

USDA opens CFA aid to more commodities

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Additional commodities are now eligible for federal direct farm aid, and some already-eligible commodities now qualify for more aid.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue on Thursday said USDA made the changes after reviewing comments from farm groups and analyzing USDA Market News data.

"This is an example of government working for the people — we asked for input and we updated the program based on the comments we received," said Perdue.

USDA will begin accepting applications for new commodities July 13.

Industry groups and legislators have been campaigning for months for USDA to include more commodities hurt by COVID-19 market disruptions, and farm leaders call the update a "huge victory" for farmers originally left out of the aid package.

The program, known as the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, or CFAP, is handled by the USDA's Farm Service Agency offices nationwide.

According to a statement from USDA, the CFAP aid package will now allow farmers with the following commodities to apply:

- Alfalfa sprouts
- Anise
- Arugula
- Basil
- Bean sprouts
- Beets
- Blackberries
- Brussels sprouts
- Celeriac (celery root)

- Chives
- Cilantro
- Coconuts
- Collard greens
- Dandelion greens
- Greens (others not listed separately)
- Guava
- Kale greens
- Lettuce — including Boston, green leaf, Lolla Rossa, oak leaf green, oak leaf red and red leaf
- Marjoram
- Mint
- Mustard
- Okra
- Oregano
- Parsnips
- Passion fruit
- Peas (green)
- Pineapple
- Pistachios
- Radicchio
- Rosemary
- Sage
- Savory
- Sorrel
- Fresh sugarcane
- Swiss chard
- Thyme
- Turnip top greens

USDA will also expand aid for seven already-eligible commodities:

- Apples
- Blueberries
- Garlic
- Potatoes
- Raspberries
- Tangerines
- Taro

The update also means that peaches and rhubarb no longer qualify for aid payments.

Based on new data, payment rates will also be corrected for growers of:

- Apples
- Artichokes
- Asparagus
- Blueberries
- Cantaloupes
- Cucumbers
- Garlic
- Kiwifruit
- Mushrooms
- Papaya
- Peaches
- Potatoes
- Raspberries
- Rhubarb
- Tangerines
- Tar

Cutcliffe King to hold book signing Saturday

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Cutcliffe King, a newly published author, will hold a book signing at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at The Ugly Truth Bar & Grill in John Day.

King arrived in John Day in the winter of 2019. Inspired by his wife, Denise, he wrote three novels, titled "The Javelin Trilogy." What began as a single novel years earlier, King developed the story into three parts.

The first, "The Recruitment," was recently published



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and released by Page Publishing, New York City. The second, "The Voyage," is being published now, with the third, "The Return," to be released later this year.

Because John Day was the birthplace for the trilogy, King is returning to John Day for his first book signing. Anyone who wishes to purchase a book for signing is invited.

Clifford LaVerne 'Ike' Snell

July 10, 2020

Clifford LaVerne "Ike" Snell, 85, born in La Grande, Oregon, passed away on July 10 in Dale, Oregon, at home with his family by his side.

He was raised and attended school in La Grande, Oregon, before serving in the United States Air Force until his honorable discharge. Ike was united in marriage to Elizabeth "Betty" Wilson on May 23, 1975, in La Grande, Oregon. They lived in Hermiston, Oregon, before moving to Dale, Oregon, in 1994 where they have lived since.

He was a member of the Elks Club, Blue Mt. Paint Horse Club, Over the Hills trail riding club and retired from Oregon State Highway Department.

He was an avid hunter, loved the outdoors, enjoyed watching sports and most of all spending time with his family.

He is survived by wife of 45 years, Betty Snell; sons Ron Snell of Bend, Oregon, and Rusty Smith of Prineville, Oregon; daughters Denise Lini of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Wendie Rogers of St. Helens, Oregon; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Ike was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and LaVere Snell; sister Ilene; sister Jacky Hiatt; and grandson Kyle Cruz.

There will be a graveside service with military honors held on Saturday, July 18, 2020, at 11 a.m. at the Island City Cemetery, Island City, Oregon. As per Oregon guidelines, any in attendance must wear a mask.

Those who wish may contribute to the American Cancer Society.

Share memories of Ike with his family at burnsmortuary-hermiston.com.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.



OBITUARIES

Rocky Lee Maley

Feb. 17, 1965 — July 7, 2020

Rocky Lee Maley, son of Jerry and Kathryn Maley, passed away on July 7, 2020. He was born in Redmond, Oregon, Feb. 17, 1965. He attended several schools in Grant County. At Prairie City High School, he excelled in football and FFA, receiving many awards and graduating in 1984. After his graduation he went to work on ranches around Eastern Oregon. Nov. 24, 1988, Rocky had a daughter, Abi Christensen.

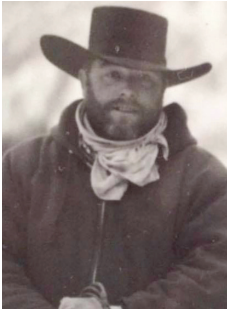
In September of 1988 Rocky met his wife-to-be, Deanna. Rocky and Deanna married Jan. 26, 1990, and had their first boy, Cole James Maley, on Aug. 3, 1990. After Cole was born, Deanna, Rocky and Cole moved about the Northwest briefly before finding themselves back at the Crown Ranch. Their daughter, CheyAnne Marie Maley, was born Aug. 2, 1995, and son, Dillon Lee Maley, was born Nov. 29, 1998, both in John Day.

Rocky continued to ranch and log, raising his kids within that life. In 2002 Rocky was injured in a logging accident. Following his accident, he found various hobbies to cope with bouts of depression. Rocky was a talented man with everything he did. He was a lover of animals, hunting, fishing and a new adventure. In 2014 Rocky moved to Fox to work for Jackie Johns where he worked until his passing.

Rocky is survived by his wife, Deanna Maley; his children, Abi Christensen (Robbie), Cole Maley, CheyAnne Myers (Corey) and Dillon Maley; his father, Jerry Maley; and his sister, Tammy Maley.

Rocky is preceded in death by his mother, Kathryn Etta Maley; aunts Mary Boyer, Sandy Weissenfluh and Sarah Maley; and cousin, Andy Boyer.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, July 18, 2020 at the Fox Valley Cemetery at 11 a.m. with a dinner to follow at a private residence.



James Terry Sproul

July 28, 1952 — July 5, 2020

On Sunday, July 5, 2020, James Terry Sproul, loving husband, father and grandfather, lost his courageous battle with cancer at the age of 67. Jim's life was celebrated with a graveside service at the Canyon City Cemetery on Friday, July 10, at 1 p.m.

He was born on July 28, 1952, as the first child of Niles Arnold (Jim) Sproul and Christi Jean Sproul. He was later joined by his brother Guy and sisters Sally, Mary and Nancy.

Jim and his wife of 40 years, Carlyn Jo, raised their six children on the family ranch in Bear Valley. In later years, Jim and Jo moved to Canyon City, where his 14 grandchildren became more prominent in Jim's life.

Jim is preceded in death by his father, Niles. He is survived by his wife, Jo; six children, Ben Brandt and his wife, Vivian, Andrea Combs and her husband, John, Bill Sproul and his wife, Johni, Jamie Thomas and her husband, Beau, Wendy Ballou and Alma Mattocks and her husband, Jimmy; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his mother; and his siblings.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Blue Mountain Hospice or the American Cancer Society through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. To light a candle in Jim's honor or to offer online condolences to his family, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.



Ben Stephens

March 2, 1940 — July 3, 2020

Ben Stephens, 80, of Prairie City, died at his home on Friday, July 3, 2020, with his family at his side. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

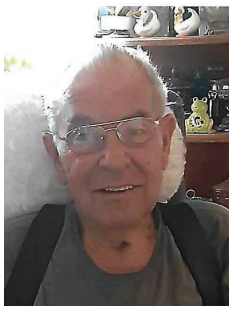
Benjamin Williams Stephens Jr. was born March 2, 1940, to parents Benjamin and Anna Stephens in Placerville, California. He was raised and educated in San Francisco, but later settled down in Oregon. Ben loved the outdoors, so it was a natural fit that he would begin his own logging business named Ben Stephens Logging.

Ben enjoyed working on vehicles, mechanizing, fishing, hunting and getting wood. Ben was also lucky in love, and like a line from a country western song, he had been married 10 times. Ben will be remembered for being a kind and gentle soul who would help anyone.

Ben was preceded in death by his parents and daughter Tulisa Stephens.

He is survived by his companion of 22 years, Ruth McGarity, of Prairie City; sons Benjamin (Laurie) Stephens III of Greenwood, California, Joey Stephens of Washington; step-son Billy Ray McGarity; step-daughter Darlene Ferguson; brother Donnie Stephens; and sister Penny Stephens; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and faithful and loyal dog, Tanner.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Ben the family suggests the "Shop with a Hero" program through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be shared at tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.



Online wild horse adoption event to feature 19 horses from southeast Oregon

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The Bureau of Land Management will hold an online wild horse and burro adoption event July 14-21, featuring 19 horses from southeast Oregon.

The adoption will be coordinated through the agency's wild horse and burro adoption and sales website at <https://on.doi.gov/2fSrZji>. Interested parties should first visit this website to learn more about

the rules and requirements for adopting or purchasing a wild horse or burro. Animal bids start at \$25.

During this event, 19 horses from southeast Oregon will be available for adoption, along with many others from Bureau of Land Management mustang holding facilities in the west. The Oregon horses for this adoption range from 6 to 21 years old and come from the Stinkingwater, Beatys Butte and Warm Springs herd

management areas.

Video clips of available horses from southeast Oregon are available now on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/fTvlxkR1UaA>.

All of the Oregon horses in this event are also eligible for the Adoption Incentive Program, which gives \$1,000 to qualified applicants who adopt an untrained animal. Several horses are also available for direct purchase through the BLM's Sale

Authority Program.

Horses adopted or purchased during the July Online Corral event will be available for pick-up from numerous locations across the country, including Oregon, Mississippi, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Illinois.

In 2018, the BLM released its new "Online Corral" system — an internet-based auction site geared toward increasing the number of wild horses and burros placed into

private care each year. The website features a modern, streamlined interface, new filtering features, and an interactive web map. Users submit and track the status of their applications directly through the website. Approved applicants can browse available animals and participate in the competitive bid event.

All horse enthusiasts are encouraged to consider becoming adopters so these wild horses can be placed in

good, safe homes. With their stamina, hardiness and quick intelligence, Oregon's wild horses make excellent partners for any discipline.

See all the individual animal profiles and sign up to adopt today: <https://wildhorseonline.blm.gov/Animals>.

For more information, call 1-800-370-3936 or email blm_es_inet_adoption@blm.gov, or Oregon's Wild Horse Corral Facility at 541-573-2749.

Corrine Lois Wacken
January 10, 1927 – June 25, 2020

C. Lois Wacken, 93, passed away June 25, 2020 at the Blue Mountain Care Center in Prairie City, Oregon. She was born January 10, 1927 in Salem, Oregon to Rudolph and Agnes (Theilen) Wacken. She was raised on a farm about 7 miles from Salem with two sisters and a brother.

Lois attended grade school at the Hazel Green Public School, three years of high school at Gold Beach High and graduated in 1945 from Salem High school. She worked for three years before entering the Oregon College of Education, Monmouth Oregon where she obtained her three-year certificate in 1952 and her Bachelor of Science in Education in 1955. Lois received her Master of Science in Education Degree in 1965 from Eastern Oregon State College, LaGrande, Oregon. She taught in Langlois, Oregon for three years and then journeyed to Grant County in 1956 to teach at the John Day Junior High School which lasted for twenty-seven years. After retirement she volunteered at the Grant County Chamber of Commerce for 21 years.

Lois traveled to Canada, England, Northern Europe, New Zealand, and Australia. She also traveled to every state in the US. Lois crocheted afghans for approximately 15 years making 50-60 afghans a year and donated them to the Veterans Hospital through the American Legion Auxiliary. Lois was an excellent seamstress and made a lot of her own clothes. Additional hobbies included bird watching, photography, fishing, hunting, reading, Oregon History, bowling and watching sports especially the Seattle Mariners. She was a board member of the Grant County Historic Preservation Foundation and founding member of the Alpha Xi, chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority of the Grant County chapter.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents, and sister Irene Kerber. She is survived by sister Rosalie Baer, Salem, Oregon; brother Cliff Wacken, Boise, Idaho; nieces Lynne Cannivet, Hubbard, Oregon; Jeena Huntzinger, Dallas, Oregon; Chris Kerber, Keizer, Oregon, Matt Baer, Salem, Oregon and Mark Baer, Salem, Oregon and many Grant County friends.

Graveside Services were held Salem at the Restlawn Memory Gardens at 1 pm, July 2, 2020. A Celebration of Lois' life will take place at a later time in Grant County. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Lois' name may be made to the Blue Mt. Hospital District Ambulance or the American Diabetes Association, Oregon Affiliate Inc. through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. *Paid for by the family of Corrine Wacken.*

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Thursday	86/49
Friday	85/51
Saturday	96/54
Sunday	80/54
Monday	80/46

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
88	91	90	89	90	93	98
57	56	53	53	56	50	57