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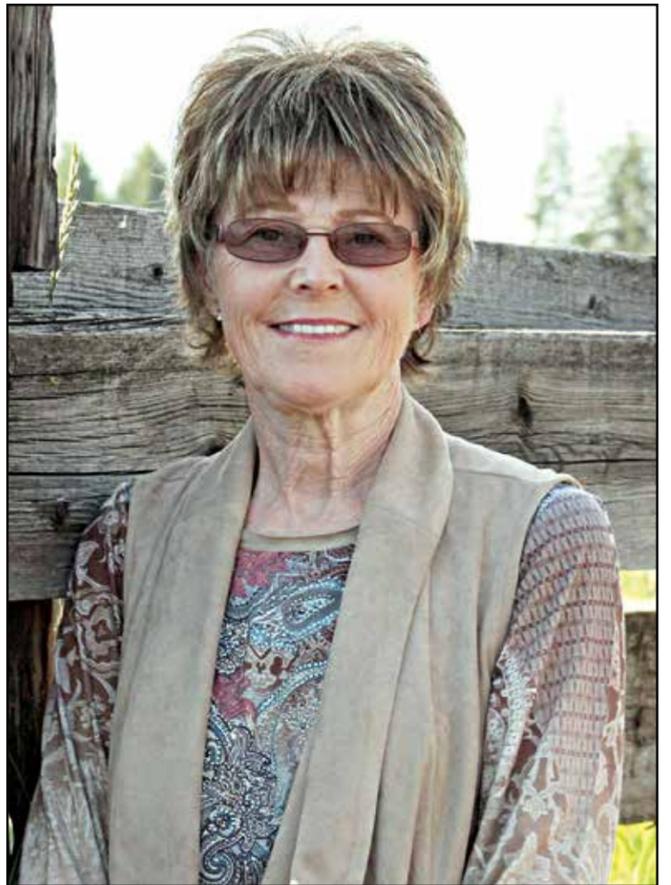
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From left: State Senior Vice Commander Doug Welch, Janet and Dave Owsley, and District II Commander Joe Reiner at the "Veteran of the Year" presentation held Aug. 4, at the Harold Kinne VFW Post 3296. Photo by Nancy Butler



Bev Bailey is this year's Grand Marshal for the 2020 Wild Weippe Rodeo.

Owsley presented Department of Idaho VFW Veteran of the Year Award

By Elizabeth Morgan

Post Commander Dave Owsley was more than a little surprised as he presided over the past meeting for Harold Kinne VFW Post 3296 held Aug. 4.

It was going to be a special evening. It was Dave's understanding the Post was going to receive the All-State award at the meeting. What he didn't know was that he was also being honored as the recipient of the Veteran of the Year award.

The All-State award is awarded to Posts who have not lost any members over the Year (in other words for every member who we lose (death, moving, etc.) we have to replace with a new member, which then allows us to be at 100% in membership. This along with other things such as participating in the Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen programs, distributing Buddy Poppies to the community, having a Scout and/or of

the Year, etc. qualify the Post for All-State.

Harold Kinne Post 3296 has been named an All-State Post three times in the past 15 years: 2004/05, 2015/16, and 2019/20. It is a hard honor to achieve. Both Dave as Commander and Ron Roy as Quartermaster will receive a special VFW white cap or jacket (their choice) and the Post gets a nice certificate.

The annual VFW Idaho State Convention which is usually held in the first two weeks in June was cancelled this year, along with the VFW National Convention (first time in over 120 years) because of COVID-19.

All the awards are usually handed out at the State Convention. Because of the lack of a State Convention, the District II Commander Joe Riener came last Tuesday to present the All-State award to the Post and unbeknown to but just a few, the Veteran of the Year

award to Dave. District II consists of the nine VFW Posts in our area to include: Orofino, Lewiston, Moscow, Potlatch, Kamiah, Kendrick, Elk City, Cottonwood and Grangeville.

Also helping Joe present the Veteran of the Year award to Dave was the current State VFW Sr. Vice Commander Doug Welch (from Lewiston). There is only one Veteran of the Year chosen each year and it is decided on by a panel of past Veteran of the Year recipients. The Veteran of the Year receives a nice plaque and a special VFW cap which states Veteran of the Year on the side.

This award until about five years ago was always referred to as the Mr. VFW award, but with the rise in the number of women combat veterans eligible for membership in the VFW, the award name was changed to Veteran of the Year. That being said, it is interesting to note that the new, current VFW State Commander is Melanie Foster, the first woman VFW state commander in Idaho history.

Other VFW dignitaries in attendance on Tuesday, included Past State Commander Rocky Davis (Lewiston), current State Surgeon and Kendrick Post Commander Darel Hazeltime and Cottonwood Post Commander Dave Frye.

Past Post Commander Doug Boyer was the person to submit the following tribute to Dave Owsley for consideration of this prestigious award. Some of these things I knew, I know he is always busy with many events, but the list says it all I think its important to share.

Veteran of the Year

The veteran is a life member of the VFW and the Marine Corps League.

Offices held

The veteran at one time or another has held all officer positions at the Post level at least once, with the exception of Post Surgeon, Advocate and Service Officer.

The veteran has been Post Commander in 2008-10, 2014-15 and in 2019-20 when the Post Commander resigned for personal reasons early in his term and the Sr. Vice was unable to move into the Commander's chair for

(See....Owsley presented pg 2A)

Just a passion for horses and a love for rodeos

By Elizabeth Morgan

It is with great pride to announce Bev Bailey as this year's Grand Marshal to lead the festivities for the 2020 Wild Weippe Rodeo to be held Aug. 15 and 16.

Bev is a lifelong resident of the community and shared that she was first introduced to the rodeo by her great uncle. She explained that her dad wasn't interested in horses, but Great Uncle Leslie "Tuff" Smolinski would invite her to ride with them to attend many of the area rodeos.

When she was a little older, Bev remembers arriving at the grounds early to help in the cook shack with the prep work needed to help feed the hungry crowds throughout the weekend.

Those experiences would spark an enthusiasm to last a lifetime. Bev confirms she's an avid rodeo follower and has traveled to the national rodeo finals and the Calgary Stampede just to mention a few. "I guess I've just always had a passion for horses and rodeo."

In the past, Bev volunteered with the Timberline High School Rodeo and helps with the Junior Rodeo which has evolved now. "I've always enjoyed helping the kids."

When asked if she rode or participated in the rodeo, Bev said she entered the novice barrel racing competition in the early 80's and won. Primarily, she prefers to enjoy from the spectator's seat.

Bev and Barry Bailey have been married for 48 years. They are happy to have daughter Kim, son-in-law, Toby Cox and grandson, Connor live close by. In 1990, the year she graduated from Timberline High School, Kim qualified to attend the National High School Rodeo finals for barrel racing in Shawnee, OK.

Bev has been the owner of Creative Gifts for 22 years. The shop also offers screen printing and embroidery which has served the community well.

Community involvement

Bev is cofounder of the Timberline All School Reunion which began in 2000 and will be held every five years.

In 2000, Bev was instrumental in the beginning of the Timberline Alumni Scholarship Fund. The Alumni gives two scholarships each year, through donations and selling Spartan apparel.

Bev was a 4-H leader in the community for 15 years, and has helped with the "Retreat to Weippe" for the past 20 years.

Ken Hengen, President of the Weippe Rodeo Board said "Bev has been doing our rodeo shirts now for several years. She not only orders, but she actually does the design work and screen prints the design onto the shirt. She also helps sell them at the local businesses, to include the Weippe Farmers Market and helps keep inventory as well."

"Bev is our BIGGEST supporter for getting our Sponsors! She has a knack for that and with the help of a few friends of hers and the rodeo she is able to get many large donations. That is the MAIN reason the rodeo has been able to keep going the last few years. Without the sponsors we would have been done five years ago."

"I'm so humbled with the honor of being asked to be Grand Marshal for 2020," shared Bev. "I am happy to have been a part in keeping this tradition alive and hope to see it continue for generations to come."

Come and share the excitement waiting at the 2020 Wild Weippe Rodeo! (See ad on page 1B)

Deer Creek motorized closure in unit 10A north of Pierce now in effect

By Jennifer Bruns, Regional Communications Manager

Idaho Fish and Game (IDFG) in cooperation with Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) and Potlatch-Deltic Corporation recently revisited a long-standing agreement for a motorized closure surrounding the Deer Creek Reservoir in game management unit 10A north of Pierce, ID.

Approximately 4,820 acres are included in the road closure agreement originally signed in the late 1980's.

The purpose of this closure is to; reduce road and trail maintenance due to yearlong use by motorized vehicles on production timber system roads, enhance big game security, manage and promote quality and provide a locally different type of recreational hunting and fishing experience. Many motorists were unaware of the long-standing closure as it was not enforced and signage not present due to lack of maintenance over

(See....Deer Creek motorized pg 2A)

Six-day weather forecast

Wednesday
Partly sunny, with a high near 80. Calm wind becoming west around 6 mph in the afternoon.

Wednesday Night
Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. West northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening.

Thursday
Mostly sunny, with a high near 84. Light and variable wind.

Thursday Night
Mostly clear, with a low around 51.

Friday
Sunny, with a high near 87.

Friday Night
Clear, with a low around 53.

Saturday
Sunny, with a high near 93.

Saturday Night
Clear, with a low around 57.

Sunday
Sunny and hot, with a high near 100.

Sunday Night
Mostly clear, with a low around 63.

Monday
Sunny and hot, with a high near 101.

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Last year's weather			
	Max.	Min.	Pre.
July 30	99	62	.00
Tuesday	89	62	.00
Wednesday	98	52	.00
Thursday	91	50	.00
Friday	83	50	.00
Saturday	83	53	.00
Sunday	90	56	.00

Temps. are read the following morning for the previous day, i.e. Friday's listed temp. would be for Thursday