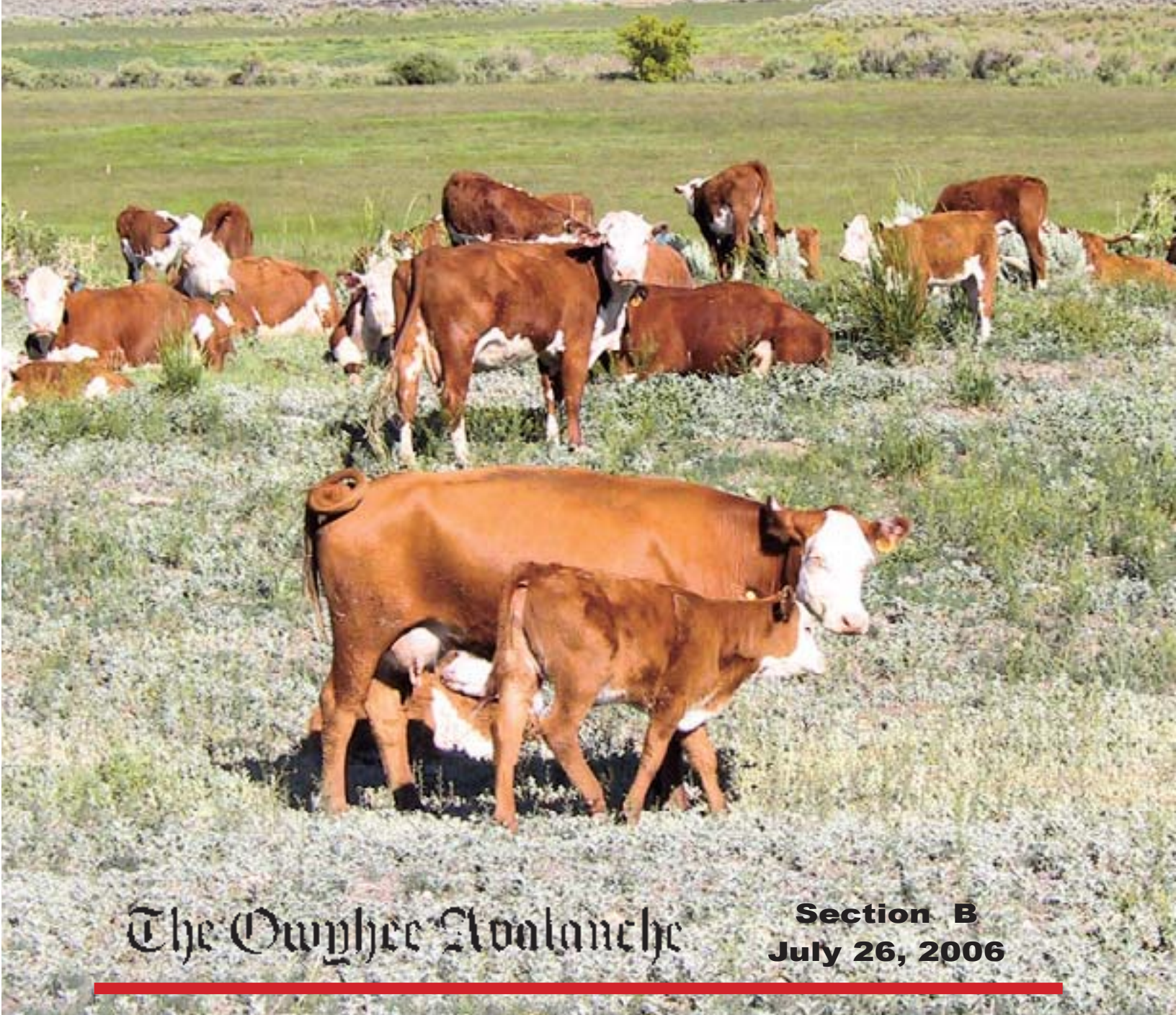




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 Saturday, July 29, 2006 – Silver City, Idaho

PROGRAM:

9 a.m. Registration
9:30 a.m. Business Meeting
 Membership Drawing, Bit
 Introductions and President's report, Brad Huff
 Election of Directors – Past President, Brian Collett

10:30 a.m. GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
 Life Member Awards
 Owyhee Initiative, Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho)
 Juniper and watershed research, Stuart Hardegree, research lead for
 Agricultural Research Service

LUNCH BREAK (POTLUCK)

2 p.m. Continue Business Meeting
 Presentation of Resolutions-Vice President, Russ Turner
 Old and New Business

3:30 p.m. Industry Reports
 National Cattlemen's Beef Association
 Ranchers-Cattlemenn Action Legal Fund
 Idaho Cattle Association
 BLM State/District
 Other reports available as time permits

Evening Activities

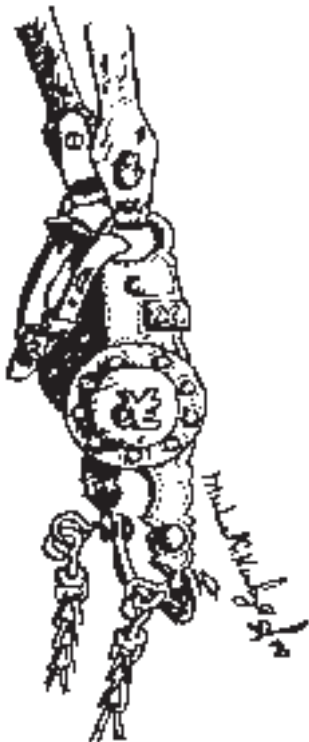
5 p.m. Social, Sponsor OWYHEE CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

6 p.m. Dinner, Caba's Catering

9:30 p.m. Dance, Music by Relative Rock - \$5 single

SUNDAY

7 – 9 a.m. Breakfast, Caba's Catering
10 a.m. Directors Meeting – Nettleton Horse Corral



128th OCA meeting



Meeting place

With the Silver City schoolhouse renovation continuing, the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association will hold its 128th annual meeting inside the mining town's Masonic Hall on Saturday. Photo from Mildretta Adams collection

Convention may witness history

The Owyhee Cattlemen's Association's 128th annual convention could be quite a celebration.

If Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) introduces The Owyhee Initiative Implementation Act, the final product of the five-year trek known as the Owyhee Initiative, to the Senate this week and is able to make his scheduled appearance at the OCA's summer meeting inside the Masonic Hall, you could see a bunch of relieved and jubilant ranchers.

"The membership of the Owyhee Cattlemen's has always been active in protecting and promoting our way of life," association president Brad Huff said.

"The Owyhee Initiative will provide another tool for us to continue our way of life and preserve the opportunity for future generations."

Association vice president Russ Turner will succeed Huff as president this weekend.

Events begin at 9 a.m. Saturday with registration followed 30 minutes later by the business meeting.

At 10:30 a.m., the general business meeting begins with Honorary Life Member awards presented to Fred and Lodice Grant, Bob Kelly and David and Barbara Lahtinen.

Crapo is scheduled to talk after the Life Member ceremony.

Stuart Hardegree, the research lead for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service, will talk about the effects of juniper on the watershed and ranching in Owyhee County.

Saturday night, a social will be held at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and a 9:30 p.m. dance featuring the music of Relative Rock.

Sunday's events include a catered breakfast and the directors meeting at the Nettleton Horse Corral.



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Outgoing president Young Huff maintains heritage

Family ties draw
rancher to cattle and
away from computers

At first glance, some might be surprised to learn that Brad Huff is a rancher in Owyhee County.

With the long history of the industry in the county, one half-expects a rancher to be a man whose skin has been weathered by the wind and sun and whose gaze has been narrowed by long hours squinting on the horizon for his herd.

Brad Huff, with a young face and vibrant eyes, wouldn't be the stereotypical poster child for ranching. He's 36. He's a newlywed.

And here's one more surprise. He's the outgoing president of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association.

But even at a relatively young age — his successor, Russ Turner, is 16 years his senior — Huff has a grasp on the prestige and impact of the position he has held for the past year.

"I would like to be remembered as someone who got involved, like so many before me, and tried to protect and preserve this way of life," Huff said.

Huff is a third-generation Owyhee County rancher. His grandfather, OCA Life Member Roy Hoagland, and Roy's brothers began working cattle in the area back in the 1930s. Today, Huff ranches with his uncle, Jerry Hoagland. Like his grandfather — Hoagland's father — the pair watches over a herd of straight Herefords.

Huff hadn't intended to enter the cattle business. Even though he spent nearly every weekend he could helping his grandfather on Reynolds Creek, most of his time was focused on school and — more importantly — athletics.

And his grandfather tried to facilitate the pull toward that part of life — and away from ranching.



Newlyweds

Brad Huff's wife, Mary, has taken to the ranching life quite easily. "She is definitely no stranger to hard work," Brad said. "I have been teaching her how to gravity irrigate new seeding. From the look of the seeding, she caught on quick."

"My grandfather urged me to go on to college," Huff said. "He said, 'You should never stop learning.'"

"He also tried to steer me into some other line of work — better pay, less hours, and (you) won't suffer a bad back in later years."

Huff tried to heed his grandfather's advice. He earned one of the first Envirosafe scholarships in the state, but even at that point his direction in life would change. He started out studying Engineering, but eventually received a Bachelor's degree in Information Systems. He went to work at Micron, pulling 12-hour shifts overseeing the company's mainframe computers.

The world of technology didn't suit Huff for very long.

"It wasn't too bad until the computers hiccupped and every manager on the automated lines called me to find out why they had employees standing around with nothing to do," Huff said. "I resigned after six months. I wasn't cut out for that type of environment."

He was cut out for the wide-open environment of Owyhee County, overseeing a herd of cattle, not a herd of computers.

Huff lives in Murphy with his new bride, Mary (they were married in January), ranches near Walters Ferry and also has ground in the Reynolds Creek area near Silver City where he and his wife are building a home.

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Outgoing president

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And while that chapter of Huff's life is blossoming, he will close another chapter this weekend at the OCA convention in Silver City.

"It's been educational," he said of his year as president. "I've learned a lot.

"It seems like things went well because we had a change in the administration at the (Bureau of Land Management) and we have a better relationship with that personnel."

Huff admits that his tenure as point man for the Cattlemen's association was relatively uneventful, even if he may become known as the man who was at the helm when the Owyhee Initiative finally began its journey through Congress.

"I really didn't have much control over the Initiative other than trying to spread the word about what it could do

for us and our heritage," he said.

Huff added that there weren't many flare-ups in regards to the Animal Unit per Month (AUM) regulations or the Endangered Species Act.

"But there's always the possibility of talk about pigmy rabbits and spotted frogs," he said.

Once the Initiative is in place, perhaps ranchers can concentrate more on their business rather than the environmental factors that have caused so many headaches over the years.

"I really hope that the Initiative comes to be the way our representatives and membership has pushed for it to be," Huff said.

"That's going to be a really great tool, and it's critical to the cattle industry because of challenges it faces with growth in the Treasure Valley and increased recreational use."

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Incoming president Ranching, OCA runs in his veins

Turner's family roots
in Cattlemen's stretch
to its beginnings

If ranching in Owyhee County is about heritage, then Russ Turner is the perfect man to lead the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association for the next year.

His family has been ranching in the Bruneau Valley since the fall of 1869.

"My family has been involved with OCA (Owyhee Cattlemen's Association) ever since its inception," Turner said.

The 52-year-old Bruneau native will succeed Brad Huff as the Owyhee Cattlemen's president this weekend at the organization's summer convention in Silver City.

Turner is aware of the legacy he has been entrusted to uphold because of the generations before him. His great grandfather, John Turner, began the long family history in the Owyhee Cattlemen, and Russ has a vintage photograph from the turn of the century of John standing on the staircase inside the Idaho Hotel during an OCA function in Silver City.

His grandfather, William I. Turner, was a member of the OCA board of directors. Russ' father, Clayton, served on the board of directors in the late 1940s and became an honorary life member of the Owyhee Cattlemen in 1986.

"The president and the board of directors, the way I look at it, they are a continuum of the people who have done this before and the people who will do it in the future," Russ Turner said.

Even with his family's lush background in the OCA, Turner didn't become an official member until 1996, when he and his wife Vickie returned to Owyhee County after ranching south of Elko, Nev., for nearly a decade.

Now, he winters cattle in Bruneau and summers stock near Jackpot, Nev. He and his wife have been married 21 years



Truckload of heritage

Turners have been on the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association membership scrolls since its inception in the 19th century. Russ Turner is the third member of his family to serve on the OCA board. He'll become president of the association Saturday.

and have a 15-year-old daughter, Ariel, who attends Rimrock High School.

Turner earned a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science from the University of Idaho in 1976 then tried his hand as a buckaroo throughout the West. After a four-year stint in the Navy, he hit the books again and emerged from the University of Nevada in Reno with an Agricultural Economics degree in 1984. He and his wife then settled in Fernley, Nev., before heading for the Elko area.

After re-establishing his ties to Owyhee County, Turner was recruited for the OCA board of directors by Kenny Tindall, and that began Turner's journey to the head chair. This is his fifth year on the board of directors.

And that experience has Turner more than ready to take the gavel.

"Through your previous tenure on the board of directors you become acquainted with the mechanics of how the association is run, so it's a cumulative effect," Turner said.

"By the time you get to this stage, there's not a lot of special preparation."

But there is an obvious platform that each president follows.

"The president is obviously the figurehead, and the idea is to do what is necessary and keep the organization itself going," Turner said.

Turner is a former board member for the Idaho Cattlemen's Association, so he's aware of the boardroom activity that he will see in the next year.

"It's all part of the business," he said.

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Branded and tagged

A cow and a calf stand with brands and ear tags after a day of activity on the ranch run by Brad Huff and Jerry Hoagland. The tags are part of an insecticide ear tag project undertaken by the University of Idaho and Huff and Hoagland. Scott Jensen of the Owyhee County Extension Office writes about West Nile virus and horses in The Owyhee Avalanche's regular edition this week. Submitted photo



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Incoming president

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"We all grouse about going to meetings and so forth, but it seems it's the nature of any business anymore, particularly where we interact with public agencies so much."

Turner knows he'll deal with hot topics such as the Owyhee Initiative, the loss of Idaho's brucellosis-free status and animal identification as well as "legal issues that seem to end up in a certain federal judge's court."

The Initiative is on the verge of being introduced into the U.S. Senate by Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), and could be presented to the congressional body by the time the Cattlemen open their meeting Saturday in Silver City. Crapo is scheduled to attend the meeting at the Masonic Hall to give a personal progress report.

Animal ID, Turner said, has been turned into a particularly confusing concept because of the lack of direction from the federal government. He says the U.S. Department of Agriculture hasn't given much indication of what it will do on the issue.

And that confusion has created differing opinions in the cattle business.

"There's no clear consensus within the industry about which direction the whole industry should be taking," Turner said.

"So in some respects the president or leader of the group ends up being a moderator so the different viewpoints will keep talking to each other."

'... (The OCA board and president) are a continuum of the people who have done this before and the people who will do it in the future.'

— Russ Turner

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Gone but not forgotten

Honorary life members

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Members

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OCA members remembered

Five men with ties to the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association passed away in the past year, including three honorary life members and a past president.

Ben Panzeri served as OCA president in 1972.

Robert "Bob" Gluch was enshrined as an honorary life member in 1983, and Henry Brandau earned the honor in 1985.

Bob Harris became an honorary life member of the Cattlemen's in 1987.

Henry Brandau

Feb. 9, 1914-Oct. 14, 2005

Henry Brandau put his stamp on ranching in Owyhee County and was honored by the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association with a life member award in 1988.

Brandau lived most of his life in Owyhee County. He was born to Minnie and George Brandau in Wilson, where he would graduate the eighth grade.

He married Betty Berdeen Backer in 1944, and the couple settled to farm land south of Melba. They would be married for 61 years.

In 1947, after the births of daughters Becky and Merle, the Brandaus moved to Reynolds Creek. A third child, son Richard, was born there.

Brandau continually acquired more and more ranch holdings, and was instrumental in organizing the Chipmunk Grazing Association.

His ranching acquisitions included a grazing permit from Ralph and Lydia Bailey and a grazing section at Squaw Butte from Andy Hurley in 1955. Twelve years later, he bought the Dan Hurley ranch.

Brandau's knack for acquiring land didn't end with his own ranch. In 1984, he helped his son, Richard, and a son-in-law buy the McMahan permit and



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Owyhee Initiative

Chairman recounts long road

by Fred Kelly Grant

Owyhee Initiative chairman

At last — after five long years — the Owyhee Initiative Bill has been presented to Sen. Mike Crapo for introduction in the U.S. Senate.

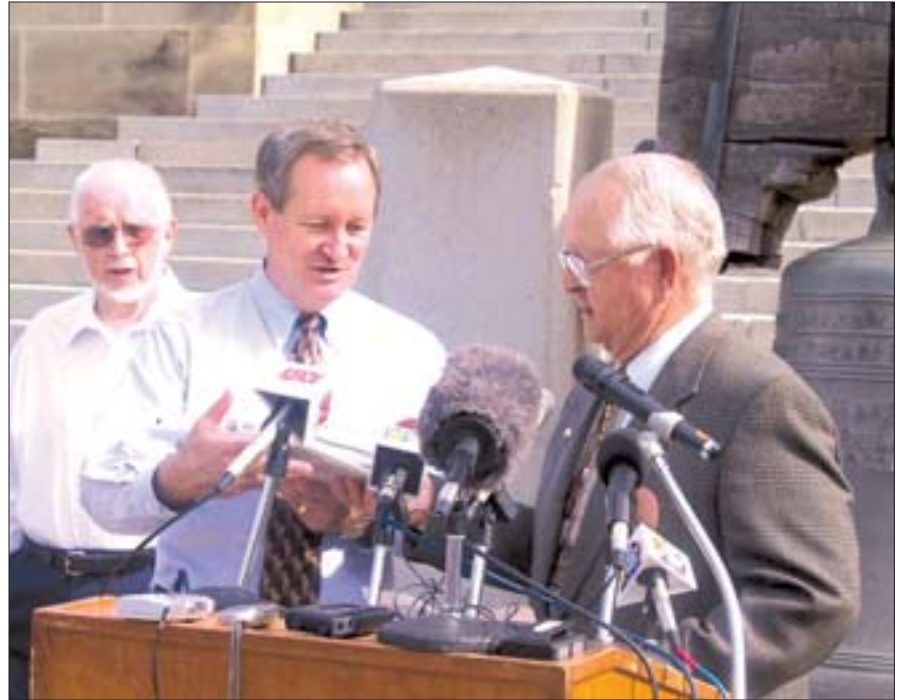
The Initiative Work Group has been so close to final approval of a draft for so long, and now the members finally have agreed to all terms. Hopefully, by the time of the Cattleman's meeting, the bill will be introduced. If so, when Sen. Crapo addresses the meeting, we will be able to distribute official copies of the Bill, which has been named the Owyhee Initiative Implementation Act.

What took so long? As chairman of the Work Group, I only receive that question from outside the county. Ranchers here understand the complexity of this Bill, and the difficulties faced in trying to get all views toward the future of the uniqueness of Owyhee County on the same page.

To understand the intricacies of the Bill, and the delicate negotiations and drafting that led us to this point, we have to remember the origins of the Initiative. When asked to review the Initiative for this special issue of *The Avalanche*, I decided to relate again the beginnings of our long effort — leaving the details of the Bill for yet another of my long letters to you offering encouragement and asking for patience.

On an early winter morning 5½ years ago, I finished a sleepless night of reviewing every decision of Judge B. Lynn Winmill, trying to find a way that some of the ranchers under his hammer could survive. You all know that the environment, the beauty and quality of the Owyhee landscape is dependent on economic survival of the ranchers who graze.

Without ranchers, there would be no adequate water supplies for wildlife, there would be no natural barrier to



Accepting the challenge

As Owyhee Initiative Chairman Fred Kelly Grant, left, looks on, Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) accepts a draft proposal of the Initiative from Owyhee County Commission Chairman Hal Tolmie during a 2004 press conference on the Statehouse steps in Boise.

destructive wild fires, there would be no force to protect the resource against total destruction by vehicles such as the rock-crushing rigs whose operators delight in wearing down huge rock formations to a bed of gravel (Bill Walsh of the Southwestern Idaho Desert Racing Association, a member of the Work Group, has photographs showing this statement to be no exaggeration).

Without ranchers, there would be no adequate tax base from which Owyhee County law enforcement, court, recording and other needed services could be funded. A lot of folks in Owyhee County's population centers do not realize the high percentage of the property tax base that is assessed against the ranchers. It nears the 70 percent range.

A plan of action was needed

But, as the ranchers can tell you, at that time their future under the Winmill axe was bleak. Through that night, I could find no legal way to work past his decisions, which ignored scientific and economic evidence offered by the ranchers under siege and which were based on an unfounded affidavit executed by a Bureau of Land Management employee who had openly vowed to put ranchers like Mike Hanley out of business.

It occurred to me that the only way to beat Winmill's anti-grazing onslaught was to find some solution through congressional action that could provide a method of review of BLM decisions

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Long road

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by experts in range management. I talked to Chad Gibson that morning, and we agreed that it was worth pursuing. Tabbing the process as a “peer science review,” and recognizing that it could neither take the place of a BLM decision nor even be mandatory to BLM, we started putting together an outline. We knew also that in order to even hope for congressional action, we had to have support from the conservation groups.

We had barely escaped Monument designation during the last days of the Clinton administration. At the 11th hour, Clinton had two proclamations on his desk: the Missouri Breaks Monument and the Owyhee Canyonlands Monument. His White House environmentalists had recommended signature of both. He favored both. But, ironically, we escaped designation of over half the county as Monument because of then-Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, of all people. When Babbitt had run afoul of Sen. Larry Craig regarding the Craters of the Moon site, he had committed to the senator that there would be no expansions or designations in Idaho without full public hearings. Since there had been no hearings on the Canyonlands Monument, he advised the president not to sign it. So, in spite of a terribly expensive campaign by groups such as the National Wildlife Federation, we were spared Monument status. But, I think we all knew that the next time a Democrat sat in the White House, Owyhee canyons would be on top the list.

So, Chad and I knew that we had to come up with a way to offer wilderness designation to conservation groups in exchange for what we called “peer science review.” We knew that the designation had to be real and had to be significant. And, we knew that the designation had to be compatible with ranch viability.

We also believed that a congressional act for securing the future of Owyhee County’s grazing base would have to deal with something progressive from the standpoint of protecting species. Close to our minds was the fact that we were facing restrictive actions being justified on the plight of the sage grouse, even though we knew that there was insufficient research to form a base for such actions. So, we roughly outlined an idea for conducting research as to species affecting the landscape and grazing, to produce research results, to coordinate other research, and to provide studies that could be replicated throughout the western grazing states.

Finally, we were faced with what all responsible motorized recreationists recognized: irresponsible motorized users were destroying vital resources and the beauty of the landscape. So, we knew that we should provide for funding a BLM transportation and recreation plan that would accomplish two very important things: first, provide for a meaningful recreation experience for responsible people who want to enjoy the off-road internal beauty of the Owyhees, and second, protect the resources from senseless destruction.

Synergy of objectives

From these thoughts came the genesis of the Initiative. In the meantime, Craig Gehrke of the Wilderness Society had called Owyhee County Commissioner Hal Tolmie to discuss whether there was a possibility of working out some sort of compromise plan that designated wilderness, yet didn’t put ranchers out of business. So, we knew there was interest, we just didn’t know how much.

I went to Tolmie and presented the Initiative idea. He asked me, as he always has and always does, “How much will it cost?” I said, “Considerable”, but “I don’t know how much.” He asked, “Can we make it work?” I said, “I don’t know, but if we can it will set the future.” Without hesitation, he said, “Let’s do

it.”

The next stop I made, however, was at the White House — not in D.C. but in Marsing — to meet with Bill and Tim Lowry. It was their case that had started my sleepless night, and, frankly, I felt that we would need their support to make the effort work. Tim said he thought maybe it was their only chance, and Bill said he would think about it. A little discouraged, I went on to yet another meeting to discuss yet another set of “comments” — one float in the endless parade of “commenting” without result, without even causing a moment’s delay to never-ending regulations and decisions that were adverse to grazing. But when I got home there was a message on the answering machine from Tim saying that on the way home he and his dad talked and by the time they got back to Pleasant Valley, they were both enthusiastic about making the effort.

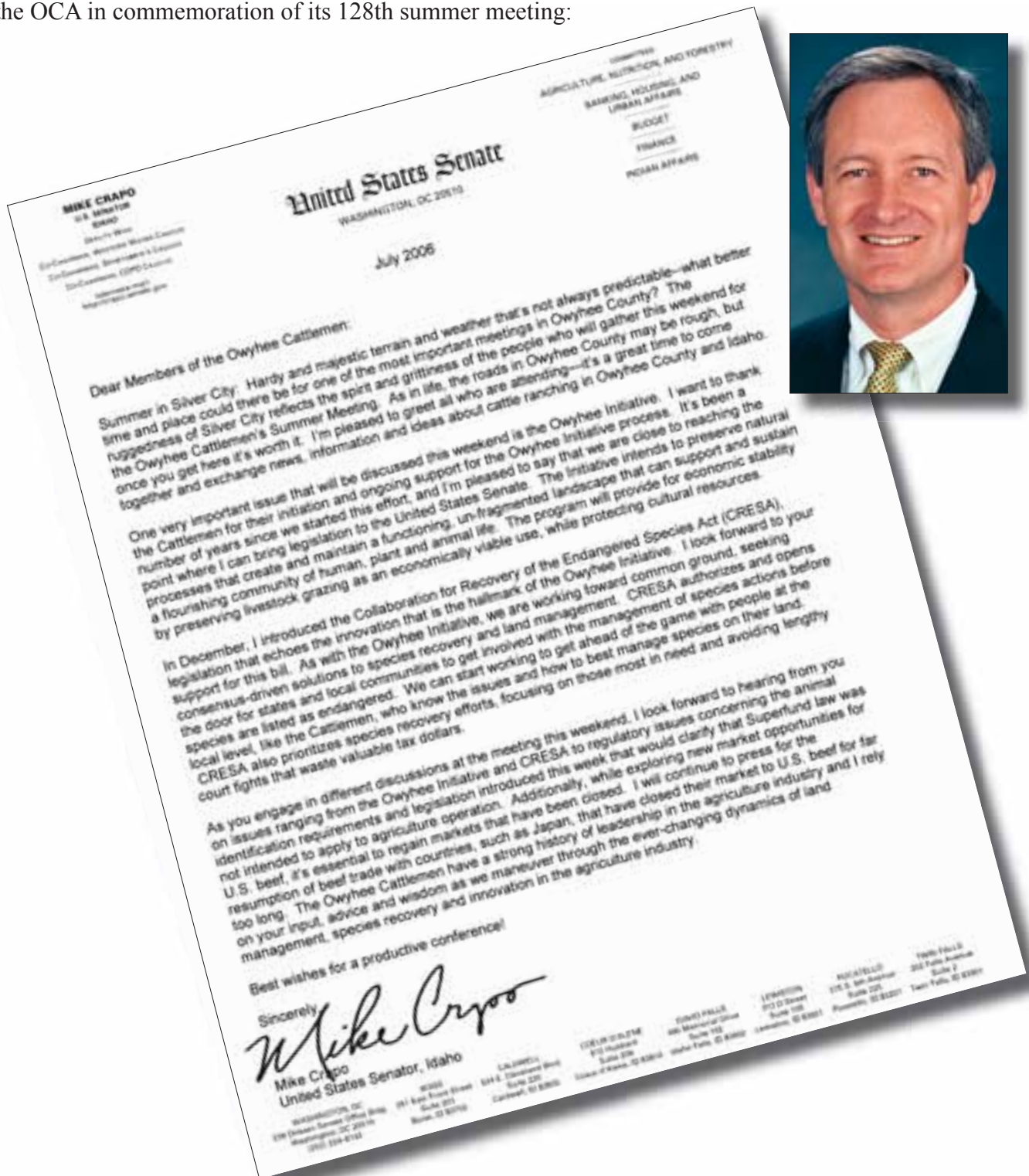
After the monument designation had been avoided, the county commissioners wrote a letter to all members of the Idaho congressional delegation and to the governor, requesting that the County be involved in trying to reach any compromise that might be put together for wilderness designation in the county. Sen. Crapo’s staff replied and arranged a meeting between the senator and the commissioners at the Nampa City Hall during the senator’s visit to the state for the Lincoln Day luncheons and dinners. The senator pledged to carry a bill if we could put together a coalition of conservation groups, landowners, recreation users and the County.

So, Chad and I met with the state leader of the Nature Conservancy because of Chad’s familiarity with some of the organization’s efforts in Arizona. Together, at Noodles restaurant in Nampa, we identified the groups we would like to include. From the County’s and ranchers viewpoint, we were comfortable with the Wilderness Society because of Craig’s contact with Hal Tolmie. We also were comfortable with the Idaho Conservation

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Owyhee Initiative

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo is scheduled to address the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association at its annual convention Saturday. He is expected to deliver the latest news on the progress of the Owyhee Initiative, including its possible introduction as a bill to the Senate. The senator dispatched the following letter to the OCA in commemoration of its 128th summer meeting:



Long road

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League because of its willingness to try to resolve snail problems and work through the discussion groups that Cindy Bachman had put together for the Natural Resources Committee, and also because one of their members had shown through work on a cooperative plan for The Cliffs allotment that he was not opposed to responsible grazing. So, we recommended the participation of those groups to the commissioners, hoping that the groups would accept an invitation to develop a conflict-resolution plan.

Convincing the players

When I first met with representatives of the groups, they needed to determine whether this was a real effort to find a middle ground for resolution, or just a public relations plan to make the County and the ranchers look good. One question

put to me was whether this was simply an effort to set aside Winmill's decisions. I said that this was an effort to put behind us the expense and the waste connected with litigation and prolonged wrangling over issues as to use and preservation of the resource. But, I admitted that the Winmill decisions had forced me to the point of considering this approach.

After that meeting, the Work Group was formed and began its work. Gehrke (Wilderness Society), John McCarthy (Idaho Conservation League), Lou Lunte (Nature Conservancy), Grant Simonds (Idaho Outfitters and Guides), Sandra Mitchell (People for the Owyhees), Bachman (Soil Conservation Districts), Ted Hoffman (Borderlands Trust), Inez Jaca (County Commissioners), and Gibson (Owyhee Cattleman's Association) and I went to work. Alternates who worked hard to help flesh out the Agreement were Brenda Richards (now a member of the Work Group), Frank Bachman, Lahsha Johnson, Will Whelan and Roger

Singer (who later became a member when the commissioners expanded the Work Group).

During my absence after heart bypass surgery, Gehrke and Gibson served as co-chairs of the Work Group and kept activities moving along.

The final package that has been delivered to Sen. Crapo represents a victory for every group at the negotiating table. As Gehrke says, "The Owyhee Initiative is a hard-won, fairly fought compromise on the part of all interests. From the Wilderness Society's perspective, the benefits of the total package are huge. All the members of the Work Group are committed to doing all we can to get this legislation through Congress."

And, Gibson, after a few moments of thoughtful contemplation of the five-year process, says, "Nobody won everything they wanted, but everyone

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grazing section.

Brandau served as Watermaster on Reynolds Creek in the 1930s and was a member of the school boards for Wilson and Glendale.

He also gave back to his community, donating to the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District the land on which the Wilson firehouse was built.

Brandau also served on the Owyhee County Fair Board and the Owyhee Soil Conservation Service.

Charles W. Burghardt

March 9, 1931-Sept. 29, 2005

Like many Owyhee County natives, Charles Burghardt left the area only to come back to his roots at a later time.

Burghardt left his native Grand View for Chicago three years after his 1949 gradu-

ation from Grand View High School.

He was a factory worker in Illinois before relocating to California to work on the freeways around Hayward.

Eventually, he returned to Grand View to work the family ranch. He kept at it until 1993 when he sold the ranch and retired.



Robert J. Gluch

Nov. 20, 1913-March 11, 2006

An honorary lifetime member of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association, Robert "Bob" Gluch lived by his father's credo that hard work and the respect of your neighbors would allow you to succeed in life.

Gluch was born in Pleasant Valley and never strayed far from his roots. He was educated in Jordan Valley and worked his family's ranch in that area.

He married Ulea (Peach) Whitby in Caldwell on Aug. 25, 1936. They were married for 68 years until Peach's death in 2005.

After their marriage, the Gluchs lived at Frank Maher Flat until buying the Chris Driscoll ranch in Pleasant Valley in the fall of 1943.

Gluch eventually would acquire the Flary Lawrence and Bruno Gluch ranches. In 1973, Bob and Peach sold the operation to Tom and Anita Gluch



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then bought a house in Jordan Valley in 1979.

He served as a committeeman on the Soldier Creek Grazing District and was named the Idaho Grassman of the Year in 1961. He was a charter member of the Jordan Valley Rodeo Board and became a life member of the OCA in 1983.

Robert W. Harris

Sept. 17, 1914-March 10, 2006

Robert "Bob" Harris, who was born in Riverside and graduated from Grand View High School in 1934, can be characterized as a man who was influenced strongly by the western way of life.

He worked as a cowhand and had a reputation as an excellent horseman and adept roper. He served on the Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse and was a member

of the Odd Fellows, the Owyhee County Calf Ropers, the Owyhee County Historical Society, the Grand View Senior Citizens and the OCA.

He married Lora Jane Dobbin in 1941, and they bought a ranch in Grand View.

Two years after Lora's death in 1972, Harris wed Margaret J. Bachman, and they remained in Grand View until 2000.



Ben W. Panzeri

July 19, 1937-Nov. 21, 2005

Former Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president Ben "Benny" Panzeri was killed in a truck accident near Marsing last November. He served as OCA president in 1972.

Panzeri was born in Nampa and graduated from Marsing High School, where he earned a football scholarship to the University of Idaho.

He married Mary Moore in 1959.

Panzeri was famous for raising award-winning snaffle bit and cutting horses, and he had a passion for ranching, team roping and sports of all kinds.

He was a member of the OCA board of directors for many years and also served as president and on the board of the Idaho Reined Cow Horse Association.

Outside of his ranching and equine interests, Panzeri served on the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Board.



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Life Members

Fred and Lodice Grant: Always Owyhee

Although Fred and Lodice Grant came from different parts of the country, Owyhee County courses through their veins.

Lodice was born in Price, Utah, on April 20, 1937. Fred was born in Hartsville, S.C., on July 2, 1936.

In early 1940, Fred moved to Murphy with his parents Earl and Ruth. Earl was well-known because of his garage and service station in Murphy. He also was a justice of the peace and had a slot machine and liquor store in the service station. Ruth served as deputy clerk in County Clerk's office.

Fred's paternal grandparents, Robert and Julia Grant, had a winter home in Boise, and in the summer they had their home in Murphy. Robert freighted into

the mines area with mule teams and had a turnaround camp at the Democrats.

After World War II began, Fred's family moved to Nampa where his dad stayed in the service station business for many years. Every weekend, they made the trek to Murphy to visit Fred's grandmother, "Mommie" Grant, as she was known throughout the town. She lived in the house now owned by Jim Mowbray. On the weekend they would drive out to see her and take her a bottle of port wine. She used it as "medicine" for her arthritis and rheumatism, and since she knew delivery was as regular as clockwork, she and Mrs. Drollinger would kill off the remains of the prior week's bottle in a night of "gossip"

every Friday night.

Lodice moved to Melba, and then Nampa with her parents when she was 6.

Both Fred and Lodice went through Nampa schools and graduated from Nampa High School in 1954.

After graduation, Lodice worked in the accounting office of Mountain Bell Telephone, and Fred worked 50 hours a week at KFXD radio as disc jockey and general announcer.

They were married in Nampa on April 20, 1956.

Fred graduated from the College of Idaho in 1958 and received a National Honor Scholarship to the University of

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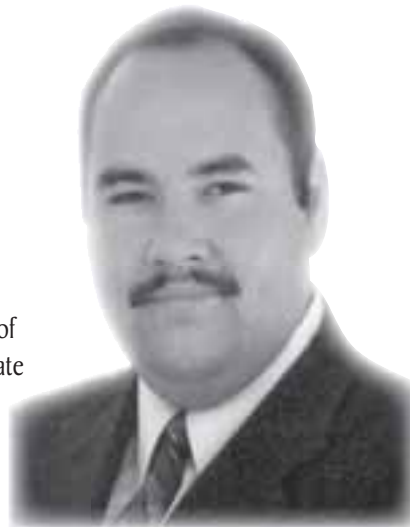
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The Grants

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Chicago School of Law, so they moved.

In 1961, the Grants moved to Baltimore, where Fred became Clerk to Chief Judge Frederick W. Brune of the Maryland Court of Appeals, and Lodice was appointed assistant sales manager of the Johns Hopkins University Press.

Fred was appointed as assistant

United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, where he served until being named assistant States Attorney of Baltimore City and moved into the slot of Chief of the Organized Crime Division.

Lodice left the Press in 1967 when their first son, Andrew, was born. Their second son, Jonathan, was born in 1970.

After several years of service as an organized crime prosecutor, Fred went into the private practice of criminal law.

In 1972, they moved back to Idaho. Fred

was appointed director of the Idaho Human Rights Commission where he served until he was appointed counsel to the Law Enforcement Planning Commission, and then counsel to Gov. John Evans.

Lodice served as secretary to the Parish priests in Caldwell and then was named secretary to the late Bishop Sylvester Treinen; she later was named comptroller of the Diocese of Idaho and served in that capacity until the retirement of Bishop Treinen. Then, she remained in the fiscal department of the Diocese until her retirement three years ago.

After leaving the governor's office, Fred was supervising law clerk to Judge Edward J. Lodge and the district judges in Caldwell. He joined the staff of Canyon County Clerk Bill Staker and became his deputy to the Board of Canyon County Commissioners.

In 1990, Fred began serving as consultant to the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners, with special emphasis on natural resource planning and protecting the ranching industry in Owyhee County. He served as consultant to Boise City and Canyon County in matters of personnel and performed appellate work for the Canyon County Public Defender's office.

In 1996, he supplemented his private consultant work by joining the staff of the Stewards of the Range, and has continually performed work for that organization, helping people throughout the nation defend private property rights. He is now a member of the Board of Directors of Stewards, and serves as the organization's public policy director and chairman of its Litigation Committee.

Fred and Lodice now live in Nampa.

The Grants' ties to Owyhee County and its people link directly through Fred's dad and his longtime love of the county. Fred remembers that when returning on those long car rides from South Carolina after visiting his grandparents, on a rainy day, far off in the horizon, Pop would spot a piece of blue sky and announce to everybody in the car that Murphy was right under that clear spot.

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Life Members

Bob Kelly: A good life wrapped in leather

Bob Kelly was born in 1918 and raised in Owyhee County. His folks and extended family always had horses and cattle. He worked on ranches in the Idaho-Oregon-Nevada (ION) corner country when he could find a job during the Depression of the 1930s.

While working at the Lucky Seven ranch between Winnemucca and McDermitt in Nevada in 1941, Bob joined the Army and spent four years in a tank combat unit, ending up in Europe with Gen. George S. Patton's division.

After he came home from the service, Bob worked on ranches and married Lena May Carothers of Oreana. They had two children, Kay and Tom, before Bob made his first saddle.

At that time, they were living on a ranch south of Givens Hot Springs. Ray Holes, owner of Ray Holes Saddle Co., stopped by the ranch there and was impressed enough with Bob's first saddle to offer him a job making saddles at his shop in Grangeville.

In 1952, the Kellys moved to Grangeville where Bob made saddle trees until 1955, at which time he began making saddles full-time. While living in Grangeville, Bob managed a small cow/calf operation, started colts, shod horses, cowboyed in what he calls "the steepest cow country in the world" — the Salmon River Breaks — and, with the encouragement of lifelong friend Luis Ortega, learned rawhide braiding.

Bob and Lena had two more children while living in Grangeville, Milt and Bill. He made 1,720 saddles while working for Holes. With their children raised, the Kellys moved to Tres Pinos, Calif., where Bob began making saddles in his own name. While living in San Benito County, Bob enjoyed working cattle in the back country on some of the oldest Spanish land grant ranches in that area.

Before retiring from saddle making, he made more than 2,000 saddles, most for working ranch people in the ION



Loves of Kelly's life

Bob Kelly gets immense joy from two things in life: Saddlework, such as handsewing a scalloped rawhide cattle binding (above), and riding horseback with his great grandson, Wyatt (right). Submitted photos

corner country. However, he has saddles in nine western states, Alabama and Germany. During his career, he made saddles for three generations of ranchers in the Payette area. Actor Sam Elliott also has a Bob Kelly saddle.

Over the years, friends and family have been delighted time after time with smaller leather gifts of beautifully decorated belts, holsters, knife scabbards, spur straps and cell phone holders.

Horses and cattle have been a constant part of Bob's life, and after returning to Owyhee County in 1982, he helped friends and family work cattle. He especially enjoyed branding calves. Keeping track of the number of brandings he attended over the recent years, he hit an all-time high of 13 brandings in one year. Bob enjoyed one branding early this summer with his great grandson, Wyatt.



In 2001, Bob served as the grand marshal for the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo parade.

And the honors continued. Bob was inducted into the Buckaroo Hall of Fame in Winnemucca several years ago. He was able to attend the ceremony to accept the plaque, and applauds the Hall's efforts to celebrate a way of life that is the basis for the customs and cultures of the ION corner country.

In July 2005, Kelly received the Don King Lifetime Achievement Award for Western Saddle makers in acknowledgement of his contribution to the art of saddle making.

Bob was his own first and last customer, and made his last saddle for himself in 2003 at the age of 85. He has had a lifetime full of horses, cattle and leather.

Life Members

Barbara and David Lahtinen: Traditions

Each morning, David and Barbara Lahtinen wake up to paradise in Little Valley.

They own Sunset Ranches near Bruneau, which have been in David's family for at least four generations.

"There isn't any other career or profession that you can go out in the morning and see a deer and her baby walking along the creek in the alfalfa field," Barbara said. "Or watch the beautiful sunsets over the Owyhees."

In 50 years of marriage, the only thing David and Barbara have known are the hard work and long hours of ranching.

But the heritage they uphold requires such dedication. The Idaho Historical Society says the ranch has been around since 1884. It's one of six Owyhee County sites designated as Century Ranches.

David says the tradition stretches back to the 1860s and his great great grandfather R.M. Stone, who he said was the first white settler in Little Valley.

"It's just something that we've carried on," David said. "It's an awful lot of work, but there is a lot of satisfaction in ranching for the simple fact that you're working for yourself."

The Lahtinens have raised four children on the ranch and have taken few days off. David will turn 70 in October, and Barbara turned 69 last month.

"It's a seven-day-a-week job," David said. "You don't have any weekends off."

"Your day off is like checking cows on the mountain or going in the late evening to get some groceries in town."

David admits that the label work-a-holic has been hung on him more than once in the past 50 years, and the Lahtinens' children have tried to help out wherever they can. One son, Curtis, still lives on the ranch and works with his father after his workweek with the Owyhee County roads department ends.

"I think they just kind of burned out," David said of his children after years of helping on the ranch.



50 years of ranching

David and Barbara Lahtinen have ranched in Little Valley since the 1950s, and their ranch has been in David's family since the late 1800s.

But the Lahtinens concede that the history of the ranch in the family may be drawing to a close. David blames a combination of economics and politics.

"There's no enthusiasm for these younger kids to stay in the business," he said. "And I find that in the whole community."

"... These younger generations see what they can do in town and see the high wages they can make in town and they can work four or five days a week and two days or three days off, and that's what they want. It makes it pretty hard to hold the kids on that ranch."

He added that interference from the federal government also makes it tougher, but the new administration in the Bureau of Land Management is making the lifestyle somewhat easier.

"But I'm to the age that I can't handle all that work anymore, so we're going to have to think about doing something else," David said.

The Lahtinens don't like to think too much about the future of the ranch because of the good memories it has afforded them.

"There's quite an old saying that the rancher can have the good things in life, which is a good horse and a good dog and a good wife and a good family," David said. "You know you feel fortunate when you have all those things."



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	Norman MacKenzie	1985	Johnny Miller		Bill Lowry
1969	Henry Hatton		Jim Alzoa	1996	Bob Collett
	Albert Harley		Bill Maher		Bus Cummings
1970	Jonas Bass		Art Bahem		Gene Davis
	Kirby Forman		Emeline Nettleton		Hazel Hanley
	Earl Bachmann		Rollie Patrick		Tom Skinner
	Hugh Nettleton		Dick Benham	1997	Frank and Natalie Davis
1971	Milford Vaught	1986	George Johnstone		Ray and Bonnie Colyer
	Omar Stanford		Henry Brandau		Frances Field
	Angel Bilboa		Al Curtis	1998	Tom and Celia Hall
	Zack Montini		Jay Thompson		Jack and Elvira Potter
	Bill Burghardt		Clayton Turner		Gene Stanford
	Theron Adcock	1987	Bill Tindall	1999	Joe Black
1972	Ray Pershall		Harold Markley		Ronald Hutchison
	Al Mackey		Curley Heath		Herb Mink
1973	Walt Adams	1988	Willie Panzeri		Merv Robinson
1974	None		Bob Harris	2000	Bud Greeley
1975	Marion Wroten		Frank Maher		Clarence and Virginia Miller
1976	Elmer C. Johnston		Owen Barton	2001	No one chosen
1977	Pearle Davis		Fostino Alzola	2002	Richard Bennett
1978	Marvin Jess	1989	Bob Davis	2003	Ace and Marilyn Black
	Joe Nettleton		Monk Stimmel	2004	Frankie Dougal
	Albert Black		Don McKay		Virginia Stanford
	Frank Baltzor	1990	Rufus Lequerica		Dick and Karen Bass
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1979	None		Bill Swan	2005	Juanita Johnstone
1980	Lee Stanford		Chuck Dougal		Dick and Barbara Jayo
	Ed Muller		Gertrude Anderson		Virginia Belknap
1981	Cliff Feltwell	1991	Gusty Elordi		
	Everett Townsend		(in memory)		
1982	Joe Turner		Chet Tindall		
	Grant Strickland	1992	Bill Tindall		
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Murphy Stockyards

Outgoing OCA leader wants to preserve historic loading chute

Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president Brad Huff is leaving office, but he still has the dream of preserving the remnants of the Murphy Stockyards as a link to the beginnings of the county's vibrant cattle industry.

Huff said that research by Connie Brandau revealed the site on which the stockyards stand is owned by the OCA.

"We are promoting a project this year to clean up the Murphy Stockyards and preserve what is left of the loading chute," he said.

The location, by which the railroad used to run, was a significant shipping point for cattle, horses and sheep, Huff said.

The association hopes to complete the project by fall.

Above: Cowboys Cy Aman and Hubert Nettleton bring in the last herd of steers to leave Murphy by train in 1946. Photo by Virginia Aman.

Below: The loading chute at the Murphy Stockyard as it looks today. Plans are to preserve the chute and place a commemorative plaque at the site.



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got what they needed to make the Initiative work to their benefit. Ranchers can stay in business, and the landscape will continue to be protected.”

Simonds, of the Outfitters and Guides, says, “I’m glad we didn’t hire a professional facilitator. We worked

through our own problems, stayed at the table, listened to each other, grew and prevailed.”

A monument for all to enjoy

Members and alternates have put in huge numbers of hours, enduring stressful meetings and conferences, in working toward the goal set by the commissioners: to protect the landscape, to protect the viability of grazing, and

to protect the custom and culture of the people of the county. The Agreement that was signed more than two years ago is the monument that they leave to a cooperative, full-out press in behalf of all the people of Owyhee County.

The past two years have been spent in developing the details of the Bill. The Cattleman’s Association agreed, in a historic meeting, to support wilderness as proposed by the BLM in a long-ignored plan. But, more significantly, the Association voted to support any wilderness designation that resulted from voluntary participation by ranchers who could achieve more economical and viable grazing systems through exchanges or sales. It was that voluntary participation that made the Agreement and the Bill possible. Those additions to the Wilderness, together with Wild and Scenic River designations, made the package a good one for the conservation groups.

Working out the details of those exchanges and sales has taken up most of the past 24 months — a time that seemed endless, a time that tested patience stretched thin by the long hours of work and the desire to see a finished product. Often during this time, I was the most impatient of all because I wanted to see a product while still breathing. I appreciate the restraint of other members of the Work Group at my most impatient moments.

Because of the efforts of all hundreds of people, we will be able to work for the passage of the Owyhee Initiative Implementation Act, which will keep Owyhee County at the forefront of the West in trying to protect the resource, the history and the economy of its citizens.

When the last edits of the last draft of the Bill were submitted earlier this month, I wrote an e-mail quoting the singer Barry Manilow’s words of a song “Looks Like We Made It.” Someone expressed surprise at my knowledge of Barry Manilow, and Staci Grant, who has worked tirelessly at facilitating meetings and communications, pointed out my attendance even at concerts of Kiss and then added an alternative lyric from Paul Stanley of Kiss:

“Sailed into dark and endless nights, and made it alive.”



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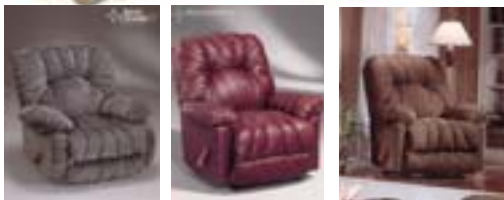
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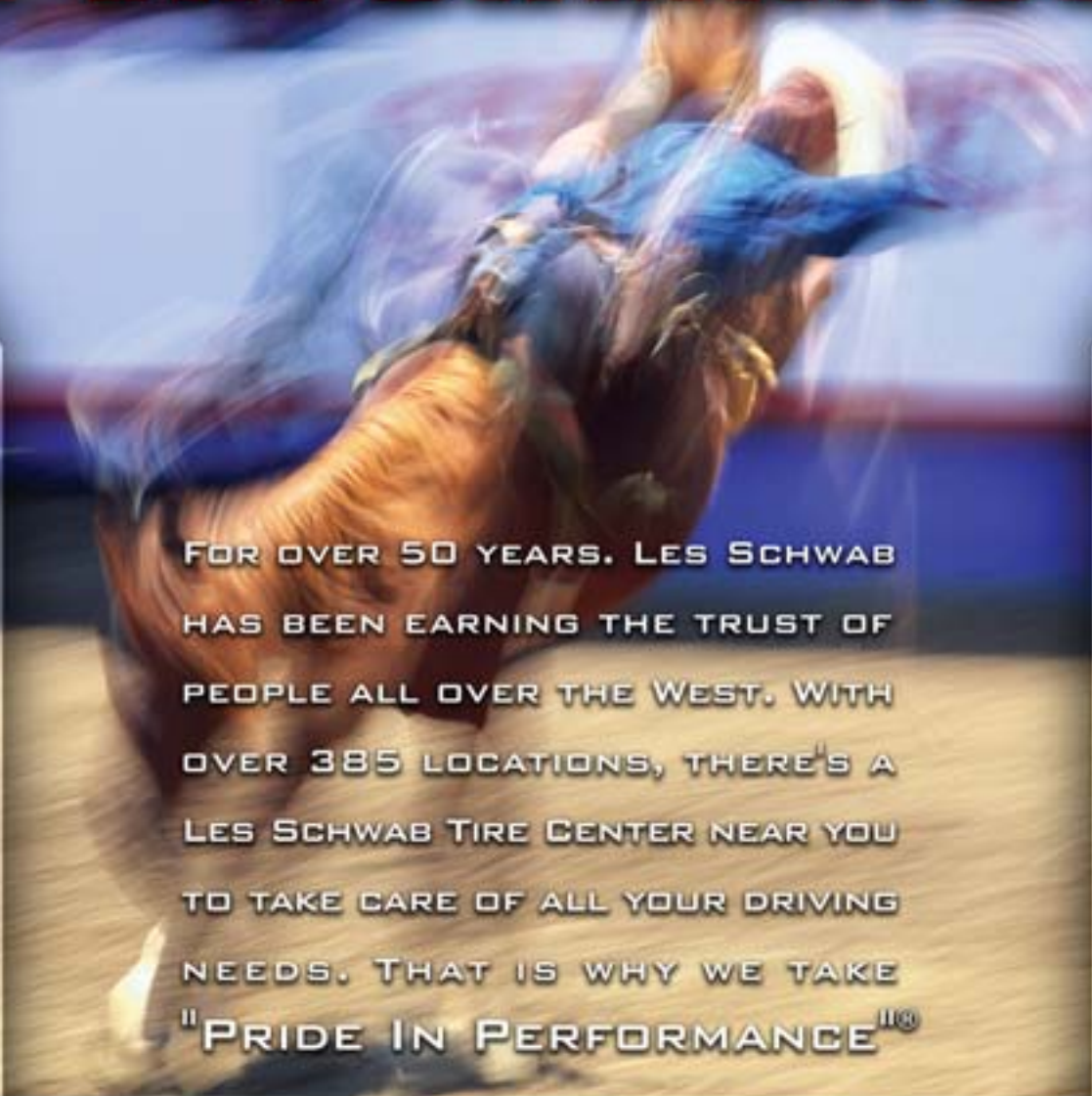
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