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How our lives have changed since COVID-19

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am grateful my wife and I are both healthy and my work has not been interrupted during COVID-19. But even with good health and work, emotionally the pandemic is still uncomfortable and scary and not a whole lot of fun. As a couple, we keep trying to make things better. In the past, we could just do whatever we wanted, but these days, we have to allow for what's safe as well as fun.

Here are a few important areas to consider these days, whether you're in a partnership or not:

Events and parties: We aren't ready to go to events or go to parties just yet. In



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addition, it
was another
concert-less
summer, which
was a happy
go-to in the past.
My wife and
I are both sad
we can't have
a large dinner

party or go to any events, but neither feels safe to us just yet. That is our reality, but we know other people feel differently and we must adapt.

Dining out: Our dining out has also changed dramatically. We used to eat out half the week, but not anymore! Now we prefer takeout from local places we know are safety conscious. Dining in, it's easy to socialize with one other

vaccinated couple at a time. It's a lot of fun too. We keep the windows open, and we are outside as much as possible. If you're also eager to dine with friends, you'll find spending time with fewer people is not only safer but has the advantage of letting you get to know each better. It's more intimate.

Sharing your feelings: The Olympics helped fill some gaps this summer, but like most everything else, it just wasn't the same. The COVID-19 cloud still hangs over everything and taints our joy. As a couple, we have learned to share out loud the things we miss and, at the same time, we talk about what we appreciate and are grateful for, like having each other. If you're not part of a couple (and I've been there!), it's

important not to isolate but to seek out the support of family and friends.

Honoring your commitments: Obviously, big commitments are important. But in our household, the small ones matter too, like watching our favorite shows on TV together. I'm not watching the news as much, and we have a couple of shows we share — no video-infidelity in this family! We honor our commitments to each other, and nothing gets in the way of that.

Doing things together: We do almost everything together, and that makes life more fulfilling for us, even doing tax prep. She sits next to me while I grind through the paperwork.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Note: All events are subject to postponement or cancellation in compliance with COVID-19 regulations.

OCTOBER 6

Salon Series: 'Frankenstein

1 p.m. and 6: p.m. at the Moses Lake Civic Center Auditorium, 401 S. Balsam St. Showing of the 1931 film in which a scientist assembles corpses to create a monster. All ages are welcome, but some scenes may be frightening for young children. Admission is free. Info: 509-764-3830 or museum@cityofml.com.

'The Art of Dam Building'

OCTOBER 8

Opening 6 p.m. at the Moses Lake Museum & Art Gallery, 401 S. Balsam St. Speaker Chuck Allen will discuss "From Below Ground Up: The Building of Wanapum Dam." The Main Gallery will be filled with historic photographs of the building of Wanapum Dam. Created by photographer Carl Lewis, these stunning photographs show the immense scale and degree of human inge-

museum@cityofml.com. OCTOBER 22

'Whiskey and Wiretaps: The Northwest's Rumrunning King'

6 p.m. at the Moses

nuity needed to build a

structure large enough to

hold back a mighty river.

Exhibit runs through

Nov. 11. Admission is

free. Info: 509-764-3830 or

Lake Civic Center auditorium, 401 S. Balsam St. On Thanksgiving Day, 1925, Roy Olmstead was trapped by federal prohibition agents and their Tommy guns on a lonely Puget Sound dock. Using photographs, documents, newspapers, and court cases, Steve Edmiston breathes life into Olmstead's story by exploring historical context, his entrepreneurial brilliance, his code of conduct, and the profound impact of his legal battles today. Presented by Humanities WA Speakers Bureau. Admission is free. Info: 509-764-3830, www.moseslakemuseum. com or museum@cityofml.com.

OCTOBER 30

Downtown Moses Lake Trick or Treat

3-5 p.m. This will be a drive-thru event in downtown Moses Lake. Info: 509-770-1700 and www. downtownmoseslake.com.

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