

COMMUNITY

New officer in Kittitas



SERGEANT ALAN PARKER is the new police officer on the beat in the City of Kittitas. After completing a tour with the U.S. Air Force he started his law enforcement career in Milton-Freewater, Oregon, where he was a task force narcotics detective. Then he became a field-training officer for the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office. In 2016, he moved to College Place where he gained numerous certifications and experience in admin tasks. Parker is married with three children.

Photo Courtesy of Kittitas Police Department

WSRP announces Brady Batt as new Executive Director

BELLEVUE – The Washington State Republican Party (WSRP) has announced recently the promotion of **Brady Batt** to serve as Executive Director, effective immediately.

“I am excited to announce Brady Batt as our new Executive Director. During his years as Finance Director for the Washington State Republican Party, Brady has shown the leadership abilities and the political acumen to help elect Republicans statewide,” said WSRP Chairman Caleb Heimlich. “With his expertise in grassroots fundraising, digital outreach, and coalitions building, he will be an invaluable resource for Republicans in the coming election cycles

and beyond. I want to thank our previous Executive Director, Kaitlin Vintertun, for her nearly decade-long service to the WSRP. Kaitlin was a tremendous advocate for our organization and will be missed, but we are excited for her as she takes on her new role as Executive Director of League of Our Own, a non-partisan, non-profit organization that encourages women to run for elected office.”

“I am honored to be selected for this critical position ahead of a historic election cycle and I will be working harder than ever to continue growing our organization for victory in 2022 and beyond.” – WSRP Executive Director Brady Batt

Weird ways to observe the moon

by David Prosper

International Observe the Moon Night is on October 16 this year– but you can observe the Moon whenever it’s up, day or night! While binoculars and telescopes certainly reveal incredible details of our neighbor’s surface, bringing out dark seas, bright craters, and numerous odd fissures and cracks, these tools are not the only way to observe details about our Moon. There are more ways to observe the Moon than you might expect, just using common household materials.

Put on a pair of sunglasses, especially **polarized sunglasses!** You may think this is a joke, but the point of polarized sunglasses is to dramatically reduce glare, and so they allow your eyes to pick out some lunar details! Surprisingly, wearing sunglasses even helps during daytime observations of the Moon.

One unlikely tool is the humble **plastic bottle cap!** John Goss from the Roanoke Valley Astronomical Society shared these directions on how to make your own bottle cap lunar viewer, which was also suggested to him by Fred Schaaf many years ago as a way to also view the thin crescent of Venus when close to the Sun: “The full Moon is very bright, so much that details are overwhelmed by the glare. Here is an easy way to see more! Start by drilling a 1/16-inch (1.5 mm) diameter hole in a plastic soft drink bottle cap. Make sure it is an unobstructed, round hole. Now look through the hole at the bright Moon. The image brightness will be much dimmer than normal – over 90% dimmer – reducing or eliminating any lunar glare. The image should also be much sharper because the bottle cap blocks light from entering the outer portion of your pupil, where imperfections of the eye’s curving optical path likely lie.” Many report seeing a startling amount of lunar detail!

You can project the



SUN FUNNELS IN ACTION! Starting clockwise from the bottom left, a standalone Sun Funnel; attached to a small refractor to observe the transit of Mercury in 2019; attached to a large telescope in preparation for evening lunar observing; projection of the Moon onto a funnel from a medium-size scope (5 inches). Safety tip: **NEVER** use a large telescope with a Sun Funnel to observe the Sun, as they are designed to project the Sun using small telescopes only. Some eager astronomers have melted their Sun Funnels, and parts of their own telescopes, by pointing them at the Sun – large telescopes create far too much heat, sometimes within seconds! However, large instruments are safe and ideal for projecting the much dimmer Moon. Small telescopes can’t gather enough light to decently project the Moon, but larger scopes will work.

Photo courtesy of NASA Night Sky Network

Moon! Have you heard of a “Sun Funnel”? It’s a way to safely view the Sun by projecting the image from an eyepiece to fabric stretched across a funnel mounted on top. It’s easy to make at home, too – directions are here: bit.ly/sunfunnel. Depending on your equipment, a Sun Funnel can view the Moon as well as the Sun– a full Moon gives off more than enough light to project from even relatively small telescopes. Large telescopes will project the full Moon and its phases, with varying levels of detail; while not as crisp as direct

eyepiece viewing, it’s still an impressive sight! You can also mount your smartphone or tablet to your eyepiece for a similar Moon-viewing experience, but the funnel doesn’t need batteries.

Of course, you can join folks in person or online for a celebration of our Moon on October 16, with International Observe the Moon Night – find details at moon.nasa.gov/observe. NASA has big plans for a return to the Moon with the Artemis program, and you can find the latest news on their upcoming lunar explorations at nasa.gov.

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New rights for volunteer responders

WASHINGTON – Volunteer firefighters, reserve police officers, and members of the Civil Air Patrol have new rights when answering emergency calls.

According to a new law, an employer can’t fire or discipline employees who are volunteer responders answering an emergency call. The law also requires the

Washington State Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) to investigate any alleged violations.

Substitute Senate Bill 5384 expands a previous law, making it easier for volunteer firefighters to be covered. It also makes clear they are covered regardless of any reimbursement they receive or if they get a call at work or elsewhere.

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