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A Waitsburg athlete making a shot at a basketball game against Liberty Christian last February. Student athletes and parents are hoping there will be a spring sports season this year. Officials at WIAA are hopeful for an early-February start date for basketball and wrestling. However, much depends on how well our communities have done in keeping the spread of COVID-19 below a 5% positivity rate.

## WIAA sets criteria for spring wrestling, basketball seasons

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

*Each sport requires a county positivity rate of less than 5%*

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## Serial testing, PPE just the tip of DOC safety measures

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—As the COVID-19 pandemic has continued to impact Washington State Penitentiary (WSP) employees and incarcerated population, the Department of Corrections (DOC) has updated policies and procedures to better combat the virus at facilities throughout Washington State.

Starting April 10, 2020, DOC mandated the use of facial coverings for staff at all DOC locations, and on April 17, the DOC expanded the mandate to include facial coverings for the incarcerated population. On November 6, DOC mandated the specific use of surgical masks for all employees, contractors, and those entering the facilities due to an increased number of COVID-19 cases in communities throughout Washington state. The November 6 mandate has remained in effect.

Employees must use the DOC PPE Matrix to determine personal protective equipment (PPE) when interacting with the incarcerated population. The matrix, which is available to view at [www.doc.wa.gov](http://www.doc.wa.gov), lays out the required protective measures for various situations, including entering an isolation area to distribute laundry or food service items, screening staff, and incarcerated individuals.

The Department of Corrections began serial testing of DOC employees on June 24, 2020, at the Coyote Ridge Corrections Center, and later expanded testing to all DOC facilities across the state. Staff members are screened upon entering the facility and are tested for the COVID-19 virus weekly. Employees who present symptoms or have been exposed to active cases are put on leave and asked to remain at home until they receive a COVID-19 test result.

The Washington State Penitentiary follows the Washington State DOC COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Infection Control Guidelines to ensure that the entire incarcerated population, whether healthy or positive for COVID-19, continue to have access to basic necessities. Incarcerated individuals have been grouped in cohorts. Movement within the facilities, including access to showers, dayrooms, kiosks, and phones, is scheduled for each cohort. Incarcerated individuals must maintain six feet of distance and wear appropriate PPE while in shared areas. There are instances where some activities, like access to phones and common areas, are limited for short periods to help contain an outbreak.

As of April 8, 2020, the Washington State Penitentiary staff and all other DOC facilities must follow the WA DOC Cleaning and Disinfecting Guidelines. These cleaning and disinfecting guidelines are based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The janitorial staff, including porters, are trained on proper safety procedures and how to properly use each cleaning agent.

Incarcerated individuals are tested for the COVID-19 virus if they are identified during contact tracing, if they self-identify symptoms, or if they have been identified by staff as symptomatic. Current testing information, including completed and pending tests, can be found on the DOC COVID-19 data page, <https://tinyurl.com/y48hdjta>. Washington State Penitentiary has established multiple housing alternatives to separate healthy individuals from those who have tested positive for COVID-19.

To combat some of the pandemic-related boredom, WSP provided quarantined or isolated incarcerated individuals with paper packets that contained brain teaser puzzles and coloring activities. Walla Walla Community College also provides homework packets to students who are confined to keep them engaged with their programs. The packets provided by WWCC ensure that students can continue their classes until it is safe for classes to resume.

As requirements change due to the pandemic, the DOC will continue to update procedures to reflect the newest guidance. All information on the DOC's COVID-19 response, including a significant events timeline, vaccine updates, testing updates, and general news, can be found on the DOC website, [www.doc.wa.gov](http://www.doc.wa.gov).

## CCHS CEO Shane McGuire provides capital project update

Board position change for 2021

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—On Dec. 16, Columbia County Health System CEO Shane McGuire provided the hospital board of commissioners with an update on projects designed to improve the hospital's ability to treat COVID-19 patients, as previously reported in *The Times* on Dec. 10.

McGuire presented the commissioners with “firm” cost estimates for four of the five projects. The Medical Vacuum project, Medical Air project, and the Medical Gas projects came in close to, or below, budget. The new hospital generator was ordered on Dec. 9.

McGuire will be discussing the fifth project with the commissioners in January. He would like for the hallway in the Acute Care/Medical Surgical wing of the hospital to be connected to Hall One at the Booker Rest Home facility to create two more Airborne Infection Isolation Rooms. There are two at the hospital, currently. They are used to isolate patients with infectious diseases and protect people outside the room from exposure.

“We are talking about what those care spaces would look like and are working actively with the engineers right now,” he said.

Funds from the CARES Act grant will be used for that project and the five projects currently underway.

### Dental clinic project

The design architect for the dental clinic will begin working with Nelson Construction, Walla Walla. Construction on the clinic will begin in January, and the project will take four months to complete.

McGuire said there is broad support for the clinic from clinic staff and the executive team.

“It makes a lot of sense for the community. It really makes a lot of sense for the service line and whole-person care,” he said.

### Assisted living facility project

Ron Asmus, REA, is the construction contractor for the assisted living facility. Asmus has submitted a draft lease agreement for the board's consideration.

McGuire said he and the hospital District finance manager have discussed the agreement and feel it makes financial sense.

The agreement is for the Health System to lease rooms in the units from the contractor. There are ten rooms in each unit currently planned—the terms of the contract call for monthly payments of \$1,200 for each room.

Residents in the first couple of assisted living units will predominantly come from the Booker Nursing Home. The Health System plans to give up its skilled nursing home license, which will allow Medicaid to pay a higher portion of the daily rate for the assisted living facility. Twelve beds for skilled nursing services, which are typically short-term and acute need, are being reserved at the hospital, McGuire said. “We will keep you updated as we move forward with our partners, both locally and at the state,” he told the board.

### Board positions

Board President Wes Leid will step down to vice-chair for Year 2021. Vice-chair Bob Hutchens will step up to President. Colleen Sproul will continue to serve as the board secretary. Other board members are Jim Kime and Jack Otterson.

McGuire commended the board of commissioners, saying, “We appreciate every one of you, your participation and how much you have supported us in what most people would say is one of the most challenging years this organization has had.”

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# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

## NEWS BRIEFS

### WALLA WALLA COUNTY SELECTS LYBECK AS FAIRGROUNDS MANAGER

*The position was left vacant in 2020 after then-manager Bill Ogg accepted a position in Nebraska*

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—On January 4, 2021, Walla Walla County announced Gregory (Greg) S. Lybeck, CFE (Certified Fair Executive), has been selected for the Fairgrounds Manager position. Lybeck will start his new role with the County on January 19, 2021.

"I am very excited about this opportunity to get back into the fair industry and be part of the oldest fair in Washington state that has such rich tradition and community support. Walla Walla is a place my wife and I have enjoyed visiting. We look forward to being a part of your great community," Lybeck said.

Lybeck had more than 27 years of experience in the Fair and Events industry before taking a year-long break from fair administration. The sector encompasses rodeo, public events, fair and facilities management, sporting events, and concerts. Lybeck most recently served as the Assistant Fair Manager/General Manager of the Central Washington State Fair and managed the Yakima SunDome. "We are pleased to have such a highly regarded and qualified candidate in Greg Lybeck.

Greg's vast experience in the Fair industry, coupled with his expertise in operating a facility as the SunDome, will allow for review and growth of an already successful Walla Walla Fair and Frontiers days and the day-to-day operation of the County's event center. We welcome Greg and his wife Dana to our community," said Walla Walla County Commissioner Greg Tompkins, who took the lead for filling the manager vacancy, on behalf of the County Commissioners.

### COMMON ROOTS HOUSING TRUST TO HOST ZOOM TOWN HALL

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Common Roots Housing Trust will hold a town hall meeting on Monday, January 11, via Zoom call, at 6:00 p.m.

Common Roots Housing Trust is a Walla Walla-based community land trust that has been formed to provide affordable housing options for Walla Walla and Columbia County residents, as well as residents in the Milton Freewater, Ore., area.

In a study completed in 2018-19, the Walla Walla Community Council found that more than 52% of Waitsburg renters and 46% of Dayton renters were living in housing that, by definition, was unaffordable ("Affordable housing" is defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as 'housing costs that do not exceed 30% of pre-tax income.')

During the Zoom meeting, representatives from Common Roots Housing Trust will introduce the land trust, its mission, goals, and current status.

To register for the town hall, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y6o8fol2>, or [www.wvcommunitycouncil.org](http://www.wvcommunitycouncil.org). Registration is also available on the Common Roots Housing Trust website, [www.commonrootshousing.org](http://www.commonrootshousing.org), and on Facebook by searching Common Roots Housing Trust.

### DAYTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO MOVE OFFICES

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton Chamber of Commerce has contracted to purchase the former Alder Dental building at 202 E. Main St., pending necessary inspections. Closing is scheduled for March 2, 2021 and the Chamber will move from its current location later this spring.

### FOOD INSECURITY IS BEING ADDRESSED BY THE DAYTON FOOD BANK

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The number of households served by the Dayton Food Bank has shot up from 160 each month before the COVID-19 pandemic began, to now serving 588 each month.

"In seven months, we have distributed 269,061 pounds of food in Columbia County," said Judi Pilcher, Vice-president/Branch manager of HomeStreet Bank and board member overseeing the food bank.

In March 2020, the food bank operated as a drive-through at the Columbia County Fairgrounds, with help from Blue Mountain Action Council, the National Guard, and many volunteers.

The Food Bank has since moved to the Ag Link building located at 207 North Third Street to continue offering drive-through food distribution on Tuesdays, between 2-4 p.m.

Pilcher said both the Ag Link and fairgrounds drive-through locations have helped serve the growing need for food security during the pandemic. Earlier in the year, the board determined that the Clay Street location could not handle the distribution changes due to the pandemic.

Pilcher said delivery is available for clients who cannot come to the Ag Link building in person by calling Columbia County Public Transportation at (509) 520-8375.

"If you would like to come and help, we can always use the extra hands," Pilcher said. "Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers!"

### COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH TOWN HALL MEETING JAN. 12

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Columbia County Public Health (CCPH) will host a town hall meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 12 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and CCPH officials will discuss Governor Inslee's two-phase Healthy Washington - Roadmap to Recovery plan. The plan can be reviewed at <https://tinyurl.com/yymgvd3e>.

The county will also share updates on the vaccine phases for distribution and vaccine sign ups for county residents.

To join, visit: <http://bit.ly/PortZoom> on your smartphone, tablet or computer. To join via phone call, dial 1-253-215-8782. Meeting ID:891 686. Passcode: 655824. Prompts will be provided if joining by phone.

### THE TIMES' NEW YEAR INCLUDES NEW OFFICE LOCATION

WAITSBURG—Starting January 4, 2021, *The Times* office will be located inside Ten Ton Coffee, 216 Main Street. The office is currently closed to the public, however, payments related to the newspaper are now being accepted at the front window of Ten Ton Coffee from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily, and subscriptions will remain available for purchase on the website, [www.waitsburgtimes.com](http://www.waitsburgtimes.com). For questions or inquiries, call *The Times* at (509) 337-6631.

### Cheers

Lane and Bill, I've mentioned to you both that I get a subscription to *The Times* for my aunt in Little Rock, Arkansas. She loves the paper, the small town vibe, and Bill's photos. She sent this email yesterday under the line, "Phabulous Photos":

...by Bill Rodgers! I really love a couple of recent ones—especially December 17 photo of red barns, with a background of those rolling hills dusted with snow, and December 10 photo with frosted branches foreground and the hills behind.

And how many newspapers are clever enough to have a page-wide photo at the top of front page. I'm mailing you a \$45 check for a year's extension of my subscription.

She's volunteering to pay for the subscription (which in the past I have paid for) to be sure it continues!

Happy New Year and kudos to you both!

Susan Tarver

### CLASSIFIEDS

### HELP WANTED

Looking for a Public Health Receptionist/ Program Assistant to answer phones and assist in program activities. Programs Assistant duties includes fiscal duties, Excel spreadsheets, community outreach, etc.. Must be able to plan and work independently. Position is a part time 20-24 hours per week with no benefits. Starting wage at \$15.00 per hour. A full job description is available at Columbia County Public Health or can be requested via an email to [Martha\\_lanman@co.columbia.wa.us](mailto:Martha_lanman@co.columbia.wa.us).

### Touchet Valley Weather Jan. 6, 2021

**Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
Scattered Rain	Scattered Rain	Isolated Rain	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Scattered Rain	Partly Cloudy
High: 49 Low: 36	High: 44 Low: 31	High: 42 Low: 32	High: 41 Low: 28	High: 40 Low: 29	High: 41 Low: 31	High: 45 Low: 33

#### Weather Trivia

What is the best tornado detector?

**Answer:** While doppler radar is good, the human eye is still the best detector.

#### Weather History

**Jan. 6, 1989** - A blizzard ripped through south central and southeastern Idaho. Strong winds, gusting to 60 mph at the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, whipped the snow into drifts five feet high and produced wind chill readings as cold as 35 degrees below zero.

#### Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	34	30	38/28	Trace	0.87"
Wednesday	47	31	38/28	0.36"	0.56"
Thursday	48	40	38/28	0.07"	+0.31"
Friday	55	37	38/28	0.14"	43.5°
Saturday	52	44	39/28	0.08"	33.3°
Sunday	54	39	39/28	0.03"	+10.2°
Monday	56	42	39/29	0.19"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Last 1/6	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	First 1/20
	Wednesday	7:34 a.m.	4:23 p.m.	12:00 a.m.	11:55 a.m.	
	Thursday	7:34 a.m.	4:24 p.m.	1:16 a.m.	12:20 p.m.	
	Friday	7:34 a.m.	4:26 p.m.	2:34 a.m.	12:48 p.m.	
	Saturday	7:34 a.m.	4:27 p.m.	3:53 a.m.	1:21 p.m.	
	Sunday	7:33 a.m.	4:28 p.m.	5:11 a.m.	2:03 p.m.	
<b>New 1/13</b>	Monday	7:33 a.m.	4:29 p.m.	6:23 a.m.	2:55 p.m.	
	Tuesday	7:32 a.m.	4:30 p.m.	7:27 a.m.	3:57 p.m.	

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# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

## Administration of COVID-19 vaccine in early stages

*Essential health care workers and first responders are prioritized*

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—On Dec. 29, Dayton General Hospital Pharmacy Manager Cheryl Pell administered the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine to DGH employee Mike Paris, kicking off vaccinations for essential health care workers and first responders, according to Phase 1A guidelines from the Washington State Department of Health.

Pell said 200 doses of the Moderna vaccine were received at the hospital pharmacy on Dec. 23, followed by another 100 doses on Dec. 28.

She said each vial of the vaccine contains ten doses. Since the vaccine loses its efficacy six hours after taken out of refrigeration, blocks of ten people are being scheduled to avoid waste.

Forty people were immunized on Dec. 29, and another forty on Dec. 30. Additional immunizations will take place this week and in the weeks to come.

Columbia County Health System Chief Operating Officer Stephanie Carpenter is in charge of organizing the “very” labor-intensive process.

There have been meetings with various stakeholders and many back-and-forth emails with the pharmacy manager.

“Once we learned that we actually had doses arriving, we sent out an internal survey for staff, to enter their full name, then reply to one of three options: Would you like to receive the vaccine immediately? Would you like to receive the vaccine, but not in a rush? Or, I do not want to be vaccinated for COVID-19.”

She said the staff responded to the questions in equal measures.

Carpenter said the vaccines have to be administered in a controlled environment, according to guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Washington State Dept. of Health (DOH). Two rooms have been set aside in the hospital - one to administer the vaccine and one to monitor those who receive the vaccine for adverse reactions to comply with the CDC guidelines.

There is also a cumbersome paper trail for vaccinating people in the hospital and in the Booker Rest Home, where nursing home staff and residents are preparing for immunizations this week.

Walgreens is administering the Pfizer-BioNtech vaccine at the nursing home.



Beka Compton

Columbia County Health System Chief Operating Officer Stephanie Carpenter

Unlike the Moderna vaccine, the Pfizer-BioNtech vaccine must be stored at an ultracold temperature of minus 70 degrees and requires a reconstitution process before it can be administered. It is a two-dose vaccine to be given 21 days apart. Individuals are not considered fully protected until one or two weeks after receiving the second dose of the vaccine.

Moderna also requires a second dose for their vaccine, to be administered 28 days after the initial dose. Clinical trial data shows the Moderna vaccine is about 94-percent effective after two doses.

“There are a few days leeway on both, but we are trying to stick close to the recommendations when scheduling people for their second dose of the vaccine,” Carpenter said.

As vaccinations for Phase 1a are underway, the Columbia County Public Health Department is organizing a list of individuals who qualify for Phase 1B who are frontline essential workers and people aged 75 and older, and Phase 1C which includes people aged 65+ and others aged 16 – 64 who have underlying conditions. Individuals in those categories who wish to be vaccinated can ask to be placed on the list by calling the Health Department at (509) 382-2181. In the next few weeks, the DOH will roll out a tool called PhaseFinder, an online questionnaire designed to help people determine their eligibility.

Information about vaccine availability will be posted on the Columbia County Public Health website COVID-19 update page.

“Once we are able to start vaccinating community members, it is going to take Public Health and the hospital staff coming up with a plan and working together to get people vaccinated,” Carpenter said.

She said an off-site location or clinic to administer the vaccine is being discussed, but there are no concrete plans in place at this time.

Currently, vaccinations in Washington State are limited to people who qualify for Phase 1a

### Tier 1

- High-risk workers in health care settings (clinical judgment should be applied to identify who is at greatest risk)

- High-risk first responders (clinical judgment should be applied to identify who is at greatest risk using the guidance below)

- Residents and staff of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other community-based, congregate living settings where most individuals over 65 years of age are receiving care, supervision, or assistance

### Tier 2 (after completion of Tier 1)

- All workers in health care settings

CDC recommends that, in the next phases (Phase 1b and Phase 1c), vaccination should be offered to people in the following groups. CDC made this recommendation on December 22, 2020.

### Phase 1b

- Frontline essential workers such as fire fighters, police officers, corrections officers, food and agricultural workers, United States Postal Service workers, manufacturing workers, grocery store workers, public transit workers, and those who work in the educational sector (teachers, support staff, and daycare workers.)

- People aged 75 years and older because they are at high risk of hospitalization, illness, and death from COVID-19. People aged 75 years and older who are also residents of long-term care facilities should be offered vaccination in Phase 1a.

### Phase 1c

- People aged 65—74 years because they are at high risk of hospitalization, illness, and death from COVID-19. People aged 65—74 years who are also residents of long-term care facilities should be offered vaccination in Phase 1a.

- People aged 16—64 years with underlying medical conditions which increase the risk of serious, life-threatening complications from COVID-19.

- Other essential workers, such as people who work in transportation and logistics, food service, housing construction and finance, information technology, communications, energy, law, media, public safety, and public health.

## Community Calendar

### Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

#### Waitsburg City Council:

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

#### Waitsburg School Board:

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

#### Waitsburg Celebration Days:

Third Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

#### Walla Walla County Commissioners

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

### Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

#### Board of Columbia County Commissioners

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

#### Dayton City Council

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

#### Dayton School Board

Third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m.  
Zoom call information can be found at <https://www.daytonsd.org/page/school-board>

### Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

Fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

### Coalition for Youth & Families

Fourth Wednesday monthly at 3 p.m.  
<https://coalitionforyouthandfamilies.org/get-involved>

### Columbia County Rural Library District Special Meeting—Budget workshop

November 10 at 6 p.m.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

### DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

Dayton Senior Center  
403 E. Patit St.  
12 p.m.  
Drive Up Only

#### Thursday, January 7

Lasagna  
Mixed veggies  
Salad, Roll  
Fruit cocktail  
Milk

#### Tuesday, January 12

Baked fish, rice pilaf  
Stewed tomatoes  
Caesar salad, Roll  
Sunset gelatin  
Milk

### WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

504 Main Street  
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

#### Tuesday, January 12

Apple glazed pork  
Scalloped potatoes  
Vegetables  
Bread  
Cake

### WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Starting October 5, the Waitsburg School District will only be delivering meals on Monday and Wednesday. If your student is already signed up for the meal program, the schedule will automatically adjust. If you have not signed your child up and would like to participate, you will need to submit a signed consent form to your child's school. The consent form can be found on the school's website, [www.waitsburgsd.org](http://www.waitsburgsd.org).

#### Thursday, January 7

B: Breakfast tornado  
L: Teriyaki chicken  
Rice  
Snap peas  
Mandarin oranges

#### Friday, January 8

B: Biscuit & Gravy  
L: Uncrustable  
Chips  
Baby carrots  
Applesauce

#### Monday, January 11

B: Long john  
L: Strawhat  
Cucumbers  
Peaches

#### Tuesday, January 12

B: Long john  
L: Strawhat  
Cucumbers  
Peaches



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**St. Mark Catholic Church**  
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**Waitsburg Presbyterian Church**  
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337-6589  
Pastor Stan Hughes

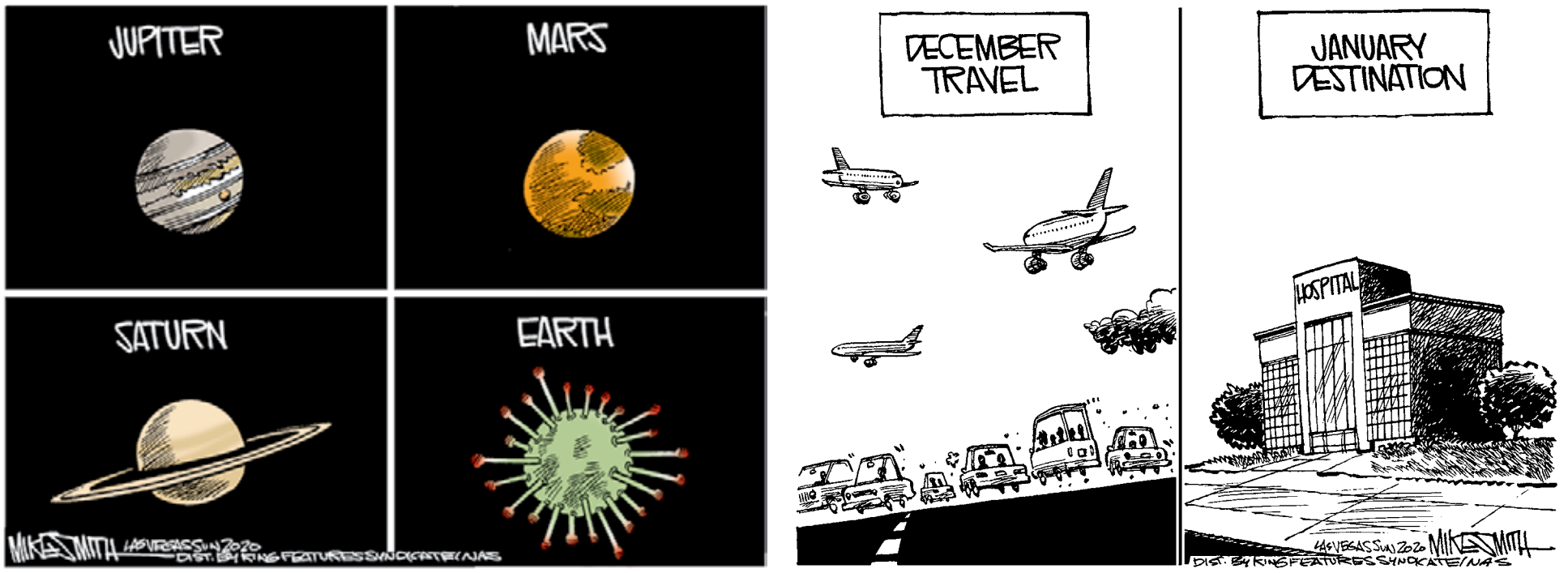
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**Waitsburg Chapel**  
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
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Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.  
337-6235  
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Each Sunday  
337-8898  
Rev. Matthew Wyatt

# NEWS & COMMENTARY



## LETTERS

### SUPPORT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Affordable housing means stability for families and community members; home ownership is one of the best ways to build financial comfort. The availability of affordable housing attracts families to help support our schools and businesses. Many local employers have difficulty attracting qualified, quality employees when housing is at a premium.

Rents and home prices in our region have increased faster than incomes. In Walla Walla County, the median home resale value increased from \$174,700 in 2013 to \$249,300 in 2018, a 43% increase over five years; whereas median wages in Walla Walla County increased 17% over the same five-year period.

A home is affordable when housing costs do not exceed 30% of pre-tax income. Renters in our region are particularly cost burdened. In Prescott, 81% of renter households are housing cost-burdened, 52% of renter households in Waitsburg are cost-burdened; 46% of renter households in Dayton are cost burdened.

Community Council of Walla Walla, on behalf of the entire Walla Walla Valley, has brought Valley stakeholders together to examine and recommend solutions to increase the availability of affordable housing

in our communities.

The work is focusing on the creation of Community Land Trusts; a CLT is a nonprofit organization that owns land and develops housing for the purpose of creating permanently affordable homes. Homes on CLT land are owned or rented by households, and the land, which is owned by the CLT, is leased to the residents for a modest fee.

The heart of a CLT is the creation of homes that provide sustainable homeownership opportunities for generations of individuals and families whose housing needs are not met by the traditional market. CLT homes remain permanently affordable, including for all subsequent homebuyers.

Please join us for a free, live Zoom event on January 11, 2021 at 6 p.m.; all community members in Columbia, Walla Walla counties and Milton-Freewater are invited to learn more about this important new initiative.

Register in advance for this town hall:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/WN\\_V7kZiNm3Qva8PUCwvsQ7jg](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/WN_V7kZiNm3Qva8PUCwvsQ7jg)

Joy Marie Smith  
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 Blue Mountain Resource Conservation & Development Council

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## BIRTHDAYS

**January 7:** Cecil Webber, Erma Gilbertson, Patrick Donnelly, Jim Hofer, Alice Webber and Kristyn Scott.



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**January 9:** Jennifer Nichols, Angela Crawford, Tim Estes, Nicholas Carpenter, Gail Thames, Gerri Glover, Trevor McGee and Jarod Gagnon.

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**January 11:** Krista McKinley, Bettina Anderson, Raymond Reed and Jay McKinley, Deborah Larsen.

**January 12:** Scott Reese, Alice Davey, Ron Miller, Yvonne Gusse, Nicholas Leid and Molly Payne.

**January 13:** Wes Romine, Janine John, Megan Withers, Kevin House.

## WWCSO

**December 28**  
 Package theft reported in the county. Burbank  
 A work van was unlocked, and unknown subjects entered and took a lot of tools. Walla Walla County

**December 29**  
 Unknown driver/vehicle struck a telephone pole and left the scene. Burbank  
 Abandoned vehicle. Burbank

A burglary and theft occurred sometime between 12/21 and 12/29. Prescott

An assault was reported to have occurred in the county. Touchet.

**December 30**  
 Protection order violation. Prescott  
 A verbal domestic was observed. Prescott  
 Driver arrested for DWLS, 2nd. Walla Walla County

**December 31**  
 Deputies took a report of a collision that happened overnight. Walla Walla County  
 A vehicle was damaged. Walla Walla

**January 1**  
 A man was arrested for DUI  
 Vehicle drove through a fence at the west end of the Walla Walla airport. Vehicle left at the scene, no one around. Walla Walla

Male made threats to a female about her seeing other men. Walla Walla County

**January 2**  
 Female arrested for DUI. Walla Walla  
 Abandoned vehicle was towed by Anderson's Towing. Prescott

**January 3**  
 Welfare check on five-year-old and siblings. Walla Walla County

**January 4**  
 Burglary and theft report. Prescott

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## WIAA - FROM PAGE 1

WAITSBURG—Many students are eagerly anticipating the start of the new sports seasons after traditional fall and winter sport schedules were cleared to keep athletes safe.

At this time, Washington Interscholastic Athletics Association (WIAA) has labeled sports as 'high,' 'moderate' or 'low' transmission sports, based on contact players have during training and game play. For example, Golf is a 'low' risk sport, while basketball is considered a 'high' risk sport. WIAA uses individual county COVID-19 case counts to determine transmission risk.

It is still unclear exactly when high school athletic competitions will resume, but officials are hopeful for a February 2021 start for girls and boys basketball and wrestling. As a high-risk sport, basketball is on hold until Walla Walla County reaches the status of "Low Risk of Transmission" by the WIAA.

Low-risk transmission is achieved when the county reaches less than 25 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents for at least 14 days and a less than 5% positivity rate. As of Monday, the county's positivity rate was unavailable due to delayed and incomplete data at the state level. A minimum of five practices would be required to play, half of the practices needed in a 'normal' year.

Guidelines to restart basketball at area schools are based on recommendations from the National Federation of State High Schools Association (NFHS), WIAA rules and regulations, and the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC). Only athletes and officials would be allowed to handle basketballs, sanitized backup balls should be available, and a designated person to sanitize the balls. Basketball should be switched out whenever possible. Players and officials will be required to use hand sanitizer before entering and exiting the court during substitutions. Only athletes and officials on the roster may be in the team's bench area. No hand touching will be allowed while switching players. Artificial noisemakers, such as air horns or timer systems, should be used in place of traditional whistles. Half-time performances will not be allowed.

Wrestling has also been identified by the WIAA as a 'high risk' sport and requires the same transmission rate criteria as basketball to play. A minimum of six practices would be required to compete. Onsite coaching would be allowed to resume without any physical distancing between coach and athlete. Coaches are being asked to gradually build back up to full training loads and may have to modify practices for various levels of conditioning.

AWIAA Executive Board meeting was rescheduled for January 6 to discuss the current season schedules and plan for adjustments as necessary. While the Executive Board will provide a uniform schedule, it has granted WIAA leagues and districts the ability to schedule seasons that best fit their local communities.

## OBITUARY

# Cletys Bowen

May 12th, 1933 — January 1st, 2021

Cletys Eloise Bowen of Dayton, entered into rest Friday, January 1st 2021, with her family by her side. Cletys resided at Booker Rest Home over the last couple months due to recent medical difficulties. Cletys was 87 years old and is survived by her husband, Herbert Dale Bowen, whom she had been married to for 69 wonderful years.



Cletys Bowen

Cletys was born in Dayton, Washington on May 12th, 1933, to Orié Fletcher and Lela Winnett Fletcher, graduating valedictorian of her class from Starbuck School. Shortly after graduation, on June 30th, 1951, Cletys was swept off her feet by Herbert as the two married. They were blessed with two children.

Cletys was a kind and gentle soul, loved the company of others and was the ultimate caretaker. She enjoyed music, watching sports and playing games. Cletys lived her life serving the Lord and encouraging others to do the same. She was a dedicated attendee of the United Brethren Church.

She is also survived by daughter Diana Weber (Charlie); grandchildren, Keenan Bowen (Amanda), Elizabeth Patterson (John), JC Weber (Jamie); brother, Cecil Fletcher (Betty Ann); as well as many nieces and nephews. She had eight great grandchildren who loved to visit her in Dayton. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Robert "Bob" Bowen; two sisters: Leora (Leonard), Alma; two brothers: Gerald (Jennie), Gene (Sherry).

Due to COVID-19, there will be no service. If you choose, memorial contributions may be made to the United Brethren Church, or a charity of your choice.

## Gov. Inslee announces "Healthy Washington- Roadmap to Recovery" plan

### THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Governor Inslee announced Tuesday the "Healthy Washington- Roadmap to Recovery," a new COVID-19 two-phased recovery plan. Starting January 11, 2021, Washington will follow a regional recovery approach with each region beginning in Phase 1.

The state has been divided into eight regions. Walla Walla and Columbia Counties, along with Benton, Franklin, Kittitas, and Yakima Counties, are in the 'Southcentral Region.' For the region to move from Phase 1 to Phase 2, the following metrics must be met:

- Decreasing trend in two-week rate of COVID-19 cases per 100K population (decrease >10%)
- Decreasing trend in two-week rate new COVID-19 hospital admission rates per 100K population (decrease >10%)
- ICU occupancy (total — COVID-19 and non-COVID-19) of less than 90%

- COVID-19 test positivity rate of <10%

While in Phase 1, social and at-home gatherings are prohibited indoors. A maximum of 10 people from outside of your household (limit two households) will be allowed to gather outdoors. Worship services may continue at 25% capacity, as well as retail stores, professional and personal services, with remote work and curbside pickup being encouraged.

Indoor dining remains prohibited, while outdoor dining with a maximum of six people (limit two households) per table. Outdoor dining services are to close by 11 p.m. Small wedding and funeral ceremonies (under 30 attendees) are permitted, as well as limited sports, indoor and outdoor entertainment.

To advance from beyond Phase 2, the region must meet at least three of these metrics:

- Decreasing or flat trend in two-week rate of COVID-19 cases per

100K population

- Decreasing or flat trend in two-week rate new COVID-19 hospital admission rates per 100K population

- ICU occupancy (total — COVID-19 and non-COVID-19) of less than 90%

- COVID-19 test positivity rate of <10%.

Regions that fail to meet the metrics will be moved back into Phase 1.

"It's a new year, and COVID-19 is no longer new to us," Governor Inslee said. "We've learned a lot; we've struggled a lot; we've accomplished a lot. Washingtonians are undeterred. This battle continues, but the turning point is on its way."

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# LIFESTYLES & SPORTS

## Knit, purl, and rip

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

My grandmother taught me the basic knit and purl stitches when I was eight years old. However, she didn't teach me how to start or end anything. I just made odd rectangles with no rhyme or reason. Eventually, I got bored and gave up knitting; we moved on to gin rummy instead.

Growing up in New York, girls were required to take Home Economics. I loved the cooking, hated the sewing. I am a terrible seamstress, as opposed to my sister, who is an amazing one. With her need for precision coupled with her quest for perfection, the clothes she made were magnificent. On the other hand, I was grateful if what I made didn't fall apart or come undone while I was wearing it.

I rarely sewed unless I could not persuade someone to sew on a lost button or fix a falling hem for me. Then I discovered that a safety pin could work as a button, and scotch tape could hold up a hem. No talent, no problem. I considered myself a great innovator!

In my twenties, a work colleague taught me to crochet. Three afghans later, I was bored. I started cross-stitching to help me quit smoking; after two very large tablecloths, I quit smoking and cross-stitching. Next was needlepoint and after three projects, suffering from too many needle stabs in my fingers, I quit that as well.

The second Christmas Daniel and I were together, we went to visit his family in Milan, Italy. His brother and sister-in-law have two children who were then about 2 and 4 years old, so of course, we loaded our bags with toys for them. We



didn't have much children's toy buying experience, so consequently, everything we bought made noise and had the added joy of flashing lights.

After 30 minutes of chaos with screeching *Teletubbies* dolls, beeping cars, banging, ringing bells, flashing lights, I reached for the Advil. My sister-in-law moved into the kitchen, opened up a bag with needles and yarn, and with a zen-like look on her face, started to work on the sweater she was knitting. She is an expert knitter, and living in Milan (fashion capital of the world, as Daniel, continually reminds me), she has fabulous yarn. The sweaters she makes are exquisite, professional, and perfect. I was hooked.

When we returned to Los Angeles, I researched knitting stores near me and found *Needleworld* only five blocks from my house. The shop was located next door to the pizza shop I ate at, across from the Middle Eastern restaurant I loved, and around the corner from the Mexican, French and Chinese restaurants I frequented regularly. After 20 years in that neighborhood, it was obvious I needed to hone my observation skills beyond restaurants.

The arrangement with many knitting shops is "buy the yarn from us, we will teach you to knit." And so, I did. They started with the basic stitches, knit and purl, learn patterns, then moved on to a scarf. I would work a few rows, make an error, and start the "rip it out and start over" routine. Eventually, I graduated to a simple scarf, then on to sweaters.

On our next trip to Italy, I spent the entire flight working on the sweater I was knitting for Daniel because I was anxious to show my sister-in-law what she had inspired. She looked at the sweater, looked at Daniel, shook her head, and ripped the entire thing out. She immediately knew it was much too small. She bought additional yarn and remade the sweater in three days. Fifteen years later, he still wears the sweater, stretched out arms and all! There is no chance I will rip and redo the arms. For sure, that is above my skill level.

## Pets of the valley

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

Duke had a short stay at the Blue Mountain Humane Society before joining his new family on the farm. Equal parts handsome and goofy, Duke's family raves about him, saying he is the "awesome farm dog" and a "blessing for the family." His hobbies include overseeing day-to-day farm chores, camping, and hanging out with his girl, Katie.

Have a pet who deserves recognition? Send a photo and information to [beka@waitstimes.com](mailto:beka@waitstimes.com) to be featured in the Pets of the Valley series.



Face shot: Courtesy photo  
Dog and girl: Jamie McMillen

Left: Duke while he was waiting for his forever home at the Blue Mountain Humane Society.  
Right: Now, Duke spends his days hanging out with his girl, Katie.

## Playoff matchup: Seahawks vs. Rams

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

This week Seattle hosts the Los Angeles Rams in what will be their third matchup this season. Seattle lost the first game in Los Angeles 23-16 in a game that Russell Wilson had two interceptions and a fumble but no touchdowns. Seattle won the rematch in Seattle 20-9 behind Wilson's two touchdowns, one throwing, one rushing. The biggest question coming into this game is who will be the starting quarterback for the Rams. Jared Goff or John Wolford?

Jared Goff had surgery to stabilize a broken right thumb and didn't play against the Cardinals last week. Filling for Goff was John Wolford, who managed to lead the Rams to an 18-7 win over the Cardinals. Though one could argue the game's biggest play was an interception by the Rams defense that was returned for a touchdown just before halftime. It was Wolford's first game as an NFL quarterback, and he went 22-38 for two hundred thirty-one yards and one interception.

The Rams primary rusher Cam Akers played through an ankle sprain last week but was not very effective, gaining only thirty-four yards on twenty-one carries. If Akers is not at full strength, the Rams have other options in Darrell Henderson Jr. and Malcolm Brown, who have both had over one hundred attempts and each averaging over four yards per carry.

Former Eastern Washington standout Cooper Kupp was out last week and was placed on the reserve/COVID-19 list. Kupp is the Rams leading receiver this year with nine hundred and seventy-four yards and ninety-two catches. His status for this game is unknown.

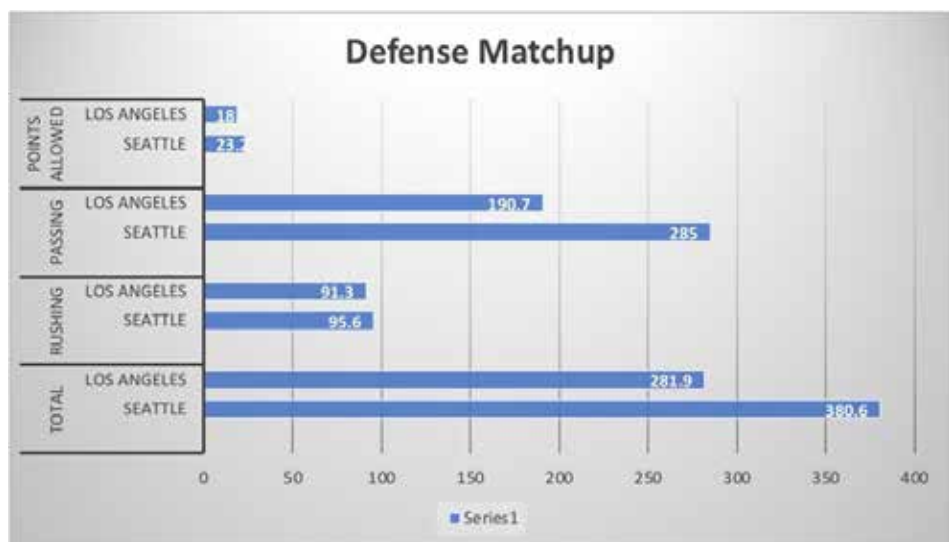
Defensively the Rams feature the best defense in the NFL this year. They ranked first in total yards allowed per game with 281.9 and first in points allowed

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	1:40PM	FOX	Los Angeles Rams	Seattle	Seattle
	5:15PM	NBC	Tampa Bay	Washington	Tampa Bay
Sun	10:05AM	ABC/ESPN	Baltimore	Tennessee	Tennessee
	1:40PM	CBS	Chicago	New Orleans	New Orleans
	5:15PM	NBC	Cleveland	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh

per game at 18.5. Seattle's defense has vastly improved over the last four weeks. They have been giving up an average of 12.5 points per game over that span. Safety Jamal Adams had a shoulder injury against the 49ers last week but is believed to be available this week against the Rams. The players listed as out for this week for Seattle are as follows: Jayson Stanley CB, Greg Olsen TE, Mike Iupati G, DeeJay Dallas RB, Carlos Hyde RB.

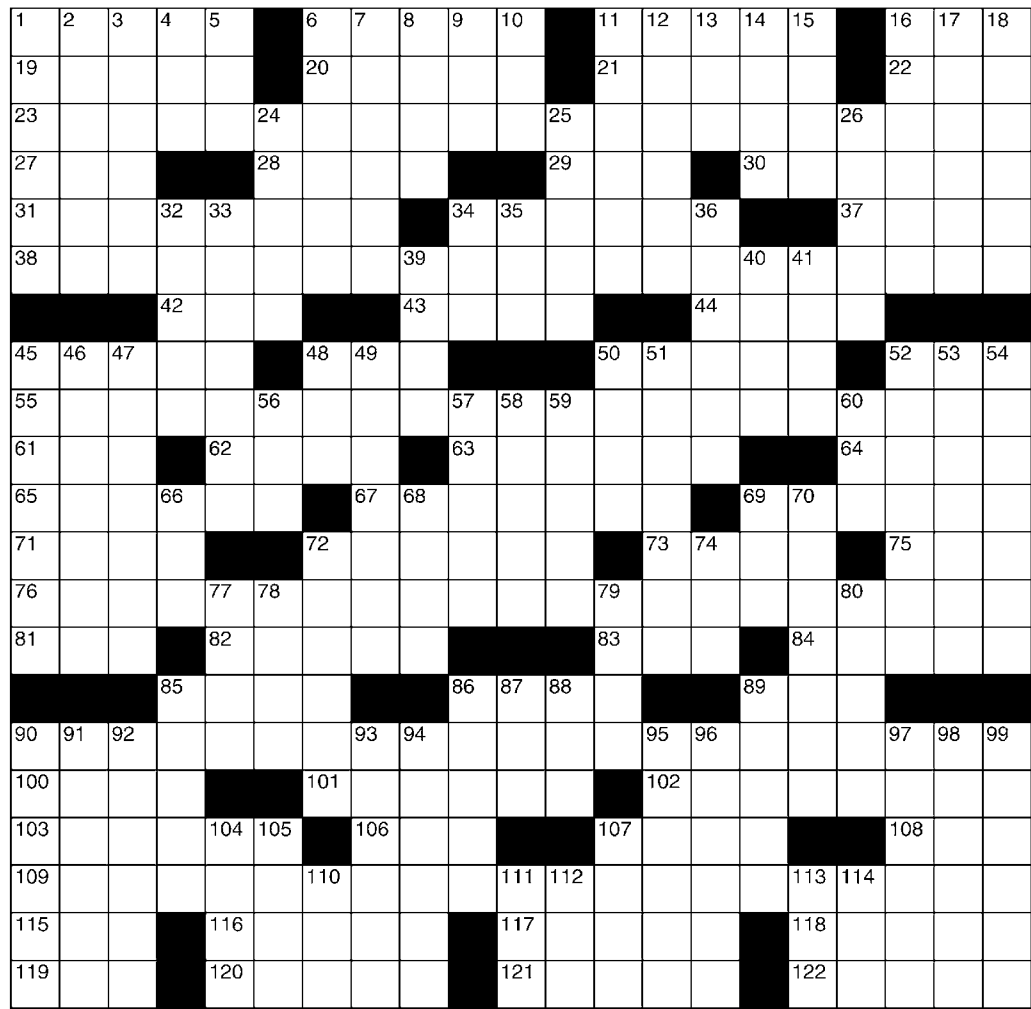
DK Metcalf ended the regular season with 1,303 yards receiving, which is now the new Seahawks team record for receiving yards in a single season. The old record of 1287 yards was held by Steve Largent in 1985. Tyler Lockett also broke a team record with 100 receptions on the season. Doug Baldwin and Bobby Engram shared the old record of 94 receptions.



# FUN & GAMES

## Super Crossword 21 AND SINGLE

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- 1 Alcatraz Island locale, for short
  - 6 Info-filled
  - 11 Subjective paper pieces
  - 16 Yeshiva student, e.g.
  - 19 Land, in Italy
  - 20 Fast Amtrak service
  - 21 Salsa singer Cruz
  - 22 Pal, in Nice
  - 23 Concerning the effects of drugs on the mind
  - 27 Maestro — Pekka Salonen
  - 28 12:00, half of the time
  - 29 South, in Spanish
  - 30 Flinch in fear
  - 31 Squid feature
  - 34 "Chill out!"
  - 37 Amply skilled
  - 38 Belief in a national power structure
  - 42 Acting signal
  - 43 Blarney Stone's land
  - 44 "Sometimes you feel like —"
  - 45 Get moving
  - 48 Org. for tooth drillers
  - 50 Lid
  - 52 Bullfight yell
  - 55 Official endorsement via an amendment, say
  - 61 Savings acct. addition
  - 62 Days before holidays
  - 63 Rises
  - 64 Heaps
  - 65 Ornamental hairnets
  - 67 Jogged
  - 69 — Pointe, Michigan
  - 71 Gazpacho, e.g., in Spanish
  - 72 Talisman
  - 73 Cookie for 100+ years
  - 75 He's a doll
  - 76 Ear, nose and throat doctor
  - 81 B-ball official
  - 82 Sneak off to say "I do"
  - 83 The same: Prefix
  - 84 — Carlo
  - 85 Street — (popular acceptance)
  - 86 Video file format, in brief
  - 89 Wrestling win
  - 90 Quality among identical things
  - 100 TV's Griffin
  - 101 Oaths
  - 102 Swiss city on Lake Geneva
  - 103 Shelling out
  - 106 Moo goo — pan
  - 107 Short comic sketch
  - 108 Fist bump, colloquially
  - 109 Machine for a brain test
  - 115 Palme — (film award)
  - 116 Coiled
  - 117 Sprightly
  - 118 China's Zhou
  - 119 Mil. officer
  - 120 Taunts in fun
  - 121 Swift
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  - 7 Canyon comebacks
  - 8 Stop nursing
  - 9 35mm camera type
  - 10 Thanksgiving staple
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  - 14 Fashionable Christian
  - 15 Stuffing herb
  - 16 "I, Claudius" star Derek
  - 17 PC-to-PC letters
  - 18 Actor Dafoe
  - 24 Aunt's spouse, in Paris
  - 25 Unified
  - 26 "Sorry, already have plans"
  - 32 Cantina snacks
  - 33 Bordered on
  - 34 Roman 901
  - 35 Above, in verse
  - 36 Country crooner Randy
  - 39 Fire output
  - 40 Mother of Don Juan
  - 41 Magical glow
  - 45 Clip out, as a coupon
  - 46 Imply in its definition
  - 47 In addition to
  - 48 Gorged on
  - 49 Fluffy floor-cleaning tool
  - 50 Walking aid
  - 51 They can't be taught new tricks, in a saying
  - 52 Raincoat material
  - 53 Most baggy
  - 54 Pact among nations
  - 56 ER hookups
  - 57 Bit of land in l'oceano
  - 58 Mink relative
  - 59 In smart garb
  - 60 Eastern spiritual path
  - 66 Crew tool
  - 68 Precept
  - 69 Salon goop
  - 70 Suitemates, say
  - 72 Like one of a battery's terminals
  - 74 Pal of Piglet
  - 77 That girl's
  - 78 "How did — this happen?"
  - 79 Close by
  - 80 Fixin' to
  - 85 Longtime
  - 86 Rock or jazz
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  - 112 Links gp.
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## MY RECIPES

### Thai Coconut Soup (Tom Ka Gai)

New year, new soup

We already miss Tenny McMunn, our advertising manager and recipe writer who happily retired at the end of 2020. Her recipes were crowd favorites, not only for the food but for the good company. We've only begun to feel the void in the many ways she filled *The Times* office with joy. So, while there's a hole in our hearts, I can at least offer something to fill your bowl.



Brianna Wray

New year, new you? Whether you're eating better as a New Year's resolution or just looking for a warm and filling yet light and flavorful meal, Thai coconut soup to the rescue! I had this soup at a Thai restaurant in Seattle, and it was surprisingly delightful. It was a drizzly and foggy cold day, a day perfect for warm soup. That version had these small mushrooms I had never seen before nor since, but it's my life's goal to find them to perfect this experience.

As far as textures go, I expect soup to be more wet than saucy. This soup has a light yet rich consistency made from chicken or vegetable broth and coconut milk. The lemongrass gives it a zingy brightness that joins forces with the lime to great success. It tastes fancy for how low effort it is to recreate. In my notes below, I've included a cheat method that eliminates the necessity for the more exotic ingredients. So, if this will be the only time you're ever going to use fish sauce, you can skip it entirely by using the cheat method.

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 boneless skinless chicken thighs
- 1 can coconut milk
- 1 carton chicken/veggie broth
- 1 sprig of lemongrass
- 1 tsp. Fish sauce
- 1/8 cup cilantro
- Chili garlic sauce to taste
- Shiitake mushrooms
- 1/8 tsp. Ground mustard
- 1/8 tsp. Ground ginger
- 1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 Bay leaf
- 1 cup sliced carrots
- 2 tsp. Coconut oil
- Lime
- Sriracha

#### DIRECTIONS:

Melt coconut oil in a large soup pot. Add sliced onion and carrots and cook until they just begin to melt, caramelize, then add chicken broth, coconut milk, bay leaf, Worcestershire sauce, ginger, mustard, chili garlic sauce, lemongrass, and fish sauce. Bring to boil, reduce heat, add mushrooms, and simmer uncovered for 20 minutes until chicken is cooked. Remove chicken and shred before returning to the soup. Remove bay leaf and lemongrass before serving. Garnish with lime, sriracha, and cilantro.

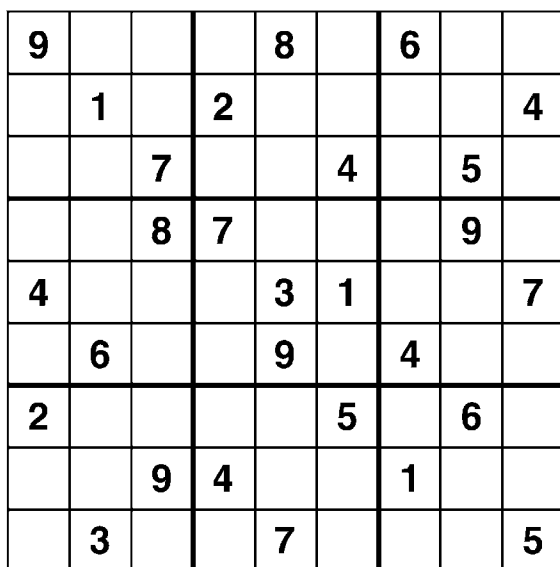
#### MY NOTES:

There is a cheat method! If you want to try this soup whilst purchasing the least amount of extraneous ingredients, get a can of Amy's Thai Coconut Soup, and skip the lemongrass and fish sauce. Use Amy's soup as a base to add coconut milk, broth, and as much or as little onion, carrots, mushrooms as you want. Even the cheat method should be garnished with fresh lime and cilantro.

Enjoy!

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

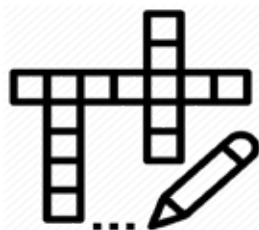


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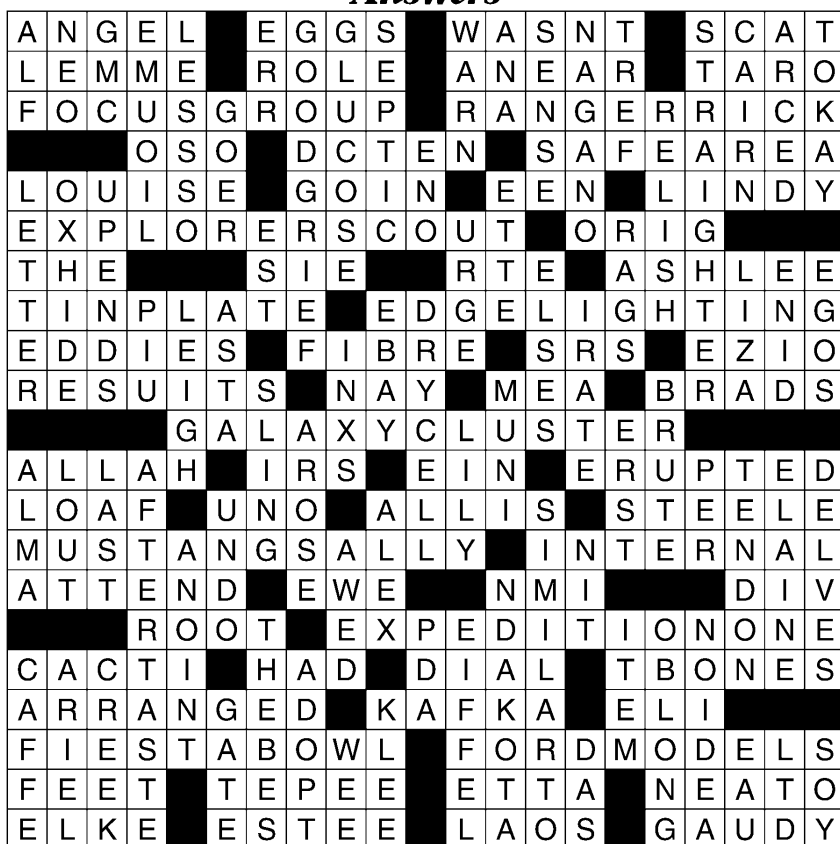
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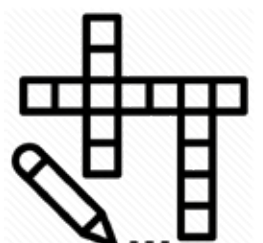
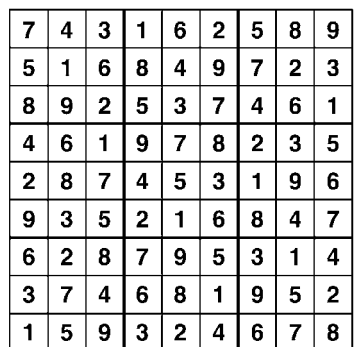
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#### Answer



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**PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 RCW 11.40.030  
 In re the Estate of: JOHN DUANE REDFIELD, a/k/a JACK DUANE REDFIELD, Deceased.  
 The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.  
**DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:** December 31, 2020.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA**  
 In the Matter of the Estate of James W. Cramp Deceased  
 NO. 20-4-00243-36  
**PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 RCW 11.40.030  
 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. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both decedent's probate and non-probate assets.  
**DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:** December 31, 2020.  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA**  
 NO. 20 4 00248 30  
**PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 In Re the Estate of MARGARET A. WALT Deceased.  
 The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney stated below a copy of the claim and filing of the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice.  
 If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.  
 Personal Representative: JONATHAN S. WALTERS  
 Date of First Publication: December 31, 2020  
 /s/ JONATHAN S. WALTERS  
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**2021 MRSC ROSTERS SMALL PUBLIC WORKS, CONSULTANT, and VENDOR ROSTERS FOR PARTICIPATING WASHINGTON STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES LOCATED IN SOUTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON**  
 The Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington (MRSC) hereby advertises on behalf of the below listed local government agencies in Washington State (local governments) in South Central Washington (Kittitas, Yakima, Klickitat, Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, and Columbia counties), including - but not limited to - cities (Title 35 RCW and Title 35A RCW), counties (Title 36 RCW), port districts (Title 53 RCW), water-sewer districts (Title 57 RCW), irrigation districts (Title 83 RCW), school districts and educational service districts (Title 28A RCW), fire districts (Title 52 RCW), transit agencies (e.g., Ch. 35.58 RCW, Ch. 36.57A RCW, Ch. 36.73 RCW, Title 81 RCW), and public utility districts (Title 54 RCW), for their projected needs for small public works, and for consulting services throughout 2021. Additionally, MRSC advertises on behalf of some local government for their projected needs for vendor services throughout 2021. Interested businesses may apply at any time by visiting the MRSC Rosters website at [www.mrscrosters.org](http://www.mrscrosters.org). For questions about MRSC Rosters, email [mrscrosters@mrsc.org](mailto:mrscrosters@mrsc.org).  
 Some or all of the listed local governments may choose to use the MRSC Rosters service to select businesses. Master contracts for certain types of work may be required.

**SMALL PUBLIC WORKS ROSTERS:**  
 Service categories include construction, building, renovation, remodeling, alteration, repair, or improvement of real property

as referenced in RCW 39.04.155. Sub-categories can be viewed on the MRSC Rosters website.

**CONSULTANT ROSTERS:**  
 Service categories include architectural, engineering, and surveying services as referenced in Chapter 39.80 RCW, as well as other personal and professional consulting services. Sub-categories can be viewed on the MRSC Rosters website.

**VENDOR ROSTERS:**  
 Service categories include supplies, materials, and equipment not being purchased in connection with public works contracts and limited service contracts as referenced in RCW 39.04.190. Subcategories can be viewed on the MRSC Rosters website.

Currently subscribing local governments which have their Small Works Roster, Consultant Roster, and Vendor Roster hosted by MRSC Rosters: Benton County, Benton County Fire District #1, Benton County Fire Protection District 6, City of Benton City, City of Cle Elum, City of College Place, City of Connell, City of Granger, City of Kennewick, City of Mabton, City of Pasco, City of Richland, City of Roslyn, City of Sunnyside, City of Toppenish, City of Waitsburg, City of West Richland, City of Zillah, Cle Elum - Roslyn School District No. 404, Franklin County, Franklin County Fire Protection District No. 3, Highland School District #203, Husum Fire Dept.-Klickitat CoFire Dist. 3, Kahlottus School District #056, Kittitas County, Kittitas County Fire District #7, Kittitas County Fire District No. 2, Kittitas School District 403, Klickitat School District #402, Mid-Columbia Library, Richland Public Facilities District, Roza Irrigation District, South Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Underwood Conservation District, Waitsburg School District.

Currently subscribing local governments which have only their Small Works Roster and Consultant Roster hosted by MRSC Rosters: Ben Franklin Transit, Benton Clean Air Agency, Benton County Mosquito Control District #1, City of Kittitas, City of Prosser, City of Walla Walla, City of Wapato, Kiona-Benton City School District, North Franklin School District, Prosser Public Hospital District (Prosser Memorial Health), Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, Skyline Hospital, Terrace Heights Sewer District, White Salmon Valley School District.

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY NO. 20 4 01323 06 NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 Estate of DAVID C. COULTER, Deceased.  
 The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of the first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.


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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No. 20-4-00235-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 In Re the Estate of GENIDAA. PURCELL, Deceased.  
 The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney stated below a copy of the claim and filing of the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice.  
 If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Personal Representative: MARIA L. MEDLEY  
 Date of First Publication: January 7th, 2021  
 /s/ MARIA L. MEDLEY  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Waitsburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at 9 a.m. or soon thereafter and all interested citizens are invited to attend the hearing virtually by calling 701-802-5221, entering meeting access number 858-672, at which time the meeting will be open for public discussion on the proposed amendments to the City's Development Code along with a recommendation of approval of an Application for a Zoning Text Amendment.  
 Applicant: City of Waitsburg  
 Location of Property: City wide  
 Assessor's Parcel No's: N/A  
 Purpose: Text amendment related to WMC 10.1V Signage Regulations and 10.7A Flood Hazard Areas  
 Current Zone: N/A  
 All interested citizens are invited to attend the hearing and present evidence in favor or opposition of the request for Change of Zoning/Zoning Text Amendment. A copy of the application/text amendments can be obtained by contacting the City of Waitsburg, 147 Main Street, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361.  
 Dated this 5st day of January, 2021  
 Randy Hinchliffe  
 City Clerk  
 The Times  
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**The deadline for legal publications is noon on Tuesday prior to publication.**  
 Send notices to: [legals@waitsburgtimes.com](mailto:legals@waitsburgtimes.com)

## PIONEER PORTRAITS

### Ten Years Ago

January 6, 2011

When dozens of well-wishers gathered to celebrate Sarah Lyman's birthday at Booker Rest Home in Dayton on Saturday, they came not only to honor this longtime Dayton resident's 100th birthday, but to commemorate a century of Columbia County history.

Dayton graduate Garrett Bickelhaupt, 19, leaves this week for Army basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

[Photo caption] American Legion Auxiliary #35 President Rose Engelbrite of Waitsburg hands a \$1,000 donation check to Town Hall Secretary Norma Bessy. The money raised at the bingo during Hometown Christmas weekend, will be used to replace the building's front doors and sidelights.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 11, 1996

[Photo caption] Waitsburg's Kelly Zuger enjoys a lollipop with her 20-month-old son, Justin, Friday during a basketball game at the gym in Waitsburg.

It was a pretty good year for stock and bond investors, and people who bought Waitsburg School District bonds in 1993 have done fairly well. Some have made a profit of about 18 percent on their tax-free investment.

Columbia County Sheriff's Department has purchased two used snowmobiles for crime-fighting and search and rescue operations. Columbia County Commissioners, using state grant money, approved the purchase of the Arctic Cat snowmobiles, a trailer, radios, and other gear for a total of \$13,500.

An Air Force colonel who graduated from Waitsburg High School has taken command of the Air National Guard wing at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane. Col. Walter L. Hodgen took command on Sunday of the 141st Air Refueling Wing, Washington Air National Guard.

### Fifty Years Ago

January 21, 1971

Rev. Vernon Smith has been selected by the Commercial Club Board of Directors to serve as president for the 1971-72 club year. Don Thomas was selected as vice-president, and Ivan Keve was named to another term as secretary-treasurer.

Late reports from St. Mary's Hospital on Jim Wood injured Wait-Hi teacher: X-rays indicate a chipped bone in the right wrist and a sprained ankle with no broken bones there. Jim, who was at first dazed from the concussion, is returning to normal enough to give the nurses a bad time, according to Lee Mantz, Jr.

While the art class was setting up a Christmas scene on the school lawn, one of the boys asked uncertainly, "where shall I put the three wise guys?"

### Seventy-Five Years Ago

January 25, 1946

John Hulce has purchased the Plaza Theatre equipment from the committee and has taken over the lease held by Earl Crossler.

Neil Maxwell, nephew of Miss Fanny Weller, is taking flying lessons at Martin's Flying School in Walla Walla.

The K&K Jewelry shop is being re-decorated this month, preparatory to reopening their business in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Seaton are leaving next week for an extended visit in Wyoming. They are taking their snow plane for experiment and showing.

### One Hundred Years Ago

February 4, 1921

Lambda Sigma met at Preston Hall last Tuesday night. Four girls, Ila Hales, Mabel Groom, Virta McDonald, and Lillian Callahan, braved the solemn rites of initiation and became members of the society. After initiation, the girls made candy in the domestic science kitchen.

Miss Laretia Loundagin and Dwight Howell gave a farewell party Thursday evening at the home of Miss Loundagin in honor of Miss Mabel Van Slyke, who left with her parents Monday for Denver to live. Those present were Blanche Stoenepher, Hesper Archer, Opal Mock, Edna Price, Leah Sayers, Averill Monnett, Eston Mock, Dillard Howell, Oliver Hobbs, Maureen Keiser, Giles Callahan, Elmer Van Slyke, and Celestia Loundagin.

### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 31, 1896

S.A. Ferguson this week enlarged his hardware store by moving the partition between his store and workroom farther back. His is a very handsome store now.

Willie Weller and Archie Martin are not experts at breaking horses. On Thursday, they hitched a colt to a cart and proceeded to break not the colt, but the cart. No bones were broken, and the boys have regained consciousness. The colt is as if nothing happened.

Bert Preston has engaged in the bicycle business on a large scale and will establish agencies throughout the state.