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The office inside the livestock sale barn at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Cambridge is decorated with the brands of county ranchers. The fair board and Weiser River Cattle Association got the project going to add a little local ranching culture to the building. Brands are burned onto blocks of wood using branding irons. There is still room for more brands of local ranchers to be displayed. Pictured above are Chris Braun and Jessie Woodland during this year's Washington County Fair. *Photos by Sarah Imada*

Livestock brands of Washington County ranchers on display at the fairgrounds

There is still room on the wall for more brands to be added

by Steve Lyon

Livestock brands belonging to ranchers in Washington County are displayed inside the sale barn at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Cambridge, and there is room for more to be added.

The county fair board is trying to round up all the livestock brands in the county.

So far, about 40 local brands have been added to the walls of the office inside the sale barn, but there are likely others to add and ranchers are invited to participate in the effort. The brands are burned onto a wood block with a branding iron.

The brand project was an idea by the Washington County Fair Board and the Weiser River Cattle Association to add a little of the local ranching culture to the new sale barn at the fairgrounds. The association initially spearheaded the project. Livestock operators were invited to bring their irons to the annual turnout and brand a piece of wood to be displayed.

The cattle business in the West has always relied on brands to adjudicate ownership of animals, including horses, and to deter theft. They are the unique identifying marks that allow a rancher to tell which cattle are his out on the range at roundup time. They are a return address on an animal, as one rancher put it.

In earlier days, ranchers used big brands to mark their livestock for visibility. That practice was discontinued when cattle hides began to bring better prices. These days, brands are usually put on the left hip or high on the left ribs of livestock.

Brands represent not only the ownership of livestock, but also the legacy of a ranching family and

holds a great deal of sentimental value. A brand and irons are handed down from generation to generation like a favorite saddle.

It's still possible to register a new

ter Idaho statehood, brand recording became a state responsibility under the state auditor.

In 1911 the state veterinarian surgeon assumed the duty of recording brands, and in 1919 the state Legislature transferred the responsibility to the Idaho Department of Agriculture. In 1939, the legislature established the State Brand Inspector and a Bureau of Brands and Marks within the Department of Agriculture.

In 1943 the duties were transferred to the Idaho Department of Law Enforcement, and in 1947 the State Brand Board was established. Also that year, the office of the State Brand Inspector and staffing functions of the State Brand Board were placed within the Department of Law Enforcement, which later became the Idaho State Police.

Today, the state brand inspector and Idaho Brand Board are a self-governing agency within the Idaho State Police.

Technology is changing the way ranchers manage their cattle and herds, and the switch to electronic cattle identification is coming in 2023. Many producers already use removeable ear tags for ranch management purposes and individual animal identification.

Branding remains the tried and true method of indelibly marking cattle and horses for many old school ranchers. Many livestock producers still brand their stock every spring before turnout, both out of tradition and the belief that it's still the only permanent official ownership identification for cattle and horses, Burlile said.



brand with the state. Many people come up with several ideas of what they would like for a brand. Often these include initials or symbols of producer or ranch names. With collaboration from the state brand inspector's office, the ranchers work with the brand recorder to transform their ideas into a functional brand eligible for recording, brand inspector Cody D. Burlile said.

There are nearly 18,000 brands currently recorded in Idaho. Brands have been around as long as the first cattle to roam the open range, but there were informal ways of recording them and some brand history has been lost along the way.

It's a bit tricky to try to find the first or oldest brand in Washington County. The current recording system only allows the state brand inspector to track a brand recording back to 1949, but many have been recorded in some fashion dating back to the 1800s.

Burlile is well versed in the history of brands in the state. Prior to 1905 brands in Idaho were recorded at the county or at the stockmen's association level. In 1905, 15 years af-



Shane Kerner, of Weiser, is the new membership coordinator for the Idaho Cattle Association. Kerner's family has been in the livestock business for many years in Weiser. Above, Kerner joins ICA President Marty Gill, left and Cameron Mulrony, the ICA's executive vice president. *Courtesy photo*

Shane Kerner joins ICA as membership coordinator

The Idaho Cattle Association recently hired Shane Kerner as its new membership coordinator to strengthen its ranks and broaden its outreach.

The Kerner family runs a commercial cow-calf operation and backgrounds stockers in a custom feedlot in Weiser.

When Kerner was a freshman in high school, she took a leap of her own, securing a Farm Service Agency Youth Loan to run commercial grass calves. That laid the foundation for her own registered Angus herd. From there on, the fuel to her fire never weakened.

Selling purebred Angus bulls to local commercial cattle producers not only sparked her interest in genetics but also drove home the importance of cross breeding for production from both a seed-stock and commercial standpoint.

It also funded her out-of-state tuition when she transferred from the University of Idaho to Kansas State University. She graduated from KSU in 2015 with a degree in animal science with an emphasis in production.

While at KSU, Shane served as the vice chairman of the National Junior Angus Association Board of Directors. Serving over 6,000 members focusing on enhancing young producer's leadership skills, education, and personal growth through local, district, state, regional and national activities.

"I will forever hold my term on the board, the people I met and the knowledge I gained close to my heart. This was one of the most life changing opportunities I have experienced. I strongly encourage young producers to get involved."

After college, Kerner returned home to help on the family ranch and focused primarily on feedlot production.

"It's sorting replacement heifers, selecting bulls specifically for your herd, the 2 a.m. calving checks, the smell of a brand-

ing iron on that first set of calves, hearing newly weaned calves bawling for their mommas, throwing a saddle over your horse at 5 a.m. to gather off the mountain while it's still cool; all these significant stages in our industry to raise the best calf crop possible as producers is nothing short of easy – yet it's incredibly rewarding. I couldn't ask for a better way of life," Kerner said.

Cameron Mulrone, ICA Executive Vice President, said Kerner has a great background in the cattle industry and ICA is excited to have her on board.

"We just really think it's going to strengthen our team. She's going to relate well to our membership base and send the positive message the beef industry has," he said.

Kerner said her role as Membership Coordinator is all about building relationships with producers, educating the public and keeping ICA and the cattle industry strong.

"My goal is to build new relationships and rekindle old ones. Every day, the ICA works to preserve, promote and protect the cattle industry and the incredible people behind it," Kerner said. "I have always had a strong passion for people and cattle. I am incredibly fortunate to have the job I do."

"My parents have instilled strong core values in my siblings and I through our ranching lifestyle. I couldn't be prouder to serve the industry as ICA's Membership Coordinator."

The Idaho Cattle Association works on behalf of the more than 10,000 cattle producers in the state of Idaho and has a membership of nearly 1,000 members.

It is the only organization in the state that deals exclusively with the needs, interests and welfare of Idaho's cattle industry. For more information, check out www.idahocattle.org.

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Agri-Lines Irrigation has opened a sales and service office in Weiser to serve farmers and ranchers in the area. Marshall Davis is the manager at the Weiser location, which is the company's seventh store in the three-state region of Idaho, Oregon and Nevada. From design to installation to service, Agri-Lines Irrigation does it all, and also carries a wide variety of pumps, parts and pipe. *Photo by Steve Lyon*

Agri-Lines Irrigation opens new location in Weiser

Company offers complete irrigation systems from design to installation

by Steve Lyon

Agri-Lines Irrigation has opened a sales office, parts department and fabrication shop in Weiser, offering a convenient source of irrigation equipment to a large customer base from Payette and Vale to Midvale, Cambridge, Council, New Meadows and all the way to Riggins.

Agri-Lines sells, installs and services irrigation equipment in the three-state region of Idaho, Oregon and Nevada. In addition to the new location in Weiser, the company also recently opened a store in Yerington, Nev., for a total of seven locations.

The employee-owned company's singular dedication to supplying irrigators has allowed it to become the premier irrigation equipment dealer in the region. Agri-Lines has consistently been the No. 1 dealer of Zimmatic center pivots in the country and services all brands.

The company tapped Marshall Davis to run the Weiser store. Davis can design irrigation systems for any size field or project. Davis and the expert Agri-Lines team will work with farmers and ranchers to come up with the best irrigation system for their field and production needs.

Along with Zimmatic pivots, the company carries several top brands of pumps, variable frequency drives, wheel lines and other equipment. The Weiser location offers a full-

service electrical department and a custom fabrication shop that can build flanges and custom connectors that work for every situation.

The company also stocks a large quantity of PVC and aluminum pipe in different sizes and a variety of parts for all types of irrigation, from drip to center pivots to wheel lines and gated pipe surge systems.

Agri-Lines employs more in-house service personnel than any other dealer in the area. The technicians have up-to-date training and fully equipped service trucks to repair all brands of pivots, wheel lines and equipment in the field. They know that downtime is money when temperatures are rising and crops are in the field.

More farmers, ranchers and acreage owners are turning to pressurized irrigation systems for the payback in economic and efficiency benefits. There is a tremendous savings in labor costs by switching to a pivot or wheel line or drip system over conventional flood or furrowed irrigation on fields.

In this day and age of increased scrutiny over water use and conservation, pivot or wheel lines also result in water savings. Another plus is less runoff from fields when water is efficiently put to use on crops.

Agri-Lines employees can also assist irrigators with complying with

NRCS cost-share project guidelines through their in-house design capabilities. Working closely with NRCS offices, Agri-Lines can design and certify EQIP projects.

Power costs also factor into pump and system selections, and Agri-Lines cooperates with Idaho Power Company to make sure customers maximize their eligibility for efficiency programs that impact the bottom line.

"We strive to be the dealer customers look to first for a quality irrigation project," company sales manager Fred Butler said.

Today's irrigation systems use the latest technology for greater efficiency, cost savings and convenience. Lindsay, which manufactures Zimmatic pivots, also supplies the FieldNET wireless system to view and control irrigation systems from any location. Employing wireless technology also means less time in the field.

Agri-Lines has a long history of supporting and servicing irrigators in the tri-state area. Agri-Lines was part of a larger company in 1972 manufacturing farm equipment and Parma pumps.

Three employees bought out the irrigation portion of the business in 1983 and began selling irrigation equipment. The company's corporate offices are located in Parma.

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Weiser High School student Lacie Willet, 17, and her brother, Rylee, 15, are the fifth generation to carry on the family's swine business. They feed the pigs organic food and care about raising a quality product. They sell pigs for 4-H projects and commercially. Photo by Nicole Miller

Fifth generation of Willets carry on the family's swine business

Teens take pride in producing quality products

by Nicole Miller

The Willet family of Weiser knows all about tradition and hard work. As the owners and operators of 5th Gen. Willet Swine Farm, Lacie Willet, 17, and Rylee Willet, 15, are proudly carrying on the tradition of pig farming that began in the Willet family.

"My dad raised pigs, his parents raised pigs, their parents did and their parents as well, making us the fifth generation. It's a family thing, something that we always end up going back to," Lacie said.

The Willets have been raising pigs since Rylee first started catching slicked up piglets at the Payette County Fair. Although he was only seven or eight years old at the time, it was clear even back then that he would have a special skill and bond with pigs.

The two officially started their business in 2018. After raising 4-H pigs, they have spent the last couple of years saving up, investing, and searching for good stock. While they are not certified and raise a mixed breed pig, 5th Gen. only feeds their swine from local organic feed, working with their neighbor who is an organic farmer who grows all the organic product such as soy and corn.

Pigs will eat anything, but what you feed them directly affects the quality of meat. The Willets take pride in producing quality products for their buyers.

Both Rylee and Lacie shared that people have a lot of misconceptions about pigs. People think that pigs are dirty, boars are mean and that the meat is fatty. But Lacie shared that pigs return to you whatever you give to them. If you feed them slop every day, you will get that quality of

meat. If you yell at them and act frustrated with them, they can get mean and aggressive, and if you keep their pen clean, they will naturally stay more clean.

The pigs are actually highly social and very smart. They love to play with toys, they bond with their caretakers, and they love to have their bellies scratched.

The Willet swine farm offers different options for customers interested in purchasing a pig. Typically, they sell whole pigs at market value to their customers. Willet shared that customers can purchase their animal and raise it themselves or purchase a pig that has been raised on the 5th Gen. The farm also sells commercially to local restaurants here in town.

Lacie and Rylee began their business with their own FFA and 4-H pigs and so they also offer FFA and 4-H project swine.

"We have three different categories for project pigs that reflects their cost. We have an \$85, \$100 and \$150 project pigs. We don't want to overprice our stock. We want to give those kids the opportunity to learn how the market works and how to raise an animal, but still want them to be able to do this without making the process harder and help them by making it cost effective," Willet said.

Although Lacie is a senior, Lacie and Rylee are both hopeful to continue the pig business even as they pursue other goals, including going to college, and the younger Willet siblings, Brody and Keegan, have already started following in their footsteps. They each have money in savings from their own 4-H pigs and plan on using that to invest in the business

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Siblings Lacie and Rylee Willet have invested their time and money in raising swine as a business. The family farm sells whole swine and also supplies commercial customers. Both have raised swine as 4-H and FFA members and shown animals at the Washington County Fair every year. Photo by Nicole Miller

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Fifth generation of Willet family in Weiser gets into swine business

themselves in a couple of years.

For Lacie the business not only has helped her invest in her future, it also inspired her Social Impact Initiative as Miss Three Rivers: Farm to Table. As Miss Three Rivers, Lacie is using her year of

service as an opportunity to promote buying locally produced food.

"I love creating a product that I am proud of. I can offer quality food to my community but also help my own family be self-sustaining," Willet said.



The University of Idaho Extension office in Weiser is asking Washington County property owners to report sightings of yellow nutsedge. It's considered one of the worst weeds in irrigated agriculture and few herbicides are effective against it. The extension office is collecting samples for research. Courtesy photo



The 2018 farm bill paved the way for industrial hemp production across the country. Each state has to come up with a plan that must meet federal regulation. Idaho is one of the few states that has yet to decriminalize hemp.

Effort to legalize hemp production in Idaho likely to return in 2020

Lawmakers think legislation is coming sooner rather than later to classify hemp as an agricultural crop

by Steve Lyon

Will Idaho join the many other states that have passed legislation to allow farmers to grow hemp commercially and cash in on a crop that is used in an estimated 25,000 products?

A couple of state lawmakers who represent Washington County think the day is coming sooner rather than later.

It's highly likely legislation will make it to Gov. Brad Little's desk in the next legislative session, said Rep. Ryan Kerby, who represents the heavily agriculture District 9, which includes Washington, Adams and Payette counties and part of Canyon County.

"I expect there will be a bill in 2020. I expect something to start early in the session that will get all the way to the governor in some form," Kerby said.

In the legislation, he believes hemp will be defined, transportation issues will be worked out to be in compliance with federal laws and CBD oil will likely be put on the approved list. If lawmakers are quick in passing legislation in the next session, there might even be time for farmers to plant their first crop of hemp in 2020.

Idaho lawmakers introduced legislation in 2019 to drop hemp from the state's controlled substance list and create a regulatory framework to allow its growth, transportation and sale in line with the national 2018 Farm Bill.

Despite significant support from lawmakers, including both Democrats and Republicans, the Hemp Research and Development Act took a few political twists and turns late in the session and in the end did not pass. The result was that hemp remains illegal to grow in Idaho right now, even as neighboring states move forward with developing new hemp industries.

The 2018 Farm Bill paved the way for the production of industrial hemp across the country by categorizing it as an agricultural commodity regulated by the USDA. The Farm Bill removed hemp from the list of controlled substances and created requirements for hemp plans administered by individual states.

It went even further in promoting a domestic hemp crop by listing the plant as a covered commodity eligible for crop insurance.

The Farm Bill distinguished hemp from marijuana based on the level of THC – the psychoactive chemical that gives marijuana users a high. As defined in the Farm Bill, hemp cannot contain more than 0.3 percent THC. States that come up with an approved plan to cultivate hemp will have to indicate how they will test hemp for THC levels.

Kerby said lawmakers also will need to create a plan to raise industrial hemp in Idaho that satisfies some law enforcement issues. In it, there will have to be some

sort of oversight process written into the code that will ensure growers are raising industrial hemp and not marijuana.

The Farm Bill did not throw the gates open to any and all hemp production. States will share regulatory power over hemp cultivation with the USDA. The Farm Bill contains a section that requires each state's department of agriculture to consult with the state's governor and law enforcement to come up with a plan that must be submitted to the USDA.

The Idaho Farm Bureau has supported allowing farmers grow commercial hemp as part of a regulated industry. In a policy statement, the IFB said it backs requirements that growers of industrial hemp register their fields with the appropriate regulatory agency and abide by the THC content of 0.3 percent. It would be a new industry in Idaho that would require the development of best practices and infrastructure for a hemp crop.

Idaho farmers are missing out on a crop that is now used in an estimated 25,000 hemp products. Many products containing hemp can be purchased off the shelf at the grocery store, but none of the hemp that went into those products was grown in the U.S. An estimated \$500 million in hemp is imported every year, and much of that has come from China.

Hemp is a low-maintenance crop that requires little water and can grow in poor soil, although not a whole lot is known about best growing practices. The plant can grow tightly spaced and will crowd out weeds. The equipment used to harvest hemp is similar to equipment for corn and soybean, suggesting that the investment by farmers would be minimal.

Idaho Rep. Judy Boyle, R-Midvale, opposes legalizing marijuana, but as the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee she sees the potential for hemp to potentially be a new crop for the state's farmers to plant.

If Idaho agrees to adopt the USDA plan and removes hemp from the state restricted drug list, she said there's the possibility that farmers could even plant a hemp crop in the spring of 2020. The USDA plan and accompanying regulations are scheduled to be released this fall.

Boyle said there is no cost to the state to use the federal plan as long as the state complies with the regulations. If Idaho refuses to adopt the federal USDA hemp plan, the state will have to go through the process of developing its own plan, a process that will cost time and money. A state plan would have to be approved by the USDA.

State plans can be more restrictive than the federal plan if lawmakers choose that route. The bottom line is a state plan would not be completed and approved for the 2020 planting season.



The artist rendering above shows the concept of the planned truck-to-rail facility outside of Nyssa, Ore. The Oregon Transportation Department has given the project a green light to move forward and pledged \$26 million in funding. The facility will allow southwest Idaho and southeastern Oregon onion shippers to load their crop directly onto rail cars for distribution. The region ships about 490,000 tons of onions to points east every year. The planned 60,000-foot facility will be constructed adjacent to the Union Pacific mainline and opens up the rail network for expedited shipping. *Courtesy photo*

Planned truck-to-rail facility seen as reducing costs for area onion shippers

Oregon transportation officials have pledged financial support

by Steve Lyon

A planned intermodal transportation hub located 45 minutes from Weiser is still a couple of years away from opening, but its backers say the facility will benefit the onion industry in the region by saving produce packers shipping costs.

The Treasure Valley Reload Center is a truck-to-rail loading facility to be located north of Nyssa, Ore., and is one of two planned in Oregon.

The economic benefits will extend beyond the state's border, supporters said, by providing direct regional access to the nation's rail network for shippers in the west end of the Treasure Valley.

The project has cleared state funding and planning hurdles since it was first proposed three years ago by Malheur County officials. The Keep Oregon Moving Bill (House Bill 2017-A) was passed in 2017 and authorized \$26 million for ODOT to fund an intermodal facility in the Treasure Valley to enhance shipping capabilities for regional businesses.

The Malheur County Development Corporation was created as a nonprofit sponsor to advance the project and prepared a feasibility study for Oregon

transportation officials in 2018.

The MCDC is made up of a nine-member board with representatives from various communities and backgrounds. The project has received support from numerous cities, including Nyssa, Vale, Ontario and Malheur County.

The proposed site for the reload center is centrally located in the Treasure Valley, which includes Malheur County, Payette County, Washington County, Canyon County and the northern portion of Owyhee County. A number of highways also are nearby that could utilize the reload center.

The current plan for the reload center calls for a 60,000-square-foot building located adjacent to the Union Pacific Railroad mainline tracks. The facility will allow shippers to move onions directly from trucks to railcars, or they can be stored temporarily in the warehouse for later shipment.

The proposed 400-acre site is large enough to accommodate additional warehouse development in an industrial area, potentially increasing future storage capacity. Other industries also could locate at the site and use the reload facility via

a series of spurs and sidings to transfer products from truck to rail and also from rail to truck, according to the project proposal.

The primary user of the reload facility, at least in the beginning, is expected to be the onion industry of southwest Idaho and southeast Oregon. Packers will be able to ship their perishable crop at a terminal that is close and will offer reliable weekly pick-up service by the railroad.

Currently, many area onion shippers transport their product by truck on I-84 to a cold storage reload facility in Wallula, Wash., more than 200 miles away. The onions are loaded onto railcars at the ColdConnet facility, which offers multiple weekly expedited shipments.

The MCDC feasibility study noted the inefficiency of the current mode of rail shipping. The shipment brings the commodities back through eastern Oregon, a 403-mile round trip for local shippers. The shipment adds transportation costs that limit competitiveness with other onion-growing areas in a low-profit margin sector of the local economy.

The ability to ship onions by railcars will help resolve some of the transporta-

tion issues that exist with trucking commodities. Shippers have to contend with a truck and driver shortage and new rules imposed on the trucking industry.

The reload facility also is a benefit for the railroad, which picks up more business. And even taxpayers will benefit as fewer trucks mean less wear and tear on highways and better air quality in the Treasure Valley from reduced emissions.

Farmers in southwest Idaho and southeast Oregon grow about 20,000 acres of sweet Spanish onions annually, a crop that represents more than 40 percent of the onions grown in the Pacific Northwest.

The region ships an average of 490,000 tons of onions to customers throughout the U.S. The primary mode of shipping onions is by truck, which accounts for 86 percent, with refrigerated railcars moving the remainder.

The financial feasibility data on the TVRC forecasts at full build-out the reload facility will bring in \$2.12 million in annual revenues. With expenses estimated at \$1.3 million annually, the facility will generate over \$720,000 in revenue each year.

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Emma Egner did some research into goat breeds and settled on Nubians as her favorite. Emma and her husband raise the animals at their Sukker Flats Farms on Jenkins Creek Road. While her husband Mike has a farming background, Emma was raised in the city. They have learned a lot in the five years they have been raising the goats. *Photos by Nicole Miller*

Getting into the goat business brings challenges, rewards

The Egners raise Nubians at their Jenkins Creek property

by Nicole Miller

The Egner family moved to Weiser in 2006 from Twin Falls and settled on Jenkins Creek Road. A few years later, Emma Egner decided to start raising one of her all time favorite animals, goats. That's how they started their hobby farm, which they called Sukker Flats Farms.

Emma shared that while her husband Mike was lucky enough to be raised on a farm, she was raised in town, but always had a deep love for animals. When they got married, her husband was not interested in returning to the farm life and raising animals.

Several years later they ended up moving out to the country and Emma was finally able to convince Mike that it was time to get

some goats.

After researching the different breeds of goats, the Egners ended up falling in love with Nubians.

"I love that they talk to me, and you just can't beat their long floppy ears. Going outside and seeing them all come running with their ears blowing in the wind is something that would make anyone happy," Egner said.

The name Sukker Flats Farms actually comes from Mike's grandfather. He always wanted to name their farm Sukker Flats, but his wife would never let him. So two generations later, as a nod to him, the Egners chose that for their farm name.

Although they ended up breeding the first few goats they purchased, Egner said that first year was a tough

one for them and full of a lot of learning experiences. They ended up losing one of the babies, but learned a lot from the experience and made several great friends along the way.

The second year was a lot better. Now, five years later, Egner says they are still learning more and getting better and better. Although it started out as the hardest part, kidding season has definitely become Egner's favorite part of goat farming.

"There's nothing quite like watching, and sometimes helping, new life come into this world," Egner said.

The Egners enjoy fresh raw milk year round. They are also certified to sell it

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Hobby farmers care for a herd of Nubian goats

raw to local consumers. Emma has also learned to make some amazing soaps with the milk.

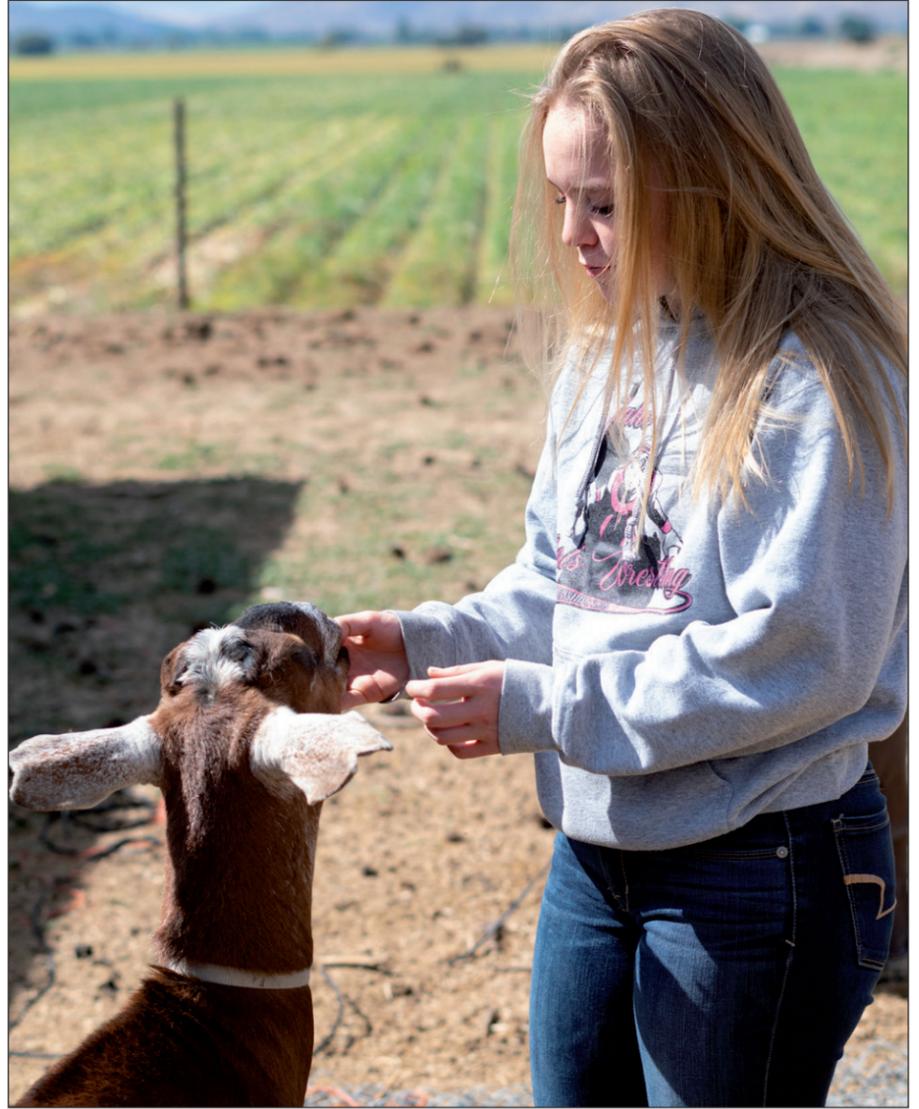
Most importantly, Egner shares that growing up on a farm has her own children (Alicia, Miah, and Dareyan) learn early on how to have a good work ethic. They help out with a lot around the farm.

Miah is definitely a little animal lover like her mother and helps with everything that has to do with the farm. She helps milk, clip hooves, birthing, nursing baby goats, and anything else that comes up.

Dareyan helps out with the cleaning, feeding, and mending fence with his dad.

Egner said that people often think that goats are easy to raise because it is believed that they will eat anything, but goats are actually quite finicky and it's important to be careful with what they are fed.

While the Egners are only able to have the goat farm be a part-time gig, between selling kids and milk, the goats can pretty much pay for themselves. She is hopeful that someday soon they will be able to show their goats and continue to grow her supply of milk.



Miah Egner helps out with taking care of the family's herd of Nubian goats on Jenkins Creek Road. It's a small operation that provides the family with goat milk, which Emma discovered can make some amazing soaps.

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Young cowboy Porter Swan holds on to his steer for a six-second ride at the Weiser Youth Ranch Rodeo held on Sept. 28-29 at Fred Hust Arena in Weiser. An up-and-coming rodeo competitor Swan is the son of Shay and Christie Swan and grandparents Tim and Donna Cobb. Photo by Steve Lyon

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