our left a deep ravine opened up, with a steep drop, and a warning sign reading “Dangerous Ravine—Do Not Enter!”

“We’d better be careful!” I sternly told Mrs. G. “We don’t want Cookie running out of the room and down into that no man’s land.” No sooner had the words come out of my mouth than Cookie, standing just behind me, dropped Mr. B, who rolled across the deck, bounced over the side and – wait for it – fell straight down into the depths of the ravine.

“Dear God!” I muttered to myself, “now what?” It was already getting dark as I peered over the abyss into the underbrush. Cookie was ready to lead a rescue mission, but I was not entirely enrolled in that plan. I thought I spotted a blur of red about halfway down the slope. It could have been Mr. B, or possibly some sort of poisonous plant, many of which seem to populate large parts of California. Sensing my concern Mrs. G made an executive decision: “Come in and we’ll look for it in the morning!”

Is there anything more sorrowful and guilt-inducing than the plaintive look in the eyes of a small dog who’s just seen her ball go tumbling down into a ravine? I think not. As darkness settled in I brought the dejected Cookie back inside, closed the patio doors and set about getting ready for dinner. I knew I’d be waking up at the crack of dawn, and I’d better have my ropes, carabiners and quickdraws ready for the mission implausible I was about to undertake.

NEWS & SPORTS

WALLA WALLA FAIR AND FRONTIER DAYS IS STILL SCHEDULED FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND

The 154th event's fate to be decided at the end of June

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla County commissioners met with fairgrounds General Manager Bill Ogg last Friday to discuss the viability of the 2020 Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days amid the pandemic.

Roughly 30 events scheduled at the Walla Walla Fairgrounds have been cancelled this year due to the coronavirus pandemic, resulting in more than \$30,000 in revenue loss. Commissioners are concerned that, if the fair goes on as scheduled, the event may not be successful enough to cover expenses.

Fair Manager Bill Ogg was confident that the Fair and Frontier Days could be held safely, and he argued that people in the Walla Walla area are 'hungry for

wholesome, social interaction,' hoping the numbers would be close to previous years.

The commissioners made the decision to layoff four of the seven fairgrounds employees and halt seasonal and temporary hiring until a decision has been made. Ogg recommended that the commissioners wait until the end of June to reach a decision, however, commissioners Greg Tompkins and Todd Kimball think a decision may need to be made sooner. Along with financial concerns, commissioners are concerned about livestock exhibitors having successful shows and sales.

Currently, the Fair is scheduled for September 2-6. Ogg reported that the Fair's headlining band, Chicago, is still willing to perform, and many of the other vendors and contractors are still willing to provide entertainment.

The commissioners are taking public comments via email at wwcocommissioners@co.walla-walla.wa.us.

The Liberty Theater is temporarily closed, but its creative heart is still beating

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

When *the Times* last wrote about the Liberty Theater in Dayton, we described the efforts and planning that went into the staging of their celebratory 20th anniversary variety show. Set to open on Friday, March 20, 2020, the event was sadly derailed by the coronavirus.

The program was to feature favorite musical numbers from the Touchet Valley Arts Center's live theater productions over the past 20 years and was being directed by Peggy and Cara James.

Since that time, theater staff and board have been actively fundraising, getting organized and planning for the many different outcomes this pandemic is throwing their way.

Michael Ferrians, the Liberty Theater's Manager, happily recounted the organization's recent fundraising wins: a \$5,000 grant from Humanities Washington, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act; a \$1,000 grant from the Innovia Foundation and generous donations from local supporters Michael and Cathy Lee



Mike Ferrians



Haight who gave \$10,000, and Skip and Julia Mead who donated \$5,000.

Ferrians noted with gratitude that... "...we are still getting checks in the mail from faithful patrons who are part of the community theater family. It means that people are thinking of us and still believing in what do, and we still have an important place in their hearts."

Thinking ahead to the future of upcoming events at the Theater involves putting together multiple scenarios depending where Columbia County is in terms of Washington State's Safe Start plan.

Next up on the current schedule is their summer enrichment program which includes the summer children's film festival in July, and the annual visit of the Missoula Children's Theater; set to take place August 3-8.

Continuing with those events depends on what the situation looks like on July 1.

Following those events on the decision matrix is the fate of the big fall musical. While the staff and board at the theater were hoping to stage *Fiddler on the Roof*, as it was one of the Theaters most popular shows, and features well-loved and highly recognizable music with a powerful theme of community, it turns out the publishing house that licenses the play had it locked down due to a 'nearby' production in Boise, ID.

Fiddler was also hoped-for as a tribute to the late Steve Edwards "who was at the forefront of the starting the community theater program when the Liberty Theater was reopened," said Ferrians. Edwards last role on stage was as Tevye.

Instead, *The Sound of Music* is slated to go on stage. The popular stage play and later film, with music composed by Richard Rodgers with lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, will no doubt be as thrilling and impressive as last year's production of *Mary Poppins*.

Ferrians said "The fall show hinges on the next thing, if we're successful in getting to Phase 3 by July, we may be able to go forward with the fall show. Phase 3 would still require that the production works with groups of fewer than fifty people, and the audience would need to be kept to 50 percent of capacity." This would provide maximum audience seating of about 65 people and Ferrians is uncertain whether this would be financially feasible.

Another option going forward for the theater is if they were able to be released from their Sound of Music contract and move to a self-written show from their archives, thus saving licensing fees and bringing the cost of producing a show down.

Ferrians credits the hard work of the staff and board as they work together during these unusual times to ensure a future for the theater.

The staff is supported by the Board of Directors including President Kristine Takamura, Vice President Dave Molesh and Dr. Michael Luce as Treasurer.

"Michael Luce has been doing a bang-up job, not only by keeping our projections solid, but also helping us understand where we are with our finances and setting us up for our grant applications," noted Ferrians.

A request is in for a Core grant from the Sherwood Trust in Walla Walla and for a grant from ArtsWA for funding connected to the National Endowment for the Arts. The Theater was also approved for the Payroll Protection Program through the CARES Act of the federal government.

As for Ferrians himself? "I'm doing OK. As is well known, this ('Stay Safe, Stay Home' order) had been hard on the extroverted part of the society. I am a showman, I am a performer, I've been trying to adapt. It's been challenging emotionally to adjust to being shut down because you feel like you are being shut down for who you are as a person."

Ferrians has been expressing himself on Facebook by sharing performances of himself singing and playing the piano on his personal page.

Ferrians is very grateful for his community, "I think Dayton has been doing great on being smart and being safe and being healthy. I think people have been really good about taking care of each other and about supporting our small businesses and self-employed people."

If conquering COVID-19 was as simple as washing one's hands frequently, and minimizing risk by wearing a cloth face mask, no doubt the shows at the Liberty would go on.



Michael Luce

Steve Edwards starring as Tevye in the Liberty Theater's 2008 performance of *Fiddler on the Roof*.

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Could it be a grief reaction?

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Most of us are acquainted with the five stages of grief, which are; denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance, and most of us have experienced grief, firsthand, through the loss of a job, the loss of financial security, the end of an important relationship, or through the death of a loved one.

Can the feelings we are experiencing about the reality of COVID-19 be thought of as a grief reaction?

Chrisann Christensen, the Clinical Director at Blue Mountain Counseling thinks so, and said the loss of freedom, the loss of feeling safe and the loss of predictability are classic for grief.

Christensen said she has been thinking about the sense of loss and frustration this year's high school seniors must feel with the loss of a graduation ceremonies and celebrations that most of us have always taken for granted.

"Let's face it most of us may be feeling the same way," she said.

"I've learned you cannot rush through the grieving process. And normal is not a good word to use when talking about grieving because we all do it differently," Christensen said.

"What is a loss to me may not be a loss to you, and what makes me feel better may not work for you", she said.

She said a person doesn't necessarily start with the first stage of grief and move directly through to the last one.

"You may move back and forth and back and forth. You may skip one. You may feel stuck on one, perhaps

anger or depression," she said.

Christensen offers some suggestions for dealing with feelings during this time.

Faith practices help.

For the past several Sundays the Congregational Church has rung the church bell for 15 minutes. Christensen said she likes to sit outside and listen, then come up with a blessing or thanksgiving each time the bell rings.

A sympathetic ear can be a relief and can provide a much-needed distraction so reach out to friends and family for help, she said.

"Overthinking can lead to more problems, and we do not want that," she said.

"Physical activity is also useful for so many reasons," she said.

Also, hobbies, gardening, reading, knitting, crocheting, and crafting can fill in the minutes or hours where you are bored, sad, or depressed.

Christensen said the feelings of grief and loss usually ease over time, and people heal.

However, feelings of isolation, sleeping too little or too much, irritability, drug or alcohol dependence, or having thoughts about self-harm are reasons for concern.

Christensen said counselors at the Blue Mountain Counseling Center are available by phone at: (509) 382-1164.

1 (800) 273-8255 is the phone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

To access 24/7 crisis intervention services through the Veterans Administration Crisis Line call 1-800-TALK.

WALLA WALLA PROTESTS



Lane Gwinn

A group of 60-80 people gathered in downtown Walla Walla on Sunday, May 10 in protest of Gov. Jay Inslee's 'Stay Safe, Stay Home' proclamation. Organizer Kevin Davis of Dixie, WA spoke to those assembled using a loud speaker, warning that the partial shutdown of the local economy unfairly favored some businesses over others. Most who participated chose not to wear masks or observe six feet of social distancing space. Drivers passing by honked their horns and waved, receiving waves in return from the crowd.

Gardener's Grove: First harvest



Transplanting starts, laying mulch

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

IN THE WEEDS—Here it is, just after Mother's Day weekend, planting time. We Washingtonians are pretty much guaranteed a frost-free growth season from here on in. (Not so much for friends at higher elevations and/or in Colorado.) It seems as though the garden goes from an idea to a plan to behind schedule practically overnight.

Those plants started indoors can finally spread their roots in the garden beds or pots previously prepared for them. Working with plant starts is incredibly satisfying because at the end of the day there is a very visual representation of your efforts. This year's starts were Walla Walla sweet onions, tomatoes, Anaheim and jalapeno peppers.

With plants like corn, carrots, watermelon, and sweet mini peppers—those that prefer to be sown in place seem to take forever, delaying weeding efforts for weeks. Incorporating a combination of starts and plants sown in place helps keep the anticipation from mounting to a fever pitch.

Having never grown carrots before, it was tough to differentiate it from the weeds until the leaves split off into the familiar shape.

With all my attention going toward the flower beds with their passing tulips and swelling irises, or the garden beds with food, the yard itself has fallen by the wayside.

Seasoned gardeners say a plant is only a weed if it grows in an unwanted location. When dandelions begin to dominate over the grass, one has two choices: mount an all-out attack or decide that this is a dandelion field now.

My landlord, looking over all the yellow dandelion flowers reminded me that every part of the dandelion is edible. Yet, when asked if he was hungry for some dandelion, he declined.

Speaking of things you don't want in your garden, I've managed to keep our cats out with citrus peels and a vigorous sprinkling of red pepper flake, but these deterrents lose potency with every rain or watering. After seeing YouTube videos of cats being startled by aluminum foil on countertops I decided to experiment. With strategically placed aluminum foil, the felines' litter box plans are foiled.

Tell me, whose idea was it to double the size of the garden beds and, therefore, the workload? Mine? You're sure?

But all the work is not without its reward. We have already harvested eight of the sweetest, juiciest strawberries.

This week the buttercrunch lettuce will begin falling prey to lunchtime salad needs and there's at least another week's worth of growing necessary for the bok

choy, but boy when it arrives there will be more than plenty. Lesson for next year: stagger plantings by week so that we're not overrun at harvest.



Brianna Wray

Gardening is therapeutic, excellent exercise, and even provides a snack.

Above: From the castle there is corn, two rows covered in tarp in anticipation of pumpkins and bush beans, two rows with caged tomatoes, jalapeños and Anaheim peppers, (empty-looking) watermelon, (weedy-looking) mini bell peppers, buttercrunch lettuce, lush bok choy, strawberries, carrots, and then assorted flowers on the far right.

Pumpkin/watermelon challenge update:

As with all things there are ups and downs. I think the watermelon sprouts are coming along. Or the weeds are... whichever. Like carrots, watermelon is new for me.

Pumpkin seeds, not so much. I put the seeds in a wet paper towel inside a plastic bag, and I put the bag in the sun, but no movement yet. We'll just have to wait and see what comes up.



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WAITSBURG (NON)CELEBRATION DAYS CAR CRUISE, SATURDAY, MAY 16 AT 10 A.M.

In Celebration of Waitsburg, a social-distancing parade of antique and classic cars, trucks, and motorized vehicles will cruise from the North end of downtown Waitsburg down Main Street to 7th Street and Orchard, another right on 4th brings us back to Main Street and back to downtown on Saturday, May 16 at 10 a.m. Enjoy the cruise while maintaining six feet distancing from the comfort of your vehicle or home.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago May 19, 2011

For more than eight decades, several Dayton and Waitsburg families with FFA (Future Farmers of America) and 4-H have made the annual trek the first full week in May to the Spokane Fairgrounds to compete in the Junior Livestock Show of Spokane May 3-7. This year was the organization's 76th year.

Adams sisters Beka, 15, and Emily, 12 are each in the lead of a big event in the Touchet Valley. Beka, who was DRS Queen last year, will be in the Waitsburg parade as the Queen of Dayton Days this year. Dayton Days is next weekend. Emily will carry the flag in the Waitsburg Parade this Saturday. Both are avid and expert horseback riders.

Twenty-Five Years Ago May 11, 1995

Waitsburg Pharmacy is expected to close its doors by the end of June. Owner Sid Conner announced officially last weekend that after 27 years as the town's pharmacist he is retiring and moving to Richland to be closer to his two daughters who live there. "We have had a very comfortable life here," said Conner, who has been Waitsburg's druggist since 1968. Conner and his wife, Joyce have raised three daughters in Waitsburg.

The City Council in Waitsburg has approved an amendment to the current city budget to allow for the transfer of donations from a special pool improvement fund to the city to pay for work on the city's swimming pool.

In the last game of the season Friday, May 5, the Waitsburg Cardinals baseball team split a pair with Prescott, losing the first game, 4-2 and the winning the second game of the doubleheader, 4-2.

[Photo caption] George C. VanHorn, son of George and Patricia VanHorn of Waitsburg, has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. The 1994 graduate of Waitsburg High School received training in the mission, organization and customs of the Air Force as well as special training in human relations.

Fifty Years Ago May 21, 1970

Waitsburg woke up Wednesday morning to find the Days of Real Sport to be in a unique position for the first time in recent years. Because of some problems with equipment, Yakima will not run this weekend. Neither Seattle or Spokane will race over May 23-24. So the Days of Real Sport will be the only track operating in the state of Washington for these two days. Who knows, we may attract some of the horse fans from the coast and they could become addicted to the small track racing. Stranger things have happened.

The rumor floated through *the Times* shop Wednesday afternoon that Margaret Nettles Pierce has received her jockey license from the state and plans to ride this weekend. Margaret reigned over the Days of Real Sport as queen in 1964.

We were pleased to see that Mrs. Cecil Sharpe of Dayton had two of her students in the winner's circle with posters designed for the 'Keep Washington Green' contest which concluded recently.

Heredity is something you believe in when your child's report card is straight A.

One of the most noticeable things about a TV variety show is the singer who can't sing, and the audience that doesn't know it.

Seventy-Five Years Ago May 25, 1945

Henry Reimers took the eighth grade students on a field trip Tuesday visiting the old Whitman mission site, Fort Walla Walla on the Columbia, an Indian burying ground and stopped at monuments and historic markers along the way.

Miss Kathleen McCaw of Prescott, has been named to the May Queen's Court at Washington State College.

High school pranksters and other juveniles were warned today that the recently observed fad of wearing clothing with the letters "POW" stenciled on them, may get them into trouble.

One Hundred Years Ago May 28, 1920

Tex Rankin, of the recruiting station at Walla Walla, flew to this city Tuesday, making the trip in about 15 minutes.

The Priscilla Club accompanied by their husbands drove out to the A. J. McLaughlin home Tuesday evening where a farewell party was given in honor of Mrs. C. E. Brotherton. Mrs. Brotherton has leased a rooming house in Walla Walla and will move there with her family within a few days.

Miss Charlotte Neace entertained a number of her Waitsburg friends at her home in Walla Walla Sunday afternoon and evening in honor of her birthday. Those making the trip were Elsie Kinder, Metha Harsh, Mabel Van Slyke, Elizabeth McCoy, Gordon Leid and Lester Wade.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago May 31, 1895

Miss Addie Sanders returned to her home Saturday from the Baker school which closed Friday. She has been in attendance during the entire term.

Last Monday was Mrs. N. B. Denney's 66th birthday and 66 of her lady friends marched in on her home in Spring Valley, and took the place by storm. A delightfully pleasant time is reported.

It is now a fact that Waitsburg is to have a telephone exchange and every citizen will have an opportunity to not only talk with all his neighbors but with the people of outside cities and towns as well.

The roller skating business is being revived and probably next winter will witness a repetition of 89-90.

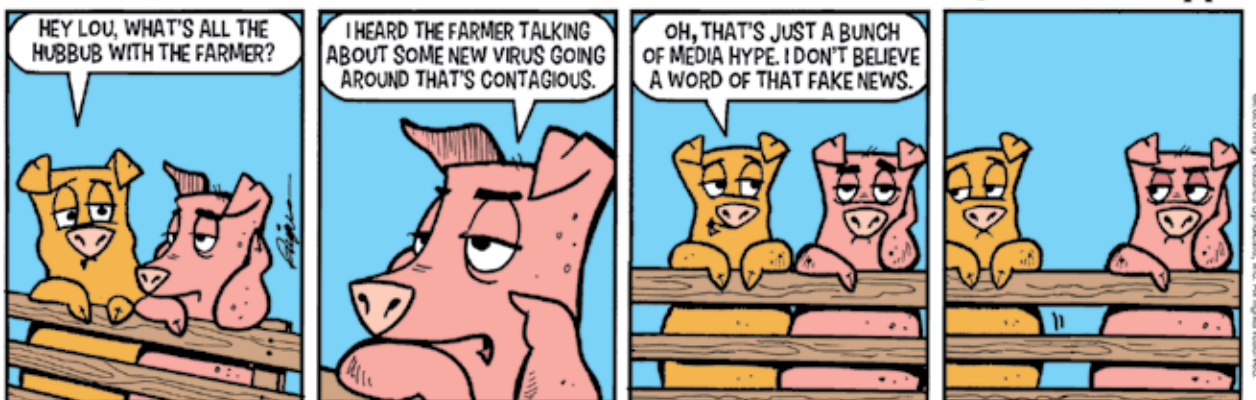
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



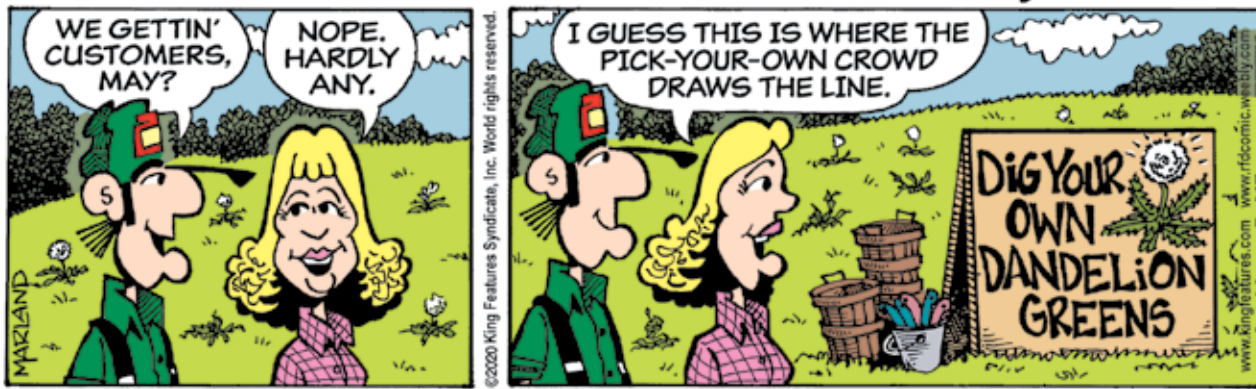
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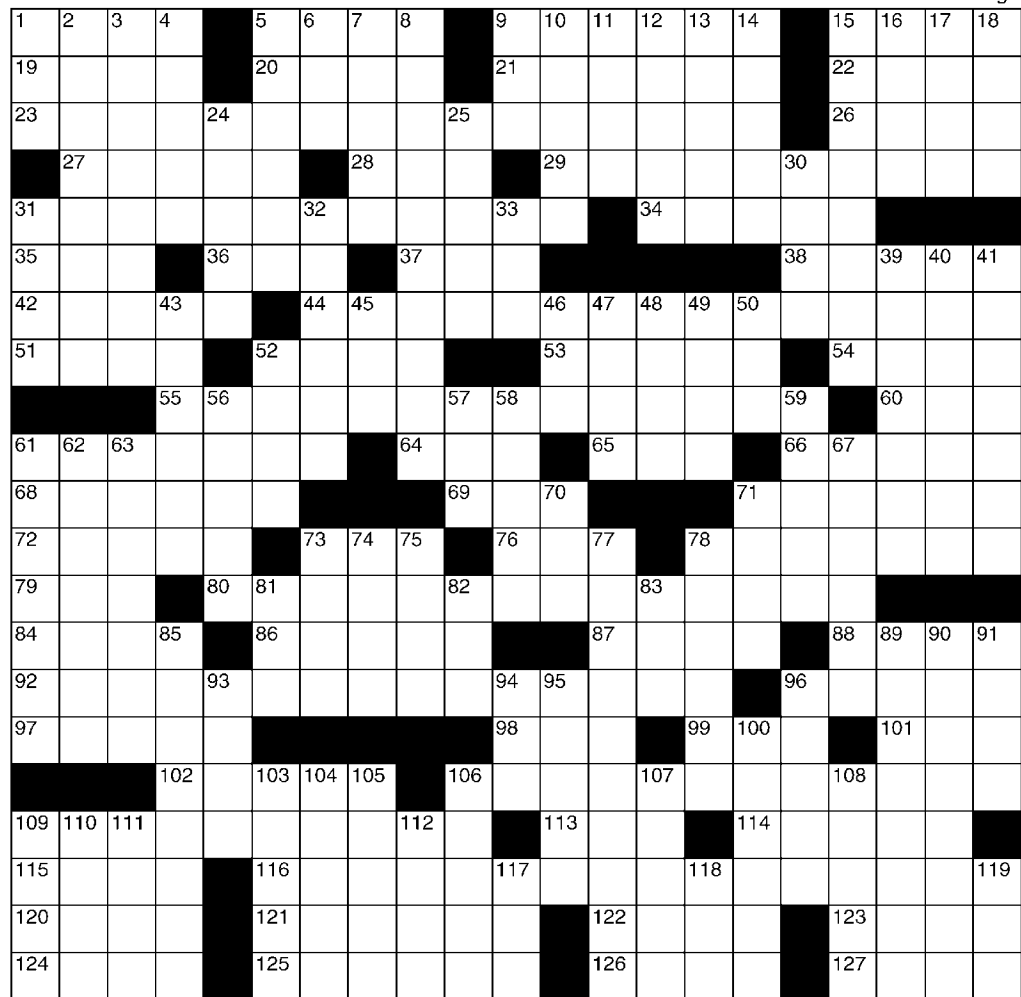


FUN & GAMES

Super Crossword

APPELLATION TRUNCATION

- ACROSS**
- 1 Duelist's weapon
 - 5 — Club (retail chain)
 - 9 Weds on the sly
 - 15 Swine food
 - 19 Carter of "Gimme a Break!"
 - 20 "Statt!"
 - 21 Film director George A. —
 - 22 Bluish hue
 - 23 Cruel Curry in a London borough?
 - 26 Kitty chip
 - 27 The real —
 - 28 Skirt's edge
 - 29 Give Mason the ax?
 - 31 Make do with Paul?
 - 34 "— a Letter to My Love" (1981 film)
 - 35 Road goop
 - 36 Song syllable
 - 37 Acne care brand
 - 38 Physics prize of note
 - 42 Show penitence
 - 44 College founded by Hagen?
 - 51 Heredity determiner
 - 52 Attired
 - 53 Flummoxed
 - 54 Mrs., in Bonn
 - 55 Question for Knotts when he's holding a package?
 - 60 Bygone space station
 - 61 Extreme joy
 - 64 Arcing tennis shot
 - 65 Second letter addendum: Abbr.
 - 66 Singer with the 2011 album "21"
 - 68 Goes by car
 - 69 Came in first
 - 71 Sculpting aid
 - 72 Not too tasty
 - 73 "— a Rock" (1966 hit)
 - 76 "Ni-i-ice!"
 - 78 Semis, say
 - 79 Go bad
 - 80 Return Shearer's phone call?
 - 84 Operatic solo
 - 86 Running shoe brand
 - 87 Traffic sound
 - 88 Billion : giga :: trillion : —
 - 92 Anthony championing personal liberties?
 - 96 — noires (bugbears)
 - 97 January, in Spain
 - 98 Coll. dorm supervisors
 - 99 — haw (donkey's sound)
 - 101 Moose kin
 - 102 With 111-Down, connect two dots, maybe
 - 106 Battling it out with
 - 109 Put Arthur on mood-stabilizing medication?
 - 113 Regatta tool
 - 114 Poet John
 - 115 Exclude
 - 116 "Whew, such a relief that Kahlo arrived!"
 - 120 Area
 - 121 Samplings
 - 122 Kin of beige
 - 123 Prep school on the Thames
 - 124 Tram loads
 - 125 Ukrainian port city
 - 126 Exclude
 - 127 Unit of force
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Sheffield loc.
 - 2 Pervade
 - 3 It's negatively charged
 - 4 Vote in
 - 5 Twain's Tom
 - 6 "— live and breathe!"
 - 7 Very virile
 - 8 Nearly globe-shaped
 - 9 Palindromic "before"
 - 10 Lounges idly
 - 11 All: Prefix
 - 12 Lab's — dish
 - 13 Great Lakes tribesmen
 - 14 Northern French river
 - 15 Commence
 - 16 Monocle, e.g.
 - 17 Pledge
 - 18 Answer from the accused
 - 24 "Warrior" co-star Nick
 - 25 2,065, in old Rome
 - 30 Year, in old Rome
 - 31 Fawn's father
 - 32 Defective
 - 33 Uvea's organ
 - 39 Cat breed
 - 40 Virtual marketer
 - 41 Victors' wreaths
 - 43 Sir Isaac —
 - 45 Slangy negative
 - 46 Shaft of light
 - 47 Call a halt to
 - 48 "The jig —"
 - 49 Turner and Kennedy
 - 50 Ming of basketball
 - 52 Elliot of the Mamas & the Papas
 - 56 Feature of "gum" but not "gem"
 - 57 Pledge
 - 58 Download for a Kindle
 - 59 Bible book before Habakkuk
 - 61 Give a hug to
 - 62 Fill with a crayon
 - 63 Not dynamic, as a verb
 - 67 Expand mark losses
 - 70 "— so much"
 - 71 Lug
 - 73 "Who's there?" answer
 - 74 Make — deal out of
 - 75 Speed-of-sound ratio
 - 77 Scorching
 - 78 "The — Coochi Coo" (1961 hit)
 - 81 Musicality
 - 82 Winter hrs. in Wichita
 - 83 "... — iron bars a cage"
 - 85 When shows are broadcast
 - 89 Forever
 - 90 Had faith in
 - 91 Inquires
 - 93 Bereft
 - 94 — Lanka
 - 95 Myopic "Mr."
 - 96 "I — You" (hit for Elvis)
 - 100 Concludes
 - 103 Hard — follow
 - 104 "I thought — a deal!"
 - 105 Humble
 - 106 Phonies
 - 107 Fast one
 - 108 One way to mark losses
 - 109 Clown name
 - 110 Love deity
 - 111 See 102-Across
 - 112 Sinus docs pushing org.
 - 117 Cookie-
 - 118 Hexa-
 - 119 Hex- ending



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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Raisin Bran Muffins

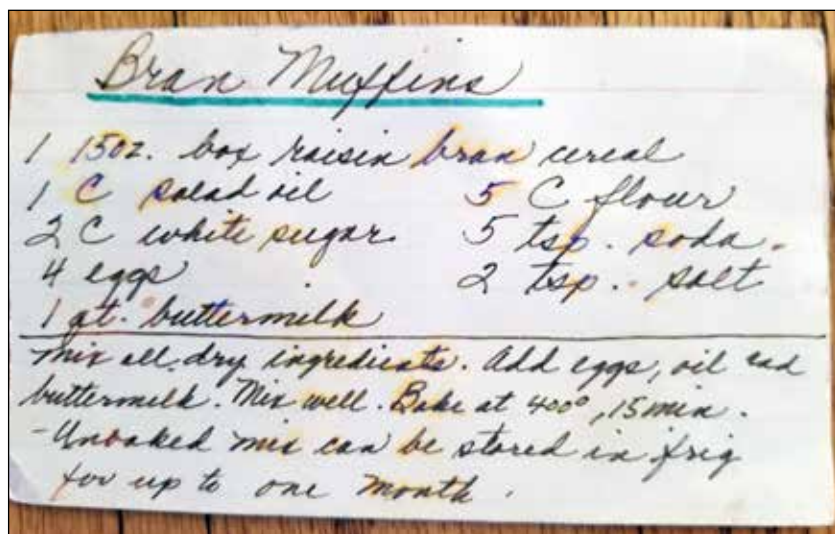
And longtime friendships

The following pictures of the recipe sent to me represent many things. First one of my best friends in Cheney shared this with me. Robyn and I got acquainted when we were both in the hospital having our second child, so that was 41 years ago. Since then we have been close friends, the kind that one may not talk with for a month, then have a long conversation as if no time had passed. The kind of friend who you can complain to, laugh, cry, share successes and vice versa.

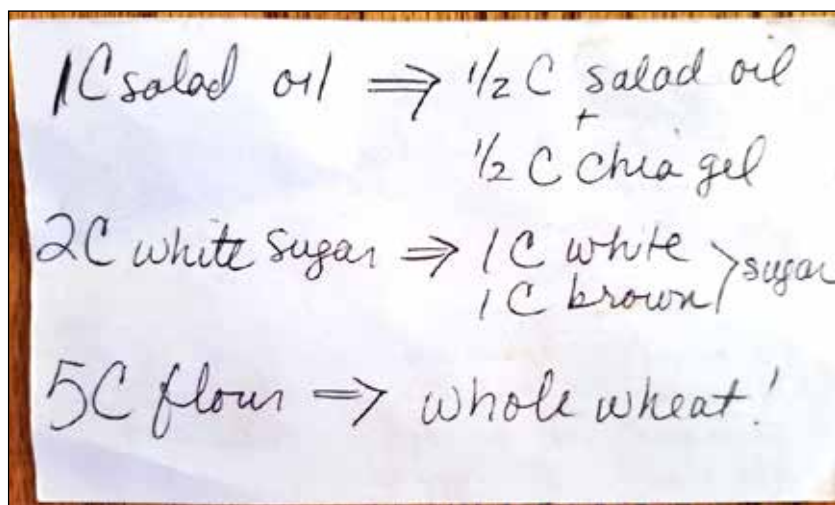
These recipe cards represent my generation where cursive was practiced on lined paper, each letter, then words, than sentences, then graded.

It was a time where most recipes were written on recipe cards, some were fancy, then put into recipe boxes, some being alphabetized, some according to which category they fell into or like me, stacked to where I had to go through many to find the one I wanted.

In my younger years, there was no Google, so the recipe given was the one that was made. I can Google to find more versions of Raisin Bran Muffins, but why would I? The one I now have is a tried and true one.



In years past, there were no long directions, unless they were verbal. Most like this one, the directions were to mix the wet with the dry ingredients. Robyn also made note what she changed in the recipe, much like I do.



She also shared that some in her family don't like raisins, so the next time she is going to get All Bran Flakes. Then as she takes out what batter she is making for the day, she can add raisins to part of the batter, and leave out for the rest. She mentioned one can add different ingredients according to taste. I will add chopped apples and walnuts and hemp hearts, because I have them.

I didn't get them baked this weekend, but I do have the batter in the refrigerator. I plan to bake them as I need them and take some to friends. The refrigerated batter will last for a month.

There is also an old time recipe called All Bran Muffin mix, another refrigerated batter to make when you like. Both of these are handy to have for all sorts of reasons.

Enjoy, and if you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

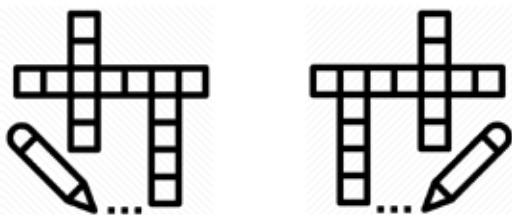
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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Camera-shy sports writer's mom

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Super Crossword

Answers

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THE LAST PAGE



May 6th, 2020

As we watch the COVID-19 pandemic on the global and local stage, we in Columbia County can be grateful that, so far, there has only been one confirmed COVID-19 case. It is hard to say whether our lack of COVID-19 cases is due to our quarantine efforts, or due to providence or "dumb luck". In any case, our community has done a great job and should be congratulated. However, it's not time to let down our guard and declare victory. Warmer weather may help, but the nasty little COVID-19 virus is still out there and is still contagious.

So, we would like to remind you of two points: First point: Our communities have a relatively high percentage of older people and others at risk for severe COVID-19 disease. As our social restrictions are gradually lifted, please continue good hand hygiene, social distancing and wearing masks when social distancing is not possible. Think of this as a way of showing love and concern for others. We know that some people have minimal or no symptoms of COVID-19, and yet may be contagious. By taking these precautions we are protecting the more vulnerable folks in our community as well as ourselves.

Second point: We note that mortality rates across the nation have risen during the COVID-19 pandemic, and not just due to COVID-19 cases. This rise in mortality also appears to be due to patients not obtaining health care for other problems in a timely manner. In some areas it may be that health care systems were overwhelmed, and so appropriate health care was simply not available. But in most areas, it appears that patients choose to postpone health care due to fears of COVID-19 exposure, or patients didn't want to further burden health care providers. In our local Columbia County Health Care system, for example, we have noted fewer total ER visits, but an increase in the severity of those visits.

We want the community to know that our clinics and hospital are here for you. We are taking precautions to keep these health care centers safe, so we have procedures, signs and locked doors that were not there before. But do not think of these as barriers to YOU, our patients, but as barriers to the COVID-19 virus. While some "elective" and "screening" procedures may still have to wait a bit longer, our local clinics and hospital are open and are as safe as we can make them. Please do not hesitate to seek medical care.

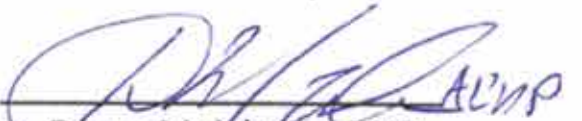
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