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Outlaw Coffee Roasters owners Wayne and Brenda Hill roast, blend and flavor coffee beans to make that perfect cup of coffee. The purchase of a coffee shop in 1999 began the passion to produce the perfect blend. Hill is pictured roasting 18 pounds of coffee beans. *Photo by Sarah Imada*

Roasting up a delicious cup of Joe

by Mary Phipps

Enjoyed by people all over the world with a Starbucks on every corner, coffee has remained a popular commodity throughout history. Today, consumers can purchase ready made coffee at the gas station or customize a drink at a nearby coffee dedicated establishment. Before most any goods can reach a consumer, however, they must first meet several steps to prepare for marketplace sale, with coffee being no exception.

Outlaw Coffee Roasters, a local micro-roastery owned and operated by husband and wife team Wayne and Brenda Hill, purchase coffee beans to then roast and sell to both singular customers and coffee establishments throughout the United States.

Based just outside of Weiser, the Hills' began their endeavor into the coffee industry in 1999 when Brenda left a stressful job and bought a small coffee shop. The shop was purchased with no previous knowledge of coffee, and Brenda learned quickly in a few months from the previous owner. The shop also came with a small, one pound roaster, and along with learning how to make coffee, Brenda learned how to roast her own beans.

"The previous owner of the coffee shop happened to have a little, one pound roaster," said Brenda. "So,

I learned and practiced and started making blends and flavors, so that I could have my own shop and have a better quality."

Today, the husband and wife team focus on roasting beans with their 18 pound roaster, with a five pound roaster on hand and their original one pound roaster featured fondly on the countertop.

Outlaw Coffee sources their beans from International Coffee Trading (ICT), providing quality and consistency. Right now in particular, the company is good to work with because of their humanitarian efforts in rebuilding Honduras after the last two hurricanes that raged through the country.

The product is received in jute bags weighing in between 132 to 156 pounds each, and each bag has the country of origin of the beans written on it.

The bean is a seed within a cherry-like fruit that is harvested from a bush, with the meat then peeled off and the beans left to dry before transport. Beans come to companies like Outlaw in their green-like husks, with most a similar hue before roasting. When trying new variations and experimenting with new ideas, the Hills' spend time "cupping," or roasting different mixtures of beans

at different temperatures to find the best flavor and roasting temperature. Like wine tasting, each coffee roast is tasted to determine the best temperature.

"You take each one of your roasts, from light to dark, and you determine what range that specific coffee has its best flavors at," said Brenda. "There are some that are best blended, there are some that are best by themselves."

Beans are then combined into their perfect blend and weighed until ready to be placed into the roaster. The maximum temperature is programmed into the roaster, as well as the amount of beans by weight. The beans are then placed into the roaster and a funnel-like shaped attachment called the fountain is placed on top to keep the beans securely inside. Once the roasting process begins, the beans are subjected to increasing temperatures as well as rotated throughout the roaster in a fountain-like motion.

As the temperature rises, the beans begin to shed their husks with the residue, called chafe. The chafe is then sucked along with the hot air receding from the fountain into a tube, called the vortex, then separating the two with the hot air being removed

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Jarret Mink has accomplished a lot in his young career with cattle. Mink was the grand champion showman at the Washington County Fair in 2016 but the extraordinary feat has been raising the grand champion market steer for six years. Mink is pictured with last years judge at the Washington County Fair presenting him his award for having the grand champion market steer in 2020. Pictured below is Mink in 2014 as he begins his run of producing the best steers. Photos by Zane Davis

Mink has proven himself both as a showman and also a producer

Cambridge student is involved in FFA, athletics and has won grand champion honors seven times

by Zane Davis

The ultimate goal of every livestock exhibitor, be it 4-H or FFA, is to take the coveted title of Grand Champion at a county fair.

Grand champion can be achieved in two ways. One can be a champion showman, meaning the exhibitor was chosen by the judge to have cleaned, groomed, and presented their animal better than all the other showmen. The other champion title is achieved when the judge on that particular day deems one animal the best example of market ready.

Both titles are a true honor and to achieve this pinnacle is an amazing feat. To be a champion more than once is amazing, but to be a champion seven out of nine years as an exhibitor is extraordinary. A young man from Cambridge, Idaho is just that extraordinary.

Jarret Mink, middle son of Justin and Jodie Mink, is a senior at Cambridge High School and will be making his 10th appearance at the Washington County Fair this summer and he will be vying for an unprecedented eighth grand champion title.

Mink won grand champion 4-H showman in 2016 but has won grand champion market beef six times: 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

What makes this astounding feat all the more incredible is the fact that all of Mink's steers are



also "bred and fed" cattle, meaning they are not purchased from outside cattle producers. All his steers have been born and raised by either Mink Land and Livestock or Lanting Enterprises, family ranches on both sides of his family. This proves that not only is Mink a superior showman, but also very skilled at choosing a steer, feeding and training it.

Mink peruses the group of potential steers in the fall when they come off the summer range and has several that are his prospective champions, but really keeps close tabs on them through December and January to gauge if they are still progressing the way he would like.

By late February, five to seven steers are singled out and brought to the ranch for the final decision before the steer weigh-in the first Saturday in March.

Mink says he looks for

structure and muscling, but also is very cognizant of their attitude.

"If they are high-headed and wild, they aren't worth the time it would take to try and gentle them," said Mink.

Throughout the summer, Mink keeps his steers on a healthy feed regimen and works diligently on the training to ensure that his steer "knows we have to work as a team."

He says that he does not have a secret recipe for his success but given all the other successes in his busy lifestyle, Jarret Mink proves that the successes that come his way via the show ring or athletics is attributable to a strong work ethic and a genuine desire to succeed.

Mink is what people would call a "well-rounded" young man. In fact, if he were any more successful, he would be so well-rounded, he would be

downright spherical.

Mink is a three-sport athlete, competing in football, basketball, and baseball, and he is also very active in FFA and has an FFA Supervised Ag Experience (SAE) pertaining to his own registered Simmental herd.

Mink is a proven leader, illustrated even by his athletic positions, playing quarterback, point guard and pitcher in his respective sports. He also serves as the Cambridge FFA Chapter vice president. Mink has received his State FFA Degree and is working toward his American Degree and a Star Farmer in Agribusiness award.

Mink will be breaking the family mold this fall and instead of heading to the University of Idaho, he will be attending Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, Ore., where he will be playing baseball while he pursues a degree in ag business and accounting. Given his drive and determination, Mink is sure to have a bright future at BMCC and an eventual career as a CPA.

If you are interested in seeing if Jarret Mink can pull off an eighth Grand Champion, make plans to attend the Washington County Fair from Aug. 2-7, 2021. The beef show is on Friday, Aug. 6 and begins at 8 a.m. at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Cambridge, Idaho.

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Tony Hickey knows the ins and outs of trapping gophers in Washington County. Last year he trapped over 6,500 gophers beating his personal record. Hickey is pictured above checking one of his traps on a Weiser Flat farm. He looks for fresh mounds to set his traps in. The Washington County Weed Department will have a gopher trapping seminar this Saturday at Bob Shirts' hay sheds located on Mann Creek Road. Contact the weed department to register. *Photo by Nicole Miller*

Gopher trapping can be a very good business to help farmers get rid of pesky varmints

Washington County Rodent District pays a bounty for each tail brought in

by Zane Davis

Just when the ground was warming up and farmers were ready to head into the field with traps in hand, Idaho weather in all its unpredictable glory dropped a foot of snow in Washington County.

The precipitation is welcomed by all farmers but the two-week delay was unnerving to said farmers, knowing that below the snow, the gopher population was wreaking havoc in the fields.

With the snow finally melted and the mud drying daily, the area hay fields are again exposed, and farmers are able to assess the damage that has occurred from the ambitious, yet destructive pocket gophers of Washington County.

When farmers talk about their gopher problem, many people mistake gophers for ground squirrels and assume that they can be eradicated by patience and a gun. However, true pocket gophers are burrowing rodents and rarely come out of their burrows to enable eradication with a firearm.

Pocket gophers are extremely abundant in Washington County, and destroy vast amounts of crops in the area. Gophers eat strictly vegetation and are especially fond of alfalfa roots. Gophers dig extensive tunneling systems with different areas for their young, their waste and the storage of their gathered roots, tubers and grasses. It is not uncommon to see an entire alfalfa plant pulled right into the ground by a gopher.

Gophers are not only destructive to the crops, but gophers can chew through underground pipes, cables and cause catastrophic damage to irrigation ditches, causing extensive financial losses. Their burrows can also be dangerous to livestock that can fall in their tunneled areas and be injured. Their mounds of excavated soil are above ground and are hard on farming equipment, as well.

A natural predator of the gopher is the badger, and in areas that are

overrun with gophers, you will also find where badgers have moved in. Badgers are ferocious and very dangerous to inquisitive pets. Additionally, badgers are dangerous to have in an agricultural field because their burrows are very large and generally not visible until a horse falls in or a wheel of a tractor collapses into the burrow, which can lead to extensive equipment damage or personal injury.

Gophers are solitary creatures with the exception of the breeding season, which is in early spring into summer. Gophers can have one to three litters of young per year, ranging from three to seven babies each litter. The young gophers only remain with their mother for five to six weeks and then venture out to make their own tunnels and begin breeding. Because of their ability to reproduce at such a young age, an unfettered gopher population can grow exponentially and become a huge problem very quickly.

There is a myriad of methods used to try and control gophers ranging from poisoned grain, gas pellets, explosive devices and tools and trapping.

If you've ever watched the movie *Caddyshack* with Bill Murray, his behavior in trying to eradicate his nemesis gopher is truly not a Hollywood exaggeration. If you've ever battled a persistent gopher, you will go to any lengths to make him disappear.

There is a bright spot in Washington County to aid in the frustration generated by a persistent gopher problem in the form of a potentially lucrative money-making opportunity. Washington County has a rodent control district, which encompasses a large portion of the Weiser area. The city limits and the areas of Midvale and Cambridge are not included and a map that shows the precise boundaries can be obtained at the Washington County Weed Department.

The Washington County Rodent

District will pay a bounty of \$1.25 per gopher tail to trappers that turn in their tails. This may sound a little morbid, but it is a bit of sweet revenge to a landowner and/or gopher trapper by being able to recoup some of the funds lost as a result of burrowing beasts. There are also a number of contract trappers in the area that can be hired for a per tail fee that will come to your property and trap on your behalf if you just do not have the intestinal fortitude, desire or knowledge to do it yourself. The trappers in the area are private individuals and do a great job to try and keep the gopher problem at bay in the area.

Gopher trapping can also be a lucrative side business for area high school students. If you invest \$7-15 per trap and devote the time to finding a landowner that requires trapping services, your initial investment turns into pure profit very quickly. Many contract trappers in the area turn in several thousand tails per year to the Washington County Weed Department. Add that to the fee that the landowner pays and you will soon start seeing dollar signs.

If you are a local youth that is looking for a job that doesn't involve flipping burgers, check into trapping gophers for the summer. You might be surprised at the earning potential. If you are a landowner or prospective trapper and you need some additional guidance as to how to proceed with the eradication process of the pocket gopher, the Washington County Rodent District will be holding an informational trapping seminar on March 27, 2021 at Bob Shirts' hay sheds located on lower Mann Creek Road.

The seminar begins at 10 a.m. and will showcase effective trapping techniques and tips from local trappers. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the Washington County Weed Department at 208-414-1950. Dress for the field and variable weather conditions.



Jennifer Waite has her vegetable garden ready to plant and has started a commodity supported agriculture program where consumers buy shares of a farm's harvest in advance. Purchasers of a CSA will then get a share of the produce the farm harvests. Photo by Nicole Miller

Waite family farms is selling shares of their garden produce

Consumers will receive vegetables grown from a pesticide and herbicide free farm

by Nicole Miller

Waite family farms began in 2019 when the Waite's oldest son Andrew decided he was interested in farming and moved home from the Boise area. The Waites did not have a lot of land or equipment, but had a small acreage he could work with, so he started with chickens.

After a season of raising chickens, and having it go well, Andrew convinced his mom, Jennifer, that she could expand her gardening she has always done to add produce to the family farm offerings. She decided that she would start planning to offer produce this upcoming season.

In the meantime, Andrew decided to join the Army in October, so while he is away on basic training, Jennifer has continued to raise the chicks and laying hens he left with the family farm.

Waite has decided to offer her produce through a modified CSA model. CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture (CSA): a production and marketing model where consumers buy shares of a farm's harvest in advance. Consumers become CSA members by paying an agreed amount at the beginning of the growing season, either in one lump sum or in installments, then each week throughout the harvest season, they get a share of the produce.

With a typical model of CSA shares, each share is exactly the same and members have no selection in produce in their share. With Waite's modified CSA, she is offering a choose your own box option where share holders will select their produce from what's available each week based on a point system.

Waite chose the CSA model to help plan and control the size of the farm for

this first year. Waite has two adult children with high needs and she is hopeful that eventually the farm can be a source of work and community involvement for the two of them.

Waite grows her vegetables using no pesticides or herbicides and focuses on regenerative farming methods. She has chosen to offer a limited amount of shares, and although, there might be more interest in the Boise area where many do not have room or time for gardens, Waite is planning to not advertise in that area to keep her customer base very local.

Waite has noticed that especially with the pandemic, more and more people are seeing the importance of knowing where their food comes from. When you have locally sourced produce, you do not have to rely on transportation from other areas. And when it's grown correctly without chemicals and harvested fresh, the difference in quality and taste is night and day.

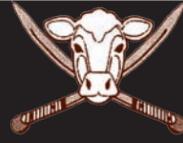
Response so far has been slow, but Waite expected that a little. She hopes to create a small customer base that enjoys their produce and appreciates the work that goes into it this first year. She will also offer leftover produce at the farmer's market and advertise through social media weekly for additional produce she has available to non-share holders after the weekly shares are picked up.

The share season will begin the week of May 27 and end Oct. 7. Full shares designed for three to four people are available for \$500 or half shares more suitable for one to two people are \$300. Anyone interested in purchasing a garden share from family farms can contact Jennifer Waite at 208-866-4184 or emailing jennifer@waitefamilyfarms.com.

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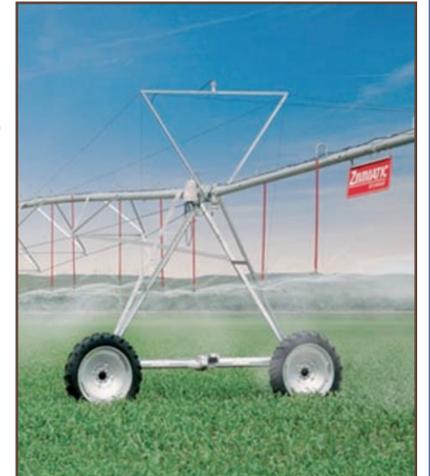
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It was branding day at the Grouse Creek Ranch owned by Tim and Donna Cobb. The Cobb's children and grandchildren helped brand calves on a beautiful April day. Kiley and Steve Stuchlik's son and a couple of nephews are pictured taking a hike after the branding was done. Photo by Kiley Stuchlik



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A lesson on succession planning inspired by singer/songwriter

by Steve Stuchlik, Attorney at Law

For those of you who do not know, a Corb Lund is not a new brand of automobile. He is a singer/songwriter from Alberta, Canada, who, in my humble opinion, along with his band "The Hurtin' Albertans," makes some of the best music a person can find these days. Lyrically, he is a talented storyteller and has a knack for making the listener think and feel. In any event, I recommend you check him out, if you don't already know: www.corblund.com.

I was listening to one particular song called the "S Lazy H," and Corb Lund got me to thinking. The premise of the song is as follows: A man grew up on a big cattle ranch (the S Lazy H) that had been in his family for generations. Because the man's dad needed help running the ranch, he did not go off to college. Meanwhile, his sister went off to the city. After his parents passed away, the man continued running the ranch. But, after a time, his sister returned with her new husband (who happens to be a lawyer). His sister wants her half of the ranch (presumably spurred on by her nefarious lawyer husband) and proceeds to force the man to sell a large portion of the ranch to buy out his sister's half. Eventually, he is unable to make ends meet with what was left and loses the S Lazy H. It is Corb Lund storytelling at its finest. It is also a sad story and one that far too many people can relate to.

The situational irony here is that the song's villain is a lawyer, and a lawyer (in addition to a couple more team members) is just the person who could have helped avoid the sad ending in the first place. Now, for those of you who know me, you know that self-deprecation is one of my few talents, and I certainly make no exception for my chosen profession. That being the case, though, I am not above coming to the defense of lawyers when the situation calls for it.

Family farms and ranches are an icon, especially here in the American West where we have chosen to call home. And the folks who make their living on those farms and ranches are some of our greatest land stewards. It makes sense that those same people have a special sentimentality for the land they care for, and to some, the thought of subdivisions, development, or foreign interests looms like a dark cloud over the future of those open spaces. In the case of the S Lazy H, its unfortunate end could have been avoided by some foresight, communication, and planning.

Foresight: When considering a succession plan, it is important for any person to make a fair assessment of what it is that they have. In the case of the S Lazy H, the man's parents would have known that they had a relatively large cattle operation

that relied on a significant amount of acreage in order to be viable, and they had two kids. Based on the story in the song, they knew (or should have known) that the law would default to each of their kids getting one-half of their estate upon their death. And they presumably knew that neither of their kids had the liquid capital to buy out the other's half of the ranch upon their parents' death (not that their daughter and her fancy-pants lawyer husband would have wanted to ranch anyway). Armed with this information, the parents should have asked themselves several questions:

- Do we want the S Lazy H to remain in the family?
- Do we want the S Lazy H to continue operating as part of our legacy?
- Do we have a child (or children) who is/are interested in being our successor?
- Can the S Lazy H continue to be viable if it is less than its current size?
- Can the S Lazy H financially support more than one family?

After answering these questions, it was then time for the parents to sit down and have a frank discussion with their children.

Communication: A person's estate plan is a personal decision, but in the case of succession planning for the family farm or ranch, communication among the family is usually advisable. There is a lyric in the song that goes like this, "[s]ometimes right isn't equal / [s]ometimes equal's not fair." This is an apt assessment of the situation that often arises in succession planning, but if you ask me (not that you did . . . but you're getting an answer anyway), communicating what is right, what is equal (or not), and what is fair (or not) is best put on the table on your own terms. Planning on your terms, on the front end, rather than letting a court sort it out on the backend, will ultimately make the succession process easier and will alleviate (at least to some extent) hurt feelings. As I alluded to above, in order to keep agriculture operations viable, the division of an estate may not always be "equal" among heirs. This is not to say that every succession plan should have an unequal allocation of estate assets, but if there is an "on-farm/ranch" child it may make sense to leave the farm or ranch to that child. On the other hand, if keeping the farm or ranch in the family is not a priority, it may make perfect sense to direct that the property be liquidated, and the proceeds distributed equally among the heirs.

In the case of the S Lazy H, the parents would have been ahead to call a family meeting and let their children know their vision for the future of the ranch. On the one hand, the parents could have told

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Celebrate National Ag Week by thanking farmers and ranchers for the food they put on our tables

by Sheri Smit

Recognized this year from March 21 to March 27, National Agriculture Week celebrates the rich and meaningful agriculture community and history. Celebrated Tuesday, National Ag Day has been held since 1973 to increase public awareness to the nation's agricultural industry, and each year since, the Agriculture Council of America has sponsored National Ag Day.

The Agriculture Council of America teaches core values that every American should understand how food and fiber products are produced, appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant, and affordable products, value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy, and acknowledge and consider

career opportunities in the agriculture, food, and fiber industry.

The local Weiser economy is largely driven by the agricultural industry, with the area surrounded by fields hosting a variety of crops including corn, onions, wheat, and many other produce. According to America's Diverse Family Farms 2020 edition, large-scale family farms account for over two-thirds of dairy production, while large-scale family farms produce just over 50 percent of high-value crops such as fruits and vegetables. Nonfamily farms produce more than 30 percent of high-value crops, nearly double that of any other major commodity grouping.

Small and large-scale farms together account for 69 percent of beef production. Small farms gener-

ally have cow and calf operations, while large-scale farms are more likely to operate feedlots. Small farms produce 45 percent of U.S. poultry and egg output and 46 percent of hay.

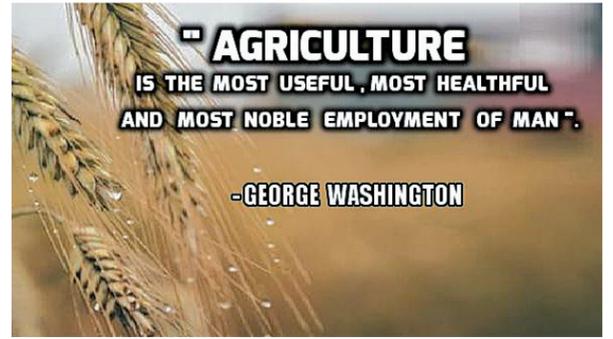
The Weiser and Washington County areas offer several helpful resources throughout the community. The University of Idaho Extension Office in Washington County offers several programs, services and classes centralized on agriculture. Benefits that can be found from such classes include teaching farmers and ranchers how to increase productivity and ensure a safe, reliable food supply while also reducing environmental impacts.

Youth in the area can also benefit by participating in the 4-H programs designed to develop con-

fidence, leadership, and life skills. Afterschool and summer programs are also offered, as well as programs on community development, water quality, horticulture and more are offered to all county residents.

The Extension Office is located at 116 West Idaho St., Weiser and can be reached online at uidaho.edu/extension/county/Washington.

Further support that can be given to the agriculture industry at the local level is attending farmer's markets, with the Weiser Farmer's Market held every summer at the train depot. An upcoming meeting for 2021 farmer's market vendors is scheduled April 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the train depot, with more information available via Facebook at facebook.com/weiserfarmersmarket.



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Tips on planning for the future

their son, "It's time for you to find another job, because we are going to leave the ranch to you and your sister equally." Or, on the other hand, the parents could have said, "There have been six generations of our family on the S Lazy H, and we would love to see it continue; so, we are going to leave the ranch to you, son, and this is how it will work . . ."

In either circumstance, one of the kids likely would have felt put out, but at least the cards would have been on the table, so to speak. Furthermore, it would have provided the opportunity for the children to come to terms with their parents' decision and make their own plans accordingly. Additionally, irrespective of their decision, the parents should have communicated with their professional team in order to effectively put their plan into action when the time came.

Planning: Even if there is going to be an unequal allocation of the family farm or ranch, it does not necessarily mean that the estate has to be unfair. It is important that, in addition to the family, folks communicate with professionals that can objectively advise them on their estate plan including: their attorney; their tax

advisor; their financial planner(s); and their insurer(s). Compiling a qualified team of professionals that understands your situation and goals will go a long way toward reaching peace of mind about your legacy and ensuring a seamless succession of your family farm or ranch.

In the case of the S Lazy H, the parents could have considered the value that their son would be getting in the inheritance of the ranch. The parents then, in consultation with their attorney, could have made arrangements in their properly drafted will or trust to leave other assets such as cash, other (non-ranch) real property, or personal property to their daughter. Additionally, with some foresight, they could have considered leaving investment accounts or life insurance in an "unequal" share to their daughter, by working with their financial advisor(s) and insurance agent(s). Perhaps in the end, their estate would not have been divided 50-50, but they could have planned to make the end result more equitable to everyone involved, while at the same time preserving the legacy of the S Lazy H.

Conclusion: The takeaways from the story of the S Lazy H are: (1) If

leaving your family farm or ranch intact is important to you, then you need to employ some foresight, communication and planning; (2) Lawyers can be your friend – they're not always the villain; and (3) Corb Lund makes some excellent music.

But I suppose that if everyone heeded my advice here, then we would never have gotten "S Lazy H," and it is one heck of a great song. So, for that I will be thankful, and let's hope that Corb won't have reason to pen a sequel.

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Enjoying a good cup of coffee

through vents outside the building and the chafe is gathered into a container on the ground to be disposed of. The chafe is the only byproduct not used by Outlaw Coffee, said Wayne.

After reaching the maximum temperature and completing the roasting process, the tube connecting to the vortex releases a stream of water into the roaster to cool the beans. The beans are then removed from the roaster to a cooling container by a vacuum mechanism and are left in the cooler for five minutes. Now roasted, the beans have grown in size, but shrunk in weight. No longer green, the beans are now the expected darker color. Roasted beans are kept in separate containers until they are either ready to be shipped to buyers, ready to be flavored, or ready to be grinded into coffee grounds with the company's coffee grinder. Any and all repairs are overseen and done by Wayne, who built their warehouse as well as technical pieces such as the vortex and vents.

After purchasing the coffee shop in 1999, Brenda said she decided she was not fond of the product choices she had available and chose to instead begin making her own product. The pair developed the brand of Outlaw Coffee Roasters 2001 and added wholesale roasting to the coffee shop. The couple made their debut in roasting at the Los Angeles County Fair, spending 17 days on their feet, roasting coffee for happy customers.

Flavoring the coffee began simultaneously with the roasting endeavor and was never a question. At first, the couple began with the basic flavors, including vanilla and caramel. Today, customers can choose between 12 different varieties, including a huckleberry flavoring and Wayne's self-proclaimed favorite called "Jamaican-Me-Crazy" dessert coffee.

After selling the coffee shop, the couple moved to only wholesale roasting before moving to Idaho in 2007 to be with family, where they continued their wholesale company as well as bought and operated another coffee shop in Weiser for three years.

"[Roasting] was kind of a side project at first," said Brenda. "[Wayne] started helping with the roasting and it just kind of carried over and was a nice business to have when we moved. He's kind of like my sidekick..."

The initial purchase of the coffee shop in 1999 was not only driven by a need to keep busy after leaving a stressful job, but also by a long-time dream of Brenda's of owning some kind of small shop. She said that while she had always enjoyed a good latte, she was never a regular coffee drinker before purchasing the business. The motivation for owning the shop was the interactions with customers, and the joy of leaving people happier than when they first came in. The motivation for continuing the roasting company is the knowledge the two offer a good, quality product and wish to continue to bring joy to others.

"How many other businesses can you say they come in grumpy and they leave happy," said Brenda. "Usually, it's the other way around. There's really not much I can do that's going to make them upset. Everything I do in my little store makes people happy, and if you don't like it, I can remake it."

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