



Steven Mitchell/Blue Mountain Eagle, File

Alec Oliver, a fifth-generation rancher, helps out during the 2021 Grant County Fair's Youth Livestock Auction.

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Horseback riding

Oliver said riding a horse is one of the most therapeutic things he does.

"Horseback riding a really good therapy," he said. "The weight and the motion you feel on a saddle when a horse walks is a very similar replication to actually walking."

Oliver uses a lift to get on and off his horse, and he has a modified saddle made by a saddlemaker in Texas.

What horseback riding does, he said, is pump blood up and down his spinal cord to promote healing.

Many have found Oliver's story inspirational, including the nonprofit agriculture education group Oregon Aglink, which named him the 2021 Agriculturist of the Year.

SWARTZ

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multiple decades, Swartz noticed the changing business landscape in the area over the years. When Swartz Ink was founded, La Grande was home to two other similar office supply stores. While those stores eventually went out of business, Swartz was faced with a sink-or-swim situation.

The couple began expanding their services,

utilizing internet sales over the last 15 years. Swartz Ink began selling type-writer ribbons and calculator supplies on Ebay and Amazon, in addition to on their own website.

"I think a lot of it is knowing your limitations," Ed Swartz said. "Our business is debt free and it has been for quite a few years. That's the way we wanted it, debt free and not having to worry about paying anyone back after it was done."

He noted that the addition of internet sales

helped keep the business afloat for years, adapting to a changing industry. However, one disadvantage of online sales is the low costs for toner cartridges and other office supplies offered by companies overseas — the cheaper quality and low costs of big-chain competitors made it difficult to keep up. The business adapted once again, utilizing wholesale toner cartridge purchases to expand the shop into ink and toner cartridge services.

"I just stuck it out and changed," Ed Swartz said. "You have to roll with the punches and do what you have to do to stay in business."

After 25 years, the Swartz couple are ready for their next chapter in life. Ed and Sharon Swartz plan to stay in the area, and Ed Swartz will continue to serve as a local pastor.

"It's just time for a change," Ed Swartz said, "and time to do some fishing and stuff like that."

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