

## NEWS RELEASE

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Murphy, Idaho ----On June 11, 2004, The Owyhee County Commissioners announced the establishment of the “Commissioners’ Roster of Outstanding Citizens” as a recognition program for persons who have made significant contributions to the Custom, Culture and Citizens of Owyhee County. The Board at that time consisted of Chairman Hal Tolmie, Commissioner Chris Salove, and Commissioner Dick Reynolds.

The Commissioners established the recognition program in 2004 as a way of honoring individuals who have shown strong and long-term commitment to the county through their selfless dedication to the County’s custom, culture and citizens. In their announcement of the creation of the recognition program, the 2004 Board agreed that there was a need to recognize people whose contributions to the county showed extraordinary effort over a long period of time.

The current Board agrees with and continues to support the intent and purpose of the recognition program put in place by its predecessors.

The Commissioners’ Roster of Outstanding Citizens program consists of two plaques. A permanent plaque which will hang in the County Courthouse in Murphy bears an image of the County seal along with the following inscription: “The Owyhee County Commissioners’ Roster of Outstanding Citizens. The persons named here are honored for their selflessness, dedication, and Commitment to the Custom, Culture and Citizens of our great County.” Below the inscription will be placed the name of each recipient and the date of recognition. Each recipient will receive their own plaque which, in addition to the image of the County seal, bears the inscription, “The Owyhee County Commissioners Honor (recipient name) for lifelong service and dedication to the custom, culture, and citizens of Owhyee County. Given this (Date), Jerry L. Hoagland, Chairman, George Hyer, Commissioner, Dick Freund, Commissioner.

The current Board also continues to support the previously established intent that the recognition is not set on an annual, or other regularly recurring, basis.

The Board will make posthumous awards to the families of Don and Gene Davis on July 6, 2010. Their names will join that of the first recipient, Tom Skinner.

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