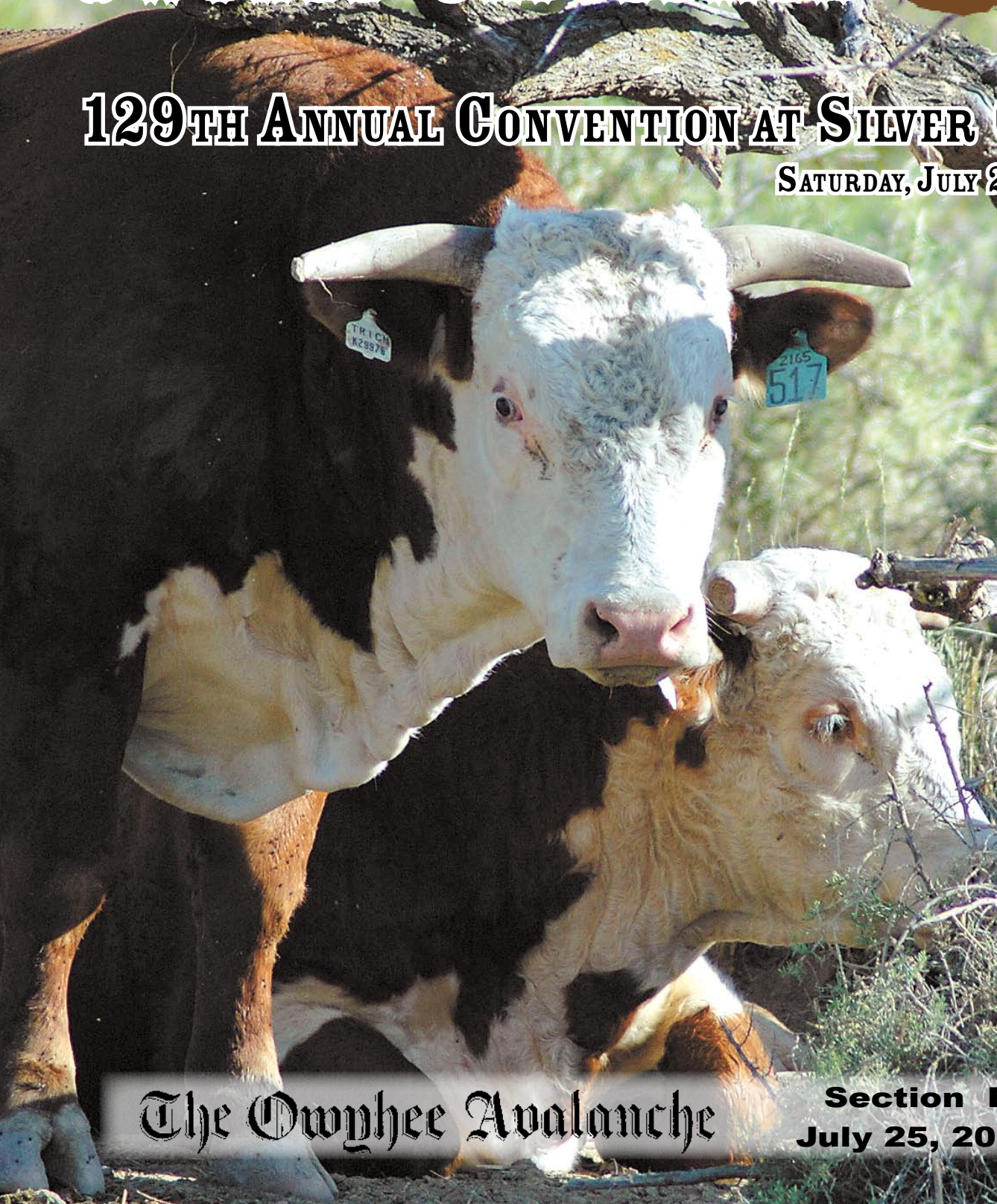


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Owyhee Cattlemen's Association
Silver City, Idaho

Saturday, July 28

9:00 am **Registration**

9:30 am **Business Meeting**

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 Introductions and President's Report – Russ Turner
 Election of Directors - Past President, Brad Huff

10:30 am **General Business Meeting**

Life Member Award - Elias & Inez Jaca
 Owyhee Initiative Update

Guest Speakers

Dale Dixon, Idaho Rural Partnerships

LUNCH BREAK (Potluck)

2:00 pm **Continue Business Meeting**
 Presentation of Resolutions
 Old and New Business



Evening Activities

5:00 pm Social, sponsored by OWYHEE CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
 6:00 pm Dinner, catered by H&M Meats, *BBQ tri-tip*, \$16 per person

9:00 pm Dance "The Bob Oliver Band" \$5/person

Sunday, July 29

7-9:00 am Breakfast, catered by H&M Meats, \$9.50 per person
bacon, sausage, pancakes, hash browns, eggs, juice, coffee

10:00 am Directors Meeting - Nettleton Horse Corral



129TH SUMMER MEETING

Cattlemen reunite in Silver City

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— Dale Dixon
executive director,
Idaho Rural Partnership

For the third year, the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association will hold its summer convention inside the Silver City Masonic Hall as renovation of the Silver City schoolhouse winds down.

The 129th annual summer gathering of the region's ranchers runs Saturday and Sunday in Silver City, with a business meeting, social hour and dinner and dance on Saturday.

Sunday is reserved for a breakfast, followed by the board of directors meeting.

Registration for the convention begins at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Masonic Lodge.

Highlights of the meeting, which starts at 9:30 a.m., include an update on the Owyhee Initiative, the presentation

of a Life Member Award to Reynolds Creek-area ranchers Elias and Inez Jaca and guest speakers.

Idaho Rural Partnership executive director Dale Dixon will address the membership. Dixon is a former Owyhee County resident and a graduate of Homedale High School.

A broadcasting veteran, Dixon began in his Idaho Rural Partnership position in January 2005.

Dixon, who now lives in Nampa, plans a presentation entitled "Rural Idaho — Change in Perspective."

The talk will take the group on a journey of global, regional and local perspectives on agriculture/natural resource issues. He'll also take a look ahead at markets and trends in an attempt to gauge the future for rural Idaho.

"There is a place for producers in the future — they are incredibly important to the state's way of life and economy," Dixon wrote in an e-mail. "Their ability to adapt to change sets them up for success."

Before Dixon's address, the Cattlemen will elect new members for the board of directors.

Resolutions will be presented to the OCA membership Saturday afternoon after a break for a potluck lunch.

Saturday night, the social will begin at 5 p.m., followed by a barbecue tri-tip dinner catered by H&W Meats at 6 p.m. Cost is \$16 per person.

The dance starts at 9 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person. The Bob Oliver Band will provide music.

Sunday's activities start with a 7 a.m. breakfast, again catered by H&W Meats, and featuring bacon, sausage, pancakes, hash browns, eggs, juice and coffee. Cost is \$9.50.

The directors will hold a 10 a.m. meeting at the Nettleton Horse Corral to wrap up another summer convention.

— JPB



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INCOMING PRESIDENT

Rutan upholding rich tradition

There's no denying that Dana Rutan always has wanted to run cattle for a living.

The 28-year-old incoming Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president was 12 when he made the decision.

"When I was 12 years old, I got up in the morning and looked out the window and said, 'I'm going to have my own cows and ranch some day,' " Rutan said.

"I love the way of life."

Rutan still is working on his dream, helping out at Morgan Ranches as he formulates a plan for his own spread some day.

And he has never wavered from the collision course with his destiny.

As a teenager, he even put it in writing.

In something that must have resembled an initiation ritual, Rutan stood before the OCA directors during their Sunday meeting at the Nettleton Corral in Silver City and read aloud an essay on why he wanted to get into the cattle business.

His father, then-board member David Rutan, was among the men listening.

Dana seemingly understood what it meant to stay in the business, not only for the fulfillment of being a producer but also to help perpetuate the lifestyle.

"It's a great way to raise your kids," he said. "You can't beat the lifestyle."

Dana and his wife, Billie, live in the South Mountain area near Jordan Valley with their son, 7-year-old Lewis, and twin 5-year-old daughters, Dally and Riatta. Billie was expected to deliver the couple's fourth child, Ruthie Ann, last Sunday.

Sounds like Dana will be busy with a presidency and a daughter both in their infancies.

"It's a huge responsibility," he said of the OCA leadership role, "but I can't think of a better group to be in front of."

Rutan said that he's not worried



Dana Rutan, top, will be installed as the next president of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association during this weekend's summer meeting. His family includes, from left to right, son, Lewis, daughter, Riatta, wife, Billie and daughter, Dally. A new daughter, Ruthie Ann, was due last Sunday.

about biting off more than he can chew with a growing family and a budding presidency.

"If I get nervous or worn down, I have a real good board to lean on for help," he said.

And, like many of his fellow board members, he's young.

Dana's 25-year-old brother, Doug, is a board member and another 20- or 30-something, Tristan Hook of Grand View, also serves as a director.

"There's a new generation coming in," Dana Rutan said. "It's time for the

— See **Rutan**, page 6B

INCOMING PRESIDENT

Rutan: *New guard ready to take the reins*



Dana Rutan, right, helps his son, Lewis, with his rope during a branding in Murphy

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young guys to step up and do it.”

Rutan said that an infusion of younger blood is important for the survival of the OCA and the industry given the proliferation of ranches on vast acreage and the decline of the number of folks making their living from the cattle business.

“There’s just a lot less people doing this than there used to be,” he said. “There are quite a few ‘hobby cowboys.’ They do it only on the weekends and don’t do it for a living.”

Rutan, obviously, is in the business to make a living, but — like any cattleman worth his salt — he has a keen sense of his obligation to give back to the habitat as well as the industry.

Rutan has pushed for a program to help maintain sage-grouse populations. Keeping the bird off the endangered species list protects ranchers’ ability to continue to use the range to feed their cattle.

But preserving the sage-grouse is only one aspect of the overall objective of ensuring there is a future in ranching for the next young man who might stand up and nervously pledge his allegiance to the wide-open spaces and the quality of life.

And Rutan says that begins with the Owyhee Initiative, and re-educating people on the important role that the cattle industry plays not only in feeding folks but also in maintaining the land.

Basically, undoing the work of environmental extremists.

“They’ve made the cow a four-letter word, which is the problem,” Rutan said. “I don’t know how to go about changing people’s minds. A rancher, by far, is the No. 1 conservationist.

“You conserve everything and try to make it better for the next year and the next year after that.”



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OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Turner goes from bovines to a beat

When Russ Turner relinquishes the gavel at the Owyhee Cattlemen's summer meeting Saturday in Silver City, he won't be losing touch with the industry.

Turner picked up a new challenge when he was sworn in as an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy in late February. He was scheduled to attend the Idaho Peace Officer Standards Training (POST) Basic Patrol Academy earlier this month.

Much like backcountry deputy George Reed gives the sheriff's office a connection with cattlemen, Turner expects his new job will be made easier because of his dealings with the ranchers.

"Even with backcountry deputy George Reed, the sheriff's office has dedicated quite a few resources to cattlemen's issues," Turner said.

"We're seeing more and more recre-



Russ Turner, 2006



Russ Turner, today

ational pressure throughout the year — not just during hunting season. I think that relationship between the sheriff's office and the ranching community is going to be more and more important."

Turner was a posse member before becoming a full-time deputy.

"It helps to improve the communication between the sheriff's office and the

cattlemen's association, and it serves to strengthen that relationship," Turner said of a close bond between the law and cattlemen.

Turner will stay on the OCA board of directors for another year as past president. He and his wife, Vicki, remain active in ranching, so he doesn't foresee any big changes.

"The Cattlemen's are a big part of Vicki's and my life," Turner said.

Turner admits that stepping into his new occupation as a full-time lawman could have impacted the effectiveness of his office. But he said any possible negative effects were avoided through the cooperation of the board of directors.

"I probably relied more on the board and (University of Idaho Owyhee Extension educator) Scott Jensen and the

— See **Turner**, page 8B

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OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Turner: Thanks OCA board for assistance

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folks there at the extension office — and my wife,” Turner said. “We really relied on everybody’s help to keep this going.”

“This” is the OCA’s continued effort to serve as a steward of the industry. Exhibiting the modesty that seems to be genetic among ranchers, Turner refused to take any personal credit for progress made on critical issues — Owyhee Initiative and sage-grouse conservation among them — during his term.

“One person isn’t going to make that much — and shouldn’t make that much — of an impact in one year,” he said. “It’s a summation of the efforts of the board over the years.”

“You’ve been allowed the opportunity to participate in the organization and the programs we’re doing, and I feel good about it.”

And he says ranchers should have similar feelings about their single-minded fortitude to move the industry forward.

“You look at the challenges we’ve faced as an industry with forage and feed prices (and) the regulatory problems we continue to face, like sage-grouse and salmon,” Turner said.

“It just points up that the people in the business are a pretty dedicated bunch.”

— JPB

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Outgoing Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association president

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BRAND INSPECTOR

Young Miller comes home to stay

Bruneau native sees his new role with state as problem-solver, not enforcer



Branding, done here by Billie Rutan, helps inspector Jake Miller identify livestock

by John Bruyninckx

To some, the call to home can be very alluring. For Jake Miller, when the position of brand inspector for Owyhee and Elmore counties became available, he knew that home was precisely where he wanted to be.

Born and raised on his parents' ranch in Bruneau, Miller couldn't pass up the opportunity to return to his roots, and on June 12, 2006, it became official. He took over the reins from outgoing inspector Chuck Hall and has been on the job ever since.

Hall, a fourth-generation cowboy from Bruneau, retired after spending 24 years serving as brand inspector in southwestern Idaho.

Brand inspectors work through the Idaho State Police, and the state requires brands for stock such as cattle, horses and mules.

Miller, 25, left home in 2000 to attend the College of Southern Idaho, where he studied equine management. After he graduated, he spent some time at the world-renowned Calumet Farm in Kentucky. There he worked under the tutelage of Martin Black, starting colts. Lexington-based Calumet Farm has produced more Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes winners than any other breeder. The farm also has produced two Triple Crown winners (legendary horses Whirlaway in 1941 and Citation in 1948).

Now that he has been on the job for a little more than a year, Miller is learning the ebb and flow of the brand inspector business.

"It keeps me pretty busy year-round," he said. "But summer is slower than the rest of the year. I run a few cows on the side to keep busy."

Livestock runs in the blood of the Miller family. His father, Paul Miller,

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Miller: Dabbles in raising cattle on the side

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is currently a cow boss for J.D. Aldecoa and Son, the largest ranch in the Boise area.

Jake's wife of five years, Tammy, whom he met while attending CSI, is an accomplished barrel racer and is currently ranked No. 11 in the Idaho Cowboys Association Rodeo standings.

Autumn, winter and spring are the seasons that keep Miller the busiest with brand inspector duties. Cattle are

on the move during those times of the year, meaning there is an abundance of activities such as round-ups, moving stock to different grazing lands, sales and beef being sent to slaughter.

Although cattle rustlers have become mostly a chapter in Wild West history, there is still a need to sort out brands when cattle intermingle accidentally as a result of their movement. There is little or no rustling activity these days, but because brand inspector is a branch

of the ISP, the ability to use enforcement powers is available.

"They discourage us from writing citations and that sort of thing," Miller said.

"Mostly what we have are nuisance situations, and we figure them out."

When summer rolls back around, it's mostly horse shows that keep Miller occupied because livestock leaving the state of Idaho require a brand inspection.



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RESTORING HISTORY

Schoolhouse work continues

by John Bruyninckx

About five years ago, the Melba School District discovered it owned the dilapidated old school building in Silver City.

After consulting with an attorney, district officials determined that might not be a good thing. Because of the building's state of extreme disrepair and the added fact that it was unoccupied, officials determined that there were a number of liability factors that had to be addressed.

A town meeting was held, and a roomful of people threw out some ideas. The ideas ranged the full gamut from the sublime to the sub-par. But, the one that made the most sense was also the most obvious — a complete historical renovation.

The Historic Silver City Foundation was formed pretty much on the spot. There are six members, equally representing the major interested parties. Two members, including current foundation president Marty Peterson, are Silver City homeowners. Two represent the Melba School District and the other two belong to the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association. The cattlemen have a vested interest in the property because they have held their annual summer meeting there for many years.

The Historic Silver City Foundation wanted to do a true restoration, using historically accurate materials and matching the original design of the building, which was built in 1892.

The foundation was in possession of a photograph taken by Judge Elisha Lewis on Nov. 20, 1892. An accompanying inscription noted: "Took a picture of the new Silver City School today. Three of my older children Ella, Jennie and Lish have completed their education at the old Silver City school. Tomorrow morning 5 of my children will enroll in the new Silver City



Organizers hope to complete the restoration of the Silver City schoolhouse in time for the 130th anniversary of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association summer convention next year

School: George, Will, Lottie, Addie and Jim."

The photo left some foundation members in awe.

"I was amazed we had a photo that was taken just before the school opened," Peterson said. "Heck, I was amazed that someone back in 1892 actually had their own camera."

The photograph was clear enough to provide a lot of insight into the original design of the schoolhouse.

Renowned historic architect Fred Walters was brought on to the project. He created the architectural drawings needed for the renovation. Walters has

— See *School*, page 13B

RESTORING HISTORY

School: *Grand unveiling planned in 2008*

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overseen the entire process ever since, and the foundation could not be happier.

"Fred is the premier historic architect in the Northwest," Peterson said. "He has been involved all along and has been a great influence on the project."

Silver City, the Queen of the Owyhees, rules over a desolate area of southwestern Idaho. Silver City once boasted a population of around 2,500 people. These days, the total overall year-round population usually is listed as two. Caretakers look after the town during the nearly six-month period when it's inaccessible because of snow.

The isolation of the area has had a huge effect on the renovation project.

"The biggest obstacle is the remoteness of the area," Peterson said. "You don't just turn around and go to Home Depot and get whatever."

This was especially evident when torrential rains washed out the road on New Year's Eve in 2005, causing enough damage to limit traffic in and out of town for several months. Heavy equipment, such as a crane that was needed to perform some exterior work on the building, couldn't be brought in on schedule.

In spite of such difficulties, Peterson, who has owned a seasonal home in Silver City for about 35 years, remains undaunted. He is the schoolhouse's No. 1 advocate and continues to be the sole fund-raiser for the project. He obtained a \$225,000 federal grant, and another \$100,000 came by way of a gift from Tom and Martha May of Oakville, Calif., as a memorial to Tom's late brother, Eric May.

The May brothers are the great grandsons of one of Silver City's most illustrious citizens, Judge Edward Nugent, who practiced law and became

the first person to serve as judge of the Third District Court. A planned exhibit in the school will tell the story of Nugent and other pioneers of note, Peterson said.

With help from general contractor Herb Brice and his crew, the National Park Service and other integral people, most of the exterior work is now nearing completion. National Park Service crews are set to install some finished doors and windows in the next couple of weeks. Peterson said the exterior phase of the project should be finished by August.

The building is level again for the first time in years and the first-floor subflooring has been installed. The restoration committee had hoped the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association could return to the building for this year's meeting on Saturday, but the ranchers organization already had committed to return to the Masonic Hall for this year's convention.

Peterson estimates that another \$124,000 needs to be raised to finish the interior of the building. He has a possible line on the funds, but does not want

to make any announcements yet.

The entire project should be finished by the fall of 2008. The foundation's future plans include creating an interpretive center and establishing some connection to Idaho's fourth-grade curriculum on state history.

"That was one of my original ideas, to get some educational use out of the building," Peterson said. "To use the schoolhouse, possibly through school field trips, to light a fire under some of our kids that could last a lifetime. Plus, we're always looking for interesting ideas."

The final piece of the puzzle will drop into place when the project is topped off, literally, in September 2008. The already-refurbished belfry will be lowered into position to symbolically put a close to the restoration.

A bell-ringing ceremony will be conducted, hopefully in conjunction with a Nugent family reunion, and possibly the annual Silver City open house.

The goal is to put a fitting generational span on the project — starting from the day the school opened, until the final day of restoration.

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PRESERVING HERITAGE

Grad gauges Initiative support

by Luisa Lowry

In order to graduate from the state of Oregon, every senior has to complete a project that demonstrates Career Related Learning Skills. Each high school is able to set up the project in a way that will best benefit the school and students.

Jordan Valley High School requires a three-part project. Each senior must choose a career they are interested in entering. Then they must write a research paper on an issue relevant to that field, complete a job shadow, and put together a community project.

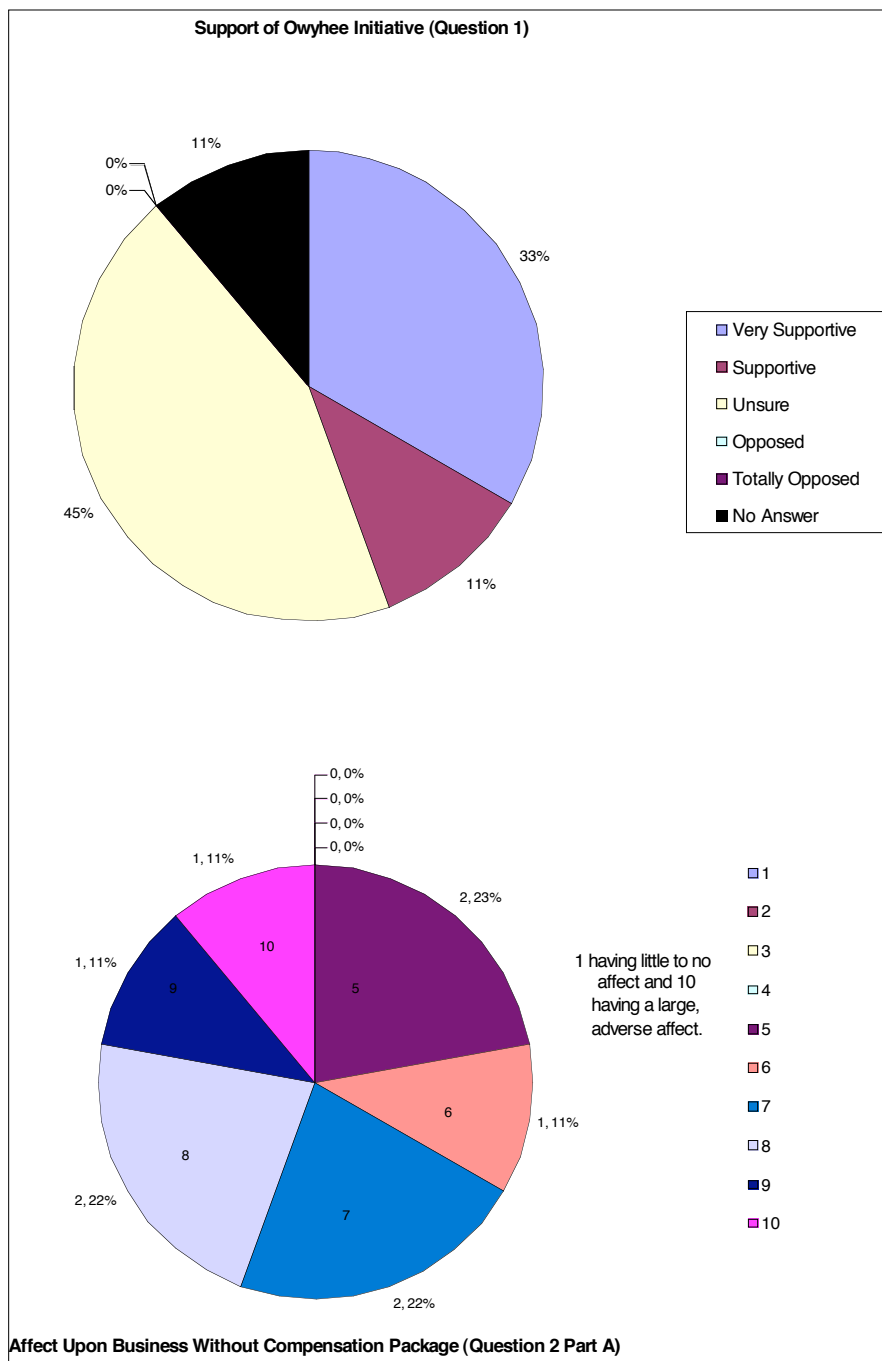
My career choice was politically related. When it came to writing my research paper, the Owyhee Initiative was the first thing to come to my mind. The Owyhee Initiative is a local issue, which directly affects most of the outlying residents of Jordan Valley and my family specifically.

When it came to my community project, I wanted to do something that would help the Initiative process. I created a five-question survey about the Owyhee Initiative, which I sent out to Jordan Valley businessmen and local ranchers directly affected by the proposal.

I asked Owyhee County Commissioner Jerry Hoagland what kind of information the commissioners were looking for from the community. He was very helpful when I set out creating my questions.

I sent out 18 surveys and was pleased to see nine of them were returned.

The results of the survey were surprising. I had expected a clear, unified message of support; however, my results were pretty evenly spread out with no clear theme. Of course, when looking at the results I had to factor in that although I had added cards asking each person to specify whether they were a businessman or rancher, very few of those were returned with the



actual surveys. So, I'm not sure if my results were influenced by a certain group or are a perfect combination of both groups. My original intent was to be able to discern between the two

groups' results.

I sent my results to the Commissioners and was glad to hear that they found

— See *Initiative*, page 16B

PRESERVING HERITAGE

Survey results

1) When asked to circle an option that best described their support of the Owyhee Initiative, 45 percent described it as being "unsure", 33 percent "very supportive", 11 percent "supportive", and 11 percent had no answer.

2) When asked what the affect upon their business would be if no compensation package was passed with 10 having a large, adverse affect and 1 having little, to no effect: 23 percent choose an effect of 5, 22 percent choose 7 and 8 respectively, and 11 percent choose 6, 9, and 10 respectively.

When asked to indicate if their support of the Initiative would continue without the compensation packages, 33 percent answered yes, 22 percent answered no, and 44 percent left no answer.

3) When asked what the impact upon their future would be if the Initiative is not passed: 56 percent said they wouldn't be largely affected, 22 percent said they would need to supplement their income, 11 percent said that they would need a new source of income, and 11 percent abstained.

4) When asked to rate seven different components of the Owyhee Initiative with 1 being unimportant and 5 being very important:

The Board of Directors

11 percent ranked it 2
22 percent ranked it 3
22 percent ranked it 4
44 percent ranked it 5

The Independent Peer Science Review

22 percent ranked it 2
22 percent ranked it 3
11 percent ranked it 4
44 percent ranked it 5

The Conservation and Research Center

22 percent ranked it 3
11 percent ranked it 4
33 percent ranked it 5
33 percent abstained

Release of Wilderness and Wild & Scenic Rivers

22 percent ranked it 2
22 percent ranked it 3
22 percent ranked it 4
22 percent ranked it 5
11 percent abstained

The new travel and recreation plan

11 percent ranked it 2

56 percent ranked it 3
11 percent ranked it 4
22 percent ranked 5

Support for protecting the cultural and historic resources of Owyhee County

11 percent ranked it 1
11 percent ranked it 3
22 percent ranked it 4
22 percent ranked it 5
33 percent abstained

Compensation package

11 percent ranked it 2
44 percent ranked it 3
22 percent ranked it 4
11 percent ranked it 5
11 percent abstained

5) Comments made about the Initiative.

The compensation part of the package should have been done equally and with more public input and the Initiative would have had a better chance of passing.

We will all be affected because it will probably be made into a monument.

— Luisa Lowry

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PRESERVING HERITAGE

Initiative: *Survey part of senior project*

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them very helpful. It was at times a very stressful experience, but I am glad that in a small way I was able to help the Commissioners with feedback from the community.

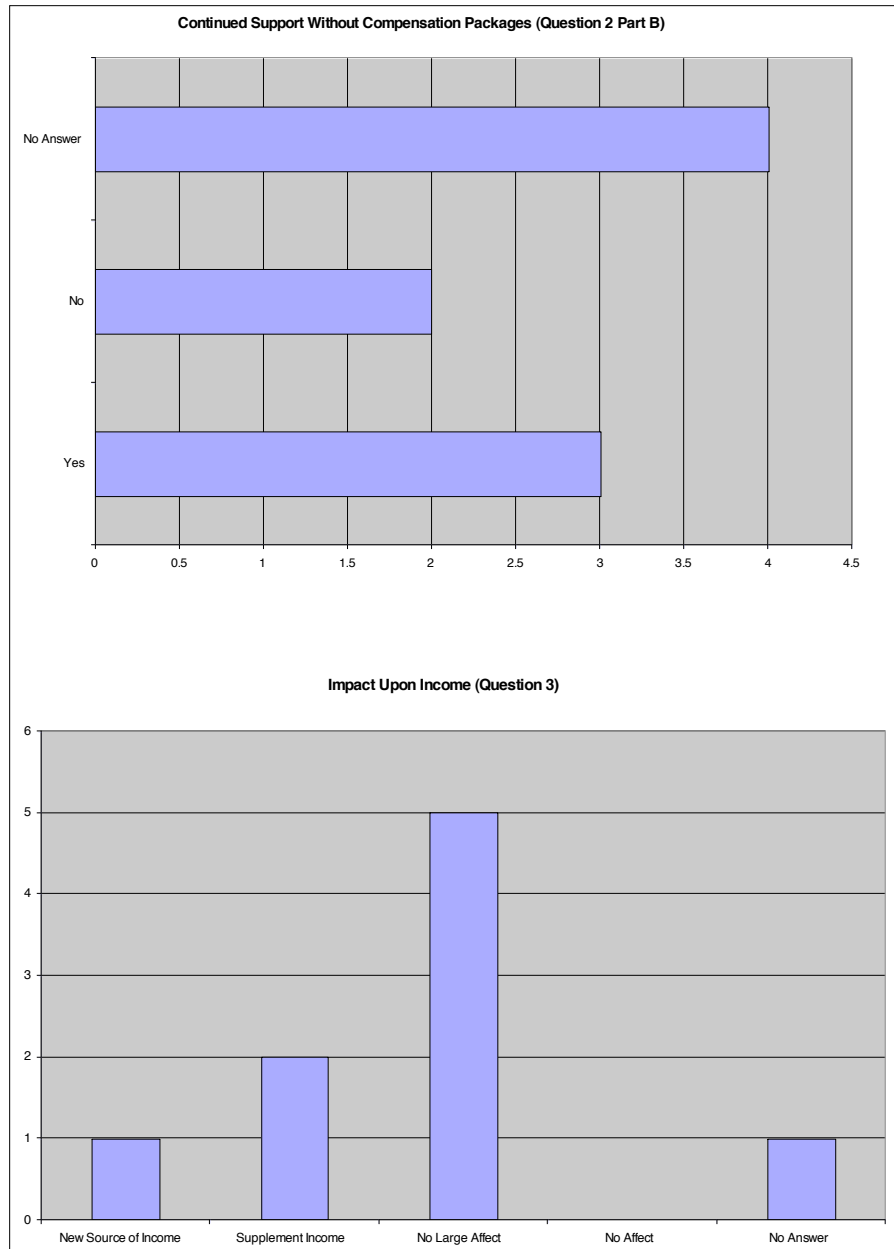
I believe the Owyhee Initiative is a very important, innovative solution to a complex problem and that all those who have worked so hard at creating it really deserve our thanks.

I have decided that while I won't pursue a politically related career at this time in my life, I will always stay politically active and may enter politics later in life. Thanks to the people who helped me get to where I am now and for all your help with my senior project.



About the author

Luisa Lowry is a 2007 graduate of Jordan Valley High School. She plans to attend Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Ga., and major in Elementary Education. She's the grand daughter of Pleasant Valley-area ranchers Tim and Rosemary Lowry. Her great grandparents are Bill and Nita Lowry. Bill and Tim both are past presidents of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association.



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— Luisa Lowry

Jordan Valley High School graduate; survey author

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LIFE MEMBER AWARD

Jacas keep up the good fight

by John Bruyninckx

This year's recipients of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association Life Member award, Elias and Inez Jaca, were born into ranching families and have dedicated their lives to maintaining and improving the lifestyle.

Inez was moved when she was informed of the award.

"It's very humbling to be recognized as part of the legacy of previous members," she said. "To be recognized as a longtime member who has made some noteworthy achievements is humbling."

Her husband, Elias, said, "It's nice to be recognized by the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association for all the meetings we've been to in the past 40 years. We've been trying to represent everybody and we're very adamant about water rights and private property rights."

The Jacas have spent a large portion of the past four decades working toward that end.

Elias served as OCA president in 1983.

Inez is a member of the Owyhee Initiative Work Group. The committee has been hard at work for almost seven years on a plan to preserve the natural resources of Owyhee County and protect the interests of ranchers, recreation enthusiasts and environmental advocates alike. Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) used the initiative agreement as the basis for legislation introduced into Congress in August 2006. It was reintroduced earlier this year after the 110th Congress convened.

"It's been a challenging experience but worthwhile, and I've enjoyed doing it," Inez said. "It's been very rewarding, especially seeing how, over time, everybody discovered their goals were all the same: To preserve the land."

"It's all about cooperation, communication and coordination," Elias added.

Challenging and rewarding is an apt



Inez, left, and Elias Jaca at home on their Reynolds Creek ranch

description of the Jacas' life in Owyhee County. Married for 43 years, both are descendants of families that immigrated to Idaho from the Basque Country in the early 1900s. They own the Jaca Livestock Co., and have a ranch at Reynolds

Creek and a farm on the Snake River near Givens Hot Springs.

Their two children are also active in the livestock trade. Their son Martin,

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Jacas: Recognized for four decades of work

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37, runs the farm, where the cattle winter, and their daughter Luisa, 39, and her husband own a cattle feedlot near Twin Falls. Martin, who was OCA president in 2001, also helps out at the ranch when time permits.

The Jacas are part of a branded beef

program through the California-based Niman Ranch. This means that their cattle are naturally fed, with no additives, to produce market beef of the highest quality.

Quality of livestock and quality of life are two keys to the Jacas' philosophy. They have battled long and hard for

water rights and private property rights. They have served on just about every ranchers' committee and board that has sprung to existence over the course of almost a half-century.

Among other positions, Inez has served as chairman of the Idaho Beef Council, president of the Idaho Cattlewomen's Association and was appointed to the National Animal Damage Control Advisory Committee.

As a member of a trade delegation, she visited Tokyo, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Mexico City to promote American beef products.

Elias is the current president of the Chipmunk Grazing Association. He also has served as chairman of the board of the Opaline Irrigation District and has been on the Bureau of Land Management's advisory board.

The business of ranching has changed dramatically over the past 50 years.

"People don't respect private property like they used to," Inez said.

Water rights are constantly being challenged, mostly because of population growth.

"It's not first in time, first in right like it used to be," Inez points out.

But the Jacas continue the fight.

The long hours are beginning to take their toll, but they have not been able to stop Elias and Inez. The ranching lifestyle they love and fight so hard to preserve is all both of them have ever wanted.



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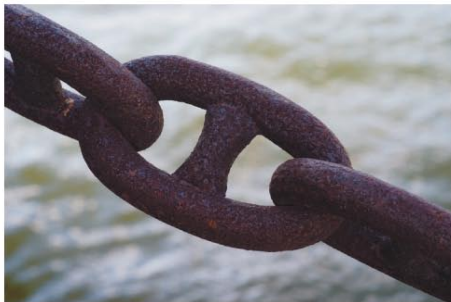
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Bud Greeley: Tough, innovative cattleman

Owyhee Cattlemen's Association Honorary Life Member Andrew "Bud" Greeley Jr., passed away Feb. 18, 2007.

Greeley, who died in Homedale, was a Succor Creek rancher for decades. He was made an OCA Life Member at the 2000 summer convention.

"My dad was the toughest guy I ever knew," his son, Mike, said. "Not the kind of bar-room fight tough, but the kind of self-disciplined tough that would stick it out no matter what until whatever he was doing was accomplished."

Bud won Jordan Valley Big Loop championships in 1970 and 1975 with roping partner Dick Shenk.

For the past 35 years, Bud had served as a frequent consultant to the Bureau of Land Management on wild horse roundups in Southeastern Oregon.

"His greatest love, besides the girl he married, was running mustangs,

which he did from his teen years with friends and neighbors, Pat Cunningham, Dave Gorley, Dan and Dick Shenk and Duncan Mackenzie," Mike said.

Bud was a longtime member of the Rockville School Board, serving as chairman for a time. He also served as a member of the board and director of the Malheur County Soil and Water Conservation District. As a member of the conservation district, he played a part in the construction of the Succor Creek Dam, which lessened the impact that nature and spring runoff had on hay production in the region.

He traveled extensively in later years, visiting Thailand in 2003, and studying big game animals and ranching techniques in Africa in 2005.

Mike said his father always was on the cutting edge in the industry, and he bought the first round baler in his part of

the country.

"He was a man of vision," Mike said. "He envisioned a dam on Succor Creek, which was built in 1979 with much work on the soil and water district for Malheur County."

Bud was born on May 21, 1924, in Caldwell to Andrew Leach Greeley Sr. and Maude Harriet Snyder Greeley.

He attended grade school in Rockville — in the same one-room schoolhouse that his children and grandchildren would attend. Bud graduated from Ontario High School in 1941, and played on a championship program that won Snake River Valley titles and went 25-0, according to his son.

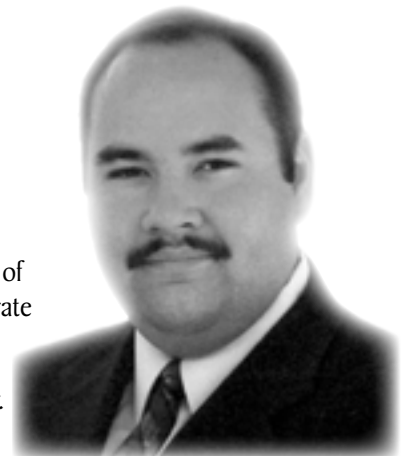
After military service in Korea, he married Irene Rhea on April 9, 1952. Their family would grow to include daughter Elizabeth Anne and sons James Andrew and Michael William.

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1968	Ralph Stanford Norman MacKenzie	1983	Dick Gabica Albert Harley Paul Black Bob Gluch		1991	Chet Tindall Bill Tindall Ruby Staples
1969	Henry Hatton Albert Harley	1984	Walt Yarbrough Noy Brackett Johnny Miller Jim Alzoa		1992	Roy Hoagland
1970	Jonas Bass Kirby Forman Earl Bachmann Hugh Nettleton	1985	Bill Maher Art Bahem Emeline Nettleton Rollie Patrick Dick Benham George Johnstone Henry Brandau		1993	Ted Cossel John Malmberg Don Davis
1971	Milford Vaught Omar Stanford Angel Bilboa Zack Montini Bill Burghardt Theron Adcock	1986	Al Curtis Jay Thompson Clayton Turner Bill Tindall		1994	LeRoy Beaman Walt Morgan
1972	Ray Pershall Al Mackey	1987	Harold Markley Curley Heath Willie Panzeri Bob Harris		1995	Calvin Johnson Joe Churruca Bill Lowry Bob Collett Bus Cummings Gene Davis Hazel Hanley Tom Skinner
1973	Walt Adams	1988	Frank Maher Owen Barton Fostino Alzola		1997	Frank and Natalie Davis Ray and Bonnie Colyer Frances Field
1974	None				1998	Tom and Celia Hall Jack and Elvira Potter Gene Stanford
1975	Marion Wroten				1999	Joe Black Ronald Hutchison Herb Mink Merv Robinson
1976	Elmer C. Johnston				2000	Bud Greeley Clarence and Virginia Miller
1977	Pearle Davis				2001	None
1978	Marvin Jess Joe Nettleton Albert Black Frank Baltzor Adam Blackstock				2002	Richard Bennett
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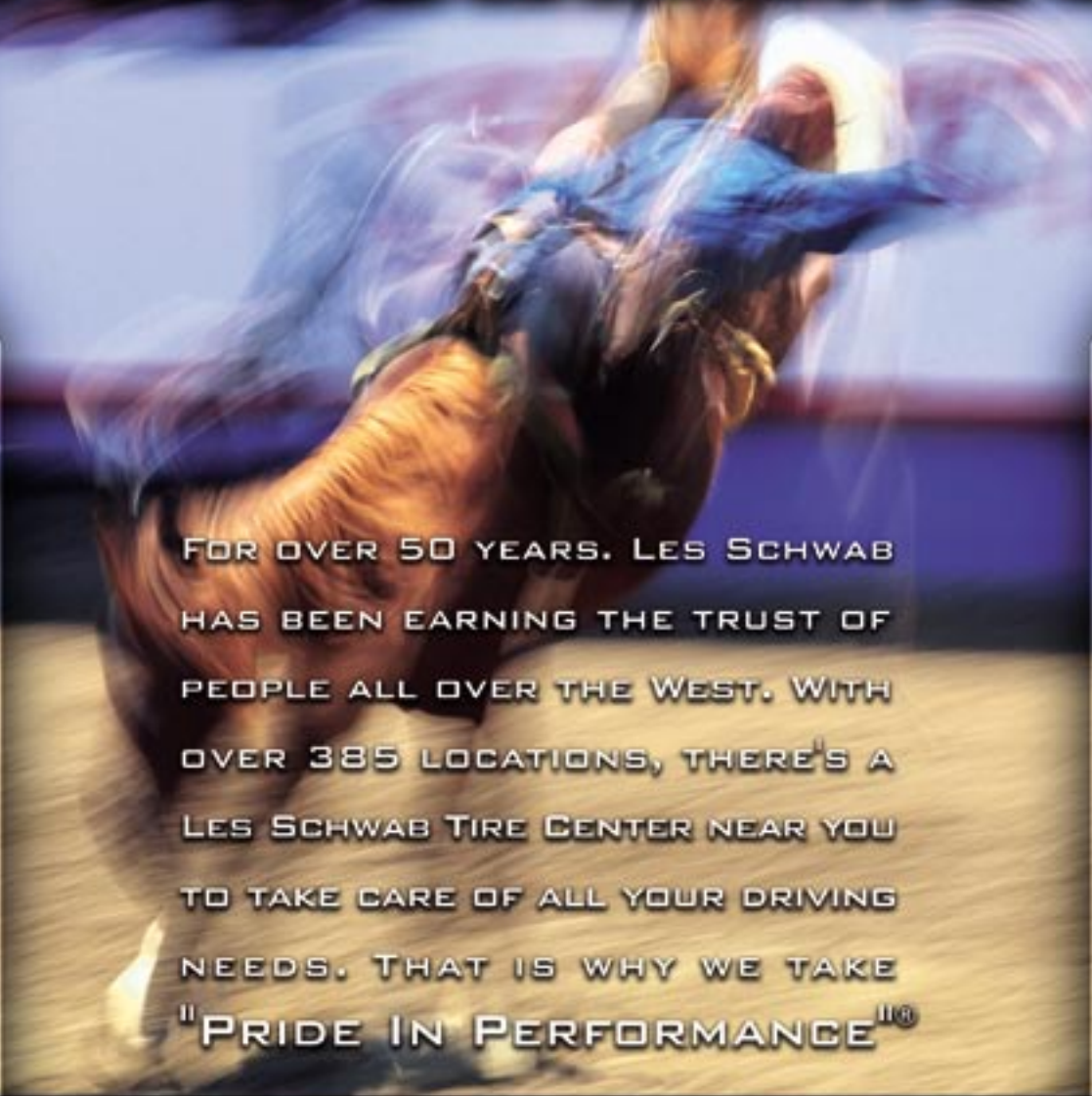
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