The Camas County, Idaho Weekly Beaver!

No Particular Place to Go!

I Can't Get There from Here! ■ October 16, A.D. 2019: The Tooth, the Whole Tooth, and Nothing But the Tooth!

Camas County starts replacement work for the Manard Grade Bridge! New bridge to be unrestricted in weight capacity!

Any day now, the old Manard Grade bridge – now limited to one lane of traffic – will see its last crossing when Camas County demolishes the faithful – though creaky and perforated – span in the course of a higher-tech bridge replacement. The crossing is expected to be out of service for three or four weeks. ManardBridge.2 is one of two bridge replacements being done this fall using pre-engineered foundation sills and modular decking to streamline construction. Construction is already underway on the 100 North Bridge over Willow Creek!

Passage: Rod Pridmore, Common Sense Cowboy – A Man of Many Talents, Many Titles

Rodney "Rod" Michael Pridmore, 68, of Fairfield, Idaho, died October 5, 2019 of injuries sustained in an accident, while flying his powered parachute.

Rod was born May 4, 1951 in Gooding, Idaho to Harold and Margaret (Rutherford) Pridmore of Richfield, Idaho. He grew up on a dairy farm with his three sisters, as his dad's right-hand-man and his sisters' fun-loving antagonist, mischievous tease, and idea man. It was in those early years that he began a lifetime as a true grit cowboy, a man with more vision, determination, and common sense than most.

He married his high school sweetheart and lifelong love, Sally Patterson, on August 28, 1969 and they moved to Boise to start their adventures together. They were blessed with four daughters and eventually settled in Camas County, where they spent many wonderful years together enjoying the beauty and blessings of living in God's country and the journey of 50 years of marriage.

Living a simple life as a cowboy in the Idaho Mountains allowed Rod to focus on loving and leading his family in a life centered in the truth of Christ, leaving a legacy of Christian faith for generations to come.

Rod was a man of many talents and titles, at last count around 40 different jobs or businesses owned. He has been a farmer, rancher, dairyman, welder, pipe-fitter, garbage man, accountant, elected official (tax collector), government disaster relief employee, and a working cowboy, to mention a few.

His most recent venture was to purchase a herd of Scottish Highland cattle. For him, going back to his ranching roots and owning a piece of Camas Prairie was a dream come true. He was always a good and faithful provider, a trusted friend, and loving Papa to his grandkids. He also enjoyed the simple pleasures of life: a good chuckle, a hot cup of coffee with friends or family, and an afternoon nap.

His love for flying began when he became a pilot in 1979. When age and health made renewing his pilot's license difficult, he took up powered parachutes. Flying low and slow over the Camas Prairie gave him great pleasure. He shared several videos of his flights and poetry on his website www.commonsensecowboy.com.

Rod was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Andy Frostenson, his parents, Harold and Margaret Pridmore, and his grandparents, C.M. and Priscilla Pridmore. and Fred and Elnora Rutherford.

He will be forever missed by: his wife Sally; his daughters and their families – Bobi and Bria Frostenson; Darci, Todd, Hunter, Riley, and Graci Gill; Jessi, Steve, Parker, Tristan, and Dylan Webb; and Angie, Chris, Elijah, Gabe, Eden, Anna, Isaac, Mercy, Ava, and Daniel Pickering -- and his sisters Sheri and Rick Giesler, Kelly and Butch Edwards, and Lori and Toby Dayley.

Services were held Saturday, October 12, at the Camas County High School Gymnasium in Fairfield, Idaho. A private family interment took place at the Manard Cemetery near Fairfield. Condolences, memories and photos may be shared with the family by following the obituary link at www.demarayfuneralservice.com.

Photo: Bobi Frostenson

CAMAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #121

- The mission of the Camas County School Athletic Department is to provide activities that will involve all students, teach lessons that help to develop lifetime values and develop community support.
- Our vision is to constantly work to become the best school in the state of Idaho, a place where Mushers love to be.
- We believe that all interscholastic activities are:
    - For the benefit of the students.
    - An extension of the classroom.
    - A valuable tool for character development.

The Position: We are seeking a motivational and knowledgeable Girls Junior Varsity High School Basketball coach who is able to establish effective relationships with the Varsity coach, students, staff, and community. Middle/High School coaching experience is desirable. The best candidate will demonstrate high levels of planning and preparation, an appropriate environment that motivates students to develop an appreciation for basketball, will be adept in instruction of basketball skills, have a strong sense of professional responsibility, and has a philosophy that aligns with Camas County's mission and vision.

Why Should You Apply?

- Best Students and Staff in Idaho
- Supportive Team Atmosphere
- Students Come First…Always

Job Requirements

- Innovative and Growth Mindset.
- Team Oriented, Positive Outlook
- Experience Preferred
- US citizenship or appropriate residence or work visa.

Application Requirements

- District Classified Application Form (www.camascountyschools.org)
- Resume
- Copy of Teaching Certificate (if applicable)
- Statement of Coaching Philosophy
- Three Letters of Recommendation

Contact Information- Please submit all application requirements and direct questions concerning this position to:

- Wendy Strickler
- 610 Soldier Road
- Fairfield, Idaho 83327
- Phone: 2087642625
- Fax: 2087642625
- Email: wstrickler@camascountyschools.org

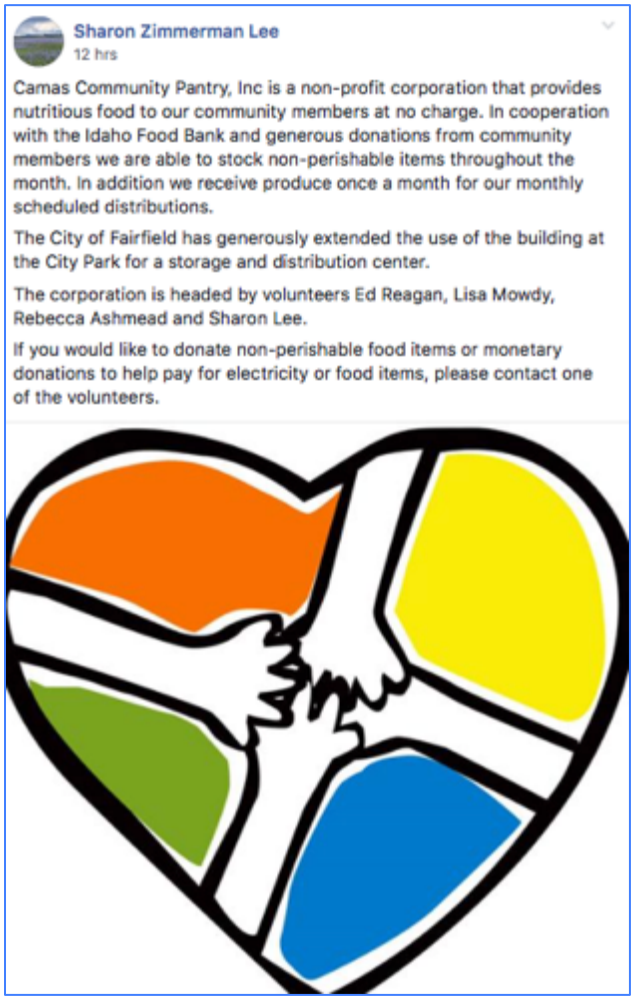
Upcoming Musher Games!

- **Away:** Wednesday, Oct. 16, JH Football and Volleyball, at Hagerman, 2 p.m.
- **Away:** Friday, Oct. 18, HS Football at Dietrich, 7 p.m.
- **Away:** Friday, Oct. 25, HS Football at Castleford, 7 p.m.

Cemetery board members wanted!

The Camas County Board of Commissioners will soon be appointing board members for the Camas Cemetery District, an independent tax district charged with governing operation and maintenance of our cemeteries. There are three Board positions! If you'd like to be considered, please notify the County Clerk's Office before October 28. Thanks!

From Facebook! Fairfield Food Bank!



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Lu Campbell

- Trained in Hawaiian Massage
- Certified in Swedish, Lomi Lomi & Connective Bodywork
- Available During Weekdays & Weekends

FOR SCHEDULING AND INFORMATION CALL
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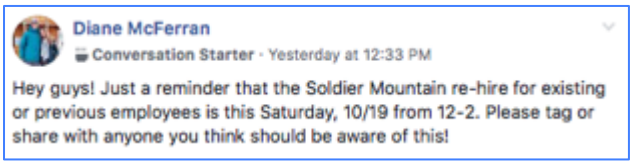
From Facebook.2! Re-Hiring Event at Soldier Mountain Saturday!

Yo Swifty! Be a Lifty!



Junior Soccer Team Crüshes!!!!! 5 to 1! Last game coming up!!!!

Go MiniMushers! Photo courtesy of Rebecca Ashmead

Another win for our Camas MiniMusher girls' soccer team!!! 5-1!!! Torri! Scored her first goal of the season! Harper was almost there a number of times! Ivy scored 4! Good passing! Good defense!

Last game next Saturday at 10 a.m. in Hailey! Come support the girls if you want to see a great game!!! Go MiniMushers!

Monday! "Let's Talk About It" Reading Group Will Paw Through *Animals In Translation* by Temple Grandin!

ISU English Professor Tom Klein will tug the Discussion Leash! 6 p.m. at the Library!

The "Let's Talk About It" book program is endorsed by Baseline Road Neighbor Cat Dexter!

Temple Grandin, a leading animal scientist who happens to be autistic as well, has written an engaging and fast-moving book of observations about animal consciousness and attention, and what Grandin sees as similarities with attention styles of autistic people! Very interesting! What does a cow or steer see??? Copies are available on loan at the Camas Library! The Monday discussion will also feature bowls of treats suitable for humans! This Camas series is part of a Idaho Library Board theme focus on science and the humanities! The *Animals in Translation* discussion will be led by Tom Klein of ISU, who is a specialist in medieval literature. Prof. Klein has recently had a research and publication interest in the translation and analysis of Anglo-Saxon poetic riddles! Man, where do I sign up for *that* job??????

Professor Klein also translated texts from engraved items recovered in the famous Staffordshire Hoard of Anglo-Saxon objects! Professor Klein came to ISU in 2000 and has been a Let's Talk About It program scholar since 2005! Please join fellow reading and animal and riddle enthusiasts Monday at the Library! Talk about it!

Re-elect Bill Simon for Zone 5 School Board Trustee!

Zone 5 is east of Soldier Road and north of Highway 20, except for the part in Fairfield City! If you live in Zone 5, you can vote for Bill! The election will take place Tuesday, November 5, and the polling place is the Public Library! Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.! I am not Bill, and I approve this message!

Coming Soon! A Giant Step Across Willow Creek at 100 North!

The old bridge over Willow Creek near the east county line expired five years or so ago of stupendous decrepitude, but its turn is now up in the rotation for replacement by Camas County Road and Bridge! R&B have decided to install a comparatively newfangled style of bridge using pre-engineered foundation sills set in place and then filled with concrete – seen curing in the photo. The sills will then be swiftly topped with a modular deck!

Senior Center Calendar for the upcoming week! All roads lead to breakfast!!!!!

Breakfast M-F, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.! Lunch Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday! Find your Way to Dessert!

Monday	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*	*Saturday*
Camas County Senior and Community Center **129 West Willow Avenue, Fairfield**		**October 16** Breakfast! Ham and Beans!	**October 17** Breakfast Art Class 10 a.m.	**October 18** Breakfast! Roast Chicken! Mashed Potatoes!!	
October 21 Breakfast!	**October 22** Breakfast! Pulled Pork! Cole Slaw!	**October 23** Breakfast! Chicken Alfredo! Plus Broccoli!!!!!!!	**Lunch Prices** Ages 60+, suggested donation of $5! Ages 10-59, $6! Ages 6-10, $2! Ages 0-5, Free!		

Winston Ellis photo!

Highway 20 to Squeeze Shut for Limited Hours Today and Tomorrow! The Race to Pave Before Winter Sets In!!!!! Ominous Gap Revealed!

Rare it is when a busy state highway pinches shut! But the ITD replacement projects for Highway 20 bridges at Willow Creek (in Camas County) and Rock Creek (in Blaine County) have achieved warp speed in the face of winter, and involve both-lane closures for limited times – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. – during October 16 and 17! This will allow double-time paving of bridge lanes and approaches with the end of paving season looming up! Construction personnel will be standing by at the closed sites to advise motorists about alternate routing ideas and provide support for Zen detachment and road rage management!

Go Back! Professors resume drilling Camas portal to Middle Earth!

Flying Machine Photo by Winston Ellis!

Well, Hell! Drilling has resumed west and south of Fairfield on a geothermal test well, part of a multi-year Snake River Plain project funded by DoE and others, being conducted by a raft of professors led by Professor John Shervais of Utah State! The aim, as near as I can remember without the piece of paper I seem to have lost, is to complete the well (named Camas-1) to a depth of 2,000 feet. And the aim of the well is partly to characterize the hydrothermal groundwater reservoir at that depth to assess the potential feasibility of electrical power generation or direct heating using the reservoir fluids. And partly to allow the professors to understand the relationships among groundwater, suspected magma influences way down deep, and faulting on the south side of the Camas Prairie. Drilling on Camas-1 was suspended for a while after reaching 1,200' feet or so, but has now resumed! ❦

camp rainbow gold

Swiped from the CRG blog!

Check it out yourself! camprainbowgold.org! Camp Rainbow Gold, a non-profit outfit that hosts medical camps for kids and their families, is now fixing up the venerable Hidden Paradise Resort north of Fairfield to be the camp's permanent home!

A BUSY FALL FOR HIDDEN PARADISE

Our new property manager could not have joined Camp Rainbow Gold at a better time as these past few months have seen a flurry of activity at Hidden Paradise, our new property in Fairfield, Idaho.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

We hosted our annual volunteer appreciation party in early September, welcoming all our camp volunteers—the backbone of our programs—to tour the camp and see the place we'll eventually call home. It was a wonderful afternoon of celebrations, sharing stories, memories and laughs from this past camp season and dreaming of the years ahead when we'll host camp at our own facility (and have bathrooms INSIDE the camper cabins)!

BLUE CROSS WORK DAY

The following week, a bus-full of angels arrived in the form of Blue Cross employees. Nearly 60 volunteers spent a full workday helping us clean buildings, shovel out the barn, wash windows, dig trenches, and a myriad of other projects to jump-start our to-do list. Their time was invaluable and their enthusiasm and care for this camp resonated throughout the 172 acres.

We've been so fortunate to have such a generous community who has helped over the past few months. We've had movers and trucks pitch-in to relocate storage items and furniture to the new location, neighbors sharing odds-and-ends equipment or connections, and businesses providing generous donations. Thank you to everyone who has been involved!

OPEN HOUSES

Once we had a little cleaning done, we invited all of our new neighbors to visit the site. On September 19th, we had about 100 folks from the Fairfield area come tour the property, listen to short presentations on the building plans, and enjoy cookies, coffee and milk. A lot of the visitors had not been up to the property in years and shared stories of the old days—golfing on the property, attending weddings in the grove of aspen trees and holding proms in the old lodge. Everyone seemed quite excited to have Camp Rainbow Gold as their new neighbors and to see the property getting cleaned up, fixed up and used again.

On October 29th, we'll be taking the show on the road and holding an Open House in the Wood River Valley. Sun Valley residents have been some of Camp Rainbow Gold's longest and biggest supporters and we want to share our plans for the new home we are building for Camp Rainbow Gold and other medical camps. If you are in the area, swing by the Limelight Hotel in Ketchum on Tuesday, the 29th from 4-7 p.m. We'll have displays with photos of Hidden Paradise, maps of the proposed camp and other details. We'd love to see you there!

GET INVOLVED

We're getting ready to hunker down for the winter but planning and projects are ongoing and calendars are booking up for the spring. If you're interested in volunteer opportunities, sponsorships or donations, or know any local or national business we should speak with, please don't hesitate to reach out to our capital campaign manager Lonni Leavitt-Barker at lonni@camprainbowgold.org or 208-350-6435.