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Murphy, Idaho- The Owyhee County Board of County Commissioners announce the selection of Grand View residents George and Donna Bennett to be Honored on the Commissioners' Roster of Outstanding Citizens.

The Commissioners established the Roster of Outstanding Citizens in 2004 as a recognition program for persons who have made significant contributions to the custom, culture and citizens of Owyhee County.

George and Donna will be honored at a presentation on May 20, 2019 at 4 pm in the Owyhee County Historical Society Museum in Murphy for their long and continuing service to Owyhee County and its citizens.

George and Donna created the Grand View Ambulance in the 1970's and remain active in both the leadership of the organization and as responders. Both George and Donna were original members of the County's land Use Planning Committee which was organized in the 1990's to create an alternative to the BLM's then in-progress Owyhee Resource Management Plan. The Land Use Planning Committee continues to this day as the Owyhee County Natural Resources Committee and serves as an advisory group to the Commissioners on matters related to the impacts of management plans and decisions on state and federal lands in the County. George and Donna are active and committed members of the Natural Resources Committee.

Both Donna and George are members of the Owyhee County Sage Grouse Local Working Group and Donna has been the Local Working Group Chairman for the past 17 years.

Despite the hefty load they carry as active members of the groups named above, the couple still operate their successful ranching operation with properties both in and out of the county. George's roots in ranching in Owyhee County go back to the 1940's on ranches such as Big Spring Ranch in Owyhee County.

George and Donna epitomize the dedication, community involvement, and selfless contribution of time and energy for which our Roster of Outstanding Citizens was created.

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