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ALL WHEELS WEEKEND



Photo by Ian Smay

Sunny skies, warm weather, and plenty of participants made for a successful All Wheel's Weekend in Dayton last weekend. Above: Dayton's Main Street was teeming with cars and admirers for Saturday's Show & Shine. See story and more photos on the Last Page.

DAYTON-WAITSBURG ATHLETIC COMBINE ON HOLD UNTIL 2018-19

SE1B League and WIAA District 9 refused to approve full DW combine for next year

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Earlier this month, the Dayton School District approved a full athletic combine with Waitsburg, for both middle and high school. With recent survey results showing approximately 80% of respondents in favor of the combine, it was generally expected that Waitsburg would do the same at their June 14 school board meeting.

That was not the case, though the board was ultimately given little choice in the matter.

WIAA District 9 Director, Bob Kirk, opened the discussion by passing out a let-

ter from District 9 stating that the proposed combine requires approval of both Dayton and Waitsburg school boards, the SE1B League, the EWAC 2B League, District 5, District 9, and the WIAA Executive Director. The letter was clear that the SE1B League and WIAA District 9 do not approve of the full combine for the 2017-18 school year.

Kirk said the SE1B member schools oppose the combine for volleyball, boys and girls basketball, and softball for the 2017-18 school year because most volleyball and basketball schedules have already been completed and SE1B schools would have difficulty filling the games lost by Waitsburg exiting the league this late.

The letter, which included a copy of pertinent WIAA regulations, said the District would approve a full combine for the 2018-19 school year.

"We would like Waitsburg to honor the commitment it made earlier in the year," Kirk said.

The news was not received warmly by

some members of the Waitsburg School Board.

"I don't see anyone from WIAA sitting on this board, but they can tell us what's best for our students?" asked Board Chair Ross Hamann. "Looks like the decision is made," he added.

In spite of the apparent roadblock, the board spent nearly an hour listening to comments from athletes, coaches, parents and administrators about the pros and cons of a full combine.

Parent Brad Sandau begged the board not to approve the combine for the coming year because he felt it would negatively impact his daughter and her teammates.

"That freshman group of girls were not good. But they worked hard and made it to playoffs this year, and they were so proud of that. Now they're going to be seniors and if we combine, there will undoubtedly be girls that won't play. Don't take that away from

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PORT COMMISSIONERS HEAR FROM LYONS FERRY OPERATOR

Construction, safety, staffing, weather issues add up to frustrating year

By Michele Smith
THE TIMES

STARBUCK – The Port of Columbia Commissioners held their monthly meeting on June 14 at Lyons Ferry Marina.

Jim MacArthur, who, along with his wife, Angela, operates the marina facility, including campground, restaurant and store, spoke to the commissioners regarding frustrations they are having this year. These include slow progress on repairs to the marina, inability to secure full staffing in the restaurant, and weather that, except for Memorial Day weekend, put a damper on business early in the

year. MacArthur called it "the toughest year."

MacArthur said there have also been some safety issues, which takes a lot of his time. He said when construction ends each Friday, he has the additional task of having to secure construction areas, until construction begins again each Monday.

"They're doing a great job with what they are doing. It's taking a long time," MacArthur said about the pace of the construction.

"Other than that, I am trying to find staff for the restaurant," said MacArthur, who has had three people quit, and needs wait staff and cooks.

Pay is not the issue, MacArthur said. A waitperson can make around \$20 per hour, he said.

The long commute may be problematic, and MacArthur said he is considering providing housing for future staff.

Port Manager Jennie Dickinson agreed that finding line cooks, and people skilled in other trades, is difficult. She said she recently attended an Economic Development Career Summit sponsored by the state, and she hopes to meet with school district officials to work on providing additional opportunities for students in vocational education, she said.

On the bright side, MacArthur told the commissioners he is close to getting financing for work he intends to do in the winter months, to build some cabins and add a laundry facility at the marina.

For now, the MacArthurs have reduced hours of operation at the restaurant. Hours are posted on the website at: www.lyonsferrykoa.com.

For job information, contact MacArthur by phone at: (509) 399-8020 or by email at: ifmkoa@gmail.com.

BIKE TRAIL BACK ON THE MAP

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON/WAITSBURG — Early in May, local citizens and stakeholders attended a Blue Mountain Region Trails – Bridges, Towns and Rivers workshop in Dayton, to provide input into the prioritization of specific region-wide non-motorized trail connections, and criteria needs for sidewalks and bike routes.

Many were dismayed to see the longed-for bike route going from Dayton to Waitsburg absent from the newly created map, showing trail connections.

Port of Columbia Manager Jennie Dickinson explained that "spots" in the railroad right of way were still owned by the Union Pacific Railroad, and she said the Port would look into it.

Since that meeting, the Port has determined that ownership of the railroad and its right of way property is clear between Dayton and the Columbia County line to the west, Dickinson said in an e-mail on June 13.

"This is a very popular option, so we are glad to be able to clear up the ownership question," she said.

Having a bike trail from Dayton to Waitsburg was one of the top three favored choices for those taking a Community Economic Development Steering Committee survey, at the end of 2015.



TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

JULY 4TH FUNDRAISER

DAYTON – Dayton's Best Western Plus Hotel & Suites will be hosting a second-annual Fourth-of-July barbecue fundraiser on July 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. on the hotel patio.

The barbecue will include a hamburger or hot-dog, chips, choice of side salad, fruit, dessert, bottled water or can of Coke donated by Coca Cola of Walla Walla, and a snow cone. Cost is \$6 per person. A meal with an additional hamburger or hotdog will cost \$10 per person.

A Fourth-of-July or Seahawks fleece blanket will also be raffled.

Proceeds from the raffle and barbecue will go to provide groceries for Christmas dinner for five families. Baskets of personal items will be given to each family member, as well.

For more information, contact the Best Western at (509) 382-4790.

FOREST FIELD DAY

A Forest and Range Owners Field Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 24, at Dickinson Land on Cougar Canyon, 13 miles SE of Dayton. The event is for people who own property in the forest, and will be particularly beneficial to absentee forest and rangeland owners with property anywhere east of the Cascades.

Experts in forest and range health will hold class-

es and activities in wildlife habitat, grazing, soils, fire protection, and timber and non-timber forest products. There will also be activities for youth.

For more information contact Andy Perleberg, WSU Extension Forester by phone at: (509) 667-6540, or by email at: andyp@wsu.edu

VSP PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT

WALLA WALLA COUNTY – The Walla Walla County Conservation District is seeking public input before submitting the new Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) to the state level for review. The plan outlines a strategy for protecting both critical areas and the viability of agriculture.

VSP is an alternative to Growth Management Regulations and applies only to agriculture lands that have critical areas such as wetlands, fish and wildlife habitat, frequent flooding, critical aquifer recharge, and geologically hazardous areas, such as those prone to erosion. Since wind erosion affects 90% of agricultural land in the county, most farmers and ranchers have at least one critical area on their farm.

The plan is available for viewing at <http://www.wvcccd.net/programs/voluntary-stewardship-program>. Hard copies will be available at each of the Walla Walla County Rural Libraries. Please send comments to information.cd@wvcccd.net or call (509) 522-6340 ext. 5. Comments will be received through July 5.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago June 28, 2007

Aryn Davis, 18, the daughter of Kevin and Rene Davis of Klickitat, Wash., granddaughter of Glynn Davis of Waitsburg, and the late Donna Davis, has received an appointment to be a member of the Class of 2011 at The Military Academy at West Point.

The 55 Plus Club is pleased to invite the public to a potluck luncheon at Preston Park on July 6, beginning at noon. The Blue Mountain Troublemakers will be entertaining during the events.

A development that will add 29 residential lots on the eastern edge of Waitsburg was approved during a marathon meeting lasting 3 1/2 hours, of which 2 1/2 hours entailed discussion of a 7.6-acre subdivision. When the dust had settled, the Waitsburg City Council approved the preliminary plat by a 3-1 vote.

Twenty-Five Years Ago June 25, 1992

Dorothy Donnelly, City Dispatcher, will soon be retiring from a job she has held for 13 years. Mrs. Donnelly, 65, has served as nighttime and weekend dispatcher of police, ambulance, and other emergency services since the autumn of 1979. She works out of her home on East Seventh Street where scanner, telephone, and microphone are part of the furniture.

Nancy Otterson, past Mother Advisor of the Waitsburg Assembly #68, Rainbow for Girls, was honored at the June 3 meeting of the group.

Bertha Poirer celebrated her 90th birthday, June 16, at a surprise party on board the Regal Princess cruise ship at Skagway Alaska. She traveled with a group of 20 Americana passengers including her sister, Clina Sargent, from Walla Walla; and neighbors Jim and Geraine Hansen and William and Eleanor Hughes.

Fifty Years Ago June 22, 1967

At a special communion service held Sunday morning, June 18 in the Waitsburg Presbyterian Church, thirty-two members of the Waitsburg Methodist Church transferred membership to the Presbyterian Church. The historic service was the result of over two years of discussions between the two churches which covered the details of such a merger.

Photo caption: These four boys represented Waitsburg and Prescott at Evergreen Boys State held last week on the Gonzaga campus in Spokane. Pictured here with Dr. A. S. Pearson, chairman for the American Legion, one of the sponsoring organizations, are Steve Hoffman, Randy Pearson, Terry Hiatt and Joe Thomas.

Seventy-Five Years Ago June 26, 1941

Ben Bloor and Jim Hamby had a "gabfest" at the San Diego Naval Training Station recently. Jim is stationed there now as an instructor in physical training and Ben is enlisted for Navy training.

The Bozeman Cannery will produce 20,000 cases of peas a day. The official run started Monday at 4 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jones are the parents of a daughter, Sharon Rebecca, born June 15 in Portland. That makes Mrs. W.W. Beckley a great-grandmother.

One Hundred Years Ago June 29, 1917

Messrs. J. C. Weatherford, W. S. Jackson, Edgar Barclay and George Price recently bought a 5-year-old imported Belgian stallion of C. W. Brown of Moscow, Id., paying \$4,000 for the animal.

John Neace, president of the Union Stock Yards at Pasco and Geo. M. Lloyd, stockman, drove to Pasco Monday to attend the formal opening of the new yards.

Waitsburg theatre goers were exceptionally well-represented in large numbers at the musical comedy "Robinson Crusoe, Jr." at the Keylar Grand in Walla Walla, Friday night.

We trust it is only co-incidence but you know, this state goes "bone dry" July 1st and Montana remains damp for a few months longer. A lot of our citizens seem to have a hankerin' for Montana just now.

Dell Keiser has a few days more of plowing summerfallow.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Year Ago July 1, 1892

Herman Meyer called last Friday and put some oil in our lamp. It needed it, you bet.

B. F. Simmons who owns a very fine fruit farm on Snake River, sent a box of very fine peaches to Walla Walla on Tuesday. He says he will have oceans of them by the Fourth.

The Sunday School convention in this city this week, was quite well attended considering the extremely hot weather, and the exercises were quite interesting.

Among the latest attractions is the merry-go-round with steam propelling power, in the west part of town. You pay your money and take your choice of animals.

A. Saling started his header on Wednesday – the first header to be put into operation in this neck of the woods, this season.

Touchet Valley Weather

June 21, 2017

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday Sunny High: 80 Low: 48	Thursday Sunny High: 75 Low: 51	Friday Sunny High: 78 Low: 52	Saturday Sunny High: 81 Low: 55	Sunday Sunny High: 85 Low: 58	Monday Sunny High: 85 Low: 61	Tuesday Sunny High: 88 Low: 61

Weather Trivia

What is the name of a scientist who studies weather?

Weather History

June 21, 1987 - A tornado destroyed 57 mobile homes at the Chateam Estates trailer park northwest of Detroit, killing one person and injuring six others. Damage was estimated at 1.7 million dollars.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	
Tuesday	74	53	78/54	0.00"	Precipitation 0.21"
Wednesday	76	52	78/54	0.00"	Normal precipitation 0.29"
Thursday	76	60	78/54	0.12"	Departure from normal -0.08"
Friday	69	59	79/54	0.09"	Average temperature 68.9°
Saturday	80	56	79/54	Trace	Average normal temperature 66.5°
Sunday	86	65	79/55	Trace	Departure from normal +2.4°
Monday	96	62	80/55	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
New 6/23	Wednesday	5:02 a.m.	8:48 p.m.	3:22 a.m.	5:58 p.m.
	Thursday	5:02 a.m.	8:48 p.m.	4:05 a.m.	7:12 p.m.
	Friday	5:02 a.m.	8:48 p.m.	4:56 a.m.	8:21 p.m.
	Saturday	5:02 a.m.	8:48 p.m.	5:56 a.m.	9:22 p.m.
First 6/30	Sunday	5:03 a.m.	8:48 p.m.	7:02 a.m.	10:14 p.m.
	Monday	5:03 a.m.	8:48 p.m.	8:13 a.m.	10:58 p.m.
	Tuesday	5:04 a.m.	8:48 p.m.	9:24 a.m.	11:34 p.m.

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ing, and illustrating a variety of economic, social, and physical factors consistent with state and county laws, ordinances, and the county comprehensive plan. **This is not an entry-level position.**

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Minimum Qualifications: Requires a Bachelor's degree

in Urban Planning, Geography, Urban Design, Public Administration or an associated field.

Two (2) years of responsible experience with land use regulations, comprehensive plans, environmental regulations, and mapping techniques. Knowledge of the Washington State Growth Management Act is ideal. Valid driver's license required. Must have the ability to attend meetings and workshops outside of regular work hours.

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call (509) 524-2600 or email dschueler@co.walla-walla.wa.us

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Searching for Words That Unite Us

By Don C. Brunell

Two days before last year's presidential election, Frank Luntz walked away from a CBS 60 Minutes focus group leaving people uncontrollably screaming at one another. He couldn't stop it. Nobody could.

America's political frustration has boiled far beyond anyone's ability to listen and find common ground. Our country's polarization now is to the point where people are shooting one another.

Luntz is the best in the business. He is a pioneer in the field of communications and public opinion research. While at Association of Washington Business (AWB), we hired Luntz to help us find the words, phrases and tones which unified people.

His books, especially "Words that work—It's not what you say, it's what people hear," were popular with our members.

AWB brought him back for another presentation in May. Luntz underscored his belief that people must carefully choose their words and listen.

"I wish our politicians and our business leaders asked the people who follow them to imagine a better future because that would be a direct appeal to a life better than we are living today," told AWB.

Words, such as imagine, inspire dreams. However, people must put down their bullhorns, stop mean-spirited character attacks, and check their facts before posting statements on the internet.

As a country, we have reached a tipping point. If the recent shooting at a baseball field just outside of Washington, D.C., isn't a wakeup call and the juncture where people are willing to set aside their rage and begin listening, we're really in trouble.

It is one thing for members of Congress to read about constituents being shot, but it hits home when it happens to their colleagues.

The ability to express our opinions is a constitutionally guaranteed right and is the foundation of our democracy. Heated political debate has been around since the beginning of our nation and sometimes, unfortunately, that rage has been violent. (The example is the Burr-Hamilton pistol duel between the former secretary of the treasury,

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Nurturing our Capacity for Regeneration

By George Will

Sparkling in the sunlight that inspired 19th-century romantic painters of the Hudson River School, Sing Sing prison's razor wire, through which inmates can see the flowing river, is almost pretty. Almost. Rain or shine, however, a fog of regret permeates any maximum-security prison. But 37 men -- almost all minorities; mostly African Americans -- recently received celebratory attention. It was their commencement -- attended by Harry Belafonte, 90, and the singer Usher -- as freshly minted college graduates. Their lives after prison will not soon, if ever, commence, but when they do these men will have unusual momentum for success.

Most of the 2.3 million people now incarcerated in America will return to their communities, and few will have been improved by their experiences inside. It is said that a convict's successful re-entry into society begins the day he enters a correctional facility, as prison administrators prefer to call their institutions. But the criminal justice system is failing to accomplish lasting correction: More than half of released prisoners are arrested again in the first year, more than two-thirds within three years, more than three-quarters within five years.

The odds are dramatically better for the 37 men here who received bachelor of behavioral science degrees or associates degrees conferred by Mercy College from nearby Dobbs Ferry. Graduates from Sing Sing's Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison program have a 1 percent recidivism rate.

This is partly a function of self-selection: There is a long waiting list for admission to the program, and those admitted pay \$10 tuition per semester, funded by their prison wages of 18 cents an hour. Some have not been in school for 20 years. All are motivated.

Sixty-one percent of New York inmates have fewer than eight years of education. An often insuperable impediment to post-prison success is the scarcity of jobs for formerly incarcerated people whose years since their truncated schooling have been barren of the attention and instruction that could give them the manners and skills necessary for life after institutionalization. However, 85 percent of Hudson Link graduates have jobs within three months of their release. One just received a graduate degree from Columbia University; another just began post-graduate study there.

Thirty miles downriver, a number of New York City social workers are formerly incarcerated people who know the temptations of, and the tolls taken by, bad choices. That phrase, "bad choices," is spoken often by those inmates who, by affirming their agency -- their capacity to freely choose their behavior -- are halfway home.

Hudson Link's executive director, Sean Pica, is an ebullient 48-year-old who, convicted of manslaughter at 16, was incarcerated for half of his first 32 years. He was close to earning a degree while in prison when, in 1994, Congress, in a punitive act, banned Pell Grants for inmates. So Hudson Link, a nonprofit, was created with the support of donors like Doris Buffett, whose brother Warren has attended a commencement here. Hudson Link now operates in six New York prisons with eight college partners.

The Sing Sing Class of 2017's valedictorian, deftly quoting Franz Kafka ("There are some things one can only achieve by a deliberate leap in the opposite direction"), William James and Frederick Douglass, said to his classmates, "We are better than we were but not the best that we can be." Most inmates in the Hudson Link program are acquainted with Langston Hughes' 1951 poem "Harlem":

"What happens to a dream deferred?
Does it dry up
Like a raisin in the sun?"
The poem concludes:
"Maybe it just sags
like a heavy load
Or does it explode?"

The load of 37 pasts that were strewn with explosions was lightened for this year's graduates as they flipped tassels from the right to the left sides of their mortarboards. To the strains of Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance," they marched as college graduates in their academic gowns to join their families for lunch, as an inmate on the kitchen staff called out, "You've not had chicken until you've had chicken at Sing Sing." It did not disappoint.

Film festivals' awards have been showered on "Zero Percent," a movie about Hudson Link, in which a Sing Sing inmate, speaking to and for a prior year's graduating class, says that the program's purpose is to make sure prison is "not a landfill but a recycling center." Many such men have done terrible things, but it would be terrible to ignore the capacity some have for regeneration.

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The Supreme Court gives the country some necessary guidance on free speech

By the Washington Post Editorial Board

The United State is engaged just now in a freewheeling debate about - freewheeling debate. Or, to put it more precisely, about how freewheeling debate should normally be. The struggle is being waged across various battlegrounds - college campuses, social media, New York theater, even the air-conditioned offices in which federal employees decide whether to protect trademarks, such as that of Washington's National Football League franchise.

Now comes the Supreme Court with a strong statement in favor of free speech, to include speech that many find offensive. With the support of all eight justices who participated in the case (new Justice Neil Gorsuch being the exception), the court struck down a 71-year-old law requiring the Patent and Trademark Office to deny registration to brands that may "disparage" people or bring them "into contempt [t] or disrepute." The ruling means that a dance-rock band may henceforth call itself "the Slants" on the same legal basis that, say, Mick Jagger's bunch uses "the Rolling Stones" - even though many Asian-Americans find the term derogatory and demeaning.

The justices were obviously, and properly, influenced by the fact that the Asian-American members of the Slants took the name in a bid to "reclaim" that slur as something more positive and prideful. To apply the existing disparagement proviso in the statute despite the band's expressive intent would not merely have exercised government control over government expression, implicit in trademark registration, as the Obama administration argued when the court heard the case shortly before Inauguration Day this year. It would, as the justices ruled, have put the government in the business of picking and choosing among points of view, a role that the court has repeatedly forbidden it to perform.

To be sure, the opinion for the court by Justice Samuel Alito, a staunch conservative, came accompanied by a concurring opinion in which Justice Anthony Kennedy and three liberal colleagues, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor, set out doctrinal nuances. But what was striking about all the opinions Monday was the strength with which every member of the court embraced the First Amendment, strongly enough to protect even speech that many people legitimately find hateful or offensive. "The proudest boast of our free speech jurisprudence is that we protect the freedom to express 'the thought that we hate,'" Alito wrote. The concurring opinion followed with the rationale underlying that jurisprudence: "A law that can be directed against speech found offensive to some portion of the public can be turned against minority and dissenting views to the detriment of all."

This is strong medicine, both in terms of the support it offers free speech and in terms of what it requires of those who do take offense at expressions likely to enjoy court protection as a result of this opinion - specifically the Washington football team's name, which was also the subject of a suit against its trademark. The answer, in our view, is to redouble all lawful efforts to get that name changed, even if a federal lawsuit probably can't be one of them. As the court's decision reminds us, constitutional and decent are not the same thing.

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of a nearby business, in front of his employees. Stubblefield was allegedly angry because the other business had been parking vehicles in front of his business. The case was continued to June 21 and bail was set at a \$20,000 unsecured appearance bond.

Magdiel Hernandez DeLaCruze, 36, Dayton; Charged with residential burglary. The victim claims that she was assaulted and her phone was taken. Case continued to June 21 for arraignment and bail was set at \$20,000 unsecured appearance bond.

Michelle Martinez, 39, Dayton; charged with residential burglary. Martinez is an alleged accomplice in the case above. She reportedly hit the victim and called her an ethnic slur. Martinez entered a plea of

not guilty. Bail was set at \$20,000 unsecured appearance bond.

Lonnie Lee Montoya, 35, Dixie; charged with theft of a motor vehicle. Reports allege that, on May 9, Montoya pulled his Ford Tempo into the driveway of an elderly woman who lives on Highway 12, and claimed that he was out of gas. He asked to borrow her Ford Taurus to drive to Waitsburg for gas. When he was still gone two hours later, the victim's caregiver called to report the vehicle missing. When police arrived, a woman was at the scene and said Montoya had called her, saying he was in Dayton, and asked her to pick up the Ford Tempo. The case was continued to June 21 for arraignment. Montoya is also facing charges of attempting to elude a police vehicle, possession of a stolen vehicle, resisting arrest, driving with a suspended license - third degree for an incident that occurred March. 20. That case was also continued to June

George Lee Hilton, 20, Dayton; charged with rape of a child in the second degree. Hilton is accused of engaging in sexual acts with a minor age 12 or younger. Hilton did not appear and the case was continued to June 21.

Robert George Fitzpatrick; charged with assault in the second degree - strangulation. Reports allege that the victim approached a WDFW officer at the Wooten Wildlife Area Building and said that, while camping, he had been grabbed by the throat and pushed against a car. He allegedly grabbed the victim's girlfriend and pushed her away when she attempted to stop the fight. Fitzpatrick entered a plea of not guilty. Bail was set at \$50,000 unsecured personal recognizance bond and trial setting is slated for June 21.

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Alexander Hamilton, and sitting vice president, Aaron Burr, on July 11, 1804 at Weehawken, NJ).

Even the emotionally charged Watergate incident leading to the resignation of President Richard Nixon in 1974, was pale in comparison to what is happening today.

At the time, I was an aide to a Montana Republican on Capitol Hill. Each morning we would link up with a Maryland Democrat's staff in the cafeteria to talk, listen and figure out how to resolve issues.

There was a commitment to respect, civility and decency that is missing today. We learned from one another. Today, however, Luntz told AWB: "In fact, it's like the Wild-Wild West where you can say and do anything because there is no one to hold you accountable."

People come with a set of eyes and ears and one month. Through the generations, our parents taught us to respectfully listen and research our facts before spouting off. Many parents went

a step further telling us to walk a mile in another person's shoes before passing judgment.

Our leaders must dial down the rhetoric and thoughtfully address the issues concerning Americans. We must quit personalizing differences and rationally share ideas on ways to solve problems.

We need to use words that bring us together and get beyond the "quick draw" reactions on Facebook and Twitter that antagonize us. News commentators can help set the tone if they get beyond their obsession to talk over one another even though it may drive-up viewer ratings.

Experts, like Frank Luntz, should not be driven off stage. They are the folks who can bring us together.

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WAITSBURG SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE JUNE 14, 2017

Board members present: Ross Hamann, Christy House, Randy Pearson, Marilyn Johnson, Russ Knopp.

Facilities/Maintenance/Transportation Report:

-Supervisor Colter Mohny said he had made a clerical error in figures given for the Preston Hall lighting upgrade. He said the total error was \$3,200, but \$1,000 of that included a buffer. The total cost to the district will be \$5364 rather than \$3164. It is anticipated that the upgrade will save the district \$4250, annually. The board directed Mohny to move forward with the upgrade.

-Mohny requested that the board purchase at least one truckload of bark for the playground, at a cost of \$2,700. The bark currently doesn't meet depth standards and could become a safety/liability issue.

-He explained that the light poles on the football field have twisted as they dried and need to be straightened to properly direct the light. The cost to straighten them, which requires two trucks and an auger, is expected to be \$3,500. The board approved both summer projects.

Superintendent Report:

-The district averaged 292.02 students, which was 20 above budgeted.

-School counselor Rosy Nechodom served 52 students, hosted 28 lunch/social skills groups, and held 511 counseling sessions over the year.

-Replacement of the Academy St. sidewalk is slated to take place in July. The playground fence along the sidewalk will be removed right away.

-The district successfully negotiated a contract with Design West Architects for the capital improvement projects.

-The state audit was completed with no findings and a few recommendations. A food service audit found minor record-keeping errors.

-This was the first year the district opted not to charge band instrument rental fees and repairs were \$2,700, which was less than the \$3,000 budgeted.

-Board Chair Ross Hamann and board member Randy Pearson have filed for re-election and are running unopposed.

New Business:

-A full athletic combine with Dayton was disapproved for the 2017-18 school year, with the intent to approve in 2018-19. (See story on Page 1.)

-High School Principal Stephanie Wooderchak gave an assessment update.

-Approved budget extensions to the Capital Projects Fund and the Debt Service Fund to allow for income/debt resulting from the approved capital projects levy.

-Approved the contract for the secondary principal following a short discussion about the value/expectations associated with living in the district residence.

-Approved the hire of part-time custodian Rick Suchodolski as full-time custodian, effective June 19. The hire will cost the district \$3,800 plus benefits for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year, and an additional \$18,700 plus benefits for the coming year.

-Approved \$40,000, the same amount as last year, toward supporting the ECEAP preschool. Superintendent Carol Clarke said the preschool might ask for a commitment of \$70,000 if they become full and move to two sessions.

-Athletic budgets were approved with the board denying several items. Hotel rooms for a non-league Yakima tournament for volleyball were denied because the tournament is optional and has been paid for from ASB funds in the past. Fifteen duffel bags for wrestlers were denied because they already have six and a heavy turnout is unlikely. Uniforms were denied for boys and girls basketball, with the anticipation that new uniforms will be purchased in 2018-19 when the teams combine with Dayton.

-Approved the hire of students Kirsten Miller and Kevin Murphy to work on summer projects.

-Approved the hire of PE Teacher Mark Mauri as middle school football coach.

-Approved the hire of Bailey Carlson as fifth grade teacher. Carlson was selected from a pool of seven applicants, which resulted in three interviews.

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Tom Schirm Wins at World Fish Carving Championship

Dayton fish biologist took part in competition in Peoria, Ill. in May

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON--Tom Schirm's wood carving of a rainbow trout earned second place in the Trout, Salmon and Char category at the World Fish Carving Championship in Peoria, Ill., in May. It also took first place in the subcategory for rainbow trout. His brown trout carving won third place in the miniature category for freshwater fish, and third place overall in the same category, he said.

This artform seems to be a natural fit for Schirm, who works as a habitat biologist for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife as part of the local fish management team.

"I just love wildlife of any kind and nature in general – and working with wood," he said.

Schirm said he began playing around with carving about twenty years ago when he was a game warden in Kemmerer, Wyo.

His first carving was a rainbow trout, roughed out of a 2x4, he said.

"That ended up in the fireplace," said Schirm, who has since created 97 carvings, including channel catfish, Chinook salmon, steelhead, brook trout, small-



Photo by Michele Smith

Left: Tom Schirm's wood carvings. Schirm won second place at the World Fish Carving Championship in Peoria, Ill. for the Rainbow Trout on the right, and first place in the Rainbow Trout subcategory.

mouth and largemouth bass, walleye and blue gill.

Schirm said he works in the basement of his home in Dayton after work, using carving knives, chisels, a band saw and power carver.

The wood he uses can be basswood, but his favorite woods are jeluton for the bodies of the fish, and tupelo for the fins, because tupelo holds the detail nicely, he said.

Schirm said he will make a study of the casted body and head, and uses photos and other reference materials for accuracy.

The final carving is painted using water-based acrylic, with the addition of some hand painting

techniques, and the use of some powders and waxes for some of the techniques.

Schirm said he devoted around 120 hours to his winning Rainbow trout, but averages 50 to 160 hours on other carvings, depending on the size.

His work is by commission, and he said he receives the most requests for trout and steelhead, but he will carve most freshwater fish.

Schirm's carvings can be seen at: www.tomschirm-fishcarvings.com.

Schirm can be reached by phone at (509) 382-2185, or by email at tomschirm@tomschirmfishcarvings.com.



Photos by Ian Smay

Above: A new biking and hiking trail, being created by Dayton resident Doug Hinds, winds along the hill behind the Port of Columbia and provides a stunning view of Dayton, below.

Local Man Creating Hiking/Biking Trail in Dayton

DAYTON RESIDENT DOUG HINDS STARTED WORK BEHIND THE PORT OF COLUMBIA EARLY THIS YEAR

By Ian Smay | THE TIMES

DAYTON – A hillside trail being created for hiking and biking behind the Port of Columbia in Dayton is ready for walkers, and may be ready for biking before the end of the summer, says trail creator Doug Hinds.

The trail was started earlier this year by Hinds, who works as the local lineman for Pacific Power, and is doing most of the work on the trail himself.

Hinds wants to provide people an alternative to the Touchet River Dike and other area paths.

"It's for the community and people coming into town that don't want to walk the (Touchet River) Dike, or want to hike," Hinds said.

The trail could be about 1.5 miles long when completed, if everything goes as planned. The path winds back and forth up the hill behind the Port, which is visible from Highway 12 as people enter or exit Dayton's west end.

Hinds, an avid hiker and biker, has wanted to create a path like this since he came to Dayton six years ago. While he attempted to get approval for the path his first year, he did not have the support he needed.

However, this year was different, as he got approval from Jennie Dickenson at the Port of Columbia. After he

received this approval, he started on the trail in March, as he was recovering from hip surgery.

While he does most of the physical work on the trail by himself, Hinds has received help in the form of people lending him the equipment he needs to clear and shape the trail. He said he has received help from at least 10 different community members in the form of weed killers and landscaping equipment to help his work on the path.

Hinds is also planning to put a bench at a resting point on the trail that will provide a scenic view of Dayton from above, something that he pointed out that you cannot get from the trails and paths that run through town.

"The trail shows off the community greater than the dike or other places in town," he said.

As for the work still to be done, Hinds

said that the community can help.

"The trail is a little raw right now. It is ready for walking, but I wouldn't try to bike it yet if you are not experienced," he said.

Hinds said that it would be great if people walked the trail to help get the path beat out, as the more people walk on it the more clear-cut and cleaned out the path will become. He hopes that people walking the path will enjoy the view, and even the exercise, that they will get from the trail. He also was thankful for all of the support he has received in various forms from the community members he has met over the years in Dayton.

The beginning of the trail is located at the Port of Columbia, at 1 Port Way in Dayton.

DAYTON COUNCIL APPROVES RECOGNITION OF PIETRYZCKIS

Council also approves \$1.1 million water and sewer revenue bond

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton Historic Preservation Commission is interested in honoring two of Dayton's most important boosters, Dr. Marcel Pietryzcki and his wife Mary, by replacing the entry sign at the Dayton City Park with a sign that includes the Pietryzcki (Pit rus kee) name, the DHPC Chairman, Mike Smith, told the council last week.

Smith also recommended that the city and the DHPC work towards adding a monument near the park entry with

an account of the Pietryzcki land donation for the park, and the contributions of the Pietryzckis to the community as a whole.

The Pietryzckis were important to the early history of Dayton, because Dr. Pietryzcki donated 30 acres for a city park, and they donated half of the money from the sale of their ranch for a trade school. Money from the Pietryzcki estate, as well as general bond monies, were used to build Pietryzcki Memorial High School, in 1923. The school is simply called Dayton High School, today, Smith said.

The council approved both ideas, and the DHPC will present the council with draft designs of signs to replace the wooden sign at the park entrance.

Smith told the council the commission plans to look into

grants to pay for the monument, and that he will talk to school district officials to see if the woodshop students would like to participate in the project.

Mayor Craig George said, "I think it's an excellent idea to honor someone in the community who has done so much."

Mayor George said city officials have been talking to a few landowners about purchasing land for the site of the City's future wastewater treatment plant. The mayor will report back with his findings, sometime in July, he said.

The city council approved an ordinance providing for the issuance of the water and sewer revenue bond of the city, not to exceed, \$1,100,000, to pay for costs associated with improvements to Dayton's water and sewer system.

The city will pay interest only on the bond for the first two years, after which payments on the principal will begin, George said.

George said City Administrator Trina Cole and her staff have been working "long hours" on procuring the bond. "Trina has done a fantastic job," said George.

George added that at some point the city will need to increase water and sewer rates, to "get the infrastructures back to where they need to be".

Also at last week's meeting the council approved the City of Dayton 2018-2023 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan, an ordinance removing conflicting language in the Dayton Municipal Code with regard to the section on Prices for Burial, approved cleaning up a couple of paragraphs in the City Personnel Policies and

Procedures Manual, regarding forms and procedures for disciplinary action, designated the city's official newspaper, authorized the Sheriff's Office to use the Dayton City Park at no charge for National Night Out, approved July 3 as a day off for city employees, amended a resolution regarding inter-fund loan repayments for the purchase of a backhoe, and authorized a budget amendment to account for a state Transportation Improvement Board Emergency Repair Program Grant, for repairs to city streets, because of winter damage.

Cole told the council she is getting ready to apply for some FEMA funds to help with those street repairs, and she will meet with officials from FEMA, as well as from Anderson Perry & Associates, on June 20, to fill out paperwork for that.

Patriot Jeep Returns Home

BOB BROCK SAYS THE JOURNEY TO HONOR VETERANS WILL CONTINUE

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Bob Brock met his goal of driving his Patriot Jeep in the Washington D.C. Memorial Day Parade, but says “the journey is not over.” Brock, who recently returned from his cross-country quest, gave a presentation in Preston Park on Saturday and shared about his experience.

He said he and the Jeep, which he has come to regard as having a voice of its own, made it through many adventures and terrains. They survived a tornado in Indiana, crossed the desolate Dakota badlands, gave three live television interviews, and successfully navigated Washington D.C.

All along the way, they greeted and encouraged the veterans and citizens that make this country what it is. Brock, who wears a Vietnam veteran hat, said he and fellow veterans shared story after story, “and we all walked away feeling better.”

Brock shared several standout interactions with the small group of listeners who showed up at the park to share



Courtesy Photo

Above left: Bob Brock and his Patriot Jeep “taming the Badlands of South Dakota.” Brock said the flags had to be removed due to the highly unpredictable weather. Above right: Brock shared stories of his journey in Preston Park on Saturday afternoon.



Photo by Dena Wood

vicariously in his experience. Brock said he has the idea “rolling around in his head” that he might write a book about the experience, in the voice of the Patriot Jeep.

Brock said touring Washington D.C. was almost overwhelming. He and his wife, Jaque, spent five days there “and still didn’t see it all.” Bob said he has 27 friends with their names on the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

Bob was especially close with his friend and riding partner Gary Worrell. He said he served as Gary’s pallbearer when Gary’s body was returned from the war, just before Bob himself left for

duty. A friend had arranged for Bob to find Gary’s name on the wall, and Bob was able to leave a tribute.

“It was a very moving experience, as it should be,” Brock said.

Brock visited the new African American History and Culture Museum and said he was “swooped up and welcomed by the black Vietnam veterans that were there.”

“I never saw color when I served. There was an immediate sense of brotherhood and tremendous bonding,” he said.

Brock said the highlight of the experience easily was meeting all the truck

drivers, tourists and veterans who stopped to take photos with the jeep and to show appreciation for those who served their country.

“I had the experience I hoped to have, meeting great people from all across the country. Patriot Jeep represents what I feel in my heart for this country. And that journey is not over,” Brock said.

Brock showed off the Patriot Jeep at All Wheels Weekend in Dayton last weekend, has plans to visit veterans in Yakima, and will return to his hometown of Placerville, Calif. in the fall.

“I’m going to keep it going,” he said.

Community Groups Step in to Support Pool

Free Family Swim Days at Waitsburg pool will offset Saturday closures

By Dena Wood
THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Operating and maintaining the Waitsburg City Pool can be a drain on the city’s budget, but council members continue to agree that keeping the community asset up and running is worth the effort and expense. This year, several community groups have stepped in to lend a helping hand.

The donor that has sponsored Saturday swims in recent years has bowed out this year, which means the pool will be open on weekdays only. City Manager Randy Hinchliffe told the city council that, surprisingly, Saturday is typically the slowest day of the week at the pool. He attributed that to the likelihood that families may be out doing things together on Saturdays.

In response, several local groups are stepping in to sponsor one Saturday each month as a Free Fam-



Courtesy Photo

Left: Friends of the Waitsburg Pool President Trevor Johnson presents a \$1,000 check to City Manager Randy Hinchliffe to go towards the purchase of a new solar pool cover.

ily Swim Day. The groups will cover the cost of operating the pool for the day and will provide free food and drinks for swimmers.

“We’d really like to encourage the whole family to spend an afternoon at the pool together,” said Waitsburg Resource Center board member Margie Benson.

The WRC will sponsor the first Free Family Swim Day on June 24, from 1-5 p.m., and will provide hot dogs, chips and water on the pool lawn. The Friends of the Waitsburg Pool will sponsor on July 22, and the Waitsburg Lions Club will sponsor an August 19 free swim day.

The Friends of the Waitsburg Pool, part of the nonprofit Rural Youth Enrichment Services, also donated \$1,000, raised from the Laurette McCaw Pie-Oneer Pie Baking Contest,

toward the purchase of a new solar blanket for the pool. The much-needed cover cost \$4125.

Pool Supervisor Kelly Steinhoff said Pacific Power is also planning to donate \$1,500 toward the repairs and maintenance materials purchased this year. The pool received a new coating of rubberized paint prior to opening, as well as other minor repairs. And the Prescott pool donated rubber matting that has been laid in the locker rooms, she said.

A grant from Friends of the Waitsburg Pool, overseen by the Blue Mountain Community Foundation and originated by Dr. Roger and Laura Jean Hevel, makes swim lessons free to Waitsburg residents each summer. Visit the pool or City Hall to register for lessons.

COMBINE - FROM PAGE 1

them. Not this year. Our sports program for girls this year is not in trouble,” Sandau said.

“It is in trouble, we’re not going to have JV programs,” countered Head Football Coach Troy Larsen. “And whenever you don’t have JV programs, you lose games. You don’t get better. Most girls sit on the bench and don’t play, so they can’t get better.

“You’re thinking of your daughter and I understand that. But you need to think about what’s best for the city, the program, and the schools. Without JV programs we’re also taking games from other teams in the league as well,” he added.

Several Dayton athletes attended the meeting. Junior Helm spoke on their behalf, passionately asking the board to approve the combine.

“We don’t have a lot of dedicated athletes and a combine will give us the numbers we need to play. I’m a senior and I really don’t want to play a JV schedule next year. I think that’s the worst that could happen during my high school sports career. Our girl’s teams also want to combine,” he said.

Helm then addressed Sandau saying, “If they’re good, they deserve to play on a varsity team. Having Dayton girls come will only make it better. If they earn it they’ll still have their spot. I feel like everyone in Dayton is pro-combine. We really need it.”

Several Waitsburg athletes were in attendance as well. Brayden Miller said that competing for spots forces Waitsburg to be competitive as a team and spoke about the importance of having both JV and varsity programs.

Parent Sarah Boudrieu asked if Dayton could opt not to run a program, which would allow Waitsburg to invite them to play for Waitsburg, avoiding an actual combine.

Kirk said Dayton’s enrollment would “probably” have to be factored in and could affect Waitsburg’s classification. “It would have to be approved by someone,” he added.

“I coached high school basketball and always wondered what’s magic about 20 games. If we don’t keep the schedule with 1B they’ll have 18 games in basketball. I don’t see that destroying anybody’s program. And I’m not sure they can’t schedule someone else,” said board member Russ Knopp.

Kirk said that the number of games affects a school’s RPI (ranking percentage index) which plays a part in tournament seeding. A team rated six can lose their first playoff game and still be a state champion. A teamed rated 7 will lose and they’re out, he said.

“What I take away from this

conversation is that we don’t have enough information. What if we forgot to talk about RPI and made this decision? Just make sure you have all the information to know what you want to do. Simple things, like who’s in charge of bills?” said High School Athletic Director Stephanie Wooderchak.

“It has been my opinion all along that we need to plan this but do it in a time that is not going to upset the apple cart as far as scheduling and the work that the athletic directors and league have done. As difficult as it is to see programs that don’t have enough kids – all of our schools have been through that. I think we ought to pursue the combine for next year and not rush in this year and deal with the consequences of moving too quickly,” said Board member Randy Pearson.

Middle School Athletic Director Lori Bartlow agreed, saying she felt the combine was being rushed way too fast and was worried about hiring coaches, late nights, transportation, numbers of teams, etc. “If we have time to prepare properly I think it will make a huge difference with the emotional state and everything else. And I won’t feel way rushed as middle school athletic director,” she said.

Softball and volleyball coach Angie Potts said she had mixed feelings but ultimately agreed that more time to plan and prepare would be beneficial.

“You have two long-term coaches, so you have assistants and coaches to talk about. I agree with Lori, it’s too rushed. You need to look at the pros and cons with the WP combine, especially what broke it up, and prevent that from happening. Are you going to dump another \$25,000 to rebuild a program when the same thing happens with Dayton? I think you need to look at what happened with WP breaking up and build a plan on those scenarios. And I don’t think you can do that in two months before school starts,” Potts said.

“For softball, if we pull out of that 1B schedule, there is no league for those other three schools. They lose their league completely,” she added.

Options such as leaving the league and becoming independent and filing an appeal with District 9 were also discussed, briefly.

Pearson motioned that Waitsburg leave things as they are this year and commit to a full combine, for both middle and high school, for the 2018-19 school year. Knopp was the lone dissenting vote, and the motion was passed.

Dayton and Waitsburg will maintain the previously established combines for middle and high school football and baseball, high school wrestling, and middle school softball for the 2017-18 school year.

WAITSBURG HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

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INVITATION FOR BIDS 2017 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT NO. 1 -WAITSBURG SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS (SCHEDULES A, B, AND C)

FEDERAL AID NO. TAP-9936 (005)

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FEDERAL AID NO. TAP-36WJ (004)

PROJECT NO. 3 - ARNOLD STREET SIDEWALK (SCHEDULE E)

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The contract time for all work shall be 45 working days. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc., 214 East Birch Street, Walla Walla, Washington 99362, (509) 529-9260, Andrew Robinson, P.E., arobinson@andersonperry.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or at the other locations listed below.

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A preconstruction conference will not be held.

Contact Andrew Robinson, P.E., with Anderson Perry & Associates at (509) 529-9260 with any questions.
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McCaw Phase B Fish Restoration Construction Project Invitation to Bid PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT

The Walla Walla County Conservation District (WWCCD) is issuing an Invitation to Bid on the McCaw Phase B Restoration Construction Project. The project is located on the Touchet River approximately 2 miles west of Waitsburg. Major elements of this project include installing a series of large woody debris, engineered log jam and/or channel spanning structures in Touchet River. In-stream work window begins August 1, 2017 and concludes September 30.

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

The complete bid packet is available at the WWCCD office, materials will be on a CD. Proposals will include a statement of qualifications and the elements of which will be used to award the bid. A 5% Bid Guarantee or equivalent will be required. The project will follow Davis-Bacon wage determinations (Prevailing Wages required).

Project Time Line:

Event	Time	Date
A. Invitation to Bid Advertised		June 22 and 29, 2017
B. Complete Bid Packet available	1:00 p.m.	June 23, 2017
C. Pre-bid meeting and site visit	9:00 a.m.	June 30, 2017
D. Proposals due no later than	3:00 p.m.	July 5, 2017
E. Bid Opening	3:05 p.m.	July 5, 2017
F. Project Awarded by	10:00 a.m.	July 10, 2017
G. Contract Signed By		July 10, 2017
H. Project Start Date		July 26, 2017
I. Project Completion Date		September 30, 2018

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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Double Chocolate Cake

I recently ordered Espresso Powder from King Arthur Flour Company. I "liked" them on Facebook so I can see their posts.

They had posted that coffee or espresso used in chocolate recipes enhances the chocolate flavor. I remembered I had a chocolate cake recipe that called for a cup of hot coffee and thought I could try this espresso powder. And as luck would have it, no one signed up for coffee hour at our church. I usually don't make cake at home because it's too much to eat for the two of us. (The exception is the Lemon Refrigerator Cake).

When my package came with the espresso powder, I received this handy card. I had to laugh because on the top, in big letters, was "SERIOUSLY, we are here to help", with a phone number for Baker's Hotline: 1-855-371-2253.



before adding the frosting.

MY NOTES:

A couple of things—I had to google "kosher salt" to see what the difference was before I shared the recipe because I ignored it and used regular salt. There is a difference. It is coarser than table salt. One teaspoon of regular salt equals 1 1/2 teaspoons of Kosher salt. So you might want to reduce one teaspoon of Kosher salt in the recipe to three-quarter teaspoon regular salt. I didn't and it was fine. Also, I put all the dry ingredients into my flour sifter to mix, then into a bowl.

I used my handy powdered buttermilk. I made it in the larger cake pan because I didn't want to fuss with the double layer. So if you do, the baking time will be a bit longer. Check to make sure the center is done.

I have a hot pot that makes instant hot water. I heated up the hot water and added about 2 teaspoons of the espresso powder to it.

I made Chocolate Buttercream frosting. I used the one on the Hershey's Cocoa package, but there are quite a few versions. I have made one with two sticks of butter, but this one used only one. I could share it, but I am running out of room.

I asked for reviews from the coffee hour and everyone like it. The coffee flavor did not overpower the chocolate, but intensified it. By the way, I added mini chocolate chips on top.

ENJOY—remember chocolate is good for you.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 3/4 c. flour
- 1/2 c. vegetable oil
- 2 c. sugar
- 2 extra large eggs, room temperature
- 3/4 c. good cocoa powder
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1 c. freshly brewed coffee
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp kosher salt (see notes)
- 1 c. buttermilk

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter and flour two 8-inch pans. (If you want a double layer. I used a 9 x 13 pan)

Sift the flour, sugar, cocoa, baking soda, baking powder and salt into the bowl of an electric mixture fitted with a paddle attachment and mix at low speed until combined. In another bowl, combine buttermilk, oil, eggs, and vanilla (mix well). With the mixer on low speed, slowly add the wet ingredients to the dry. With mixer still on low, add the hot coffee and stir just to combine, scraping the bottom of the bowl with a rubber spatula. Don't overmix. Pour the batter into the prepared pans and bake for 35-40 minutes, until cake tester comes out clean. Cool in the pans for 30 minutes, then carefully turn them out onto a cooling rack and cool completely

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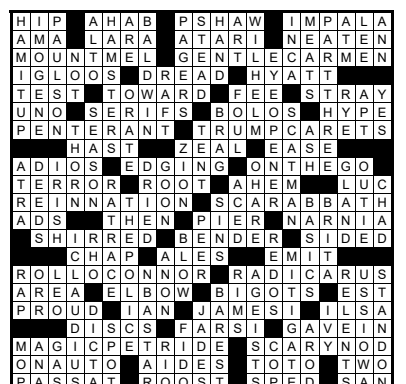
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- 4 Hold 'em hand
- 8 1999 U.S. Open champ
- 14 Emulates Sylvester
- 19 GarageBand platform
- 20 "A long time ago..."
- 21 Fruit grown in Mexico
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- 23 Christmas character (Art Spiegelman)
- 25 Rodgers and Hart song with the lyric "Why doesn't the breeze delight me?" (Michael Crichton)
- 27 Seafarer's channel
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- 30 "Lorna ____"
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- 32 Vowel-Hess degree
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- 34 Field goal, for some?
- 35 Like some rare squirrels
- 37 Like some sunscreens (Lois Lowry)
- 41 Cobbler kin
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- 44 I can turn this god into a heavenly ram
- 45 Confronted
- 46 Much
- 47 Gas brand that sounds like the 19th and 15th letters of the alphabet
- 49 Rotted
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- 56 Symbol of 44 Across
- 57 Software modification
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- 61 Arouse, as wrath
- 63 With 52 Down, musical child of two famous musical parents
- 65 "Sugar, Sugar" and "Sugar Shack," e.g.
- 67 Extremely low point (Emma Donoghue)
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- 77 Mamie Van ____ of "The Big Operator" (anagram of DRONE)
- 78 Golf shirt brand
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- 91 Purported
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- 95 Series set in Vegas
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- 97 Enjoy enthusiastically
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- 102 Munch masterpiece (Joyce Carol Oates)
- 104 Noxious vapors
- 106 Org. that investigates tax fraud
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- 109 Beloved Bruin Bobby
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- 112 Inventory listing
- 113 Pooch played by Pal, Spook, Baby, Mire and Hey Hey
- 117 Longtime national correspondent for the Atlantic (Peter Benchley)
- 120 Library shelf objects ... or an alternate title to this puzzle
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- 9 Surveillance video problems
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- 11 Greeted casually
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- 13 Shakespearean role for Kenneth Branagh
- 14 Like a no-win situation
- 15 I, to Einstein
- 16 Wonder man?
- 17 Bush press secretary
- 18 Transcription pros
- 24 Game using two decks
- 26 TV chef Garten
- 29 Grecian art object
- 34 "Go ahead," formally
- 36 Curtain fabric
- 37 Shop class tools
- 38 Tax ____ (CPA's job)
- 39 Coty of '50s France
- 40 Dock, as points
- 41 Hematologist's worries
- 42 Still-life fruit
- 46 "I found something!"
- 48 Dance club device
- 50 Illicit inducement
- 51 Format of many '90s games
- 52 See 63 Across
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- 54 Part of a ship
- 55 Metallica hit "Nothing ____ Matters"
- 58 Defer
- 62 Missing person
- 64 Tax ____ (CPA's job)
- 66 Tennis great Ivan
- 67 CCR hit "Have You Ever Seen the ____?"
- 68 Pasta in some risotto dishes
- 69 "We've gotta move"
- 70 Former clothing chain with a name similar to that of a toy chain
- 71 "Semper fi" adherents
- 73 1972 Broadway debut
- 76 Wild bash
- 80 Blade with a bell guard
- 82 DVD forerunner
- 84 Feature of many a musical soundtrack
- 85 Former CIA spy Philip
- 86 Puzzle within a puzzle
- 87 Driver on a movie set
- 89 High spars
- 90 Participates in vote-swapping
- 92 "I Do" singer who co-wrote the June 6, 2017, New York Times crossword puzzle
- 95 Revolver compartment
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- 98 High-flying pro of war
- 99 Plane's lane
- 101 Planes' lanes
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- 107 Phrase uttered after getting buzzed?
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- 114 "____ out of it!"
- 115 Like some threats
- 116 Game show network?
- 118 Rhinitis-treating doc
- 119 Celebratory piece
- 121 Have payments to pay

SOLUTION TO:
CAR TOWING



THE LAST PAGE



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Clockwise from top right: Hundreds of cars, in all colors, shapes and sizes lined Main Street as vendors sold their wares on the courthouse lawn during All Wheels Weekend on Saturday. Participants in the Men's Drag Races give one another the evil eye and they race down Main Street. The demolition derby drew an enthusiastic crowd. The Power Wheels derby, in which children must pop balloons attached to competitors' vehicles, was a new event this year.

23rd All Wheels Weekend Sees Attendance Rebound

The number of Show & Shine participants went back up after bad weather last year

By Ian Smay | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The 23rd annual All Wheels Weekend was a success, as numbers for the famous Show & Shine on Saturday returned to normal.

Last year's weekend was beset by wet weather throughout the three days, while this year saw wind and rain on Friday evening during the downtown cruise. However, sunny skies prevailed Saturday and Sunday, and the number of cars downtown recovered.

"Turnout was good, but we've had larger years," said Bette Lou Crothers, committee chair for All Wheels. "It was average, but not above average."

The Men's Drag Race that took place downtown on Saturday saw large attendance. "We had a great turnout for the Men's Drag Race," Crothers said.

The Demolition Derby Saturday was held evening at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. While the Show & Shine attendance could be described as average, this was not the case for the derby, which saw an amazing turnout.

"The demo (derby) was humongous. It was huge. It was a great turnout this year," Crothers said.

The grandstands were packed, with some people struggling to find seats at the 5 p.m. start time.

The fairgrounds was also playing host to various food and merchandise vendors.

The Father's Day breakfast and AWW golf tournament at the Touchet Valley Golf Course were held Sunday morning. The tournament suffered a slight drop in entrants this year, although this was not likely due to the weather.

"We had a few less teams at the golf tournament. It was still a wonderful tournament even with the fewer numbers," Crothers said.

The annual \$10,000 putting contest was held again this year during the golf tournament.

"There was no winner in the putting contest again this year, but someone will make that putt one of these times," Crothers said.

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