The Camas County, Idaho Weekly Beaver!

Welcome to the Fair! ■ July 28, A.D. 2021: The Tooth, the Whole Tooth, and Nothing But the Tooth!

The 2021 Camas County Fair!!

"Party 'til the Cows Come Home"

Produced by the Camas County Fair Board and Friends

Congratulations to Connie Funkhouser, Parade Grand Marshal! Email editor@theweeklybeaver.com for a free subscription!

Connie Funkhouser – 4-H Champion!!!

Grand Marshal of the 2021 Camas County Fair!!

In the Beginning . . .There was Maine!

"I **was born Constance Ann Williams** on December 30, 1945 to Guy E. Williams and Rachel Vipperman Williams in Portland, Maine. My dad was a tail gunner in World War II stationed toward the end of the war in Mountain Home. He and my mother, who lived in Gooding with her mother, met at a dance. After they were married in early 1945 they moved to Maine. My brother Steve and I were born there.

My parents decided to move back to Idaho – actually, to Gooding. I started first grade in what is now the charter school building on Gooding's Main Street. Then, my father, who'd been working for a farmer/rancher in Gooding, found a job in Fairfield. So during Christmas break in the first grade, I moved to first grade in Fairfield, and finished the school year there. I've been her ever since – almost 70 years.

Sadly, my dad died of a heart attack while we were on a camping trip at Alturas Lake with lots of friends. It was July 2, 1961, and I was 15. Two years later, my mother married Wayne Clifford, who was a great stepfather to my brothers and me. A couple of years later, I got a sister -- Crystal Clifford. To say she was spoiled by all of us would be an understatement!

A Good-Looking Man!

When I was a sophomore in High School, I noticed a very good-looking Pat Funkhouser! He was a junior, even though were were only 1 1/2 months apart in age. Pat got an early start to school in Nevada, while I had to wait. We married on August 20, 1964. Both of my brothers served in Vietnam during this time.

Lonnie Guy was born on December 21, 1965. Our family was complete when Mindy Michelle was born on July 9, 1968. We were very busy with the kids -- as they got older, we went to every tee ball and Little League baseball game. Later it was football, volleyball, basketball games and many track meets and lots of 4-H clubs. Lonnie and Mindy graduated from Camas County High School, as did Pat and I. Mindy and Lonnie went on to graduate from BSU.

Lonnie has been a teacher and mostly football coach for more than 30 years. He and Sarah had Austin – now 25 – and Sammy, now 22. When Lonnie's kids were young the kid fun resumed: baseball, football, basketball, track meets, and even college football games. Also, both Austin and Sammy had 4-H animal projects -- lots and lots of fairs. Lonnie married Donna Lancaster two years ago.

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Mindy received a B.S. in Public Affairs. She worked for US Bank for about 10 years. She married Shawn Rudkin from Boise. They moved to Portland, Oregon, where Shawn finished his Chiropractor training.

Mindy and Shawn have Madison (23), Jackson (19) Davis (17), Lincoln (15), McKinley (10) and Morgan (7). They adopted Morgan when she was

very young – a foster child. She fits into the family perfectly.

Of course, the fun has resumed yet again: more basketball, soccer, wrestling, violin and fiddle contests and shows, choir concerts and many more 4-H projects and fairs. All the kids' and grandkids' activities were the most fun, along with lots of birthday parties.

Taking it to the Bank!

After Mindy and Lonnie got older, I went to work at the Idaho State Bank. I'd been working at Hidden Paradise as a maid, and Jim Kevan called one night and said he thought I should go to work at the bank. I worked there for a couple of years until they went automated. So then, I went to work at the Soldier Mountain Ski Area. I stayed there for 23 seasons, doing everything from cleaning toilets to payroll, and mostly selling tickets.

U of I Extension is Calling . . .

Well, I got a job at the Extension Service, working for the County. I still worked at the ski area for a couple of seasons after that – the hill was open Thursday through Sunday, and the Extension Service job started at three days a week. During this time, I lost my brother Steve in a car accident that was not his fault.

I loved working at the Extension Service. I already knew what a great program 4-H is. While I was there, I worked for quite a few supervisors – all great.

There were many great fair boards. I loved getting the fair ready, even though it was a lot of work. I loved it all, staying for 36 years. I retired this past October 30. Thanks to Cindy Kinder for the surprise retirement party!

Wonderful years!

Pat and I had 54 wonderful years together. We went to Portland, Maine, more than 20 years ago, and a cruise for our 50th anniversary. We loved the Camas Prairie and both of us worked for the County for many years. It's been hard without him – he fought a very long fight with cancer.

I stay busy at home, volunteering at the caboose and senior center, enjoying lunch out with friends, and getting to see my kids and grandkids often.

I feel extremely honored to be chosen to be the Grand Marshal this year.

Thank you, Fair Board!"

Western met English at the 4-H Horse Club Gymkhana!

Laura Thompson and Brianna Ashmead ran their horses through courses at the 4-H gymkhana Sunday!

Thanks to 4-H Horse club leaders Angie Thompson and Becky Freiberg!

2021 Camas County Fair! What's Happenin' When?

Wednesday, July 28!

Windows, etc., will be Judged! 10 a.m.!

Set Up Exhibits and Booths, Open Class and Commercial Booths at the Legion Hall! 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.! Open class items to be judged, or not, may be entered.

Thursday, July 29!

Last Chance to Enter 4-H and Open Class! Thursday, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.! Hustle up, 4-H and open class exhibitors! Legion Hall will be closed for judging from 10 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m. – then open until 5 p.m.

View Exhibits! Thursday, 3-5 p.m.! Legion Hall open for display of entries and exhibits!

Bike Parade! Thursday! Kids meet at the school grounds to decorate bikes, trikes! Then it's the bike parade at 5:45 p.m. to the 4-H park and the Carnival!!

Free Carnival in the Park, Thursday at 6 p.m.! New this year: "Traveling Tails" Petting Zoo for the kids to enjoy! (Thursday night only!) Free carnival rides in the Park for kids on Thursday! Thanks to sponsors Apex Foundation, Camas County, Fairfield Fire Department, City of Fairfield, and American Legion Post 19 and Camas County Search and Rescue!!! Free rides on the Fair Board Train!

Live Music in the Park by Nowhere North at 7 p.m.! Tap them toes!

Parents Meeting, 7 p.m., for Junior High Football Athletes! Meet Coach Ben Walter at the 4-H stalls at the City Park Thursday night at 7 p.m. If you know someone who wants to play or might be interested, please let them know! For info call Ben: 208-724-7800.

Friday, July 30!

4-H Dog Show, 9 a.m.! The barkfest will take place in the 4-H/City Park!

4-H Archery Shoot, 9 a.m. at the baseball field!

Exhibits on View at the Legion Hall! 10 to 4! Hey, did my hüge radish win this year? Again? All Fair entries and booths are there for public inspection!

Support Your Local Femaie Athlete! Car Wash, Friday by the Bank, noon to 4 p.m.!! Donation-based!

3-on-3 MOO-sher Basketball Tournaments, at 4 p.m.! Win bragging rights and maybe some UDDER prizes! $10 per participant, and no more than five players per team. Age categories are 5-15 and up! Contact Ashly Botz at 208-329-3108 to sign up! Preregistration is appreciated!

Family Fair Night, Carnival Rides, 4 p.m. to dark in the City Park!

Class Reunion Welcome! 5 p.m. at the Park! Registration Table and Raffle throughout the night! Prizes! Alumni T-shirts for sale!

Corn Hole Tournament, 6 p.m. at the 4-H City Park! Provided by Camas County Junior Class!

Sound Wave Events, DJ in the Park, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.! Provided by the Class Reunion!

Saturday, July 30!

Camas Cheerleader Breakfast, 7 a.m.! 4-H/City Park!

4-H Livestock Show, 8 a.m. at the 4-H/City Park! Round Robin at approximately 11:15 a.m.!

Legion Hall Open, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.! Items must be picked up from the Legion Hall at 4 p.m. No earlier please! Arrange for someone to pick up your items if you can't be there! Everything MUST be taken out of the Legion Hall and chairs and tables set back up!!!!

Family Fair Night, 4 p.m. to dark in the City Park!

Carnival Rides, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.!!

The Parade, 1 p.m.! Grand Marshal Connie Funkhouser! Line up at 12:30 p.m. around the football field on the west edge of town. Parade entrants will be judged while they are lining up. If you want to be judged, don't be late! Winners will be announced at the announcer stand during the parade!

Library Foundation Raffle and Membership Event, after the parade! The Camas County Library Foundation will hold the annual raffle/membership drive outside by the library! Drawing after the parade! Plus a book sale!

Volleyball Tournament, 2 p.m.! Come have a MOO-tastic time with the Lady Mushers. All ages welcome! $10 per person or $60 per team. Contact Amy Botz at 208-4221-3596 to sign up. Pre-registration is appreciated!

4-H Livestock Sale, 2 p.m. at the 4-H/City Park! This is it! Pool your funds to get butcher-ready premium eats!

Bull Riding, at 6:30 p.m. at the C Me Later Rodeo Arena! Mercy!

Recliner Races on Main Street, 8 p.m. And other fun events! Ages high school and up for recliner races! Teams of four!

Street Dance, Main Street, 9 p.m.!

Sunday, August 1!

American Legion Breakfast, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.! BYO Tabasco!

Church in the Park, 10:30 a.m. to noon! Message and music! Everyone is welcome and all area churches are invited to share in this service. Bring your chair! Come and enjoy!

Ice Cream Social, Noon! Camas Senior Center!!! Sundaes! Root Beer Floats! Banana Splits!

Remember the 4-H Livestock Auction! Support 4-H! Saturday!

Fill your freezer with the good stuff! You and your friends can chip in and buy a steer, pig, lamb, or goat at the Fair Animal Auction!

4-H Market Animal Sale, July 31st!
4H Park!
Show 8 a.m., Auction 2 p.m.

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Non-Ironic Reportage!

Actual Facts, Perhaps, of Camas Public Safety Activity!!!?

☞**Speeder Hits Three-Digit Velocity!** A Camas County Sheriff's officer nabbed a high-velocity adventurer who rocketed eastward past the officer's truck on Highway 20 at milepost 164 near the eastern county line. The officer clocked the speeding Tahoe (from Boise) at 98 mph, which I have rounded up to 100, using professional fact enhancement, to heighten the accuracy of this terrific story! The Camas trooper finally caught the three-digit speed demon a few miles into Blaine County, where traffic congestion slowed things down! ☐

☞**Ouch!** Camas County Ambulance EMTs were dispatched last weekend to transport a person with a workplace injury from Hidden Paradise to North Canyon Medical Center! ☐

Library Foundation Raffle!

After the Parade! This year the Camas Library Foundation's raffle will have the following prizes: a cedar lawn chair from T&L Lawn Furniture, a two-night stay at the Riverside Inn located in Boise, a donation from Campbell Tractor, two hand-knitted sweaters, a gift card, and a book bag filled with children's books.

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the library now or on Saturday at the Library Foundation booth set up outside next to the library. Ticket price is $5 each or 5 for $20. Anyone who renews or purchases an annual membership gets five free tickets. The raffle will take place as soon as the parade is over on Saturday. Winners must be present to win or have a proxy there.

Also: The 50/50 Raffle!

The 50/50 raffle will also take place after the parade, but you do not need to be present to win for this drawing. A Foundation board member will notify the winner by phone about the win if the aforesaid winner is not there. Tickets for the 50/50 pot are $10 each and can be purchased at the library or from any Foundation board member.

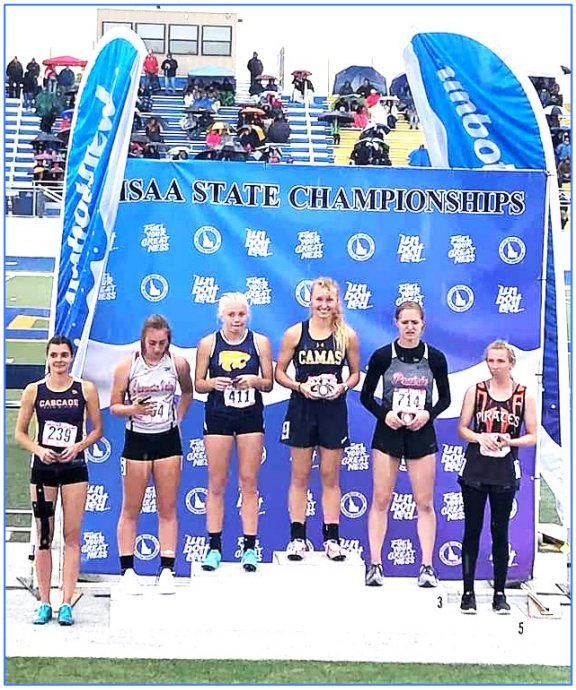
All proceeds from these events will be used to help the library purchase needed things. ❦

The library, of course, has a special take on the meaning of this year's fair motto! That cow is watching us.

Never 2 Late for a Musher Athletic Story!

Trackster Samantha McFadyen scooped multi-medals at State!!!

Down the *Beaver* Time Tunnel to Last May!



Samantha McFadyen, fleetfooted scholar/athlete and now CCHS graduate plundered the medal box at last May's 1A State Track and Field Championships! McFadyen took gold (above) for the 300 Meter Hurdles, as well as bronze in the 400 Meter, bronze in the 200 Meter, and bronze again in the High Jump!

Fellow Musher senior Marcus Quinonez took seventh in the Discus! Congratulations, CCHS graduates! Go Mushers! ❦

Cue the Horns! Bull Riding Saturday Evening! At the rodeo grounds! 6:30 p.m.! Wave, Big Tex!!!

Tuesday – Blue Heron at the Kid Pond

Photos: Jeff Ralph

Camas County School Schedules Student Registration for 21/22!

We hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! It is time to start getting ready for a new school year!

High School Registration for all Returning Students will be on Tuesday, August 17th according to the following schedule:

Seniors:	8:30 – 9:00
Juniors:	9:00 – 9:30
Sophomores:	9:30 – 10:00
Freshmen:	10:00 – 10:30

New Student Registration for Kindergarten – 12th Grade will be on **Thursday, August 19th** from **10:00am – 1:00pm.**

The first day of school is Monday, August 23rd for 6th – 12th Grades, and on Tuesday, August 24th for Kindergarten – 5th Grades. We look forward to seeing all of you soon!

Ice Cream Social

Support your Senior and Community center

July 31 @ 4H Park 2-5pm

Sundaes~ Rootbeer Floats~ Banana Splits

Camas County Senior and Community Center

The Camas County Senior and Community Center are looking for the following applicants:

Head Cook -

Work Schedule is Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday minimum of 20 hours per week. 9 – 3 p.m Additional time will be spent shopping Kitchen experience is preferred, but not necessary. Pay depending on experience.

Site Manager -

Work Schedule is Tuesday,Wednesday and Friday 20 hours per week 11 – 2 p.m. Additional time will be spent promoting and fundraising. Computer Knowledge helpful, friendly personality and ability to multitask needed.

If you have experience/interest in either position, please contact the senior center during business hours to fill out an application!

Thank you!