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## Waitsburg Fall Festival back after two-year hiatus



Carrie Hendrix

(above) Fairgoers enjoyed rides up and down on Main Street in Jim and Amy Fenley's beautiful horse drawn covered wagon.

(top right) Bluegrass dreams were made when Kate Hockersmith, Carrie Hendrix, Jimmie Turner, and Glenn Morrison of the Jasper Mountain Band took the stage.



Kate Hockersmith

By Paul Ocker | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Hundreds of people visited the Waitsburg Pioneer Fall Festival on Sunday, 18 September, following a two-year hiatus due to COVID protocols. Early morning rain showers caused some concerns, stopped just before noon and the afternoon was ideal for the event.

Local artisans sold hand-forged bottle openers and coatracks, handspun woolen products, hand-dipped candles, quilting products, and handmade jewelry. Food vendors served the favorite fare of bison burgers, brats, baked goods, ice cream, and soup, proceeds of which went to local charities, including the Waitsburg Historical Society, Relay for Life, and the Lions Club.

The festivalgoers wandered through the freshly painted Bruce Mansion and peered through the museum pieces in the old carriage house. The annual event provides a solid reminder of how innovative and tough the people who first settled this area were.

It is also enjoyable looking through documents and photos at the school museum, trying to pair the surnames of students from the early 1900s with families living here today or the roads or places that may share their names. The "Old Haunted Mill" model is bittersweet as a sad reminder of what was lost and what could have been had it not burned down years ago.

The mainstage events included the morning Community Church Service, a vintage-style fashion show, followed by an afternoon of music from eight local performers from Lowden to Dayton. The acapella women's choir BluePrint started the day at noon, followed by the family band Coyote Gulch, and Dr. Kyle Terry and Robert Walsh wrapped up the late afternoon. The seating on the grass under the fir trees was nearly full during the event.

The highly anticipated pie baking contest and auction revealed all the favorites of apple and berry pies with a bit of rhubarb here and there. Some unusual but tasty entries included a grape and green tomato pie and one with particularly interesting rosemary accents. This year's proceeds will benefit the Waitsburg Parks and Rec pool program.

The Fall Festival is never complete without antique cars and transportation to experience. Visitors enjoyed the horse-drawn wagon that toured through the town. Around a dozen cars, ranging from Model Ts to 1960s classics, lined up in front of the mansion. This was a different experience than other car shows as people did not mind if you got close to the car to remember the old times.

The fall event is always a good time to get together with friends, family, and neighbors, listen to live music, remember some of the good old days, benefit local charities and vendors, and celebrate Waitsburg and her people.

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Kate Hockersmith

(above) Taking a break from grading homework, Gabe Kiefel entertained all with his strumming and singing.

(left) A solo-set from the talented Paul Gregutt.

## Port hears concern over FB use by commissioner

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Columbia Port Commissioners held their regular meeting at 5 p.m. on September 14, 2022, at the Port of Columbia and on Zoom. Commissioners present were Genie Crowe, Seth Bryan, and the Executive Director, Jennie Dickinson. Members of the public attended using Zoom and in person. Johnny Watts did not attend.

Dayton Resident Teresa Eier addressed her comments during public comment to Commissioner Bryan. She said Columbia County Commissioner Chuck Amerein told her to investigate issues for herself, which she said she had.

The commenter asked Bryan, "So upon investigation, I do have some concerns. Seth, it is my understanding that you run a Dayton Uncensored Facebook page?"

Bryan answered, "Do we keep this to port business? This is not a question-and-answer period; this is a comment period."

The commentator said she was concerned about the FB page because it contains "libel, harassment, and character assassination of our current library director that's being allowed on that page, with commentary calling him a pedophile and other things."

She said an elected port commissioner who allows and participates in such discussions with the apparent goal of firing the Library Director could expose the Port to lawsuits for libel and character assassination.

She concluded by saying those in public office should be working for unity, not division, and it



Port of Columbia Port Commissioner Seth Bryan

## Dayton City Council update

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON- The Dayton City Council held its regular meeting at 6 p.m. on September 13, 2022. Mayor Zac Weatherford and council members Shannon McMillen, Teeny McMunn, James Su'euga, Kyle Anderson, Laura Aukerman, and Tiger Dieu were present at City Hall; Dain Nysoe was absent.

The Interim 911 Director and Dispatch Supervisor, Desirae Lockard, gave a brief report, including an update on the 911 phone system, which will have an upgrade on September 20, 2022. She said 911 calls might be redirected to Walla Walla for up to six hours that day.

With the increase in deputies, Sheriff Helm reported his department would be able to provide two deputies at the schools each morning to interact with students. Deputies waiting to attend the academy are usually assigned to the schools and other public education tasks.

The Sheriff's Department plans to offer the Citizen's Academy again this fall, updating the community on how enforcement by his department has been affected by recent state legislation.

The department has written ninety-one traffic tickets this past month, which does not include stops where no citation was issued.

McMunn said she had heard reports of kids on bicycles on the streets at 3 a.m. and asked the Sheriff if there were any gaps in coverage. Helm said there might be only an occasional gap due to shift coverage, but he expected complete coverage once the two new deputies graduate from the academy.

McMunn also asked about costs associated with lost time and mileage due to the department transporting prisoners to other facilities due to overcrowding at the county jail. The county hopes to build a new public safety building, which would include a jail, to alleviate the pressure on the current facility.

Jennie Dickinson, the Director of the Port of Columbia, gave a presentation on the new franchise agreement between the Port of Columbia and the City of Dayton. The information she provided covered items negotiated between the two parties, including a new development clause that requires the city to notify the port of any underground utility extensions to allow the port to include

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## NEWS BRIEFS

## LETTERS

### AT THE LIBERTY:

#### 25th Annual Short Film Festival

THE TIMES

You be the Judge! The Manhattan Short Film Festival is the only event of its kind! This is the 25th annual Manhattan Short Film Festival, which is a worldwide event taking place in about 500 venues across six continents. Each of the selected 10 finalist short films will be shown during each screening within a 12 day period (between Sept. 22 and October 2, 2022 across the world), with the Best Film and Best Actor awards determined by ballots cast by each audience member (You!) in each participating venue. By virtue of their selection by MANHATTAN SHORT, each of the ten short films is automatically Oscar-qualified.

A summary from another venue provides this useful information. "The Final Ten Manhattan Short films come from eight countries with films from Scotland, Czech & Slovakia, Spain, Australia, Finland and Lebanon, alongside two films each from France and USA. These Final Ten Films represent the best short films from among 870 submissions from 70 countries received by Manhattan Short for 2022."

The Manhattan Short Film Festival is for film lovers who want to experience unique and riveting stories from all around the world - and the Liberty Theater in Dayton is the only theater in over a 100-mile radius offering this film festival (with the next closest a one night showing in Spokane). Don't miss this event.

Please see our nearby advertisement, or our website, for movie dates and times. The Liberty Theater now has open seating with tickets only at the door, no assigned seats and no online sales for movies. The theater has no restrictions or distanced seating to reduce the spread of COVID, and masks are optional, but recommended.


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### SUPPORT FOR DAYTON LIBRARY COLLECTION

To the editor,  
I read the following statement at the meeting of the Columbia County Board of Trustees on Monday, September 19:

I have a master's degree in library science from the University of Washington, and I was the branch manager of the Dayton Memorial library. In that capacity, I was in charge of collection development for the children's materials, and then for the whole library. I'd like to commend Todd on prioritizing an inclusive collection that reflects the diverse experiences of the youth in our community, and for having good policies in place that avoid further erosion of our freedom of self-expression.

The librarian's job is to provide resources to the whole community without judgment. It is my job as a parent to decide which resources are appropriate for my child. Some of the topics I think are appropriate are going to be different from other parents' and vice versa. That means that not everything in the library is going to be for me, and that's ok. It's important that diverse books be included in the collection and promoted without shame or stigma attached. Restricting access to these materials doesn't protect children from complex issues, it only means they will turn to less reliable and more dangerous sources of information.

I understand the concerns over some of the material that's been posted online. I wouldn't want my 6-year-old to read some of those passages either. I wouldn't check that book out for her and there's little chance that she'd accidentally pick it up because the good news is that my 6-year-old isn't allowed in the library without supervision. And for good reason. The public library isn't any safer than any other public place.

I do think that the teen section could use some physical delineation from the children's section. Maybe an appropriate solution would be to move the teen library or put some architectural separation between it and the children's library. I don't think that's an unreasonable request.

What I do think is unreasonable is for a small group of vocal activists to dictate the books all our children have access to. I disagree that ideas in these books are causing harm. I don't support their removal or the effective banning of these books by restricting access. I reject the idea that a book on a shelf is "grooming" children. I reject the idea that a book about institutional racism in America is somehow going to indoctrinate Dayton's white children with some kind of liberal agenda. Books are about expanding your base of knowledge. If a book makes you see an issue from someone else's point of view, that's a good thing in my opinion.

I think that Todd and this board understand what is at stake for the youth of our community, how they feel about themselves and each other, and whether or not they have the resources they need to navigate a treacherous world safely. I trust that they will listen to everyone and do what is best for the WHOLE community.

Amy Rosenberg  
Dayton, Wash.

### CHARACTER ATTACKS ON FB ARE DISHEARTENING AND DANGEROUS

To the Editor,  
There has been a recent uproar about which books should be available to children in our public library. The people who have voiced their concerns have stated repeatedly that their concerns are not political, homophobic, transphobic, or anti-sex. Many have stated, on social media and in letters to the editor, that their concern is merely for the safety of the children, and the protection of their innocence. Some have said they are not asking for books to be banned, just removed from the children's section. It's true that the books in question could be moved to higher shelves, or another area in the library. It would be easy enough - and absolutely appropriate - to contact the library director and request that the books be moved. Perhaps some have done this. Unfortunately, what many have done instead is call for our library director's resignation and labeled anyone who defends these books (including the library director, board, and staff) pedophiles and sexual groomers. The most graphic pages of the books in question are being photographed and shared to social media by the people who are most offended by the content. Do they not realize that by doing this, they are making those pages even more accessible to kids? Parents, make sure you are logged off of Facebook while the kids are at home or they might unwittingly learn something you explicitly said you don't want them to learn!

One of the most disturbing aspects of this campaign against the library director, staff, and board, is that much of the malicious slander directed at them is being circulated on a Facebook page called Dayton WA Uncensored, of which our elected Port Commissioner, Seth Bryan, is an admin. Mr. Bryan himself has participated in maligning the library staff. This pattern of demonizing individuals with whom they disagree, is becoming commonplace with a certain group of citizens - Mr. Bryan's Facebook page has been center stage for much of it, as he perpetuates personal attacks on the citizens he has been elected to serve. Regardless of how you feel about the placement of books in our library, there is absolutely no excuse for this defamation of character. I am extremely disheartened by this behavior, especially from an elected official in our community.

Shellie McLeod  
Dayton, Wash.

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## Lunches

### WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 20**  
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Potatoes  
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Bread  
Fruit Cookie

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**Wednesday, Sept. 21**  
Breakfast  
Long John & Boiled Eggs  
**Lunch**  
Chicken Nuggets  
Dinner Roll  
Curly Fries  
Veggie  
Fruit  
**Thursday, Sept. 22**  
Breakfast  
Breakfast Tornado

**Lunch**  
Macaroni & Cheese w/Beef  
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Veggie  
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# NEWS

## COUNCIL- FROM PAGE 1

fiber conduit.

The City Council expects to vote on the agreement at the next scheduled City Council meeting.

At the end of Dickenson's presentation, Su'euga said, "Thank you for doing this. This is something that this community needs, and it's great. Thank you."

The administration at City Hall has scheduled a Customer Appreciation Day for October 11, 2022. The event will include hotdogs, chips, and sodas to be served in front of the building and other activities. It will be funded by donations from city staff and the mayor and not involve any public funds.

Also, on October 11, the city staff and council members will take photos for the City's website.

The Parks and Recreation Committee is considering a proposal from the Friends of the Dayton Dog Park to put a gazebo in the park. It would be funded, built, and maintained by the Friends.

Reporting for the County, County Commissioner Ryan Rundell said the board hired Gary Morgon as the new Public Works Director/County Engineer.

The commissioner said Cathy Abel was appointed interim County Auditor until the Republican Party Central Committee can provide three candidates for the temporary position.

Chris Mills has resigned as County Assessor effective September 30, 2022, and the interim vacancy will be filled by the County Commissioners from one of three candidates selected by the Republican Party Central Committee.

The interim Assessor and Auditor will be replaced in January with the winning candidates from the November 2022 election.

The city's public works department has hired Duane Moore as a full-time worker. The city will begin crack sealing on South Fourth Street. The 1100 block of South Fourth Street will be closed one day that week to connect a new home to city services.

Aukerman requested the Pledge of Allegiance be recited at the beginning of each meeting. The mayor will check with the city lawyer to see if it needs to be approved by a vote or not. No other council member voiced any objection. If there are no objections, it could be implemented at the next meeting.

## PORT- FROM PAGE 1

was unprofessional to be doing this. She provided the commissioners with printed examples of some of the content from the Facebook page.

The Commissioners approved the last meeting's minutes, budget report, and vouchers. Next, the commissioners discussed the budget which they are developing for next year.

Bryan expressed opposition to taking the one percent tax rate increase allowed by law. The one percent hike would supplement the revenue of the Port by about \$4,700 next year; however, it would not cover inflation.

Reporting on assets, Sweet Treats Bakeshop will be moving to Blue Mountain Station, at the space being vacated by Mama Monacelli's Kitchen in October.

The Fall Festival will be held at Blue Mountain Station on September 24, 2022.

Near the close of the meeting, Bryan inquired about the \$12,000 quote to appraise the railroad right-of-way. Bryan recommended, "going down that avenue." He wanted to start working towards the direction of selling the right-of-way.

Crowe asked, "So, what you suggest is that we spend that \$12,000 on an appraisal?"

Bryan answered, "I think it's going to be necessary to get an appraisal of the value of it before we even know if we're going to have a solid offer on it."

Dickinson said, "If you want to do it, it's O.K. But that would be the risk that you spend \$12,000 for something you decide is not worth doing or don't want to do."

Bryan responded, "And that would be a risk that we have to assess whether it's smart to sell or not if it's going to be in the interest of the community for economic development and whatnot. But I just hate to wait and sit on it, just let it sit there idle, while we could be working two things at once and working towards that direction if we find it's something viable or not."

Crowe adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

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## KIWANIS CLUB CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DINNER HONOREES



Photo by Carla Rowe

Legion of Honor honorees were (L to R) David Crozier, PNW District Governor 2022-23, Gary Schroeder (30 years), Kim Lyonnais (30 years), Terry Nealey (45 years), Greg Wegrich, PNW District Governor 2021-22, at the Dayton Kiwanis Club 100th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, Sept. 17.

Honored but unable to attend was Jon McFarland (35 years). Nearly a hundred people attended the special night, which was held in the Barn at Blue Meadows, and was catered by Q Wood-Fired Grill.

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# SPORTS & LEGALS

## The Western Hockey League: Ten things to know

By Paul Ocker | THE TIMES

I sometimes enjoy going to big-league ballparks and arenas for sporting events. I do this not only because of my love of sports but also because, in today's tumultuous world, I find it comforting to know that I can sit in a stadium with 50,000 other people, all with different backgrounds, politics, and religions, and all of us have the singular common goal of hoping that "our" team performs well.

As I get older, I am starting to find a similar comfort but greater satisfaction in attending what I call "pre-professional" sports. Watching young people play for the love of the game, the pure joy in winning a contest, and the hard work required even to finish a game, let alone win, inspires me. The stadiums are smaller and more intimate. You get to know your neighbors sitting around you and meet the players from time to time.

I have season tickets for the Tri-City Americans

hockey games, a team affiliated with the Western Hockey League. The Toyota Center in Kennewick is about an hour away, seats about 7,000 people, and hosts about 35 games between October and March. I plan to make it to nearly every game. Not only to enjoy the camaraderie of my hockey family (the surrounding season ticket holders) but to support the players as they play their hearts out, hoping to win and possibly make it to the next level, professional hockey. It also helps reduce my stress levels to yell and cheer at a sporting event, considering that I have a rather stressful day job where, although I may want to, I cannot reasonably raise my voice at people who make mistakes.

I will follow up more with the Tri-City Americans in a future article, but here are ten facts about the Western Hockey League that you may find interesting:

1. There are three major junior ice hockey leagues in North America: the Western Hockey League (WHL), the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, and the Ontario Hockey League. The winner of each league plays in an end-of-season tournament known as the Memorial Cup for the North American Championship.
2. Making up the WHL are five teams, one each from the US, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and two from Manitoba. The team farthest north is in Prince George, BC, and south is a team in Portland, Ore. Farthest west is a team from Victoria, BC., and to the east is a team in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

3. The shortest distance for a road trip is from Seattle to Everett at 29 miles, but the longest is from Victoria to Winnipeg at 1485 miles.
4. Players range from 15-20 years old. There can be no more than three 20-year-olds on a team.
5. A draft is held every year, and WHL teams choose players from the four western Canadian provinces, Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut, and U.S. states west of the Mississippi River (except Missouri). The other leagues draw from the remaining U.S. States and Canadian provinces.
6. Because these are North American developmental leagues, each team may have no more than two European players.
7. Players live in the homes of volunteer families, known as billets. Those who offer billets receive a small stipend to house, feed, and chaperone the players under their care.
8. Players typically attend local high schools to complete their education while playing.
9. While they often get a stipend for living expenses, players are not paid to play.
10. The league operates a scholarship program that offers one year of tuition, textbooks, and fees for each season they play in the WHL.

The hockey season begins in October. I will post regular updates on the Tri-City Americans and provide some insights into how you might be able to go and enjoy some of this world-class entertainment as well.

## WOLFPACK VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

DW COMBINE—DW Wolfpack volleyball played three matches in three days and came away with one win.

The Wolfpack traveled to Riverview on Tuesday, September 14, and lost the match 9-25, 10-25, and 15-25. Elsie Mann led the team with five kills. On Wednesday, DW beat a young Touchet team 25-13, 25-16, 25-16. Thursday saw the Wolfpack lose to Walla Walla Valley Academy 17-25, 15-25, 15-25.

On Monday, September 19, DW traveled to Touchet. The Wolfpack played without three key players; seniors who decided to leave the team due to discrepancies in coach/player relationships. DW won the match in four sets: 25-16, 20-25, 27-25, and 25-16.

DW's next home match will be on Tuesday, September 27, against Warden.



Karen Huwe photo  
Claudia Benavides sets a block against Touchet

## MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

DW COMBINE—Head Coach Wendy Richards welcomed 35 middle school girl volleyball players at practice on September 7. With 35 girls, Richards will split the players into four squads. Two squads will play as DW Wolf, and two squads will play as DW Pack. The girls are practicing skills to be ready for their first match on September 26 when DW Wolf will play in Touchet and DW Pack will play Rogers in Waitsburg.



Coach Wendy Richards

## LEGAL NOTICES

**LEGAL NOTICE:**  
COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1  
NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING  
Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Columbia County Public Hospital District No. 1, scheduled to occur on September 28, 2022, at 1:30 pm at the Waitsburg Town Hall, will be held as scheduled.  
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**ASSISTANT BASKETBALL COACH**  
Position open in the Dayton-Waitsburg School Districts DW Sports Combine. High School Girls Assistant Basketball Coach. To apply, submit a DW Coaching Application. Applications can be found on the employment page of the District website at <https://www.daytonsd.org/page/employment> or the District office at 609 S. 2nd Street. For more information contact the District office at 382-2543 or Athletic Director, Sam Korslund samk@daytonsd.org. Position open until filled. EOE

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AROUND THE VALLEY:  
WITH KAREN HUWE

# Hells Gate State Park

Hells Gate State Park, located in Lewiston, Idaho, was once the site of a Nez Perce village. Today, one can enjoy an abundance of activities.

Located along the Snake River, park visitors appreciate the outdoors as they enjoy swimming at the long stretch of day-use beach, boating, fishing, and kayaking. Another adventure is stopping at the marina to schedule a day trip up Hells Canyon on a jet boat.

Out of the water, you can play disc golf, take a walk, or ride your bicycle on the trails around the park. Riding the paved path alongside the river for four miles takes you to a bridge that crosses the river. From there, you can ride a path on the other side to Asotin, Washington.

Hells Gate has over 80 campsites in three loops, offering plenty of grass, a table, and a fire pit at each site. Deer and turkeys visit the campsites, and geese are abundant along the river. Relaxing with family and friends, playing corn-hole, and watching the kids run and play is a great way to spend time outdoors. Cooking great food on the BBQ and beating the guys in Sequence is always a good time.

Entering the park, you will want to stop at the Lewis & Clark Discovery Center. There is a gift shop, interpretive exhibits, and interesting films about Lewis & Clark. Outside the Center is a two-acre interpretive plaza with a stream, exhibits, and sculptures.

The Park is also where you can visit the Jack O'Connor Hunting Heritage Edu-



Photos Karen Huwe

Above-Steve, Allen & Sandy ride the paved trail along the river.

Below-A boy herds geese out of the swimming area with his "shark."

cation Center. The outdoor writer and conservationist Jack O'Connor's hunting trophies are displayed, and you will learn the story of America's hunting heritage.

One park with lots to do. Visit for the day or stay a few. You won't be disappointed.



# Dog Walking and Other Dangerous Sports

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

It is a well-known fact that I am a klutz. Added to my determination to exercise, it's become a dangerous lifestyle. Recently, I took Mugsy (all thirteen pounds of him) for a late-night walk along with two friends and their dogs. It was dark; Mugsy pulled, I didn't see the curb, tripped, fell onto the sidewalk, and hit another curb with full force onto my right wrist.

With a high pain tolerance and hope it was just a sprain, I filled zip lock bags with ice, took Advil, and tried to sleep. It was futile. In the morning, Daniel took me to the ER. I have hairline fractures in both my radial and ulna and am sporting a cast for six weeks (two and a half more to go and counting).

I am grateful for the new style of casts. My cast is waterproof and can be tightened or loosened, although it is still uncomfortable. At least with its flex-



ibility, I won't need to stick a hanger down it to scratch an itch, like I did when I broke my arm at twelve years old.

I'm not sure if it's good or bad, but I am not unfamiliar with injuries. I've had two eye injuries from tennis. One that required being glued (better than stitches) above my eyebrow and one that nearly cost me my retina.

I've cracked ribs on dirt bikes, broken my arm roller skating, and suffered various cuts, burns, and bruises working in a restaurant kitchen. And it was just three months ago I had to get four stitches on my right ring finger.

Five years ago, as I was crossing the street on a morning run, I realized a woman driving a large Tahoe hadn't seen me. I immediately turned and headed back to the sidewalk, but she hit me on my right hip and sent me flying across the street. The doctor was amazed; nothing was broken, but my right butt cheek swelled to about three times its normal size, and I was black and blue from my waist down to my toes for weeks.

With every injury, I have learned to adapt. Even with my arm in a cast, I can run, do Zumba, or go for a bike ride.

Gardening with my cast, however, has been a challenge. Digging through massive leafy tomato and cucumber plants to pick a few tiny yellow pear tomatoes or well-hidden cucumbers is an adventure and a balancing challenge.



The Waitsburg Wounded at brunch (l-r), knee, garden-wrist, musical fingers, broken wrist, fashion boot.

It's an effort to avoid falling into the plants and onto my broken wrist. Adding to the challenge, Mugsy is under my feet, searching for ripe tomatoes. He has been scrounging everywhere for snacks after being put on a diet by his vet. The frustrating part is that he eats only the ripened tomatoes in a race to get to them before we do. As of this morning, it's Mugsy ten and us four.

With all my recent injury challenges, I take comfort in knowing I am not alone. At the last brunch we hosted in our backyard, it was heartening, if not somewhat pathetic, to see the aging process taking over a few friends. Luckily, we can all still laugh, drink wine, and party! We are the good-natured, fun-loving Waitsburg Wounded.

# Wine of the Week

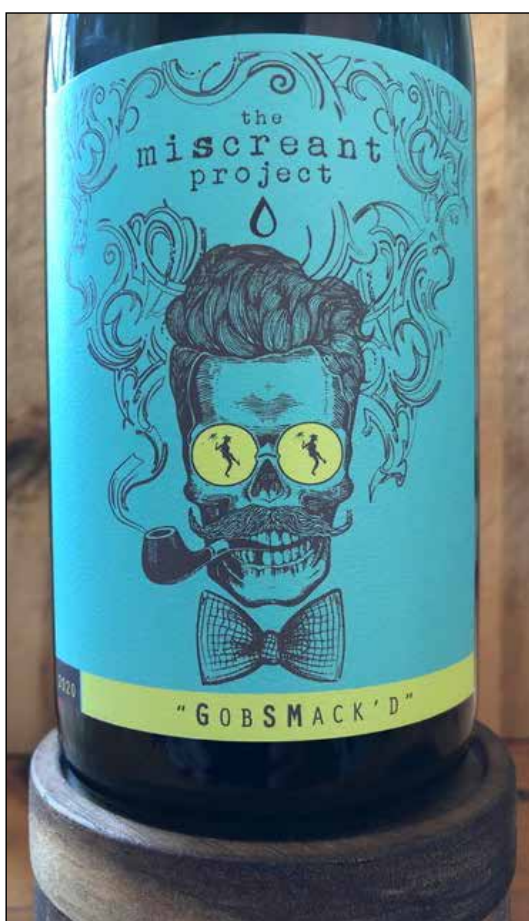
By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

## The Miscreant Project 2020 Gob-SMack'd GSM

The casual label reader might easily miss the layers of puns and jokester references scattered on the wine labels and throughout this winery's highly entertaining website. Here the name puts the letters GSM in caps, which tips off the blend: 47% Syrah, 27% Grenache and 27% Mourvèdre. Another sensational value from TruthTeller's Miscreant Project, this layered and textured wine mixes light red fruits, sandalwood, almond butter, smooth almost silky tannins and a finishing hint of buttered popcorn into a splendidly lovely and affordable bottle. If you are in Walla Walla, be sure to visit the Main Street tasting room for a chance to sample all of these terrific wines!

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## The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner

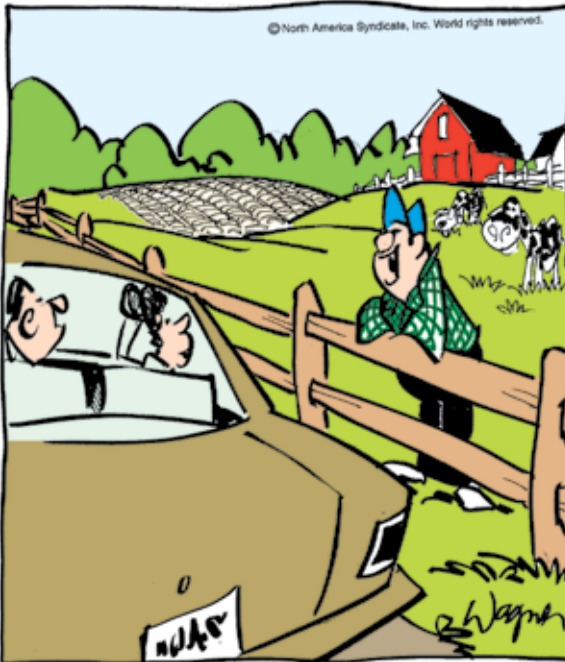


## LAFF - A - DAY



"Henry has a very radical way of settling intellectual disputes."

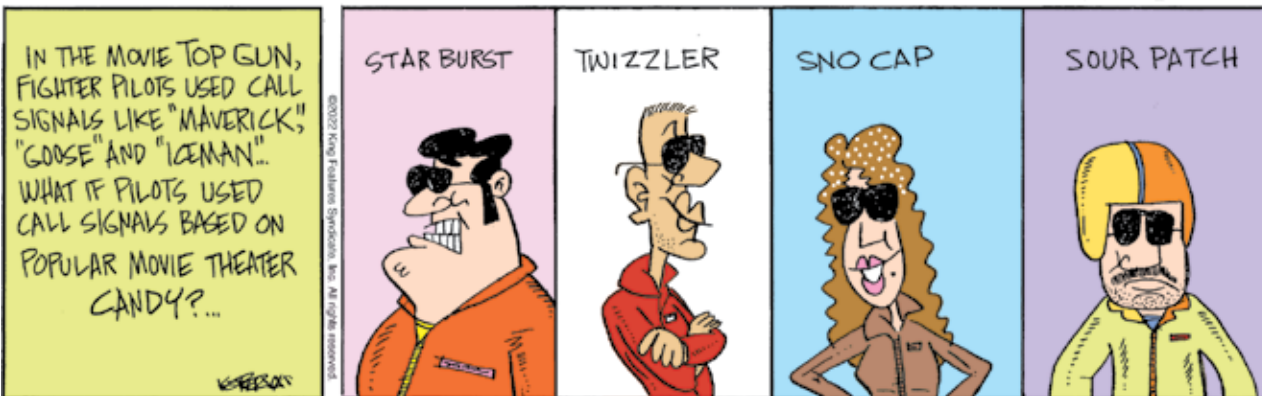
## GRIN and BEAR IT



"Right now I'm between not growing wheat and not growing cotton."

## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



## HOME COMING WAITSBURG HIGH SCHOOL HOME COMING 2022 PARADE

**Where:** Waitsburg Main Street  
**When:** Friday, September 23  
**Time:** 2:45

**Route:** Students will be escorted beginning at the Preston Hall Parking Lot. They will walk north on Main Street. Turn right at the Banner Bank parking lot, through the alley behind the Waitsburg Clinic, right on E. Third, returning to Main Street. Walk south on Main Street and return to the Preston Hall Parking Lot.



## NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY IS ON SEPTEMBER 24

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Since 1972, National Hunting and Fishing Day (NHFD) is celebrated on the fourth Saturday of September to recognize generations of sports people for their contributions to the conservation of our nation's rich sporting heritage and natural resources. One of the core goals of NHFD is to recruit new hunters and anglers by increasing awareness of the connections between conservation and fishing/hunting. This year, WDFW will host an online celebration using Instagram at <https://tinyurl.com/4bsx77z4>, YouTube at <https://tinyurl.com/ystvvyvfu> and blog posts at <https://wdfw.wa.gov> to showcase work of WDFW and partners to foster ethical hunting and fishing, and to promote diverse hunting and fishing opportunities in Washington for new hunters, anglers, and shellfish harvesters.



## Times Traveler



This photo is of avid *Times* reader Patrick Secor in front of the ruins of Ardvreck Castle in the Northwest Highlands of Scotland. Even on vacation, Patrick doesn't miss an issue!

## CARNEGIE PICTURE LAB PRESENTS STORYBOOK ART AT DAYTON LIBRARY

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Carnegie Picture Lab announces a partnership with the Columbia County Rural Library to present Storybook Art for Dayton area children. Storybook Art centers around a featured children's literature book and includes storytelling, Artful Thinking activities, and art projects inspired by and connected to the book. The first Storybook Art session will take place on Tuesday, September 27th from 3:15 to 4:45pm and will feature the book, *Maybe Something Beautiful* by Isabel Campoy. On October 6th, for Family Story Time from 6:30 – 8:00pm, the featured book will be *The Most Magnificent Thing* by Ashley Spires. Storybook Art is designed for early/middle elementary ages and is free to attend.

Storybook Art is made possible by a grant to Carnegie Picture Lab from the Dayton/Columbia County Washington Fund administered by the Blue Mountain Community Foundation.

## PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago  
September 20, 2012



[Photo Caption] About 545 people packed into the Don Thomas building at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds last Saturday night for the annual Lions club salmon barbecue. Jack McCaw and Dr. Kyle Terry helped feed hungry visitors last Saturday.

Twenty-Five Years Ago  
September 25, 1997

A good-sized crowd numbering 946 attended the 37th Annual Commercial Club Salmon Bake last Thursday. Attendance was about 100 lower than 1996, according to Ivan Keve of the Commercial Club. The event should net the organization about \$4,000 this year, Keve said, down somewhat from last year. He said uncertain weather probably hurt attendance. The brisk evening was not unpleasant, yet weather worries may have kept some at home this year. Beer, pop and wine sales were about \$300 less than last year, and fish sales were about equal to last year's. Keve didn't have all expenses in as of early this week. He hopes to have details at the second meeting in October.

Fifty Years Ago  
September 21, 1972

Mrs. Elsie Moore Wise of Honolulu entertained Chapter 13, Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington at her country home southwest of Dayton Thursday afternoon at a salad luncheon assisted by Mrs. Luella Brill. Guests for the occasion were Mrs. Glen Cecil and Miss Faye Norris. Mrs. Gilbert Blue, president presided over business. It was told that Miss Nicolette Dague of Grandview whose antecedents arrived in Oregon Territory in 1852 and Washington Territory in the 1870s was presented the annual scholarship at the annual convention in May. It was voted to present a monetary memorial to the Dayton City Library in memory of long-time member, Mrs. May Israel.

Seventy-Five Years Ago  
September 26, 1947

C. E. DeVaney of Farmington has purchased the Headquarters in Waitsburg, formerly operated by Walter A. Miller. Mr. DeVaney will take over the business Oct. 1.

Miss Ava Jean McMillen of Hawk Springs, Wyo. became the bride of John Gagnon on September 20 at St. Frances Church in Walla Walla.

Larry Broom will head the Jaycee organization this year with Kenneth Smith, vice president; John Hixon, sec-treas.; J. A. Stonecipher, state director.

One Hundred Years Ago  
September 29, 1922

The Pasco-Kennewick bridge will open for traffic on October 7th.

H. D. Conover was severely bruised and one leg and the ankle of the other leg seriously mashed when he fell under a loaded wagon Wednesday afternoon.

E. A. Huntley of this city pled guilty to riding his motorcycle Saturday on the closed piece of paving on the state highway south of this city and was fined \$10 and costs by Judge H. V. Grubbe, Tuesday.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago  
September 24, 1897

A troop of calvary from Fort Walla Walla spent Monday night in this city. They were out for a week's good time.

B. M. Kent this week sold his entire ranch near Bolles Junction to Marcus Zuger. Mr. Kent will give up farming and go into the stock raising business.

J. D. Woodworth, of Alto, brought part of a Russian Thistle plant to this office yesterday afternoon. Mr. Woodworth says there are quite large patches of it through the county, but farmers don't know what it is. We would like to have farmers especially to drop in and see how it looks.

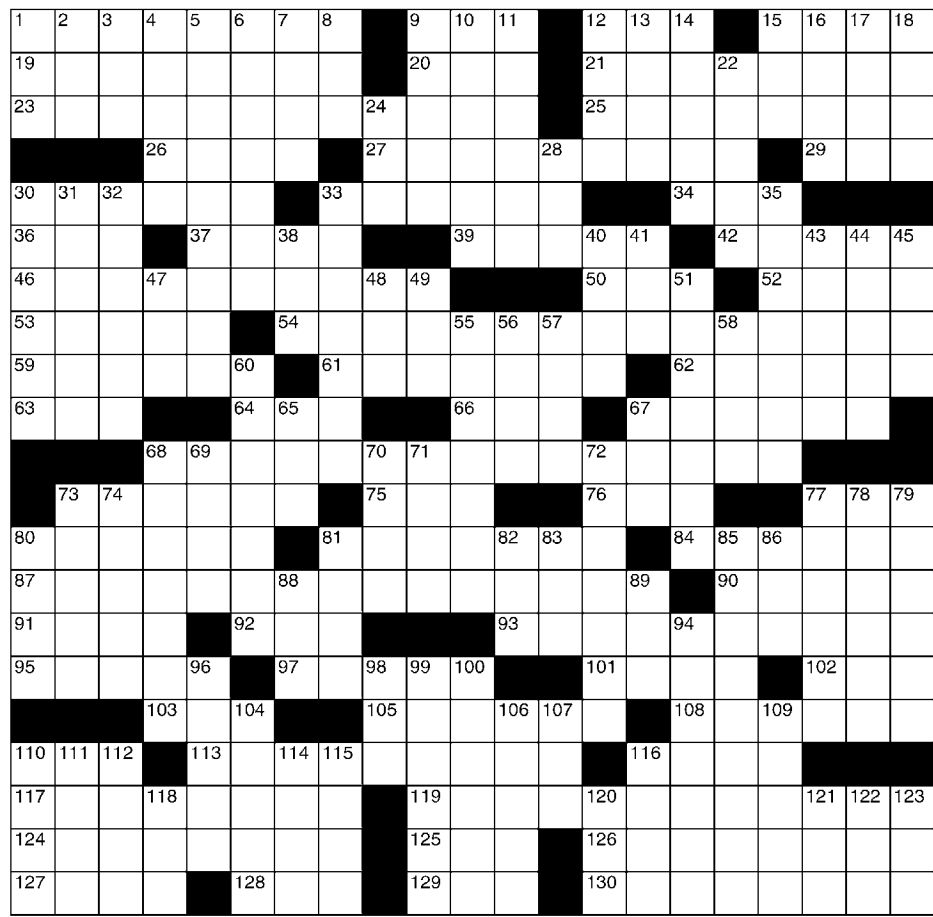


# PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

## Super Crossword

BREAKFAST STACKS

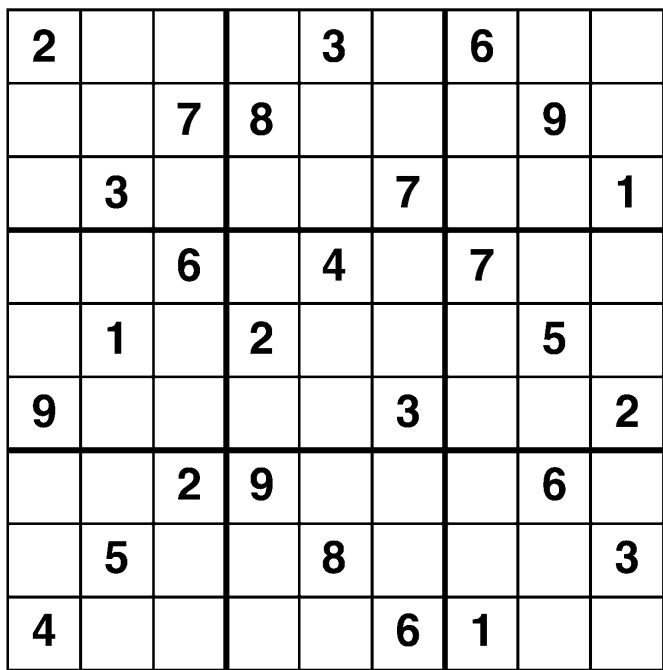
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- 1 Like ludicrous comedies
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  - 12 Yak it up
  - 15 Dad
  - 19 For all time to come
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  - 21 "Jumbo shrimp," e.g.
  - 23 Classic morning combo
  - 25 Trial software phase
  - 26 Donned
  - 27 1969 film featuring two hippies
  - 29 Downed
  - 30 — mignons (beef tidbits)
  - 33 "Fighting" NCAA team
  - 34 Beatle buddy
  - 36 "If you ask me," in texts
  - 37 Rough — (unrefined)
  - 39 Group of 20
  - 42 Irritated states
  - 46 Things often dyed and hidden
  - 50 Word often ending in "ly": Abbr.
  - 52 Food carton abbr.
  - 53 Mascara mistake
  - 54 "I don't find it that simple!"
  - 59 Republic of China's capital
  - 61 Southern Wyoming city
  - 62 Actress Kazan of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"
  - 63 Charade
  - 64 Roman Cath., e.g.
  - 66 Summer Games gp.
  - 67 Incites
  - 68 Pulls off a difficult feat effortlessly
  - 73 Tick away
  - 75 Main character in "Despicable Me"
  - 76 Bank acct. buildup
  - 77 — jongg
  - 80 Recording room
  - 81 Be exultant about
  - 84 Madrid's land, in Madrid
  - 87 They're boiled for 180 seconds
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  - 92 That, in 84-Across
  - 93 Sitting duck
  - 95 Parks and Ponselle
  - 97 Patrol for prey
  - 101 Army division
  - 102 Jai alai cheer
  - 103 Genetic inits.
  - 105 Henchman of Daddy Warbucks
  - 108 Goes aboard
  - 110 Large antelope
  - 113 Dish topped with hollandaise sauce, informally
  - 116 Funny Johnson
  - 117 Be worry-free
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  - 126 Be similar to
  - 127 Chili tidbit
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  - 13 Fired
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  - 15 billionths
  - 15 Poker take
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  - 17 Mile marker
  - 18 Poker stake
  - 22 Shops
  - 24 Moray, e.g.
  - 28 — Grande
  - 30 Baja party
  - 31 Greeting in Apple ads
  - 32 Go nuts
  - 33 "Little House on the Prairie" surname
  - 35 Quiet
  - 38 Teeny
  - 40 Funny Martha
  - 41 Old Tokyo
  - 43 "— big deal"
  - 44 Mark who created Huck Finn
  - 45 Eyelid woe
  - 47 Strike lightly
  - 48 Govt. office supplier
  - 49 Isr. neighbor
  - 51 Latin Bible
  - 55 Lack of success
  - 56 Melville novel
  - 57 Puerto —
  - 58 Gift add-ons
  - 60 Irritating
  - 65 Wide shoe spec
  - 67 Poetic dusk
  - 68 Began a big battle
  - 69 "... blackbirds baked in —"
  - 70 Ice house: Var.
  - 71 Brisk gait
  - 72 Good two-pair hand, in poker lingo
  - 73 Prefix with biology
  - 74 Tempts
  - 77 Chutney fruits
  - 78 San —, Texas
  - 79 Expedite
  - 80 Polaris, e.g.
  - 81 Growl like a dog
  - 82 "— hawl!"
  - 83 Grocery chain inits.
  - 85 Douglas fir, for Oregon
  - 86 Birdie + 1
  - 88 MSN, e.g.
  - 89 Wd. in a thesaurus
  - 94 Striped female stalker
  - 96 Smile evilly
  - 98 Gambling parlor, for short
  - 99 Tricycle parts
  - 100 Duration
  - 104 Slack-jawed
  - 106 Mad
  - 107 — admin
  - 109 Abounds
  - 110 Chow
  - 111 Maui goose
  - 112 Meat-stamping org.
  - 114 E.U. body comprising half a dozen nations
  - 115 "Auld Lang —"
  - 116 Birds' class
  - 118 Decade count
  - 120 Man-mouse link
  - 121 Sit-ups work them
  - 122 — Poke (candy)
  - 123 "— out!"



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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

- ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

# Pesce all'Acqua Pazza (Fish in Crazy Water)



We make several trips to the southern Washington coast throughout the year. From the lazy sunny days of summer to the dramatic storms of winter, there is something special about each season. My favorite time to visit is September through October, when the weather is still lovely and the post-Labor Day tourist crowds are much smaller. Last week, we were able to sneak off for a quick weekend get-away where we were met with perfect weather and a chance to satisfy our built-up seafood cravings. At the local market I found some gorgeous ripe heirloom tomatoes and some beautiful wild caught Pacific cod. With just a few other pantry-staples I was able to test an intriguing recipe from southern Italy that I had recently come across, fish poached in what translates to "crazy water." With my addition of crispy capers and a squeeze of lemon juice, the resulting dish made for a memorable meal.

### Ingredients:

- Olive oil
- 3 tablespoons capers
- 2 to 3 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- ½ teaspoon fennel seeds
- Pinch of crushed red-pepper flakes
- 1 ½ pounds fresh ripe tomatoes, coarsely chopped
- Kosher salt and fresh ground black pepper
- 4 (6-ounce) fillets firm white fish, such as sea bass, cod, or halibut
- Juice of half a lemon
- Flat leaf parsley, chopped for garnish
- Lemon slices for serving
- Grilled or crusty bread, for serving

### Directions:

First make the crispy capers. Pour ¼" of olive oil into a small saucepan, and heat over medium heat. Use a thermometer to bring oil to 350 degrees. A small cube of bread dropped into the oil should crisp up golden brown in 30 seconds when the temperature is correct. Rinse and drain the capers, then lay on a paper towel to dry. When oil is hot, add the capers all at once and fry for 1 to 2 minutes, until crispy and lightly golden. The capers will open up like flowers. Use a slotted spoon to remove capers and drain on a plate lined with paper towels. Set aside.

Off heat, combine ¼ cup olive oil with the garlic, fennel seeds, and red pepper flakes into a large skillet with high sides. Set pan over medium-low heat and cook for 3 to 5 minutes, swirling occasionally, until the garlic is sizzling and fragrant.

Add 2 ½ cups water and 2 teaspoons kosher salt (or 1 teaspoon fine sea salt) with the tomatoes and all their juices. Bring to a boil over high heat, then cover with a lid. Reduce heat to medium and cook for 15 to 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. The tomatoes should soften, and the water should turn brightly colored and flavored of tomato.

Pat the fish fillets dry and season both sides with salt and black pepper. Adjust heat between medium and medium-low, to maintain liquid at a very gentle simmer. Lay the fish into the tomato water, cover, and cook until done, 4 to 8 minutes depending on the thickness of the fillets. Fish is done when just cooked through, opaque, and the flesh easily flakes. Don't overcook. Take off heat and squeeze the juice of half a lemon over the top.

Taste the water and adjust seasoning, adding more salt or red-pepper flakes as needed. If the water has reduced too much, add a bit more hot-water to return to a broth-like consistency. Serve fish floating in shallow bowls full of the tomato water. Garnish the tops of each bowl with a drizzle of olive oil, a heavy pinch of the crispy capers and chopped parsley. Serve with lemon slices at the table and plenty of warm crusty or grilled bread.

### Notes:

This recipe is an example of the perfect simplicity found in much of Italian cuisine where just a few choice ingredients and approachable culinary techniques come together to create vibrantly flavored dishes. With variations found in several parts of coastal southern Italy, this recipe got its intriguing "crazy" name either because of the flavor packed water or because originally fisherman used to use seawater as the base for the poaching liquid. It is important that the tomato water doesn't thicken into a sauce, keep it as thin as a broth.

It is important to poach the fish gently by keeping the tomato water at a gentle simmer. Keep an eye, and do not let the fish overcook. To keep them crispy, add the capers on top just before serving. Any extra crispy capers can be served on the side. Enjoy!

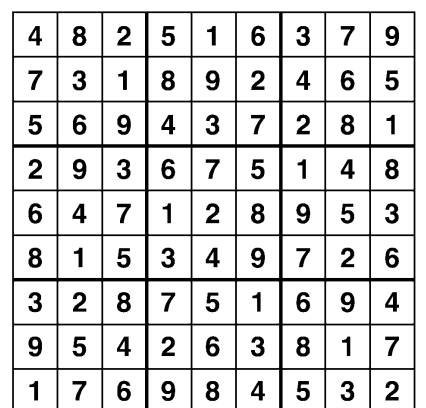
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## Weekly SUDOKU

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### Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

#### Waitsburg School Board

Sept. 22 – Third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m.  
Zoom meeting information is available at <https://www.waitsburgsd.org/o/wardsburg-school-district/page/school-board--272>  
Zoom info available by emailing [waitsburgcc@icloud.com](mailto:waitsburgcc@icloud.com)

#### Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

First and third Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.  
For more information email: [waitsburgpr@proton-mail.com](mailto:waitsburgpr@proton-mail.com)

#### Friends of the Weller Public Library

4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m.  
Weller Public Library,  
212 Main Street, Waitsburg

#### Weller Library Book Club

September 20—Third Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
at Weller Public Library

### Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

#### Board of Columbia County Commissioners

First and second Monday of each month at 9 a.m.

#### Board of Columbia County Commissioners work session meetings

Second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.

Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

#### Dayton School Board

Sept. 21 — Third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Dayton High School auditorium

#### Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

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

#### Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting

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### Church Directory

**Waitsburg Presbyterian Church**  
504 Main  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
337-6589  
Pastor Stan Hughes

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
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337-6235  
Rev. Jimmie Daves

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