

Izee ranchers sell 'ideal' bull

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RED BLUFF, Calif. – M.T. and Cori Anderson, owners of High Desert Cattle Co. in Izee, recently sold an award-winning bull.

The Andersons received the Jack Owens Ideal Range Bull award for their 2-year-old bull, HDCC Desert Front Class 305, during the Jan. 21-25 Red Bluff Bull and Gelding Sale in Red Bluff, Calif.

The bull sold for \$8,500 to M&A Livestock of California.

Three of the Andersons' horned Herefords sold for an average of \$6,667.



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M.T. and Cori Anderson of Izee won the Jack Owens Ideal Range Bull during the Jan. 21-25 Red Bluff Bull & Gelding Sale in Red Bluff, Calif. At the halter with the 2-year old horned Hereford is Cori with her children Cinch and Raney (holding banner) at her side.

Courthouse elevator project on track

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CANYON CITY – The elevator project at the Grant County Courthouse is on track.

The County Court this week accepted the low bid for building the project, submitted by J.P. Prince Co. LLC of Redmond.

The company's bid of \$230,000 was one of just two submitted. The other firm, Bend-based Kirby Nagelhout Construction Co., submitted a bid of \$487,000.

Peter Baer of Pinnacle Architecture Inc., the county's architect for the project, opened the bids in the Feb. 4 County Court meeting. In a follow-up meeting Monday, the Court agreed to send a letter of intent to award the job to the low bidder. After the legally-required seven-day protest period, the project can move ahead with a contract signing and pre-construction meeting.

However, Baer cautioned

that the onset of the work will depend how soon the contractor can get the elevator delivered.

"To get an elevator ordered and approved and here, could be two months," he said.

The job is expected to be done by the end of June.

The state has committed \$150,000 for the project, with the balance to come from the county's Courthouse reserve fund.

The state money comes from a fund created by the Oregon Legislature to pay for courthouse improvements – and in some cases, new courthouses – in counties across the state during the 2013-15 biennium.

Tammy Wheeler, trial court administrator for Grant County Circuit Court, said the elevator will be a service for the public.

The elevator will replace a stairlift that was installed in 1989 at a cost of \$33,557. The contraption is a motorized open platform that moves along a staircase railing, rounding two

corners and up 24 steps, to the third floor where the Circuit and Justice courts are located.

It can carry someone in a wheelchair, or a person can ride seated on a fold-out chair – but not without making the rider something of a public spectacle.

"It's humiliating," said Wheeler, adding that in some cases it seems unsafe.

Courthouse staffers who operate the lift for people say it has stalled out in the past, requiring an employee to use a hand crank to get it moving again. It also has a weight limit that can be a problem for some of the heavier chairs, and some people who might need to use it are leery about the open platform and uneven motion.

The state fund was created to help counties – which are required to provide facilities for the state trial court system – address issues in their aging courthouses, and disabled access was one of the issues on the list.

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"They have a lot of homework to do and have heavy pressure from parents to do well," he said.

He noted contrasts between American and Chinese teaching styles.

"American teachers pay more attention to a comprehensive, all-around education, especially to improve the students individual practice capabilities on in-class work," he said. "In China the teachers pay more attention to the students' scores."

"First, our concept of education focuses on the result, but not the procedure of learning; we all study for scores from primary school to college," he said. "Second, diploma is the only measurement of our ability – we can't obtain a good job without a rich enough diploma, not to mention promotions."

Chinese teachers also have regular performance evaluations on student scores, lesson preparation, correcting homework, teaching research, and training.

At Grant Union Junior-Senior High School, Dong observed classes and enjoyed a question and answer session with students about the two cultures.

"Our students might be interested to know that students throughout China are not able to date until age 18," Witty said.

Dong noted some differences in the schools.

Classes in China have 50 or

more students to Grant Union's average of 15.

Also, his students have a permanent classroom with teachers rotating in and out.

He was fascinated to see technical programs integrated at Grant Union, and found it interesting to see girls welding – he said that in China, girls don't weld.

Mary Ann Vidourek's band class favored the visiting principal with a performance of "Pantheon" by Michael Sweeney.

"I thought the students played well," Dong said.

"I felt honored to have him visit, and proud of my band, as always," Vidourek said.

One evening he attended a Grant Union girls basketball game.

"The girls are very brave, and they did well," he said.

He was interested to find that each school has a basketball gym, and even small

schools are equipped with a music room, science room and library.

Witty and Dong also toured Seneca School, the students sharing its history.

"The people here are very friendly," Dong said. "When I went to every school they gave me a warm welcome."

Witty also took his visitor skeet shooting and four-wheeling, and attended a John Day City Council meeting where Dong presented the city with a silk scarf.

American food was a struggle for Dong, Witty said – although he did enjoy beef and potatoes.

"Our lives were enriched by his visit, and I am looking forward to reciprocating this coming spring," Witty said, adding with a smile, "I am a bit nervous how I will fare after learning the guest of honor may be offered a boiled rooster head to eat."

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