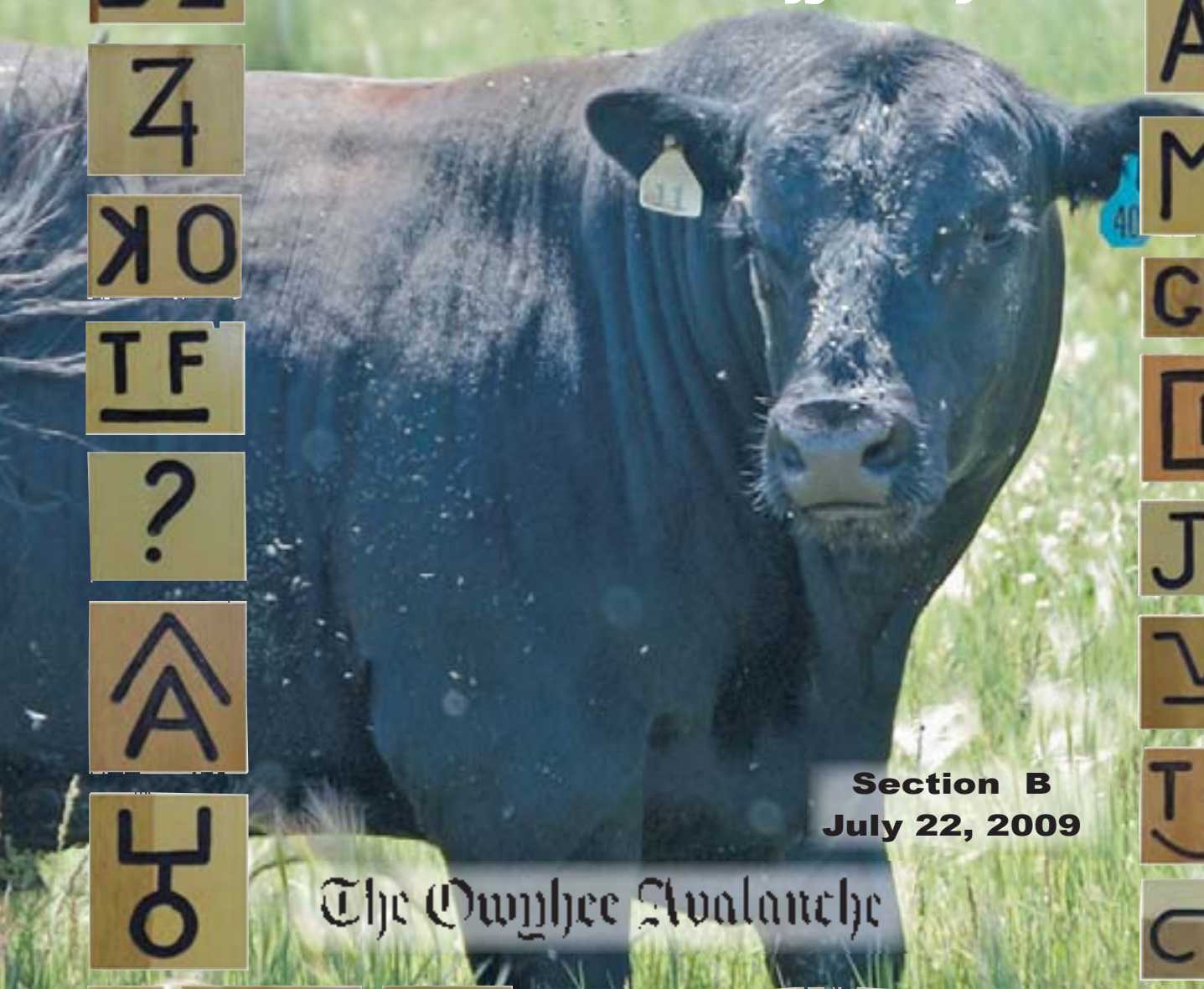


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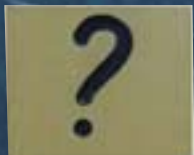
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Registration

9:30 am

Business Meeting

Pledge

Membership Bit Drawing

Introductions and President's Report - Bodie Clapier

Election of Directors - Past President, Dana Rutan

Traci O'Donnell, Idaho Beef Council

Sheriff Daryl Crandall, Owyhee County Sheriff's Office

10:45 am

Break

11:00 am

Honorary Member Award - Pat McCoy

Updates

Adena Green, Owyhee Watershed Council

Chad Gibson, Owyhee Initiative Update

State Department of Lands, Land Exchange

LUNCH BREAK (Potluck) 2:00 pm

Reports/Updates

Chris Collett, Pickup Raffle

Donna Bennett, Sage Grouse Working Group

Dr. Bill Barton, Horse Slaughter

Charlie Lyons, ICA

Rayola Jacobson, Snail

Phil Dunn, Powerline Engineer

Resolutions

Break

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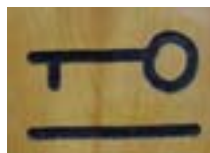
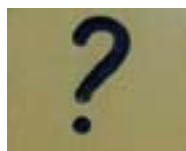
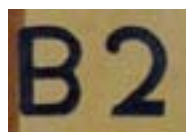
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131ST SUMMER MEETING

Cattlemen set to hear updates

Ranchers will learn the latest on several topics affecting their industry Saturday during the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association's 131st summer meeting.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. inside the Silver City Schoolhouse. The business meeting starts at 9:30 a.m.

After traditions such as the Pledge of Allegiance and the membership silver bit drawing, president Bodie Clapier will make introductions and give his report.

Past president Dana Rutan then will moderate the election of new members for the board of directors. Clapier said that Kit Bachman will replace Winston Gammett on the board, and Kenny Kershner will succeed Brenda Richards.

The first round of updates begins at 10:45 a.m. and will include presentations from Traci O'Donnell of the Idaho Beef Council; OCA ex-officio board member Dr. Chad Gibson, who will give an update on the Owyhee Initiative; Aden Green from the Owyhee Watershed Council; and Owyhee County Sheriff Daryl Crandall.

More updates and reports will be given after the potluck lunch, which will feature meat provided by the Idaho Beef Council, with the meeting resuming at 2 p.m.



The Silver City Schoolhouse

Chris Collett will update members on the progress of this year's Owyhee Cattlemen's Association Heritage Fund Dodge pickup raffle.

A representative from the Idaho Department of Lands will address land exchange issues.

Species conservation also will be addressed as OCA member and Bruneau/Grand View-area rancher Donna Bennett will give an update on conservation efforts by the Owyhee Sage-grouse Working Group, of which she is the chair. Rayola Jacobson will give an update on the Bruneau Hotspring snail.

Past OCA president Charlie Lyons will give a report from the Idaho Cattlemen's Association, of which he is the

vice-president.

Presentations also will be given on two controversial topics that directly affect ranchers. Idaho state veterinarian Dr. Bill Barton is scheduled to speak on horse slaughter, and Phil Dunn of Traverse City, Mich.-based Land Services Inc. will address Idaho Power Co.'s quest to survey private ground for the Gateway West 500-kilovolt electrical transmission line.

The cattlemen then will take up a resolution addressing the power lines proposed by Idaho Power Co.

After a 3:30 p.m. break, the traditional deck o'cards raffle will be held and new business covered.

The OCA sponsors the 5 p.m. social, and a dinner catered by H&M Meats and featuring barbecue tri-tip will be served beginning at 6 p.m. Cost is \$18 per person.

The first day of the meeting concludes with a dance to the music of Relative Rock at 9 p.m. Cost is \$7 per person and \$12 per couple.

Sunday begins with breakfast from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Idaho Hotel. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and younger.

The OCA board of directors meet at 10 a.m. at the Nettleton Horse Corral.

About the cover

The Owyhee Cattlemen's Association has developed two sets of brand blocks to showcase the different ranches that have been involved over the years.

One set of brand blocks rings the Oreana Community Hall, where the association holds its winter meeting.

The second set previously has been housed in the Silver City Schoolhouse and at some point will be returned there for display during the annual summer meeting.

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INCOMING PRESIDENT

Rutan follows tradition of leadership

Doug Rutan will be holding the gavel for the 2009-2010 presidency of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association, one more link in a chain of volunteerism that helps keep the OCA moving forward.

Rutan follows his friend Bodie Clapier, who in turn followed brother Dana Rutan. Doug is pleased to be able to turn to both men for advice as he prepares to enter office, as well as that of his father-in-law, Forrest Fretwell, 1985 OCA president.

Fretwell was a "rather large encouragement to do it," Doug said with a chuckle.

"It's just kind of a tradition," Rutan said. "(The OCA) is made up of all volunteers, and if nobody did it, we wouldn't have an organization."

The presidency is also a chance for Rutan to get a deeper and wider knowledge of the industry and the challenges it faces, he said.

"It's a chance to get up-to-date and on track on issues," he said. "Since I've been on the board, (the exposure to issues) has helped a lot. Before I was on the board, I just ran cows." Pre-board, Rutan said his concerns didn't range much farther than his steers. "Once you get on the board, you have to look at things that affect everyone — and not just locally. You look at the national decisions and you try to have an input," he said.

That attention to big issues means Rutan is keeping a weather-eye on the divisive Gateway West and Boardman-to-Hemingway transmission line projects that are slated to cross portions of Owyhee County, as well as other concerns that the OCA has always had, such as water rights and grazing leases. Just what problems he'll have to wrestle with will be determined by the future.

"I hope a lot of them go away," Rutan said with a laugh. "The whole power line thing is a really big issue at the moment. The way it was initially set ... it



Incoming president Doug Rutan with his wife Michelle and daughter Shailee

was absolutely asinine." Like nearly all farmers and ranchers in Owyhee County, Rutan went on to say that he wasn't anti-power line, he and other OCA members just had concerns over the lack of foresight shown when Idaho Power originally plotted a route that crossed a large number of private properties.

"When they said where it was going, and this was how it was going to be, well, that was aggravating," he said.

Another issue he'll be keeping an eye on is the Owyhee Initiative, something the OCA has been intimately involved with for many years. At present, though, the initiative is largely waiting for funding, and is in a sort of legislative limbo.

"It has to have the funding to be active," Rutan said. While approval was

recently handed down to fund the independent science review process for the Initiative, funds have yet to be approved, or allocated, for the lands ranchers had agreed to release — something Rutan said is in need of resolution, but which requires private rather than government funding.

While none of the parties that spent the better part of a decade crafting the initiative — groups as diverse as the OCA and the Wilderness Society — got everything they wanted, or in quite the way they wanted it, Rutan was pleased with the adoption of the Initiative when President Obama signed it into law this year.

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INCOMING PRESIDENT

Rutan: *Brother, father-in-law also have held the OCA gavel*

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"It's pretty close to what it started out as. We compromised both ways," he said.

With the reorganization of management plans, Rutan will be keeping an eye on state land use law this year, though he expects the issue to be resolved smoothly.

Of more concern to him at present is the possible retraction of the slaughter ban on horses.

"The horse slaughter issue has to be pushed some more," he said. "A guy is going to have to stay on top of it." Shutting down the plants left many horse owners with aging horses and no options for their care or feeding as the economy

weakened — and in the face of record hay prices last year. That led to a large number of horses being turned out on Bureau of Land Management lands in Owyhee County and throughout the West, Rutan said.

"They've started to see the effects of turning out pampered horses on the range, and it's not good for the horses," he said. People too often dump horses in low-lying scrub desert with little food and no water, he said.

Looking ahead to his new position, Rutan said he was a bit nervous about standing up in front of long-time members as president.

"It's hard for me to get up in front of the older members and talk to them, be-

cause most everyone there I've known since I was a kid, and now I'm running a meeting that they ought to be running," he said. "It makes you realize how important the job is."

Having fresh ideas is nice, but so is having the bedrock of experience to build on, he said.

"New people want to come up with new ideas all the time, and sometimes it's nice to be grounded back to where you belong. It gives us a shortcut to a little education — it helps a lot," Rutan said.

He added that he appreciated the immediate feedback from OCA members; the way people will tell you directly when they have a problem.

"Any person is going to make some mistakes," he said. "It's going to happen."

Rutan has run cattle since childhood. With his wife Michelle and daughter Shailee, age 3, he runs about 100 at present "on the side" while working for his father, David Rutan, in the South Mountain/Pleasant Valley region, about 45 minutes out of Marsing.

Why ranching?

"Absolutely so I can raise my family here," Rutan said. "If you wanted to make a lot of money, you could get a construction job ... but I want to move cows, raise horses and raise my family. And hopefully, if everything goes like it's supposed to, your kids can do it, too."

Shailee likes to fish, something Doug admits he doesn't have the patience for. Rutan finds his enjoyment as a header, and ropes when he has a chance.

"I enjoy heading," he said. "You have to help the healer out ... if you do a good job you can make his job easier."

That might not be a bad metaphor for the job an OCA president performs for the organization's membership.



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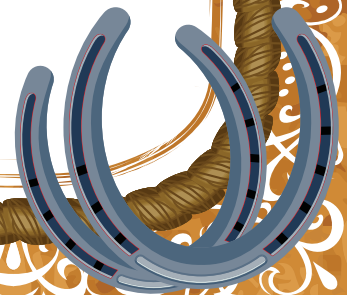
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OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Clapier: Volunteers power the OCA

Looking back after a year as the man with the gavel, outgoing Owyhee Cattlemen's Association President Bodie Clapier leaves office with an appreciation for how hard those around him work to further OCA ends.

"I'm amazed at how much people do," he said. "I wish I could do more."

Volunteering is never an easy task, not if you're talking about the core of people who do the heavy lifting in an organization. An appreciation of that knowledge is one of the things Clapier will be taking away from his year as president; how important volunteering is, how motivated some people are, and how motivated they have to be to do the jobs they do. That level of commitment requires a conscious effort.

"I wasn't really involved until I got on the board," he said. "I thought I was, but I wasn't."

"There are so many great volunteers in this county; they must really love doing it."

Those volunteers help keep the OCA moving forward in issues that are as old as the cattle industry itself.

"We're still fighting the same fights we did 130 years ago," Clapier said of the perennial issues of land use and water rights.

"Here in Owyhee County, everyone loves the county and wants to protect it. People come here — they see all this solitude and they want a piece of it. They think we've got it made. They need to walk in our shoes a day or two; they'd go back to the city," he said with a laugh.

He said he'd been blessed with a great board of directors, people with outstanding communication ability, and that made the job that much smoother.

His advice to incoming president Doug Rutan?

"Get a cell phone and a computer. Check Ann's e-mail every day," he said, smiling. "He lives out in no-man's land. Be open-minded and think outside of the box."



Outgoing president Bodie Clapier reflects on his term on his land near Marsing.

Doug's brother Dana, who was president prior to Clapier's term, simply added "You've got to sacrifice a little."

He leaves the job without any major regrets, outside of having to run meetings.

"Having to run the meetings and having no vote was the hardest part for me," he admits. Clapier missed being able to throw his two cents in, and is looking forward to getting that right back.

That, and having to remember the long, involved pedigrees attached to speakers' names in introductions, something he said was always a challenge.

The OCA, looking ahead

"One thing in this presidency I'd like to see is more youth involvement," Clapier said.

"We gave some money to 4-H this year, and they took third at nationals (in horse judging). I think that was a good idea. As a board we're looking to increase youth knowledge of what we do and getting them involved."

Clapier would like to see a youth program, a Junior OCA or something similar, adding that it would take a com-

mitted person to act as a volunteer and organizer. The OCA is talking about the issue at present, looking for options for the future.

The OCA is in a transitional period as far as age of membership goes, Clapier said.

"Our membership is still good, around 360 or 370 members, but you don't see the old-timers like you used to," he said. "We're in between the old timers and the baby boomers."

That age shift is one of the reasons the OCA won't be awarding a Lifetime Award this year. With the older active members just in their 60s, no one wanted to admit to being old enough to deserve the honor.

"We're all on the same page when it comes to getting membership up," Clapier said. "I think we're at the point where we have to."

Increasing membership will mean getting some of the smaller outfits, people running fewer head who might once have felt like they didn't fit into the OCA, involved, Clapier said. That, and ensuring youth involvement in the OCA.

— MML

OCA LEADERSHIP

Cattlemen's board of directors

Here is a look at the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association board of directors. The board meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Nettleton Horse Corral to conclude the 131st annual summer meeting:

Bodie Clapier

Clapier lives in Marsing with his wife Tina where he farms and raises commercial cattle. He concludes his year-long run as OCA president at the 131st summer meeting in Silver City. Clapier has served on the board since 2005.

Doug Rutan

Rutan takes over as association president during the 131st meeting after serving as vice-president for the past year.

He lives near South Mountain with his wife Michelle and 3-year-old daughter Shailee. He was appointed to the board in 2006.

Dana Rutan

Doug's brother Dana served on the board as past president this year and will go off the board after the summer meeting. He has been on the board since 2004, serving as OCA president in 2007.

Rutan lives in the Bruneau/Grand View area with his wife Billie and children Lewis (9), Riatta (7), Dally (7) and Ruthie (2).

Mark Frisbie

Frisbie has been a director since 2006. He lives in Owyhee County near Walters Ferry where he raises Hereford and Angus seedstock. He is also active in the Idaho Cattle Association and serves on the Snake River Stampede Calf Scramble Committee.

Winston Gammett

Gammett has been on the board of directors since 2007. He lives in Rockville where he helps run the family ranch on private ground.

Ed Olson

Olson is one of the most recent additions to the board of directors. The Murphy resident was appointed last year. He's married to Sherry.

Ed was a driving force behind the formation of the 4-H Working Horse Project, and has been an Owyhee County 4-H horse leader for several years.

Brenda Richards

Richards ends her time on the board with the 131st meeting. She has served since 2007.

The first woman appointed to the OCA board of directors, she lives in Reynolds Creek with her husband Tony, who is a past president of the cattlemen's association.

She represents cow-calf producers on the Idaho Beef Council and has served on the Public Lands Council as well as the Owyhee Initiative Work Group. She also served as the Idaho Cattlemen's Association Federal Lands Committee chair.

Matt Tindall

A Grasmere resident, Tindall has been on the board since 2007.

He is a member of a longtime Owyhee County ranching family that has had operations in the county since 1885.

Bill White

Appointed to the board in 2008, White lives in Oreana with his wife, Bev. Bill and Bev have served as Beef Superintendents at the Owyhee County Fair for several years. They also serve on the Calf Scramble committee at the Snake River Stampede, a program that has benefited several Owyhee County youth. They are also involved in the Idaho Angus Association.

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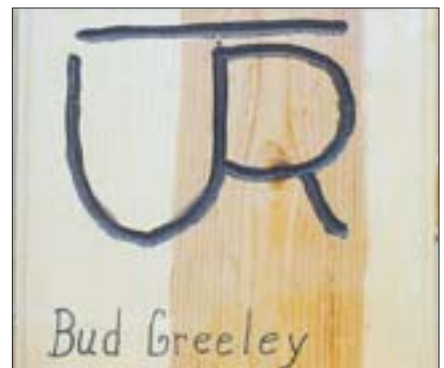
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CATTLMEN'S HONOREE

Veteran ag writer tied to Owyhee

As of this OCA meet, Pat McCoy Rohleder will be an honorary member of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association, a recognition not given often or lightly.

McCoy, who has covered the OCA and ag throughout Idaho, Oregon, Washington and California for the Capital Press, decided to change her travel plans to attend this year's meeting in Silver City.

"That's sweet of them," she said. "I'm tremendously honored." The nod is especially treasured, as McCoy said she knows that an OCA recognition isn't lightly given. McCoy, who was to be in Utah, will stop in at Silver City in the morning for her presentation, she said.

OCA president Bodie Clapier said that the honor was suggested by board member Matt Tindall.

"Pat has been at every meeting I can remember," Clapier said. "People in Owyhee County like what she writes, and how she writes it. I think she's always been a good eye for the cattlemen."

McCoy is respected by many in the agricultural industries and has been given kudos, most recently this January when she won the award for Outstanding Agriculture Journalist presented by the Idaho Grain Producers Association.

She was also one of the team members at the Capital Press who won the Audrey Mackiewicz Special Award for excellence in agricultural reporting in 2007. The award came from peers at the North American Agricultural Journalists group.

McCoy was nice enough to answer some interview questions on her career and memories of the OCA and agricultural reporting in general — and, it turns out, some interesting historical ties to Owyhee County — and, coincidentally, *The Avalanche* itself.

"I'm an avid genealogist, and have spent several days in recent weeks in the State Archives here in Boise reading

old Owyhee Avalanches, from 1867 to 1869," McCoy wrote. "Seems I had some very distant kinfolk — one of them married a third great-great-aunt of mine, or something like that — who was involved in a shootout over a mining claim. It was termed the Slaughter Gulch killing in your pages back then. He and his co-defendants got off free after the sheriff failed to present appropriate evidence before the Grand Jury when it met in Silver City in June, 1869 — one of quite a lengthy list of cases that ended the same way. Your newspaper had an item in there castigating the sheriff for failure to do his duty properly. Just thought you'd like to know."

Even retired, as McCoy now is, her delving for background information is professional and, as always, interesting.

McCoy's experience with both ag and journalism

"I worked for over 40 years as a newspaper reporter," she wrote. "I started when I was in high school (Emmett, Idaho), and continued right along for the rest of my life. I hold a B.A. in newspaper journalism, with a concurrent major in international relations and a minor in German from Brigham Young University. I worked during college and for several years afterwards for The Salt Lake Tribune in Salt Lake City spending my first 10 months out of college covering the courts (sitting through murder trials; quite an education for an Idaho farm girl). Then I was Church page editor for five years. I took a two-year break, during which I served an 18-month mission for my Church, and ended up in Texas for four years, where I wrote for two small town weeklies. During that time, I wrote a series of feature articles on the county's history, which evolved into a self-published book, 'Shelby County



Pat McCoy (Photo courtesy the Capital Press)

Sampler'. Shelby County is in deep East Texas, on the Louisiana border, one of the 13 original counties of the Republic of Texas, and had a VERY colorful history. There was even a vigilante war there in the 1840s."

McCoy returned to Idaho in 1982, both because of her own asthma and to be closer to her aging parents. She began as a freelancer for the Capital Press the next year, and in 1984 became a part-timer. In 1988 the Capital Press took her on full time.

"At the time, the CP was known primarily as an Oregon paper, and I did a lot of work to help establish it in Southwest Idaho," she wrote. "Today it covers anything and everything to do with agriculture in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California. I started coming to the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association meetings about that time, and continued doing so for 25 years, though I think I missed one or two meetings early on."

"The Owyhee Cattlemen were a story

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Writer: McCoy retires after 40 years in newspaper business

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because of the environmental movement, which forced the ranchers to become much more politically active to protect their industry, their families, their lifestyle, and all that it means. In watching all this go on — and what is a reporter but a paid observer? — I was tremendously impressed with what wonderful spokesmen many of them became as they were forced out of their private lives into the public arena,” she wrote. “Most farmers and ranchers farm and ranch because they enjoy being their own boss, working their own land and livestock, and minding their own business. However, there’s something about being out on that rangeland by yourself all day that breeds what I call ‘characterhood,’ for lack of a better term. Ranchers have nothing to do while they’re driving cattle or mending fence but think, and think they do. The vast majority of

them are true philosophers, with a deeply imbedded sense of right and wrong that brings them well-deserved respect. Most haven’t been accustomed to speaking up much or expressing this in public, but it’s amazing what comes out when they do it. It’s made for some fantastic stories to write, and given me a deep-seated respect and admiration for these people that nothing will ever change.”

McCoy grew up on an Idaho farm, and started out with the intent to not wind up back on one.

“I had two big brothers, asthma and hay fever, and a father who believed strongly that milking cows and plowing fields was a man’s job,” she wrote. “My father, born in 1910, was the baby of his family. He had two older sisters who both had back trouble from doing way too much heavy lifting. You can yell ‘women’s lib’ all you want, but we simply aren’t designed for such work,

and my father said, ‘Not my girls.’ If I had been interested, I would have been allowed, but I am by nature a musician, seamstress and book worm. The main thing I knew about farming when I grew up was, ‘No, we can’t afford it.’ I wanted nothing to do with agriculture when I left home for college. It’s a family joke that I ended up so deeply embedded in it — the only one of my siblings that did so. In the process, I gained a tremendous respect for the agricultural industry and those involved in it. My 40 years of reporting brought me several adventures, but I look back on those of the last 25 years almost 100 percent with fondness and, ‘Gee, I’m glad I did that.’”

How she did the job for those decades, and the choices she made, shaped the way readers, editors and interviewees felt about her.

— See *Writer*, page 15B

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How she sees the job, and the industry

"What makes a good ag reporter? Listening to what people are really saying, and reporting it," she wrote. "Accuracy in reporting comes from writing what was said by the person you interview. Someone else may disagree with that person, or have information he didn't have. For that matter some interview subjects have their own agenda and don't hesitate to out and out lie. I took care of that one by absolutely never quoting someone who had proven to be a liar in any future story without getting a few comments from someone else on the other side. But as long as I quoted what the person actually said, my story was accurate, regardless of what readers thought. Second, I made it a practice

to never crucify anybody. You might crucify yourself, and I might have to write about it, but I wasn't going to do it to you. That's a matter of respecting people for where, who and what they are.

"The job changed with the advent of the Internet. That and television are killing the newspaper industry. It's sad; newspapers publish column inches while television and radio think in terms of minutes and seconds. A story that flashes by you on the screen gives you only one chance to form a first impression; in a newspaper you can go back, reread and think about it. That's why people tend to believe television and radio more than newspapers, but the broadcast media can't often really tell all the in-depth facts. As a trade publication, the CP will probably survive far longer than big city dailies, and county weeklies like the Owyhee Avalanche are going to hang on for a long time, because they're still people's best source of local news. But major dailies are fading almost as

rapidly as the Iron Horse replaced the Pony Express.

McCoy's retirement still a packed schedule

McCoy may be retired (mostly) from the newspaper business, but she's still got plenty to keep her schedule full.

"I'm busy with a 92-year-old widowed mother and an 8-year-old grandson we're half raising. I still want to stay in touch with Idaho and the ag industry, though, so I'm freelancing, and looking actively for opportunities to continue supporting farmers and ranchers. I joined Food Producers of Idaho, an umbrella organization that the execs of virtually all the industry associations belong to — I see the Idaho Cattle Association folks at their meetings all the time. I attended their meetings as a reporter, but they're a lobbying and political group so I never could

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officially join while I was working. As for hobbies, I sew, embroidery, and make bobbin lace (an Elizabethan craft I doubt you've ever heard of; it's a weaving technique for making lace). I'm also trying to dig more extensively into my husband's genealogy — he's Erwin Rohleder (rhymes with Rolands, minus the s, plus an er). His family was very German, so I'm very glad I studied German in college.

"You ask for a Silver City anecdote: the only livestock I ever owned were a couple of little black Pomeranian puppy dogs. My first, Bendith, came with me to Silver City in 1991, the year after the infamous stagecoach robbery nobody knows anything about. In that world, dogs are still a working animal, so a fru-fru dog like a pom got lots of attention from the children, especially. I was standing in the lunch line when a certain person I suspect (though I don't know) knows more about the 1990 stagecoach holdup than he'd care to admit asked me, 'Gee, Pat, what 'cha got there?' I replied, 'This is my big vicious watch dog. I brought him along to protect me from highwaymen.' I thought his wife was going to roll on the ground, she was laughing so hard. He laughed, too, but turned a couple of shades of red in the process."



Hay in brief

Despite early rains that hampered first cuts, hay has remained less expensive in 2009, and unsold third cut from 2008 is entering the market, helping to offset any shortages. Reductions in head of cattle run following last year's peak hay prices have also helped boost supply in 2009.

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Power line resolution on agenda

Cattlemen continue to battle placement of transmission route

This year's annual Owyhee Cattlemen's Association summer get-together in Silver City will see a resolution introduced asking the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and other federal entities to open an ear to conflicts arising from the location of the West Wide Energy Corridor (WVEC).

The WVEC, which runs roughly where the existing PacifiCorp 500 kilovolt powerline transits the county, had its Environmental Impact Statement finalized in November of 2008. The project itself began in 2005 and was intended to provide a suggested routing alley for utilities.

Frank Bachman, a past OCA president and part of the Public Advisory Team (PAT) that is meeting to advise and propose routes for the Boardman-to-Hemingway and Gateway West powerlines, addressed the concerns the resolution will bring forward.

"Basically, it's going to say there was no public contact, no scoping occurred during the creation of the corridor," Bachman said. "The WVEC was drawn in with very little public input."

The resolution suggests that the process of siting the WVEC starts over, seeking public comment to find a route that has minimal impacts.

At least locally, that repositioning may be happening as a side effect of the PAT process. Bachman said it was his understanding that the corridor would move with the planned line(s).

The PAT Bachman is a member of — there are three distinct PATs and a combined one with representatives from affected areas — has met seven or eight times, he said. He's found that everyone

"The WVEC was drawn in with very little public input."

— **Frank Bachman**
Former OCA president

whose property has been involved in the planned routes has been highly engaged

in the process.

"Hopefully BLM is listening to what we're telling them," he said. "Obviously, a few people would like to see it go here versus there. Some folks think we can just submit one route, but we have to submit at least two alternatives, with one of them being south of the river."

— MML



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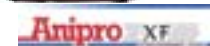
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IN MEMORIAM

Former president, life members pass

Three Owyhee Cattlemen's Association Honorary Life Members were among those who passed away during the past year.

Among those who died were former OCA president Walt Yarborough, a life member, as well as life members Marilyn Black and Virginia Miller. Deloris Quintana from a Homedale-area ranching family also died.

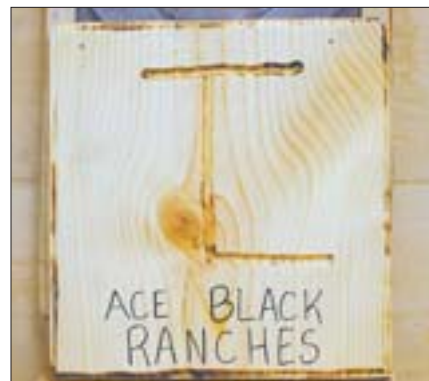
Marilyn Black

March 26, 1933 to Nov. 28, 2008

A 2003 Owyhee Cattlemen's Association Life Member with her husband, Ace, Marilyn Black died at the age of 75 in Mountain Home after a 17-year battle with brain cancer.

She was born Marilyn Ann Nettleton to Jim and Maude Sothern Nettleton in Estacada, Oregon, where Jim was working at the time. When Marilyn was two years old, the Nettletons returned to the Joyce Ranch on Sinker Creek.

Marilyn was around ranching all her life, growing up on the Box T Ranch in the Owyhee Mountains. When her family moved to Nampa in the 1940s, her weekends and summers continued to be spent on the ranch. She graduated from



Nampa High School in 1951 and went on to Marylhurst College in Marylhurst, Oregon.

She married Ace Black from Bruneau

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on Sept. 20, 1952, in Nampa. The couple had met at the Grand View Rodeo.

They settled in Bruneau where Ace worked for his parents, Albert and Bonnie Black, on their ranch. Within six years of marriage, Ace and Marilyn were parents to five children — Terry, Tony, Patrick, Ann and Martin. The Blacks moved several times in their young marriage, living at the Castle Creek house in Oreana for a time and on to the Joyce Ranch on Sinker Creek.

They returned to Bruneau in 1962 and shortly thereafter their son, Patrick, was killed in an auto accident near Bruneau. His death was the beginning of Marilyn's dream to help clean out the sagebrush and plant grass in the desert cemetery in Bruneau. The Blacks continued to build their cattle herd and spent every summer in the Owyhee Mountains at the

cabin on the Avery place. As time went on, they added sons Burke and Bret and their youngest daughter, Sandy.

Marilyn took over ranch responsibilities with help from her older children, neighbors, family and friends while Ace recovered from serious injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

When Ace and Marilyn sold their ranch, she began a long career in community service. She helped organize the Bruneau Quick Response Unit in 1973 where she served as an EMT for 18 years. She volunteered by checking blood pressures at community events, donating blood, and providing care for many elderly people who had no local family to care for them.

Marilyn was a charter member of the Owyhee County Cowbelle organization, serving as president and many other offices over the years. As a Cowbelle member, Marilyn promoted beef with samples and informational displays in

supermarkets and at schools throughout the area.

Marilyn also was honored in 1991 as "Cattle Woman of the Year" at the State Cattlemen's Convention.

She also got involved in 4-H horse activities when daughter Ann wanted to get involved. Marilyn hauled a horse to Grand View for Ann before starting a club in Bruneau. Marilyn was leader of the Bruneau Sage Riders 4-H Horse Club for over 20 years and was a member of the Owyhee County 4-H Horse Leaders for 22 years. She served as Superintendent for 10 years and ran the green gate at the Owyhee County Fair for 17 years. She also served as an advisor to the Rimrock Future Farmers of America, the Rimrock Rodeo Club and she helped with the Bruneau Boy Scouts of America.

Marilyn was one of the concerned mothers who pushed for years to get

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a school bond to build Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School after the consolidation of the Bruneau and Grand View school districts. The hard work finally paid off in 1975.

During Idaho's Centennial celebration in 1990, Marilyn worked with her family to organize a three-day family reunion on the Joyce Ranch on Sinker Creek. At the reunion, the family was honored as a Centennial Ranch, which had been consistently in family hands since 1865. She also shared in the honor of being a member of an Idaho Pioneer Family — for her mother's side of the family (Carothers and Sothern) and for her father's side (Joyce and Nettleton).

The Bruneau Rodeo Association honored Marilyn as Grand Marshal of the Bruneau Rodeo for her efforts to solicit money to start the rodeo back up in the 1980s, and the Bruneau EMTs nominated her as the Idaho Statesman's "Portrait of a Distinguished Citizen".

Ace and Marilyn celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 20, 2002.

Virginia Miller

May 8, 1931 to Jan. 2, 2009

Virginia Black Miller died in Bruneau at the age of 77. She was born in Mountain Home, the only daughter of Albert and Bonnie Black of Bruneau.

She attended school in Bruneau and went to college at the College of Idaho. Her brother, Joe, introduced her to his roommate, Clarence Miller, and the two hit it off. They were married in Bruneau on Sept. 16, 1950.

The couple ranched in Little Valley, where they raised their family. She was a homemaker and drove a school bus.

When Clarence went to work at the Winecup Ranch in Montello, Nev., Vir-

ginia worked as the ranch cook, and she was known for her delicious meals and cinnamon rolls, which were sold to help raise money for her grandchildren's 4-H clubs and FFA auctions.

The Millers were named Honorary Life Members of the OCA in 2000.

Deloris Quintana

Aug. 6, 1933 to June 15, 2008

Deloris June Quintana was born near Ava, Mo., to Zella and Charlie Stout. The family settled in Marsing when she was 7 years old, and it was there she met her future husband, Tom.

The couple wed on April 9, 1950, in Winnemucca, Nev., and lived mar-

ried life in a camp wagon on the family ranch near Jordan Valley. They raised their family in Homedale.

Deloris supported her children's and grandchildren's activities and was a vocal fan with a distinctive cheer from the stands.

She was versatile, helping brand cattle during the day and preparing feasts for 20 people for lunch and dinner.

Walt Yarbrough

Aug. 15, 1912 to Dec. 8, 2008

Longtime Idaho state senator Walter Herrmann Yarbrough died late last year at the age of 96. A Grand View rancher, he served as OCA president in 1965 and was named an Honorary Life Member in 1984.

Yarbrough served in state Senate from 1965 to 1986, and during that time he was Majority Caucus Chairman and also

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chaired the State Affairs Committee. He also was a member of the Agricultural Affairs, Transportation and Finance

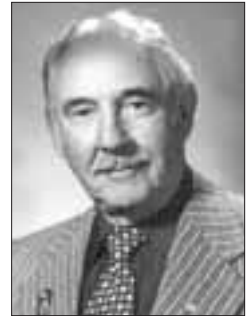
Committees.

He was born in Maywood, Missouri, the son of Edward and Amelia (Herrmann) Yarbrough. He was raised and educated in Missouri and attended Kirksville Teachers' College for two years, before heading west. He and boyhood friend, Bud

Lake, ended up in Western Montana and stayed there awhile before Walt went on to LaGrande, Oregon to live with his uncle, Carl Herrmann.

He was inducted into the United States Army in February of 1941 and attended Officers School at Fort Belvoir, Va. He received the rank of captain in 1945 and served in Okinawa with the combat engineers. Walt was in the active reserves for 32 years, retiring with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

On July 17, 1941, he eloped with Lucy May Rocks to Wallace. They moved to Grand View, where Lucy had been raised, in 1951.



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1968 Ralph Stanford
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1969 Henry Hatton
Albert Harley

1970 Jonas Bass
Kirby Forman
Earl Bachmann
Hugh Nettleton

1971 Milford Vaught
Omar Stanford
Angel Bilboa
Zack Montini
Bill Burghardt
Theron Adcock

1972 Ray Pershall
Al Mackey

1973 Walt Adams

1974 None

1975 Marion Wroten

1976 Elmer C. Johnston

1977 Pearle Davis

1978 Marvin Jess
Joe Nettleton
Albert Black
Frank Baltzor
Adam Blackstock

1979 None

1980 Lee Stanford

Ed Muller

1981 Cliff Feltwell
Everett Townsend

1982 Joe Turner
Grant Strickland
Cliff McMahan

1983 Dick Gabica
Albert Harley
Paul Black
Bob Gluch

1984 Walt Yarbrough
Noy Brackett
Johnny Miller
Jim Alzoa

1985 Bill Maher
Art Bahem
Emeline Nettleton
Rollie Patrick
Dick Benham
George Johnstone

1986 Henry Brandau
Al Curtis

Jay Thompson
Clayton Turner
Bill Tindall

1987 Harold Markley
Curley Heath
Willie Panzeri
Bob Harris

1988 Frank Maher
Owen Barton
Fostino Alzola
Bob Davis

1989 Monk Stimmel
Don McKay

Rufus Lequerica
1990 Arsen Alzola
Bill Swan
Chuck Dougal
Gertrude Anderson
Gusty Elordi
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Bill Tindall

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1992	Roy Hoagland		Frank and Natalie Davis	2004	Frankie Dougal
1993	Ted Cossel		Ray and Bonnie Colyer		Virginia Stanford
	John Malmberg	1998	Frances Field		Dick and Karen Bass
	Don Davis		Tom and Celia Hall		Curt Strickland (In memory of)
1994	LeRoy Beaman		Jack and Elvira Potter	2005	Juanita Johnstone
	Walt Morgan	1999	Gene Stanford		Dick and Barbara Jayo
1995	Calvin Johnson		Joe Black		Virginia Belknap
	Joe Churruca		Ronald Hutchison	2006	Fred and Lodice Grant
	Bill Lowry		Herb Mink		Bob Kelly
1996	Bob Collett	2000	Merv Robinson		Barbara and David Lahtinen
	Bus Cummings		Bud Greeley	2007	Elias and Inez Jaca
	Gene Davis	2001	Clarence and Virginia Miller	2008	Ernie and Sherry Bahem
	Hazel Hanley	2002	No one chosen		Walt Nilles
			Richard Bennett		

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1951-52	Earl Bachman	2003	Charlie Lyons
1953-54	Dick Gabica	2004	Tony Richards
1955-56	Jim Nettleton	2005	Brian Collett
1957	Gene Davis	2006	Brad Huff
1958	Frank Maher	2007	Russ Turner
1959	Ed Riddle	2008	Dana Rutan
1960	Alvin Benson	2009	Bodie Clapier
1961	Frank Baltzor		
1962	Arsen Alzola		
1963	John Malmberg		
1964	Walt Morgan		
1965	Walt Yarbrough		
1966	Don Davis		
1967	Lee Stanford		
1968	Bill Tindall		
1969	John Tyson		
1970	Ernie Bahem		
1971	Dick Bass		
1972	Ben Panzeri		
1973	Bob Collett		
1974	Pete Jackson		
1975	Bill Ross		
1976	Don McKay		
1977	George Earll		
1978	Ted Cossel		
1979	Ray Colyer		
1980	Frank Davis		
1981	Ted Gammett		
1982	Gene Tindall		
1983	Elias Jaca		
1984	Rand Collins		
1985	Forest Fretwell		
1986	Eric Davis		
1987	Craig Malmberg		
1988	Dave Tindall		
1989	Frank Bachman		
1990	Vern Kershner		
1991	Tim Lowry		
1992	Bill McBride		
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- ☐ **ASSOCIATE DUES** (for businesses or individuals that do not own cattle) \$ 35.00
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- ☐ To purchase a **brand block** (\$15 to cover cost), draw the brand in the box as accurately as possible

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Clarification of "Membership"

RESOLUTION 1994-5

WHEREAS, the successful operation of livestock businesses today usually requires a family rather than an individual commitment; and,

WHEREAS, successful association activities in today's political climate require a large informed membership capable of acting in a rapid and unified fashion; and,

WHEREAS, some confusion exists as to the membership eligibility, dues, and voting rights of members' spouses and children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT membership in the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association shall be on a family basis. Specifically,

- For family, corporation, and partnership members, both spouses shall be listed as members on the membership application and shall have full membership rights and responsibilities, to include voting rights.
- Additional family members or employees, 18 years of age or older, can be listed on the membership application and shall have full membership rights and responsibilities to include voting rights, for an additional fee of \$5 per individual. Separate mailings of correspondence for these members will be available if so requested on the membership application.
- Additional family members or employees under 18 years of age can be listed on the membership application as Youth Members, at no additional dues expense, and shall have full membership rights and responsibilities with the exception of voting rights.

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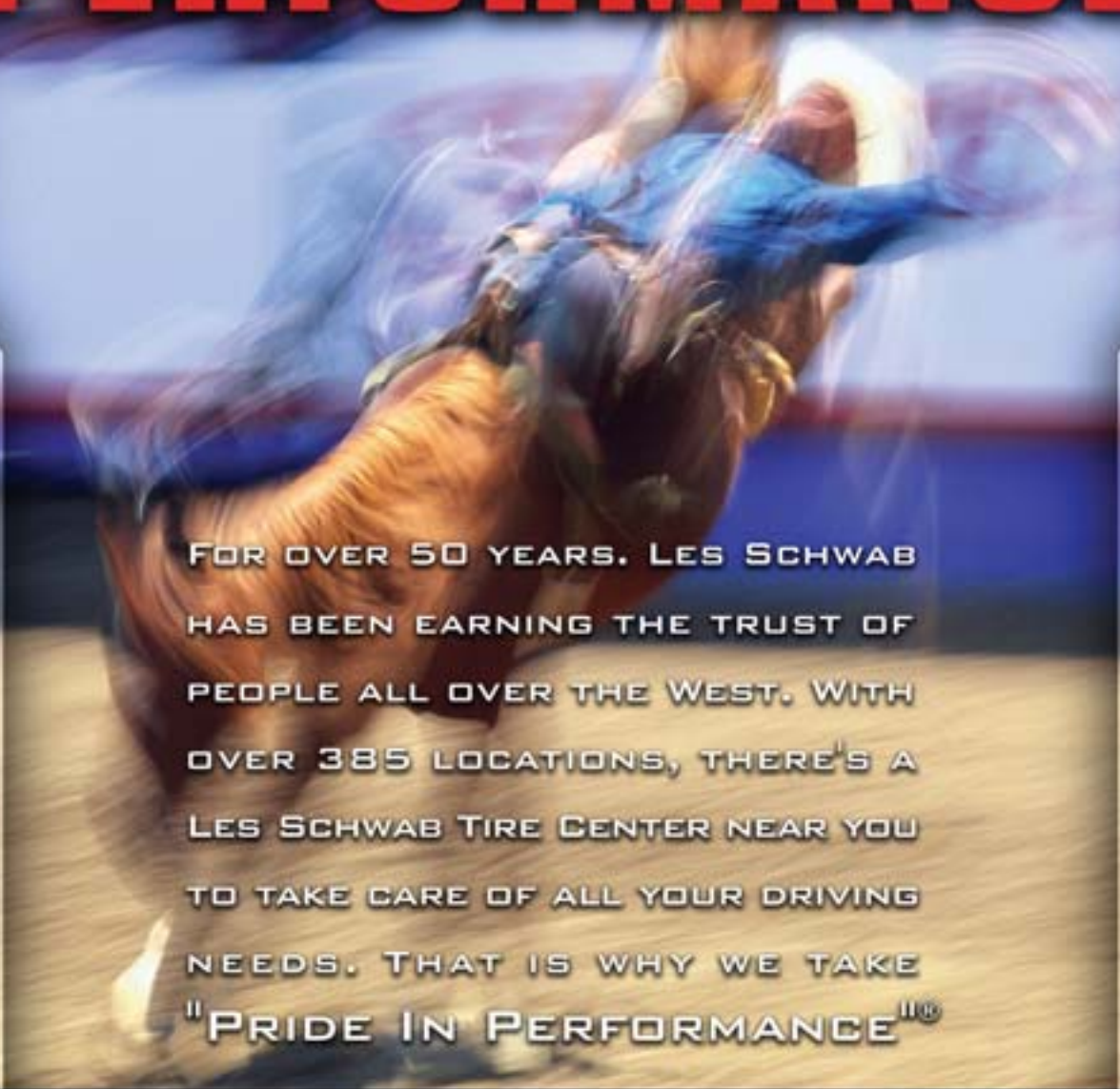
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