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THIS WEEK

DAYTON



CHAUTAUQUA

Dayton's Chautauqua was an experience to remember.

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HITTING THE SLOPES, HARVEST STYLE



Photo by Dena Wood
Wheat truck driver Janean Struckmeir watches as (l to r) Earl Struckmeir, Hal White, and Tom Wagar check out a troublesome combine before heading out to the field early on the morning of July 15. Struckmeir drives for John Grant and Son Farms and welcomed Times reporter Dena Wood on a ride-along for our Harvest Issue. See story on Page 9.

WAITSBURG



DYNAMITE + ART

Claire Johnston has opened a coffee shop/art gallery in the former jimgermanbar space on Waitsburg's Main Street.

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Nestle' Gets Hostile Reception

COMPANY STOPS WATERSHED WORK WHILE CITY PONDERES HOW TO PROCEED ON BOTTLING PLANT PROPOSAL

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – "I understand that when an announcement is made that Nestle' is evaluating business opportunities in a community, it raises a lot of emotions. Water is an emotional topic," said Nestle' Waters Natural Resource Manager Bruce Lauerma as he opened his presentation at the city's July 20 city council meeting. In the case of Waitsburg, that may be an understatement.

Even harvesting farmers left their fields early to join the nearly 100 people who filled the chairs, lined the walls, and found seats on the floor in response – mostly to object – to the freshly issued media release stating that Nestle' was exploring Waitsburg as a potential site for a new bottling facility that could employ up to 50 people.

Even though the meeting concluded with an order for Nestle' to cease and desist from all exploratory work in the city's watershed, emotions continue to run high as citizens stage protests, initiate anti-Nestle' petitions, and air their views on social media.

Lauerma said that Nestle' was introduced to Waitsburg through the Port of Walla Walla and that the company had begun, with the permission of the mayor and city manager, to evaluate the spring sources to Coppei Canyon and the city's water supply. He said Nestle' would perform in-depth research, at no cost to the city, that would generate reports and data that would greatly benefit the city.

Mayor Walt Gobel stressed that the council had made no decision regarding Nestle' but said decisions must be based on facts. He said there are five to seven springs spread throughout the watershed, and Nes-

tle' is trying to determine how water gets from the springs to the lines, as well as the quality and quantity of water.

Gobel said the original water maps were destroyed and there is very limited information about the system. He said it would cost the city "multiple thousands of dollars" to do the brushing and digging necessary to clear the area and determine what is going on. He said Nestle' had already found two major leaks, which is a huge benefit to the city.

Several council members, along with the crowd, expressed surprise at learning

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Photo by Dena Wood

Protesters made their voices heard in Waitsburg's Preston Park Monday afternoon.

SPECIAL FEATURE



HARVEST

Harvest is underway across the valley and highlighted in this special harvest edition.

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Transfer Station Work to Begin Next Month

COUNTY AWARDS CONTRACT FOR NEW TRANSFER FACILITY AND SENECA BLDG. DEMO.

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—At a special meeting on Monday the Columbia County Commissioners moved to award P.O.W. Contracting, Inc., from Pasco, the contract to build a new county transfer facility.

The new station will replace the temporary facility after a fire destroyed most of the necessary operational equipment, and seriously damaged the integrity of the transfer station main building, in July, 2015.

P.O.W. submitted the low bid of \$633,633.30, and County Engineer Andrew Woods met with the commissioners at the

Public Works Department on Monday to talk about finances for the project.

"We need to get the new facility going," said Chairman Merle Jackson. "This is our one chance to get a state-of-the-art facility."

Commissioner Dwight Robanske agreed. "We need to get off the dime and do this."

Woods told the commissioners that insurance payments after the fire will offset some of the costs associated with administering the project, and for contractor costs.

After insurance payments are figured in, the total cost to the county will be around \$430,000, Woods said.

The county has already identified \$350,000 from State rural excise tax for capital improvements for the project, but \$80,000 has yet to be identified. The commissioners are looking into several options for that, and said that they expect a bump

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

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TOUCHET VALLEY – The cities of Dayton, Waitsburg, and Walla Walla are all taking part in this year's National Night Out (NNO) campaign on the evening of Tuesday, August 2. Last year's NNO campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 15,000 communities from all 50 states. In all, over 37 million people participated in NNO in 2015.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime awareness, generate support for local anticrime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. NNO is a family-oriented, alcohol and smoke-free event.

Dayton

Dayton City Park will be filled with free events activities from 5-8 p.m. There will be free hot dogs, chips, soft drinks and bottles

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

BIRTH

Nico Valé Harri was born to James and Kelly Harri on April 22, 2016 at 9:37 p.m. at St. Mary's Medical Center in Walla Walla, Wash. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and measured 20.5" long. Nico's grandparents are Dr. James and Mary Harri and Ed and Cathy Lambert. His great grandmothers are Dorothy Lambert and Isabelle (Betty) Crabtree.

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ANNIVERSARY

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Gerald and Carol Pulliam are celebrating their 50th anniversary on August 5, 2016 at United Brethren Church C.E. Building at 1106 S. 4th St., Dayton, Wash., from 6-8 p.m.

Gerald is retired from Columbia County Health Dept. and Carol worked at several canneries as an EMT first aid nurse.

They were married in Dayton, Wash. On Aug. 5, 1966 and reside at their home on South Touchet. Their children, Yvonne and Gerald and wife Nina Pulliam are hosting the celebration.



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago August 3, 2006

Jeff broom of Waitsburg was elected to serve as Allocations Chair for the Walla Walla United Way Board of Directors at the annual meeting on July 18. The United Way and Combined Federal Campaign jointly raised over \$435,000.

Community members like Carol Guay of Waitsburg spent a relaxing afternoon in the front yard of the Bruce Memorial Museum painting 4" X 4" tiles that will be placed on one of three "Unity Walls" in Waitsburg, Dayton and Prescott, part of the Sherwood Trust-sponsored Community Leadership Program.

Photo caption: The 2006 Touchet Valley Little League (9-10) All Stars. Front row: Luke Alexenko, Talen Larsen, Kyle Dozier, Ian Smay, Bryce Scott, Alex Breland. Back row: Coach Troy Larsen, Cruz Ramirez, Nicholas Pearson, Chad Pearson, Owen Lanning, Hontz McCarty, Manager Andrew Adams.

Twenty-Five Years Ago August 1, 1991

Denver Page, long-time employee of Peggy and the late Bob Eckhardt, announced this week that he has purchased Bob's Chevron Service at the corner of Preston and Coppei in Waitsburg. He said he will run the business under the name of Waitsburg Chevron. Page is a 1977 graduate of Waitsburg High School. He has worked for the Eckhardt's for the past four and a half years.

Two new members of Waitsburg School Board for District 401-100 were assured last week as the filing period ended. Filing for District NO. 4, a position being vacated by Kathy Payne, Theresa A. Ferguson and Greg Zuger have both filed as candidates. T. Mac McCoy, Route 1, Waitsburg has filed for Director District 5, the spot vacated by Barbara Abbey. Terry M. Jacoy, incumbent director in District #3, has filed for re-election.

Marshal's Memo: Journalist locked keys in car on July 22 and was assisted by officer who got vehicle open. Spectators were not sure that item would appear in paper represented by journalist.

Fifty Years Ago July 28, 1966

Local musician on the Green Giant's steam powered whistle informed the world at 11:40 p.m. on Monday night that the 1966 pack was finished. We listened closely and would swear we could pick out the tune '... from the Valley of the Jolly (ho, ho, ho) Green Giant.'

Marine Private Landis J. Potts, son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Potts of Prescott, Wn., has graduated from Marine recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

Camp O'Hara near Orofino, Idaho is the scene this week of the Lewis and Clark Trail Baptist Camp. Adults attending from Waitsburg are Rev. Paul Skinner, Bob Miller, Ben Gresham and Mrs. Thelma Heckart. Youngsters attending are Doug, David and Danny LaRue, John and Marcie Heckart, Jim Williams, Dale Miller, Wally Bird, Dale Lambert, and Loyal Baker.

Seventy-Five Years Ago August 1, 1941

Miss Barbara and Elizabeth Schmitt who have been attending the summer session at the University of Washington, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schmitt.

Miss Evelyn Mills entertained her Sunday School Class of young ladies at a picnic party Friday afternoon at Preston Park. Those present included Mary Jane Johnson, Jacqueline Alexander, Bessie Henley, Velma Mock, Joan Dorr, Betty Turner, and Barbara Whitehead of Seattle.

Aluminum Round-up. Bring your old pots, pans, skillets, tea kettles, anything aluminum to the trailer parked in front of the Times office to meet drastic shortages of aluminum in the W. S. defense preparation.

One Hundred Years Ago August 4, 1916

Fire at the H.F. Clodius farm, five miles south of this city, Tuesday afternoon destroyed a large barn, burned to death two fine horses and much harness and over 100 tons of choice wheat hay.

The Ford Motor Co. of Detroit have just announced new prices which will be in effect from August 1, 1916 to August 1, 1917. The touring car now lists \$360 and the Runabout \$345 FOB Detroit, the freight charges to this point being \$52.45, thus making the touring car \$412.45 and the runabout \$397.45.

Sid Hinchliffe, Thurman Henderson and Mack Jones will soon be harvesting for M. Zuger. Sid drives water wagon; Thurman, hoedown; Mack, header box.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago August 7, 1891

A letter received by his people here from Elmer McKinney bears the sad news that his entire crop of 200 acres of excellent grain in the Big Bend country was totally destroyed by a hail storm a few days ago. This is a heavy loss to Elmer, in which his many friends were deeply sympathize with him.

Quite a number of prominent farmers were before the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, urging that body to take some steps to the straying of the roads. Doubtless something will be done.

Touchet Valley Weather

July 27, 2016

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday Sunny	Thursday Sunny	Friday Sunny	Saturday Sunny	Sunday Sunny	Monday Sunny	Tuesday Mostly Sunny
High: 91 Low: 61	High: 95 Low: 63	High: 98 Low: 65	High: 97 Low: 59	High: 90 Low: 60	High: 89 Low: 58	High: 92 Low: 61

Weather Trivia

What are the odds of being hit by lightning?
1 in 1,000,000

Weather History

July 27, 1943 - On a whim and flying a single engine AT-6, Lieutenant Ralph O' Hair and Colonel Duckworth were the first to fly into a hurricane. This flight was the first of what would become regular Air Force flights into hurricanes.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Monday	81	62	91/61	0.00"	0.00"
Tuesday	82	59	91/61	0.00"	0.14"
Wednesday	87	61	91/62	0.00"	-0.14"
Thursday	97	60	91/62	0.00"	.73.3"
Friday	83	65	91/62	0.00"	.76.4"
Saturday	83	58	91/62	0.00"	-3.1"
Sunday	91	57	91/62	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
New 8/2	5:30 a.m.	8:28 p.m.	12:20 a.m.	2:29 p.m.
Wednesday	5:31 a.m.	8:26 p.m.	12:58 a.m.	3:38 p.m.
Thursday	5:32 a.m.	8:25 p.m.	1:41 a.m.	4:45 p.m.
Friday	5:33 a.m.	8:24 p.m.	2:31 a.m.	5:47 p.m.
Saturday	5:34 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	3:26 a.m.	6:41 p.m.
First 8/10	5:36 a.m.	8:21 p.m.	4:27 a.m.	7:29 p.m.
Sunday	5:37 a.m.	8:20 p.m.	5:31 a.m.	8:10 p.m.
Monday				
Tuesday				

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HELP WANTED

Help Wanted: After School Program Coordinator
The Dayton School District is looking for a part-time Program Coordinator to develop, implement, and facilitate the After School Program for the 2016-2017 school year. Duties include recruiting volunteers, creating registration packets, scheduling facilities and coordinating program activities. Applications can be obtained from Doug Johnson @ the Dayton School District Office. For more information contact Peggy Gutierrez @ 382-1511.

POSITIONS ANNOUNCEMENT:
Waitsburg School District has openings for Assistant Coach for High School Girls' Basketball and Assistant Coach for High School Girls' Softball.

Application materials are available on the website (www.waitsburgsd.org) , at 184 Academy Street or by calling the District Office (509-337-6301). Waitsburg School District is an E.O.E.

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TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

BRIEF

NESTLE WATERS COMMUNITY MEETING

WAITSBURG - The Waitsburg City Council will hold a community meeting at 7 p.m. on Tues., Aug. 2 at Waitsburg Town Hall to discuss Nestle's interest in potentially building a bottled water facility in Waitsburg.

Church Directory

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

504 Main

Worship 9:30 a.m.

337-6589

Rev. Bret Moser

Waitsburg Chapel

320 W. 2nd

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship 11 a.m.

Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Outdoor Movie Night

Friday, 7 p.m.

337-6235

Rev. Jimmie Daves

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604 Main St

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Each Sunday

337-8898

New River Fellowship

121 Main St. (Town Hall)

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship 11 a.m.

www.newriverfellowship.org

520-5676

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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Food Festivities
Prescott Library
12 p.m.

Coffee, Cookies, and Coloring
Dayton Memorial Library
305 p.m.

Stop by on Friday afternoons for coffee, tea, cookies, and adult coloring.

Soup for the Soul
Dayton First Christian Church (410 S. 3rd, Dayton)
5:30 p.m.

All are welcome to come and enjoy a free community sponsored dinner on the last Friday of each month. For more info, contact Judi Brooks at 382-4771. Transportation is available. For a ride call public transportation at 382-1647.

Outdoor Family Movie Night
Waitsburg Chapel (320 W. 2nd)
8 p.m.
Movie starts at dusk, concessions open at 8 p.m.

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Waitsburg Resource Center
106 Preston Avenue



Breakfast listed first. Fruits & vegetables, non-fat chocolate milk and 1% white milk are offered with every meal.

Summer Meal Program

Breakfast 8-8:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30-12 p.m.

All children 18 & under receive meals free of charge.

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9-11 a.m.
The Center provides food and resources to families in the Waitsburg and Prescott School Districts.

Coffee & Craft
Prescott Public Library
1 p.m.

AUGUST

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Waitsburg Story Time
Weller Public Library
10:30 a.m.

Summer Collaborative Art
Dayton Memorial Library
1 p.m.

Work on a collaborative art project using paper, plastic, metal, etc. to recreate an updated version of The Jolly Green Giant to be submitted into the fair.

Waitsburg Summer Reading Program
Weller Public Library
2-3 p.m.

YMCA Fun Factory
Preston Park, Waitsburg
2:30 - 4 p.m.
Mondays, June 13 - Aug. 5. Free crafts, fun and games for kids ages 5-10.

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Dayton Library Story Time
Dayton Memorial Library
10 a.m.
Storytime is free to the public and no library card is needed.

Prescott Library Story Time
Prescott Library
11 a.m.
Crafts and stories geared to preschool children, but all ages are welcome.

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Waitsburg Senior Round Table
Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
11:30 a.m.

Join local seniors every Tuesday for lunch. \$4 suggested donation for those over 60. \$7 charge for guests under 60. Meals on Wheels are available. Call 337-8541 for more info.

Dayton Senior Round Table
Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.)
12 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 382-2836 to RSVP by the day prior.

Wii Night
Prescott Library
4 p.m.

Waitsburg National Night Out
Preston Park
5-7 p.m.
Free swim from 6-8 at the city pool.

Dayton National Night Out
Dayton City Park
5-8 p.m.

Waitsburg Town Meeting
Waitsburg Town Hall
7 p.m.
Community meeting to discuss the city's potential involvement with Nestle Waters.

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Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 382-2836 to RSVP by the day prior.

Waitsburg Resource Center
106 Preston Ave
2-4 p.m.

NEWS BRIEFS

WAITSBURG PRESCHOOL

WAITSBURG - The Waitsburg Preschool is accepting applications. This is a free preschool program for children who are 3- or 4-years-old by August 31. Complete an application at the Waitsburg Elementary School office. Classes begin Sept. 12.

FALL SPORTS MEETINGS

WAITSBURG - Waitsburg High School will hold sports information meetings at the following times: Volleyball, Aug. 10, 7 p.m., WHS auditorium; Football, Aug. 11, 7 p.m., WHS auditorium; Cheerleading, Aug. 15, 7 p.m., WHS cage; Cross Country, Aug. 16, WHS auditorium. Athletes will be provided Sports Packets and Athletic Code of Conduct information at that time, as well as, game schedules and coach expectations. We will also review sports physicals to make sure everyone is current. Please remember sports physicals are good for two years. Athletes will not be allowed to participate in practices if they do not have sports packets and athletic codes completed and they must have an up-to-date sports physical.

POLITICAL PROFILES

WAITSBURG - The Waitsburg Commercial Club has distributed detailed questionnaires to local political candidates asking about their views on law enforcement and crime prevention, growth management act and zoning, economic development, emergency preparedness, citizen voice, taxing efficiency, and more.

Responses to the questionnaires will be posted on the Waitsburg Commercial Club Facebook page for anyone interested in learning more about each candidate's position.

'SWIM THE SNAKE', AUG. 13

STARBUCK - The fourth annual Swim the Snake event will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Lyons Ferry Marina. This year's event also includes a competitive paddling/kayaking opportunity.

Visit the website at www.swimthesnake.org to find times, course information, and regulations for both the paddling and swimming events. The entry fee is \$25 and includes a commemorative T-shirt, swim cap, transportation from the marina to the park, a bottle of water and slice of fresh watermelon.

The event is a fundraiser for the Dayton and Pomeroy Summer Youth Swim Teams and the Blue Mountain RC&D Council. It is hosted by the Waitsburg Commercial Club and the Blue Mountain RC&D Council.

Learn more at www.swimthesnake.org or contact Lisa Naylor at (509) 386-6021 or lisa.naylor@rocketmail.com.

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water and plenty of kid's games and activities. A Life Flight helicopter will fly in, the Game Department will have a patrol boat on display and the State Patrol will demonstrate their remote controlled bomb robot and more than 30 exhibits and displays will be on hand. Children can be fingerprinted and videotaped for an emergency response ID packet. The Dayton City Pool will offer free swimming from 6-8 p.m. and a free night glow fun run will take off at 8:30 p.m. There will be a free family movie in the park at 9 p.m. Nearly 1,000 people attended last year's event in Dayton.

Waitsburg

Waitsburg's second annual NNO event will take place at Preston Park from 5-7 p.m. A Life Flight helicopter will land and be available for tours from 5:15 to 6:15 pending any last minute obligations. There will be free hot dogs, pop, and ice cream and Switchgrass will play from 5-7 p.m. The Waitsburg Clinic will conduct wellness checks and voter registration will be available. There will be plenty of booths and exhibits, as well as face painting and games. There will be a free sponsored swim at the pool from 6-8 p.m.

Walla Walla

Walla Walla's NNO will take place at Pioneer Park from 5-7:30 p.m. Visitors can check out the parade of emergency vehicles and vendor booths while enjoying a free hot dog, slice of pizza, and a dilly bar.

BIRTHDAYS

July 29: Ginger Henze, John Kenney, Rachel Reedy, DeLynn Liebermann.

July 30: Pam Conover, J.E. McCaw, Kohl Perry, Tim Rogers.

July 31: Glen Vogt, Joan Hamberg, Elizabeth Jorgensen, Joanna Lanning, Rob Danforth, Angela McKinley, Don Richardson, Kenneth and Richard LaRue.

August 1: Karen Lyman, Jessie Winnett, Terry Lambert, Christina Bunch and Amber Woodworth.

August 2: Heather Herion, Terry Presler, Malia Kalahle.

August 3: Shannon Hodges, Christian Pearson, Stacey Estes, Troy Head, Karen Myers, Jeff Leid, Peter Koper.

August 4: Rebecca Vaughn, Alex King, Benjamin Bloor.

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HARVEST TO COMMENCE NEXT WEEK

GRAIN IS NOW RIPENING RAPIDLY AND MANY MACHINES WILL PULL INTO THE FIELDS MONDAY MORNING

[Editor's note: This article, including the above heading and subhead, appeared on the front page of *The Waitsburg Times* in its July 28, 1916 edition. Harvest was running a little late that year.]

The past week has proven ideal for the ripening of grain altho (sic) a little breeze Monday and Tuesday started the shattering of the wheat a little.

The first of the week will see many machines in the field as most of the farmers are all ready and have their harvest crews together, awaiting only the sufficient ripening of the grain. Harvesting is about three weeks later than usual.

It is too early to get much of a line on yields, but it is safe to say that the average will be much better than was thought possible six weeks ago, while the quality is going to be a little above the average.

Some smut is noticeable in some varieties of wheat but barley is unusually free of it this year.

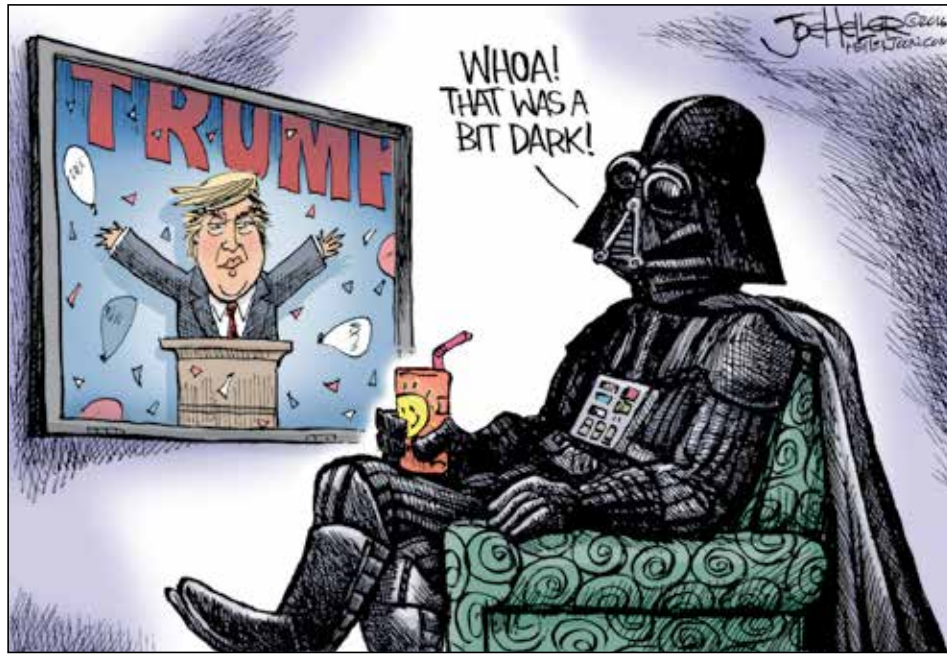
T. P. Ingalls brought into the office Monday samples of Fortyfold and Little Club wheat which he picked at random on the Elmer Stonecipher place beyond Whetstone, which if the stand is at all good, will easily yield 45 bushels. Elmer has 600 acres in wheat, divided about equally between these two varieties.

John McDonald is going to have a good yield as is also Mrs. J. W. Bruce and Clarence Smith in the same District.

Clark and Roberts expect to commence Monday on 140 acres of No. 143 hybrid wheat, on John Meinberg's place just south of town. The quality is excellent.

Frank Zuger expects to get to threshing in his wheat this week, being probably the first to start in this immediate locality.

W. E. McKinney, in the Alto district, sent in word Monday to have his crew to be ready to get into the job by Thursday of this week, so presume the last of this week will see some activity on this farm.



WHAT WOULD RONALD REAGAN THINK?

By Lou Cannon, Special to the *Washington Post*

The presidential nominee quoted Franklin D. Roosevelt and Thomas Paine, the most radical of the Founding Fathers. He asked all Americans for their support. "More than anything else," he said, "I want my candidacy to unify our country; to renew the American spirit and sense of purpose. I want to carry our message to every American, regardless of party affiliation, who is a member of this community of shared values."

This was Ronald Reagan, accepting the nomination of the Republican Party on July 17, 1980, at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit with a speech that in tone and much of the substance was the resonant opposite of the dark vision that Donald Trump presented in Cleveland. Reagan wanted to govern. He believed as firmly as Trump does now that the Democratic administration then in power had failed the American people, but he also realized he needed the support of many Democrats and independents - not just to win but to have a successful presidency.

Beyond tactical calculation, Reagan had an in-bred distaste for the politics of derogation that have become a Trump hallmark. Reagan would have been appalled by Trump's description of opponents as "Lying Ted" or "Crooked Hillary." I covered Reagan's two campaigns for governor of California and his four presidential campaigns, and interviewed him for books. I could count on the fingers of one hand the number of times he engaged in personal put-downs.

When he did, he regretted it and sought to make amends. Early in his governorship, Reagan blamed several state problems on his predecessor, Pat Brown. An aide told Reagan it was beneath him to put down Brown, whom he'd defeated by nearly a million votes. Reagan agreed and never did it again. Brown told me that when he was in Washington after Reagan became president, Reagan heard he was in town and invited him to the White House where they reminisced for nearly an hour.

In 1980, Reagan ran against President Jimmy Carter. The toughest assertion in Reagan's acceptance speech, not really all that harsh, was a claim that "the Carter administration lives in the world of make-believe" on foreign policy. Reagan made it less personal by adding the word "administration." That was typical Reagan, whose usual targets were "Washington" or an anonymous "they" who were in various ways ruining our lives.

"Politics ain't beanbag," as Finley Peter Dunne's fictional Mr. Doolley famously declared, and there were

personal attacks aplenty in the 1980 campaign. Most of them came from Carter, who told a partisan audience, "You'll determine whether or not this America will be unified or, if I lose this election, whether Americans might be separated, black from white, Jew from Christian, North from South, rural from urban." Reagan publicly said he was "saddened" by these words. I was with Reagan that day, and he said privately that he was surprised at Carter's language and thought it showed that the president knew he was losing.

Reagan, who was winning, kept mostly to the high road, with occasional lapses. When someone told him that Carter had been quoted as saying he liked cold showers, Reagan quipped that a man who claimed to like cold showers would lie about anything. It was an oddball jest of the sort that would land Reagan in trouble at various times as governor and president.

For the most part, however, Reagan was a comfortable and self-secure politician. He had a self-deprecating sense of humor, believed in civil discourse, possessed a generous spirit and realized that "compromise" is not a dirty word in politics. In private, he challenged fellow conservatives, saying that liberals accepted partial victories and came back for more. Why couldn't conservatives do the same? This insight helped Reagan secure many compromises from legislatures and a Congress in which he often lacked the votes.

Reagan didn't believe the American political system was "rigged," as Trump asserted in his acceptance speech. When Reagan was campaigning for reelection as governor in 1970, a worker at a plant gate yelled at him: "When are you going to clean up politics?" Reagan answered, "Politics is far more honest than you think."

Nor did Reagan denigrate, as Trump does, the contributions of immigrants who arrive in the United States without authorization. Trump wants to deport them. In 1986 Reagan proposed and signed into law a bill that provided amnesty to 3 million unauthorized immigrants. Reagan had foreshadowed his intentions during a 1984 presidential debate with Walter Mondale when he said: "I believe in the idea of amnesty for those who have put down roots and lived here, even though sometime back they may have entered illegally."

Some Republicans, among them vice-presidential nominee Mike Pence, claim that Donald Trump is the rightful political heir of Ronald Reagan. The record belies them.

Lou Cannon covered the 1980 campaign and the Reagan presidency for *The Post*. He is the author of "President Reagan: The Role of a Lifetime."

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Bin-Busting Global Wheat Supplies Signal Price Rout Not Over

By Jen Skerritt and Megan Durisin, Bloomberg

Canada's wheat farmers still have more than a month before they start the bulk of this season's grain harvest, but they're already worried about where to store a bumper crop.

Even though growers planted less after prices fell last year, beneficial weather boosted the outlook for yields across Canada's Prairies. The potential for near-record output means farmers are stocking up on grain bags to store wheat on the ground amid expectations that bins and silos will be overflowing.

"There's such a demand because the crop looks so big this year," said Bruce Nordick, a sales manager at Grain Bags Canada. He estimates that sales volume is the biggest he's ever seen for this time in the season in the 10 years that he's been selling equipment. "We're leaps and bounds ahead compared to last year and even 2013," when farmers collected a record harvest, he said by telephone from Humboldt, Saskatchewan.

The big crop in Canada, one of the world's top shippers, is adding to the outlook for a ballooning wheat glut. The U.S. Department of Agriculture already forecasts that global stockpiles will reach a record before North America's 2017 harvest. Analysts surveyed by Bloomberg on average predict that supplies are so large that the agency will be forced to raise its inventory estimate. Benchmark prices in Chicago are down about 25 percent in the past 12 months, and hedge funds last week increased their wagers on further declines to the most since April.

Globally, "we had next to ideal conditions for wheat yields it seems, and we've been posting some very big numbers," said Gillian Rutherford, who helps oversee about \$12 billion as a commodities portfolio manager at Pacific Investment Management Co. in Newport Beach, California. "It's difficult to imagine that prices are going to rally sharply."

Hedge funds and other large speculators increased their net-short holdings in wheat to 102,244 U.S. futures and options in the week ended July 5, according to Commodity Futures Trading Commission data released three days later. Money managers have been betting on price declines for 11 straight months, the longest streak in the government data that starts in 2006.

Rolling most-active futures traded on the Chicago Board of Trade fell 7.4 percent this year to \$4.35 a bushel on Friday. Prices touched \$4.1575 on July 5, the lowest since 2007. Futures for spring wheat, the variety grown in Canada, have dropped almost 20 percent over the past 12 months.

In Canada, farmers may collect as much as 31 million metric tons of wheat this season, according to trader Gap SA Grains & Produits. That would be 12 percent higher than a year earlier and among the top five largest harvests on record. A crop of that size could strain the nation's rail system and storage facilities, as it did in 2013 when C\$20 billion (\$15 billion) of grain was left stuck on farms as grain bins and elevators were full.

Warm weather and summer rain have boosted plants. Growing conditions in Saskatchewan, Canada's top grower, have been "optimal in most areas," the province's agriculture ministry said Friday. More than 80 percent of the crops in Alberta, the second-biggest producer, were in good-to-excellent condition as of July 5, the latest provincial data show.

"If things stay the way they are, I think we could probably have the best crop we've had," Ian Boxall 40, said in a telephone interview from his 8,500 acre farm in Tisdale, Saskatchewan. He's expecting to harvest at least 65 bushels of wheat per acre on the 1,600 acres he's sown this year. That would be 23 percent higher than the 53 bushels per acre

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LETTERS

KIMBALL TOPS POOL OF COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES

Dear Editor,

I want to take a moment and thank Perry Dozier for his eight years of passionate service to our community and for his outstanding leadership on the Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners. We should all thank Perry for his excellent representation on the board which serves our community. Whoever takes Perry's place on the board of commissioners not only has big shoes to fill but also must be a good representative of our community.

The commissioner of a district deals with the constituent issues in that district but that same commissioner ultimately as a member of the board makes decisions representing our entire community. I am confident that Todd Kimball has the leadership, education, agricultural knowledge, business experience and financial prowess to be the best candidate to join the board of county commissioners.

I have talked with several of the candidates who are running for the Walla Walla County Commissioner, District 2 Position. They all have impressive experience, unique qualities and are dedicated members of our great community. For example, I know that Mike Bates our County Corrections Director would be a good commissioner. After talking at length with both Melissa Hansen and Don Gibbard I believe that they would also be good county commissioners.

I am confident that I would work well with anyone of the candidates running for commissioner that our community chooses in this election. However, I endorse Todd Kimball because he is the best and most well rounded candidate that I hope you elect to be our next Walla Walla County Commissioner.

I have the utmost confidence that Todd is the right candidate to ultimately serve our Walla Walla County Community. Please join me and vote for Todd Kimball.

Jim Duncan

Walla Walla County Commissioner, District 3

THANK YOU TO FIREFIGHTERS

Dear Editor,

To all the brave fire fighters who fought the fire at Mace Matheny's property here at Starbuck, Washington, on Sunday, July 17 and Monday, July 18, I cannot express to you how grateful I am that no one was injured and none of the equipment was damaged. Had the hitch not been broke on "Big Red" (my wheel tractor), I could have quickly disked a fire line to try and contain the fire. Both Mace and I thank you all, from the bottom of our hearts.

Doris Matheny

Starbuck

NESTLE COMMITTED TO TRANSPARENT PROCESS

Dear Editor,

As has been reported, area residents provided significant input at the well-attended city council meeting on July 20 when Nestlé Waters North America (Nwana) announced its interest in evaluating Waitsburg as a potential location for a bottled water facility. Given the initial concerns voiced, it is understandable the city council unanimously moved to halt field investigation by Nwana until they have had more time to evaluate the proposed project. Nwana respects the city's decision and has ceased all field activities.

We are committed to a transparent process and stand ready to answer questions and provide information as requested so residents can offer input, ask questions, and express any concerns. This allows us all to learn, and to develop a thoughtful approach that could benefit all parties.

If authorized by the city to resume, Nwana would contractually engage with the city on a mutually agreed-upon scope of work, to be funded entirely by Nwana. For both Waitsburg and our company to make informed decisions, it will be necessary to conduct a range of studies. These studies would also provide valuable data and information about the city's water resources and infrastructure, which would support the city's efforts to protect, conserve, and put to beneficial use its significant water rights - regardless of whether or not the Nwana project proceeds. All scientific data would be validated by an independent third party and shared with the city. As the project manager and hydrogeologist, I would provide regular updates to the community and be available to answer questions at any time.

While initial indications are that the water requirements proposed by Nwana represents about seven percent of the city's water capacity, the project is only possible if there is proven to be a sufficient, renewable supply of high quality water to meet the projected demands of all Waitsburg water users for the long term.

Nwana operates 30 bottling facilities in the U.S and Canada and manages dozens of springs and ground-water wells.

We can only invest \$50 million in Waitsburg and provide an expected 50 full-time, family wage jobs if the water resources reliably support doing so.

Consumer demand for bottled water is rapidly growing as Americans increasingly move away from high calorie, sugary drinks. Nwana is committed to meeting that demand with high quality bottled waters our consumers know and trust.

We welcome open discussion as the City considers its options for the future.

Bruce Lauerman, RG CHG

Natural Resources Manager, Nestlé Waters North America

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Canadian farmers collected on average in 2013.

It's not just Canada where supplies are large. Farmers in the U.S. could collect 2.164 billion bushels, according to the average of 26 estimates in a Bloomberg survey. That would be the most in four years and top the USDA's June estimate for 2.052 billion. The agency will update its outlook for global crops on Tuesday at noon in Washington.

Adverse weather in Europe could help to put a cap on the supply expansion. In France, the European Union's biggest grower, excess rain has raised concerns about yields and protein-content in plants. Soggy fields mean that the the country's crop conditions have been falling.

Crop losses and quality problems in France could be a boon to Canadian and northern U.S. farmers, who typically produce spring-wheat varieties with higher protein than their global counterparts. North American prices could rise as buyers bid higher for shipments of better quality, even amid the worldwide glut.

"There's really only one region of the world that produces high-protein wheat, and that's the spring-wheat area of the U.S. Northern Plains and the Canadian Prairies," said Louise Gartner, the owner of Spectrum Commodities in New Richmond, Ohio, who has been analyzing the market since 1988. "Countries looking to buy high-quality wheat to blend would look to the U.S. and Canada in particular."

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in revenue in 2017, from several large commercial projects.

Also at the Monday meeting, the commissioners awarded 3Kings Environmental, Inc., from Battle Ground, Wash., with the contract for Phase I of the Seneca Building demolition project.

The base bid for demolition and removal of the activity center, the chapel, the gate house, and the old residence on the property is \$111,200.


The commissioners agreed with Woods' suggestion to award the contract to 3Kings Environmental for their base bid, and then allow them to write a change order for asbestos abatement in the activity center.

The commissioners agreed to wait another year to demolish the laundry, restroom, dormitory, and barbecue area, all of which have asbestos.

Seventy-five-thousand dollars for demolition of the activity center, the chapel, and the gate house will come out of the capital improvement and current expense budget for 2016-18, with another \$8,700 coming out of the capital improvement fund, or the commissioners' reserves, Woods said.

Twenty-seven-thousand dollars for demolition of the old residence will come out of the equipment rental and revolving fund (ER&R), according to Woods.

Work is expected to begin on the new transfer station in mid to late August and be completed at the end of October, and building demolition at Seneca will likely start in August and be finished at the end of September, Woods said.



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Our state needs to address our educational challenges without raising taxes, prioritize our budget to reflect our values, return control of our schools to our communities, restore parental and student choice in educational decisions, and encourage parents to take a more active role in their children's education.

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We will do more to support our local farmers, to help them compete nationally and in overseas markets. We will help secure and strengthen our farmers' water rights now and into the future.

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Our small businesses are the job creators for our economy. The B&O tax strangles their working capital and makes it harder for businesses to succeed. We need to remove barriers to success, like over-regulation and excessive taxes.

Support Parents, Students and Teachers

Our state can, and should address our educational challenges without raising taxes. We need to give our parents and students more choice in their education by returning control of our schools to our communities. Supporting "Levy Equalization" allows communities to decide for themselves whether to increase education funding, and for how much, then partner with other districts across the state to share resources in order to increase the educational experience for all of our state's students. Local Control & Statewide Partnerships.

Support Our Growers
Much of our economic activity in Eastern Washington is directly or indirectly tied to our wine industry. We should be working harder to support this industry and help it to compete nationally and abroad. We are fortunate to live in such a well-regarded wine grape growing region, and we shouldn't let this advantage wither on the vine.



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DAYTON



Photos by Michele Smith
Clockwise from top left: Visitors from the New Old Time Chautauqua, along with many local community members, marched in the Chautauqua Parade on July 19 along 2nd and 3rd streets in Dayton. Chautauqua jugglers showed off their skills at Lewis and Clark State Park west of Dayton. An owl and its keeper. Performers danced during the Vaudeville show at the Dayton High School Auditorium Tuesday night.

MICHELE SMITH: LIFE IN DAYTON

Chautauqua, an Experience to Remember

There was something for all when more than 60 volunteers from the New Old Time Chautauqua came to Columbia County last week.



From the community potluck at the Lewis and Clark Trail State Park on Monday night, to the parade and the workshops in the Dayton city park on Tuesday, and to the vaudeville-style program in the Dayton

High School auditorium on Tuesday night, the community was engaged in a way it has not been since the last Chautauqua came to Dayton in 1929.

On Tuesday, during the day, I attended a lecture on one Japanese-American family's experience during World War II, when the family was rounded up and sent to relocation centers for the duration of the war.

NOTC founder Joanne Murayama read to us from her mother, Michi's, journal about the awful conditions experienced by the Murayama family, first at the Santa Anita racetrack in

California, where they were temporarily housed in horse stables, and at the permanent center at Jerome, Ark. The center in Arkansas was constructed on swampland, and came with the attendant swamp creatures, like poisonous snakes, and disease, such as tuberculosis, she said.

Next I attended a women's empowerment workshop in the park and learned how to care for myself via Ayurveda medicine, and I also learned the Chakra empowerment stomp, which was not a pretty sight.

I, for one, had the most fun I have

had since arriving in Dayton in 2012. I hope we don't have to go another eighty-seven years before experiencing another Chautauqua. It was truly an event to remember!

Oh, be sure to see the display about Dayton's history with Chautauqua at the Dayton Historical Museum at the Depot, which will last until November.

This summer, the New Old Time Chautauqua, in conjunction with the Washington State Park and Recreation Commission, is travelling throughout the state bringing cultural enrichment to state parks and nearby communities.

Meet Chief Kaylee Coleman

TEN-YEAR-OLD DAYTON GIRL CHOSEN WASHINGTON STATE PENITENTIARY SUPERINTENDENT FOR A DAY

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Ten-year-old Kaylee Coleman, of Dayton, is one of nine children, from around the Walla Walla Valley, taking part in the Walla Walla Area Crime Watch Chief for a Day program.

All of the children have been matched up with actual police chiefs, sheriffs, fire chiefs and Washington State Patrol chiefs, and will participate in the Walla Walla National Night Out activities on Aug. 2.

Kaylee has been matched with Superintendent Don Holbrook from the Washington State Penitentiary in Walla Walla.

On the morning of July 14, the "Little Chiefs" and their parents met the "Big Chiefs" for photos, and then attended a swearing in ceremony at the Walla Walla Police Department by retired Judge Donald Schacht. Then they enjoyed a free celebratory lunch, courtesy of Smith's Family Restaurant in Walla Walla, said program advisor Vicki Ruley.

Then the "Little Chiefs" got to shoot water out of a firetruck at the City of Walla Walla Fire Training Facility, she said.

A special part of Kaylee's training took place at the Washington State Penitentiary, where she got to go up in one of the control towers, and hang out with Superintendent Holbrook.

Kaylee's mother, Becky Gibson said, "She wore him out!"

At the penitentiary Kaylee was presented with a Pokemon quilt made by William Rogers, an inmate at

the penitentiary, Gibson said.

"She was so excited about it," said Gibson. "The day before, in the car, she looked at me, and asked me if I had everything she needed for Tuesday".

Gibson said she first heard about the application for the Chief for a Day program from Roberto Mendiola, her supervisor at the penitentiary where she works as a classification counselor.

Because the family lives in Columbia County, Gibson checked with Ruley to see if Kaylee qualified for the program in Walla Walla. She did, based on her mother's employment at the penitentiary and on Kaylee's developmental disabilities.

The Chief for a Day program is a way to honor children with developmental disabilities, or life threatening illness, according to Ruley.

Kaylee has multiple developmental issues, with palsy on the right side of her body, congenital heart issues, and she is deaf as well, said her mother.

Kaylee is facing her fifteenth surgery, this one to repair her left ear drum, she said.

Open heart surgery to repair holes in her heart, and to address a growth near the left ventricle has been postponed for now, Gibson added.

In the meantime Kaylee has been receiving therapy at St. Mary's Hospital in Walla Walla, to help with swallowing, so that she can be weaned off a feeding tube for liquids.

"Being able to drink, versus from a tube, is a big step," said Gibson.

Kaylee is now walking without her walker, and she will enter the third grade this fall at Dayton Elementary School able to drink on her own, with a little supervision, Gibson said.

"Kaylee is happy and well loved," said her mother. "Special needs kids don't get the same recognition normally developing kids get. They are each fighting their own battles. This is a way to honor these kids, and be a part of their day," said Ruley about the pro-



Courtesy photo

Little Chief Kaylee Coleman and her Big Chief Don Holbrook, Superintendent of the Washington State Penitentiary in Walla Walla, at Dayton Elementary.

gram.

As the Washington State Penitentiary Superintendent for a Day, Kaylee will participate in the 10th annual Walla Walla National Night Out activities in Pioneer Park, which includes riding in the Walla Walla emergency services parade. She will be decked out in full regalia in her Washington State Penitentiary Supervisor uniform.

Kaylee's mother said that seeing the children in their uniforms was truly inspiring.

Walla Walla Area Crime Watch is a non-profit organization that supports crime prevention in the Walla Walla Valley. This is the fifth year for the Chief for a Day program, which began in 2011, according to WWACW.

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that Nestle' had already begun physical work at the watershed.

"We went in and did some brushing to try to get to the springs – nothing invasive," Lauerman said. He also said he had been to the springs four times since March to collect water samples.

"This is all news to the city council. I'm just trying to get my hands around when you started and where you got your scope of work," council member KC Kuykendall said.

"Do we have a current contract with Nestle' that would indemnify the city or define the company's scope of work so that we know they're not just going up there doing what they see fit?" Kuykendall said, addressing Gobel.

Gobel said there was no contract directly with Nestle' but that Nestle' had employed a subcontractor and had contracted with the city's engineer, Anderson Perry & Associates, to monitor the contractor's work. He said the city's public works director, Jim Lynch, was on site as well.

Council member Kate Hockersmith asked to go on record to say that even though Nestle' had been in discussions with the city for six months the council first heard of their interest during an executive session at last month's meeting.

"There have been strange things happening, lately, like getting rid of the economic development committee in the meeting before I find out we have Nestle' coming to town, and I'm thinking, wouldn't it be a good thing to have an economic committee when we're talking about something like this? I don't know that I can actually talk about all the questions I have right now," Hockersmith said.

"I really regret that we are here in front of all of our voting constituents without having had the opportunity to engage in a conversation about due diligence and to review whatever contracts – apparently we have none – with Nestle'?" Kuykendall said. "I would never approve a company going up and doing significant work in our primary water source without a mitigation and risk management plan. What happens if they screw up our spring and cave stuff in and contaminate springs."

At the same time, Kuykendall cautioned the council and crowd against being "foolish" in rejecting Nestle' outright. "I think it's a great idea. The cost is nothing for Nestle', a multibillion dollar corporation, to throw \$10,000

or \$100,000 at this on the chance that it flies and we walk away with a great benefit. I just think that we're being short-sighted, secretive, and that there's a lot of due diligence that we ought to be doing," he said.

With discussions opened to the public, Lauerman fielded one negative comment after another.

Trista Flores challenged Lauerman about why Cascade Locks, Ore. rejected a Nestle' plant. "Why do you want to come to these little towns, employ 50 people, and then go? Because once our source is gone, it's gone. My grandkids will not be able to play in these rivers. If we're a small town, Nestle' owns this town," she said, as the crowd applauded.

Lauerman said Nestle' still has great support in Cascade Locks. Kuykendall confirmed Lauerman's statements, saying he had spoken with the administration of Cascade Locks who confirmed that the majority of citizens and the city council were in "vehement favor" of the bottling facility, but county residents were opposed. He said the city is litigating so that the county will not have jurisdiction over the city.

"I would encourage any of the citizens, rather than relying on social media, to pick up the phone and talk to folks," Kuykendall said.

Kuykendall also confirmed with Lauerman that Nestle's potential involvement would not have an effect on the aquifer because Nestle' would not be drawing on the aquifer, but only purchasing water that has already been collected.

Citizens spoke for nearly two hours with objections ranging from the negative impact of water bottle manufacturing on the environment, to fear of a big corporation "taking over" Waitsburg, to concerns over Nestle's alleged litigiousness.

Farmer Neil Carpenter said he had read his grandparents' water rights agreement with the City of Waitsburg from 1917 which lists what the water can be used for and questioned whether it could even be used for a plant.

"As frightening as the prospect of Nestle' coming into this community and sucking out our water for profit, the more frightening thing is that this council is completely at their wits end that they knew nothing about this transaction going on in our watershed," said former mayor Markeeta Little Wolf.

"Without a contract what do we

have? A handshake? It's 2016 and a multibillion dollar company is going to come into this little ... town and shake hands with whom? To whom did you shake hands with?" she added.

Lauerman acknowledged the handshake agreement and said it had been entered into with the mayor and city manager, with the understanding that the city council had been notified.

"It sounds like we may have made some missteps getting started and I regret that. We are here to be completely transparent. If Nestle' meant your grandchildren can't swim, we wouldn't be here," Lauerman said.

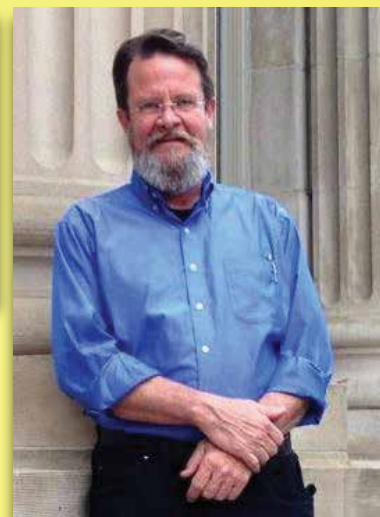
The council agreed to require that

Nestle' immediately cease and desist all work in the watershed until they are able to evaluate what the scope, duration, and risk implications are to the city.

Nestle' had planned to use their subcontractor's mini-excavator to help repair a leaking water line, which supplies chlorine to the other lines. Instead, the city will contract with the corporation's subcontractor and the city will pay for the work. Lynch was authorized to spend up to \$5,000 on the repair.

A community meeting will take place on Tues., Aug. 2 at 7 p.m., following National Night Out, at the Waitsburg Town Hall to discuss the Nestle' Issue further.

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*Kathryn Southwick-Hess
Founder, Safe Travels Alliance
Mother and Nurse Practitioner*

"Safe Travels Alliance was formed in 2009 after we had five Walla Walla Public School students hit by cars on their way to and from school. Her office said – 'We would love to be a part of this. Not only is this on Cathy's radar, she really cares about it. She said we've got to get this right because this is such an important issue.'"



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DYNAMITE ART + COFFEE

CLAIRE JOHNSTON OPENS COFFEE SHOP IN FORMER JIMGERMANBAR SPACE IN DOWNTOWN WAITSBURG

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – You won't find to-go cups at Dynamite Art + Coffee, and that's not simply out of concern for the environment, though it is a factor. Proprietor Claire Johnston opened the coffee shop, located at 119 Main St. in Waitsburg, with the intent of creating an environment where customers can escape the hustle and bustle of modern society and take a few minutes to just relax and enjoy.

"We have this beautiful space and I want people to come in, relax, enjoy the lovely environment, drink from a beautiful mug, and take in the art," Johnston said. (However, if you must drink on the run, Johnston said she'll be happy to fill whatever vessel you bring in.)

Johnston said she was inspired to name Dynamite Art + Coffee after the Jimmie Walker catchphrase 'Dyna-mite!', but chose to spell it correctly. "I just wanted something fun with a bit of 'shazam!' and 'pow!'" she said.

Johnston has put thought and care into every aspect of the shop, which is located in the former home of jimgermanbar. The light, open, airy space is ideal for displaying works of art, which she plans to change out every three months.

Even ordering a cup of coffee becomes an act of art appreciation, as customers get to choose which of the 24 Steve Miller mugs and cups they would like to drink from. Johnston is a big fan of the work of the Walla Walla University pottery instructor, and has spent 10 years building her collection.

After Coppei Coffee closed, followed by the closing of Gleason's Galley, Johnston felt the time was right to step in. "This little town needs a coffee shop and I felt I could fill a niche. It's a beautiful space and even though I've never been a barista, I knew I could learn," she said.

Dynamite's coffees and espressos are made using Brown Bear Coffee from the Walla Walla Roastery because she said it works best in her machine to produce the rich, deep, brew she was after.

Johnston says she has a love of baking, which is where her popular "Dynamite Rolls" come in. The Dynamite Roll is Johnston's unique version of a cinnamon roll. She starts the croissant-style dough for her Friday morning rolls on Wednesday night.

"It's a 36-hour process to make the dough. And then there is a bit of a secret to the rolls. I use more than just cinnamon," she said. Johnston sticks to local products as much as possible, and uses Small's Family Farm flour, grown outside Dayton, in her baking.

She also offers a limited menu of homemade granola and a veggie frittata made with farm fresh eggs and fresh chevre from the Montiellet Fromagerie. Customers with a sweet tooth will appreciate her peppermint patties made with dark chocolate and sea salt. Prices are a reasonable \$1 - \$4.50 for treats and eats.

An accomplished artist herself, Johnston is pleased with the opportunity to fill her walls with the works of area artists for her customers to enjoy. She is currently displaying the watercolors, drawings, etchings, and intaglios of Waitsburg artist Gail Gwinn.

"Gail is just an amazingly talented artist and draft person. She does this incredibly detailed work and then you can see her much looser style in her drawings," Johnston said.

Johnston plans to leave each show up for three months. Her next featured artist will be Seattle painter Leiv Fagereng, who is moving to Walla Walla in October. Johnston said she always welcomes recommendations for new artists.

Johnston's own works are currently on display at the Studio TWOZEROTWO Tasting Room and Art Gallery, at 202 E. Main St. in Walla Walla. She said her current showing includes abstract pieces inspired by deep seas and deep space.

Johnston said he always incorporates glass into her work, whether it's a painting, a sculpture or a light box. "Glass is just the most amazing material. It's the slowest moving liquid. It can be sharp, yet soft. It's just beautiful," she said.

Johnston said it is unlikely that she'll show her own work at the coffee shop, though, because half of the pieces in her current show have already sold. "When I show in Seattle, I typically sell all of my work. Walla Walla is a bit different, so we will see," she said. But she would love to have everyone stop in at Studio TWOZEROTWO and check it out.

Johnston said the shop has seen a steady flow of business, with visitors from Dayton and Walla Walla, as well as a group of daily local regulars. "It's been fun to see the positive response," she said.

Dynamite Art + Coffee is open Friday through Sunday, from 8 a.m. to noon. Visitors can keep updated on the shop by visiting the store's website at dynamiteartandcoffee.com or the Dynamite Art + Coffee Facebook page.



Photos by Dena Wood

Top: Proprietor Claire Johnston (left) laughs with customers at Dynamite Art + Coffee last Saturday morning. Above: Johnston offers a simple, but delectable, menu and has a few items available for sale, including Steve Miller pottery and upcycled glass water bottles from Intoxicated Clean. Left: Waitsburg artist Gail Gwinn poses next to a row of her drawings. Gwinn also has watercolors, etchings, and intaglios on display at Dynamite Art + Coffee.

Terry Hofer will Manage RV Park

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Waitsburg's city council approved an action plan endorsed by the Waitsburg Fairgrounds Committee, that will allow Terry Hofer to manage RV parking and camping at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds. The plan was approved at the July 20 meeting pending the approval of a more detailed lease agreement.

In his introduction, Hofer said he has lived in the area his entire life, owned the Palm Club Tavern for several years, managed the American Legion for several years, was actively involved in the Days of Real Sport for about 20 years and was president for over 10 years.

"The fairgrounds has really been close to my heart. My purpose is to slow Highway 12 down and give them a spot for RVs and

get them back to our Main Street," Hofer said.

Hofer said the highway is very busy and he has had 200-300 people a day stop in at his yard sale a mile south of town. He wants to use the existing facilities to provide 14 RV spaces and "probably unlimited" dry camping. He plans to host a flea market at the fairgrounds to coincide with the Fall Festival and is considering the idea of an equipment museum at the fairgrounds.

"If we could build this up, maintain 160 years of history, keep the rail, hopefully fix the grandstands, I think we could make it a going concern. But you've got to start somewhere to get the people here and I'm proposing an RV site at the fairgrounds," he said.

Hofer proposed renting the

camping facilities from the city for \$300 per month. He will then manage and promote RV parking within the existing spots on the north side of the Don Thomas building and dry camping along the back side of the parking lot, adjacent to the creek.

Hofer requested access to the jockey building, with showers, bathrooms, and office and asked that WiFi be installed for credit card sales, management, and customer use.

The site is set to open Aug. 1 and the proposed price structure is \$25/night plus lodging tax for RV rentals and \$15/night plus lodging tax for overnight dry camping. The office will be open from 3-7 p.m. daily. Contact information and updates may be found at the Waitsburg RV Facebook page.

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DENA WOOD: OUT AND ABOUT

A Day in the Harvest Field

WAITSBURG – Having grown up in the wheat country of Condon, Ore. and after living in Waitsburg for over 20 years, you would think I would have taken advantage of the opportunity to spend a day in the harvest fields. Sadly, I hadn't, until this year.



It took the enthusiasm of Janean Struckmeir, who eagerly invited me ride shotgun while she drove harvest truck, to get me curious enough to see what she was so excited about.

Janean typically spends her days working as a dietary assistant manager at Columbia County Health System. But like many in the Touchet Valley, she saves up her vacation time to spend it working wheat harvest.

Making a few extra bucks is certainly part of the draw, but nearly every harvest crew member I've spoken with agrees that there is an excitement

about being part of what is essentially the culmination of a year's worth of hard work.

Struckmeir started working for John Grant and Son Farms about eleven years ago, and said she can't wait to get started every year. "I know if I didn't do it, I would miss it. And I would really miss the people," she said.

I met Janean at her home in Waitsburg on July 15 at 6 a.m., and followed her on what she warned would be "kind of a long drive." We followed snakelike gravel backroads through yellow fields of wheat for miles before ending up somewhere between Lyons Ferry Marina and Starbuck.

When we stopped to pick up Janean's truck I have to admit I was pretty impressed. When she said "wheat truck" I was thinking of the oversized pickup-style farm trucks you often see on Waitsburg's Main Street.

Instead, we pulled up to a shiny red Kenworth 10-wheeler, complete with trailer. It looked every bit like a semi

to me. Janean said she had been too scared to add the trailer until about three years ago, but finally decided she needed to keep up with the guys. And yes, she's the only female on the crew.

We drove the truck to join the crew, which consists of two combines, two bankout wagons, and four trucks with trailers. They were set up on the top of a hill, and the view across the valley and to the Snake River below was spectacular.

"If everything is going well, we can keep all four trucks running pretty steady," Janean said. But, as with most any harvest, things don't always go well. That's just part of the game.

As we arrived this particular morning, a group of men were checking out the header on the John Deere combine, which had given them trouble the day before. The camaraderie was evident as they bantered good naturedly back and forth before deciding they were ready to go.

"You done breaking stuff yet, Earl?"

said one crew member? (Earl drives the John Deere and happens to be Janean's father-in-law)

"Yeah, you gonna cut something, or what?" added another.

"You gonna shut your mouth, or what?" retorted Earl.

I hopped in the Case 8120 combine with Waitsburg grad Michael Bessey and we followed Earl into the field. Michael estimated this was about his 13th harvest. He started driving water truck, moved up to wheat truck, and said this will be his fourth year driving combine. He began working for Grant's year-round in 2010.

Michael said he remembers driving the water truck with no air conditioning and a boom box taped to the dash. These days, he may get a bit bored, but air conditioning and satellite radio are a definite step up from "the good old days."

The wildlife provides additional en-

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Photos by Dena Wood

Top: The view from the window of a combine driven by Michael Bessey as he follows behind Earl Struckmeir on land farmed by John Grant and Son Farms.

Far Left: Farm owner Dan Grant takes a break from harvest duties to pose for a photo in front of one of his soon-to-be-harvested fields.

Left: Bessey started working on the farm just after he graduated high school and worked his way from summertime water truck driver to full time employee.

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Clockwise from left: Janean Struckmeir poses with her truck and trailer. Struckmeir relaxes with 81-year-old Ted Cook, as they wait for the bankout wagon to dump. Struckmeir rolls the tarp over the wheat and gets ready to head to the elevator. A row of coolers hold hardy lunches prepared by Patti Grant and her granddaughters. The lunches are greatly appreciated by the crew.

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tainment. As we made a pass around the field I watched as a pair of does bounded for the stubble. A bit later a hawk dived down make a to-go lunch of a bull snake.

We made just one round before Earl radioed that something was wrong with his combine and headed back toward the trucks. We listened in on the radio conversation as arrangements were made to get the Pape' mechanic out to the field.

They requested their favorite mechanic and when asked for a parts list Earl directed them to "tell him to bring everything." The mechanic was out on another call and Grants was added to the waiting list.

Michael said each of the farm's combines has a 35-foot header. I was surprised at how quickly we filled up and asked how the bankout wagon would know when to show up. Richard pointed out the combine's front caution lights that start blinking when the combine is ¾ full.

Bankout wagon driver Hal White soon pulled alongside us and we dumped approximately 350 bushels of wheat into his wagon in under two minutes. After a couple of dumps, I hopped in with Hal and hitched a ride back to the trucks.

Janean was visiting with 81-year-old

fellow truck driver Ted Cook, who she calls one of her favorites. "I'll really miss him when he quits driving. But I think he's in better shape than the rest of us!" she said.

Tyson, the Pape' mechanic showed up and we joined the half dozen crew members working to fix a broken cam shaft (and replace other parts that I'm not going to try and describe). Everyone pitched in and Tyson must have "brought everything" because we were soon up and running again.

Farm owner Dan Grant arrived and unloaded eleven bright red and blue coolers; one for each crew member. Dan said his mother, Patti Grant, has been making harvest lunches for the crew for over thirty years. "She's the real story!" he said.

Dan said his daughter and niece, ages 11 and 12, help prepare the elaborate lunches. "They even include notes in them, sometimes. The first day I had a lunch that said, 'Girl Power!'" Janean said, laughing.

I'd hoped to talk with Dan a bit, but shortly after I arrived we heard, "There's a snake in the Honda!" come over the radio. Apparently, a snake had crawled into the water pump. The operator was afraid it was a rattler and wasn't sure what to do so Dan went to check it out. (Turns out it was a bull snake that had wrapped itself around the flywheel.)

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Left: Sarah Phillips and Jessica Tate at Long's Elevator outside of Dayton.
Right Top: Outside wall of Long's elevator donning the Columbia County Grain Growers logo.
Right Middle: A truck preparing to load crop into the elevator. Right Bottom: The entrance to the employee's area at an elevator

Storing the Crop

OUTLOOK IS GOOD FOR ELEVATORS OPERATING FOR THE FIRST TIME UNDER NWGG BANNER

By Ian Smay | THE TIMES

DAYTON – Every year in the Touchet Valley and surrounding areas, the second half of summer is known as harvest season, which many refer to simply as “harvest.”

The season sees many teens and college students on summer break come back to work for local farmers during this labor-intensive season. On top of those who work cutting the fields themselves, are those who work for the elevators that store the product until it is sold.

In years past, these grain elevators used for storage were run by the Columbia County Grain Growers (CCGG). CCGG was formed in 1929 and ran as such until a merger with Northwest Grain Growers was finalized on May 1 this year, according to CCGG manager Mitch Payne. The merger marked the end of CCGG's 86 year run.

Although this was the first year of the merger for both companies, the move was studied for “a cou-

ple of years” before they went forward with the deal, Payne said. The deal is supposed to help both sides handle harvest operations in the area, as they both have increased the area they serve.

This did not mean that the local elevators were going to be changed or shut down, however. The nine locations have remained unchanged, and all nine of the elevators in Columbia County are operating for this year's harvest. According to Payne, the nine elevators employ “about 16 summer students.” Many of these kids are upperclassmen in high school or are college students working at the end of their summer vacations.

Many of the kids working harvest this summer enjoy helping out with the local agricultural environment. They often cite the opportunity to make money for the school year and the satisfaction of helping out local farmers as some of the main reasons they decide to work the sometimes long and hot days in the countryside.

“I've had a good experience here at Northwest Grain Growers,” said Andrew Mendoza, who works at the Lyons Ferry elevator. “This is my first year as an elevator operator, and it's been quite fun and I have learned a lot of stuff the past couple weeks. My supervisors make the job a lot easier as well. With me being a first year, it helps a lot that they also share all their experiences with me which benefits me as well.”

He went on to add, “I chose to work for Grain

Growers because I have always liked working agriculture jobs and I heard that this company was a good one to work for, plus they have good benefits.”

Jessica Tate, who has worked at the elevators for a number of years, said, “Working at Grain Growers is great. Although it can be a hot and dusty job, I've gotten some good work experience and learned a lot about the agriculture in the area.”

The late-summer harvest season usually starts in mid-July and lasts for approximately 40 days, sometimes extending into early September. Most elevator workers start the work day at 8 a.m. and work until 8 p.m. These 12-hour workdays usually run from Monday through Saturday, with some Sundays bringing work for the seasonal crew as well.

The amount of work is dependent on the crop, as the amount of bushels produced impacts how long the season lasts and how many trucks an elevator sees on any given day. The area that these storage units serve contains about six million bushels according to Payne.

There are many different crops held at the elevators run by NWGG. Both Hard Red and Soft White wheat, peas and barley are included in the list of products that NWGG holds. The grains are then sold at Portland or at other coastal locations, and farmers are paid based on the selling prices for the crops.

This year is seeing good results for area farmers.

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"There's something every day!" Janean said, smiling.

Pretty soon the bankouts topped off Janean's truck and we hit the road. "Truck coming down the grade!" Janean said over the radio, as we crawled down the steep hill, using the Jake brake most of the way.

"Does that look like dust to you?" she asked after we'd driven a few miles? It was dust blowing, but not a truck coming from the other direction as she'd feared. The road is very much a one-lane road most of the way. If two trucks met, it would be big trouble.

We met the highway at the Lyons Ferry Marina turn off and made our way to the Lyons Ferry elevator, where we were the only truck. We drove up, weighed, backed over the pit, and waited for the elevator op-

erator to open the truck doors and release the wheat. An average truck load with a pup (trailer) is about 800 bushels or close to 50,000 lbs.

The 20-mile round trip took about an hour. Back at the field, I was able to chat with Dan a bit. Dan is a fifth generation farmer who went into partnership with his father in 1986.

Dan said John Grant and Son farms about 12,000 acres, most of which is leased land. He's been working harvest since he was 10-years-old. Dan was polite enough to answer my many questions and I was surprised to learn that each elevator pays a different price for wheat.

"Upriver costs more to barge it to Portland. So Wallula is going to pay more than Lyon's Ferry. It's all based on transportation costs," he explained.

And his thoughts on harvest? "I'm happy when it starts and happy when it's over. After about 20 days, you're ready to be done," he said.

With both combines and bankouts running, Janean's truck was quickly filled with her second load and she dropped me off at my vehicle on her way to the elevator. It was only noon and she would still have another seven hours or more in her day.

"Growing up here, there is just something that makes me want to be out here. I just love it!" she said as she dropped me off.

Note: A few days later Janean texted me a photo of a wheat fire started by one of the combines. "Just to prove that there really is something every day!" she said in her text. But that is a whole other story.

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"The yields are good this year. The initial quality is looking good," said Payne. "If we can keep the rain away, it will be really good."

A good yield mixed with other factors, such as a relatively weak French wheat crop according to the NWGG website, are making the outlook good for this year's earnings.

Rain and other precipitation can cause problems for farmers, as samples are tested by the elevators at the beginning of harvest for each farmer to record a moisture level. Different kinds of crops have different maximum moisture levels, with wheat and barley maxing out at 12.5 percent. Peas and garbanzos go by a slightly different and lower standard, with their minimum being 12 percent for the sample.

Moisture in the grain and other crops held at elevators can cause a number of complications. Problems such as the rotting of the product due to sitting in a mixture of heat and moisture, which can result in a loss of both product and money. An increased risk of fire can also occur in these situations, which puts both the stored grains and the people working the elevators at risk.

Due to these regulations, a dry summer is ideal for these land owners. Rain can put a delay on harvest activities, as the crop then has to be given time to dry before it can be cut or taken to the elevators. Northwest Grain Growers provides up-to-date weather reports and forecasts for various locations around the region on their website so farmers can keep an eye on the sky during the season. So far, the summer has been relatively dry compared to normal summers, and shows no indication of changing.

The Columbia County office for Northwest Grain Growers is located at 210 East Main Street in Dayton.



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Photo by Dan Grant



Photo by Michael Bessey

Clockwise from top right: An elevator worker opens the gate to dump the freshly harvested grain from the truck into the pit.

The large trucks keep a sharp eye out for one another as they travel the narrow gravel roads. And if you're not a truck, make way!

Can you see me? This bull snake added a bit of excitement to the day as he climbed into the water pump engine and wrapped himself around the flywheel.

Everyone relaxed a bit once they were sure he wasn't a rattler.

This field fire, started by a combine, added "excitement" later in the week. Volunteer crews from across the valley arrived and quickly got it under control. The fire burned about 70 acres of wheat and 100 acres of stubble.

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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

HARVEST RECIPES SPECIAL

Times advertising manager and food columnist Teeny McMunn presents our readers with a special "Recipe Box" this week, featuring five scrumptious courses guaranteed to satisfy the hardest-working harvest crew members out there. Pull up an empty cooler, grab a plastic knife and fork and get ready to gorge on some great chow.

NO RECIPE-RECIPE

When I called my friend, Joan Smith McMunn, I asked her if she had any harvest recipes. Her reply was as follows:

Well, as I remember the long, hot, harvest season we used to have, we did the noon meal for our harvest crew---which consisted of, meat, potatoes and gravy of course, and often corn on the cob, plus usually a fruit, such as my mom's wonderful frozen applesauce, or watermelon, and homemade biscuits or rolls, plus a dessert, like homemade apple or cherry pie, or a custard, chocolate or banana cream pie with real whip cream----yummy!!

We would always have plenty of lemonade or a mixture of lemonade and Kool-Aid, too. The harvest crew would eat their meal and then rest a bit out on the cool grass before going back out to the field for the afternoon. They would replenish their water cooled gunny sack water bags with a fresh supply of our spring water!

I have many warm, happy memories of our family time together, while doing our various chores and responsibilities helping Mom, and others during the harvest. I also remember loving to play in the wheat trucks full of freshly cut wheat at the end of the day, which was so warm on our bare feet!! Great memories!!

She added, "Also whatever berries we had at that time, fresh strawberries, raspberries, and blackberries, which we picked daily!"

This made a lot of sense to me. Recipes weren't only for harvest time, as I was looking for "harvest recipes", but whatever was made, there was a lot of it.

JOE'S WESTERN LENTIL CASSEROLE

For feeding the harvest crew
[doubles nicely]

Ingredients:

4-6 cups cooked lentils (1 cup dry lentils = 3+ cups cooked)

1 lb. ground beef (or other ground meat)

1 large onion, chopped (WW Sweets preferred) – or onion soup mix

¼ cup cooking oil

1 – 14 oz. can diced tomatoes (petite diced is better)

1 cup ketchup (may substitute BBQ sauce for some of the ketchup)

1 cup beef broth (or bouillon cubes & water)
1 teaspoon prepared mustard (Coleman's dry mustard)

1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

1 teaspoon vinegar (vinegar brings out the flavor of lentils)

Preparation:

In a large pot, over medium heat, sauté chopped onion in oil until translucent.

Add ground beef and continue cooking until browned.

Add diced tomatoes, ketchup, beef broth, mustard, Worcestershire sauce and vinegar. Simmer to blend flavors while cooking lentils.

Simmer lentils in 4 quarts water until cooked medium (20+ min.).

(1 cup dry lentils = 3+ cups cooked.) No pre-soak needed.

Drain and stir cooked lentils into beef mixture.

Bake 30 minutes in preheated oven at 375 degrees

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Feeds 8-10 hungry folks – a protein-rich dish.

A package of beef-flavored onion soup mix can be substituted for the onion and beef broth.

This is a very flexible recipe. Enjoy.



Peaches are one of my favorite fruits. I love this recipe because there is no added sugar to the peaches. The topping gives them a little extra sweetness, without a lot of crust as a pie would.

Enjoy----add ice cream or whipped topping if desired.

OVERNIGHT BUNS

This is a great recipe for those who still cook for a harvest crew as it is made the day before, refrigerated overnight, then baked the next day. It resembles those packaged rolls called "Hawaiian rolls" in that these are slightly sweet. This is a true story—one time I made a batch when I knew my son was coming along with a few of my friends to be with me for a surgery. When he left, he left about six in the pan and took the rest☺.

1 pkg yeast

¼ c. warm water

1 tsp sugar

Dissolve yeast into warm water and sugar. Let stand for 15 min (or so) I use a whisk and work quickly to dissolve the yeast while the water is warm. How warm you may ask? When it feels very warm on my wrist, but not hot.

2 ¼ c. warm water

½ c. oil

3 eggs well beaten

2 tsp salt

1 c. sugar

7-8 c. flour

Mix warm water, eggs, sugar, oil and salt. Add yeast mixture from above, then add flour a cup at a time. Put dough onto a bread board and knead until smooth, then put into a large greased bowl. Let rise three times, about an 1 ½ hour each, then make into

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small rolls. Put onto greased baking sheet (with edges). Refrigerate overnight. Recipe makes 50—or so it says. I've never been able to get 50 made, more like 35. The next day, take out of refrigerator when ready. I let them warm up some. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 min. (that may work if one makes very small rolls, but I add another 5 minutes or so to make sure they are done since mine are larger)

This is optional, but I always smear some butter on the tops after I get them out of the oven. It helps to keep the tops from being dry. I do this to all my baked breads.

My notes: It seems eight cups of flour isn't enough, so I add more to keep the dough from being sticky. This can also be done when you add flour on the bread board. Even if the dough is sticky, the rolls will come out great. If you have not made rolls before, put a dab of Crisco into the palm of your hands, take a small amount of dough (I use scissors and cut the dough into many small pieces), and tuck all loose edges into the center. Place onto greased pan.

Enjoy—one of the many pleasures in life is smelling fresh bread baking.

BUFFALO CHIP COOKIES

This recipe came from my cousin whom I grew up with. It seems she told me they would make it for the harvest crew because it made so many, but I am thinking, since we came from eastern Montana, it may have been for round up. Since harvest time is usually a warm time of year, baking these ahead of time on a cool day and freezing them might be a good idea. She copied the recipe without a lot of direction, like I do, figuring most recipes follow a pattern, but I will fill in anyway.

- 1 c. shortening
- 1 c. margarine (butter)
- 2 c. sugar
- 2 c. brown sugar

Cream shortening, butter, and sugars together. Add four eggs and 2 tsp vanilla. Mix the following dry ingredients together.

- 4 c. flour
- 2 c. crushed corn flakes
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 c. nuts
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1 c. coconut
- 2 c. oatmeal
- 1 pkg chocolate chips

Drop onto an ungreased pan. Bake @350 degrees for 10-12 minutes.

My notes: I have not made these yet. When I make cookies, I have to pay attention to the bake time as my oven is a few degrees off. I find baking with a combination of shortening and butter makes a better cookie.

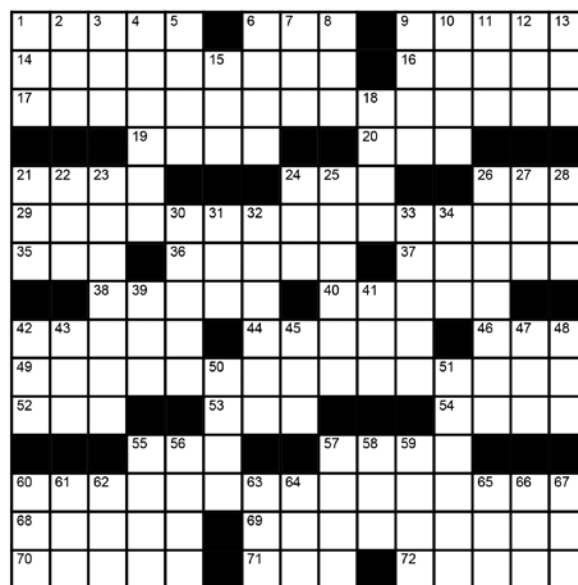
Enjoy-----my problem would be a lot of the dough wouldn't make it to the cookie sheet.

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- Across**
1. Deep cavity
 6. The Company
 9. Blubbers
 14. Some salesmen
 16. Clear
 17. Flees
 19. Shoestrings
 20. Part of T.G.I.F.
 21. Final notice
 24. Bolivian export
 26. "When We Were Kings" subject
 29. Flees
 35. Everyday article
 36. Band section
 37. Lowest deck on a ship
 38. Pancakes served with sour cream
 40. Accustom: Var.
 42. Delicate
 44. Popular mints
 46. Grazing locale
 49. Flees
 52. Formal vote
 53. Big Apple inits.
 54. Sailed through
 55. Excuse
 57. Recipe abbr.
 60. Flee
 68. Block house?
 69. Soap ingredient
 70. Takes off
 71. Yoga class need
 72. Sassy

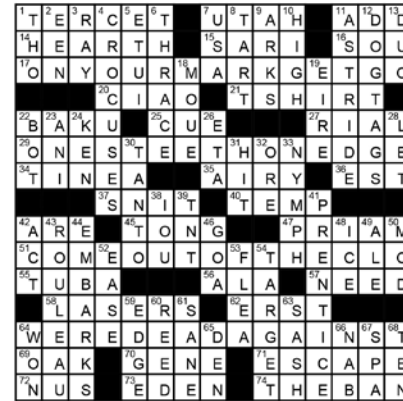
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1. 20's dispenser
 2. Support system?
 3. Jabber
 4. Slender
 5. City near Phoenix
 6. Give up
 7. Kind of contribution
 8. Chucklehead
 9. Fabric
 10. "Aeneid" figure
 11. Cup handle
 12. Kind of particle
 13. Firm
 15. Varnish ingredient
 18. Help for the

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- stumped
21. Legendary Giant
 22. Cousin of "Phooney!"
 23. Japanese art of flower arrangement
 24. Freight weight
 25. Supplement
 26. Relating to a pair of genes
 27. Neighbor of a Vietnamese
 28. Trickster
 30. Decoy
 31. Cyclotron bit
 32. Complicated
 33. Put up
 34. Blunder
 39. Sue Grafton's "___ for Lawless"
 41. Extreme
 42. Zap
 43. Wish undone
 45. Common Market: Abbr.
 47. Chemical suffix
 48. Kick in
 50. Captivated by
 51. Yellowstone sight
 55. Pervasive quality
 56. Area 51 conveyances?
 57. The one over there
 58. Vereen
 59. Synagogue
 60. Greetings
 61. It may need massaging
 62. Miss. neighbor
 63. Dashboard abbr.
 64. Mad Hatter's drink
 65. Chop off
 66. Collagen target
 67. Canny

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