



E.J. Harris/East Oregonian, File

Clint Sexson, right, uses an electric branding iron to brand a calf as Tyler Potter, center, holds the animal's leg and Jack Taylor looks on outside Stanfield in March 2015. Ranchers want lawmakers in the 2021 Legislature to consider an alternative proposal to the brand inspection fee increases the Oregon Department of Agriculture has proposed.

**BRAND**

Continued from Page 1B

2015," said Todd Nash, Wallowa County commissioner and OCA's president-elect. Nash said he understood the brand inspection program is facing tough financial times but cited President John F. Kennedy's observation that farmers buy at retail, sell at wholesale and pay the freight both ways.

"We just don't have a way to capture it at this point," he said of the fee increase proposal.

The economic situation is especially difficult for young ranchers and too many fee increases may discourage some from even participating in the program to the industry's detriment, Nash said. "I know some people

who just don't brand anymore," he said. "If we have a disease outbreak, that's what we have to trace back."

The Oregon Farm Bureau is backing the OCA's proposal, noting that natural resources agencies are asking for fee increases "across the board" during the economic fallout of the coronavirus pandemic.

"Their cumulative impact on the sector will be substantial," said Mary Anne Cooper, the organization's vice president of public policy. "We think the Oregon Cattlemen's compromise is more than fair."

Sen. Jeff Golden, D-Ashland, said the committee isn't planning to vote on the fee increases anytime soon and urged ODA to discuss the compromise proposal with the livestock industry.

**CARES**

Continued from Page 1B

Sorrels said the county did a fine job distributing the money in a timely manner.

"Although we have had a fairly successful takeout business, which continues to grow, the money we take in does not cover all of our expenses, considering that we have an empty restaurant," she said.

Ten Depot's Paycheck Protection Program funds ran out in November, Sorrels said, and the CARES grant enabled the establishment to keep paying staff and provided money for utilities, insurance and inventory.

"It would have been a lot harder to survive without it," she added.

Tim Osterloh owns and operates Clank-Tronix in La Grande. The business received a Tier 2 grant.

"It helped out dramatically," he said. "Without the funding it would have been difficult — I've been able to not just stay in business, but it helped me to expand a little bit."

Osterloh has been

remodeling a back-section of the businesses at 315 Fir St. to add more space for customers and what he called an "education room."

"I had noticed a huge boom in home schooling, people calling for home schooling books and just home schooling in general," he said. "It's just amazing how much I've been able to accomplish. I've already got this room fully remodeled, and I've already put in most of the shelves and got (the books) already on the shelves, and now I'm working on just trying to make things more COVID friendly, I guess you would say."

The Eastern Oregon Film Festival and the performance arts venue HQ, both in La Grande, each received Tier 1 grants — \$7,500 to the festival and \$11,103.25 to HQ.

Chris Jennings, who helped found each and helps operate them, said the grant to the film festival was "a great help to fill in the gaps." The festival's member program "is just nonexistent," he said, and the sponsor program is likely to net 50% of what

it usually does. Jennings said that is pushing EOFF to change its fundraising model dramatically.

"That \$7,500 bucks from the county is just a huge saving grace in terms of keeping general operations moving while we try to figure out how to re-leverage donation support or approach different foundations, things like that, and kind of pivot," he said.

The grant has helped the festival "keep paying the bills," he said, "pushing out ad campaigns and promoting the fact that we're still gonna be trying in October."

HQ's grant also is helping it keep the lights on.

"As far as I can tell that's kinda the goal of the grant, too," Jennings said. "Keeping baseline — keeping businesses intact and keeping them functioning and staying. If we shuttered our doors we won't be coming back, that's for sure. We'd unplug everything and turn off the lights, and call it a day — it's not like that business or ourselves would be coming back when it's time."

**MEAT**

Continued from Page 1B

of major meat packing facilities and increased demand for local slaughter and processing options.

"The COVID-19 pandemic revealed a break in the marketing chain for all livestock producers, as there has been an overall lack of capacity to process livestock into meat in Oregon," said Carol Lorenzen, head of OSU's department of animal and rangeland sciences.

The ODA's previous state inspection program was eliminated for budgetary reasons five decades ago, and the agency expects time and money will be needed to get the program up and running again.

Aside from the \$10 million grant proposal, lawmakers are also considering bills that would require state regulators to study "barriers to family-scale meat production" and the possibility of permitting animal rendering facilities in Oregon.

**UPGRADE**

**NORTHWEST FURNITURE & MATTRESS**

215 Elm Street La Grande • (541) 963-5440  
northwestfurnitureandmattress.com

**M.J. Goss Motor Co.**

HOME OF **WARRANTY FOREVER!**

FIND NEW ROADS

**www.gossmotors.com**

1415 Adams Ave, La Grande 541-963-4161

AAA CHEVROLET GMC YAMAHA BUICK

**All Qualified New and Pre-Owned Vehicles We Provide You With A Complimentary Power Train Warranty Forever**

Published by The Observer & Baker City Herald - Serving Wallowa, Union and Baker Counties

**CLASSIFIEDS**

PLACING YOUR AD IS EASY...Union, Wallowa, and Baker Counties

Phone La Grande - 541-963-3161 • Baker City - 541-523-3673

On-Line: [www.lagrandeobserver.com](http://www.lagrandeobserver.com)  
[www.bakercityherald.com](http://www.bakercityherald.com)

Email: [Classifieds@lagrandeobserver.com](mailto:Classifieds@lagrandeobserver.com)  
[Classifieds@bakercityherald.com](mailto:Classifieds@bakercityherald.com)

DEADLINES:  
LINE ADS:  
Tuesday: 8:30am Monday  
Thursday: 8:30 am Wednesday  
Saturday: 8:30 am Friday  
DISPLAY ADS:  
2 Days Prior to Publication Date

VISA MasterCard

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2021

**CROSSWORD PUZZLER**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Slow-moving beasts
  - 5 Airport-hotel connection, sometimes
  - 8 Busboy's load
  - 12 Llama country
  - 13 Aries mo.
  - 14 Landscape shrub
  - 15 Pretty soon
  - 16 "Vive le —!"
  - 17 Cash substitutes
  - 18 Dog star
  - 20 Adult male
  - 22 Comstock Lode st.
  - 24 Itemizes
  - 28 Wash-and-wear (hyph.)
  - 32 Wyoming neighbor
  - 33 BMW rival
  - 34 Family mem.
  - 36 Comparable
- DOWN**
- 1 Iridescent stone
  - 2 Warrior princess
  - 3 Romantic deity

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

R	A	S	H	H	I	P	A	T	O	P
A	L	M	A	I	R	A	R	I	L	E
M	A	U	I	N	E	W	G	L	E	E
S	T	R	A	D	T	U	T	O	R	
				C	R	U	M	P	L	E
K	A	P	U	T	A	R	C	R	E	V
E	X	I	T	A	G	O	C	A	N	E
N	E	E	G	Y	M	L	A	P	S	E
				M	I	N	A	R	E	T
A	S	I	A	N	A	D	E	P	T	
W	A	N	T	J	A	B	R	E	A	D
L	I	F	T	E	L	I	E	S	P	N
S	L	O	E	T	E	D	R	O	S	A

2-18-21 © 2021 UFS, Dist. by Andrews McMeel for UFS

- 4 Convent dwellers
- 5 Professions
- 6 PFC mail drop
- 7 Sombrero feature
- 8 West Indies island
- 9 Pooh's pal
- 10 Tempe inst.
- 11 "Indeed!"
- 19 Midwest st.
- 21 Cassius Clay
- 23 Competing (for)
- 25 Munro's pen name
- 26 Lean
- 27 Melody
- 28 Painter of floppy clocks
- 29 Breakdown
- 30 Graven image
- 31 Misses badly (2 wds.)
- 35 Braggart
- 38 Sault — Marie
- 40 Murky
- 44 Microsoft product
- 46 Crooked
- 47 "Wool" on clay sheep
- 48 Salem rival
- 49 Overindulge
- 50 Excessively
- 51 Doctrine
- 52 Spring training loc.
- 54 "Ulalume" poet

**110 Announcements**

**To Place a Classified Ad**

Please email your contact information and the content to be included in the ad to:  
[classifieds@bakercityherald.com](mailto:classifieds@bakercityherald.com)

If you are unable to email please call:  
**(541) 523-3673**

**Deadline for Classified Ads**  
**8:30 AM one day prior to publication**

**CLASSIFIEDS**

**Mean Cash**

**110 Announcements**

**Get noticed. TURN YOUR LIGHTS ON.**

Drive Safely. The Way to Go.  
Transportation Safety — ODOT

**110 Announcements**

**110 Announcements**

**110 Announcements**

**SUBSCRIBERS!**

TAKE US ON YOUR PHONE and LEAVE YOUR PAPER AT HOME!

FULL editions of the **Baker City Herald** -AND- **La Grande Observer** are now available online!

**3 EASY STEPS**

1. Register your account before you leave
2. Call to stop your print paper
3. Log in wherever you are at and enjoy!

Call Now to Subscribe!  
**(541) 963-3161**

Classifieds get results. Check out our classified ads.

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES IDAHO

**PULL TABS ACCEPTED**

AT THE FOLLOWING BAKER CITY LOCATIONS

- Baker City Herald
- Dollar Tree
- Ryder's Distributing
- Black Bros
- VFW
- Baker Elk's Lodge
- Main Event
- Lefty's Tap House
- Little Bagel Shop
- Baker City Fire Dept.
- Haines Sell-Rite
- Idle Hour
- Salvation Army

★ ★ ★ ★

THE DEADLINE for placing a **CLASSIFIED AD** is **8:30 A.M.** ONE BUSINESS DAY BEFORE PUBLICATION

Publication Days: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Call **541-963-3161** or **541-523-3673** to place your ad.