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Murphy, Idaho- The Owyhee County Board of County Commissioners announce the selection of Connie Brandau 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.

Connie 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.

Connie was an original member 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. And Connie remains an active and committed member of the Natural Resources Committee. Connie was also an original member of the Owyhee County Sage Grouse Local Working Group which formed in the late 1990's.

Connie and her husband Richard still operate their successful ranching operation on the Reynolds Creek property they moved to after they married in 1967.

Her knowledge of the issues the County faces in attempting to preserve the ranching and farming economy that is the basis of the county economy led to her long and successful service as a Commissioner on the County Planning and Zoning Commission. Connie accepted what was thought to be a "temporary" term on the Commission in 2003. She served the Commission as Commissioner and as Chairman for 16 years. Her service to our county exemplifies the service that the Roster of Outstanding Citizens was created to recognize.

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