

Alvin Snyder, DVM (10-98) Mondovi, WI is still traveling a lot, doing shows (hypnosis), & consulting with veterinarians. He does a lot with the FFA association. A staffer said if you want to stay young, work around young people. If you want to die young- just try to keep up with them!

Gary Tomsic (6-02) Blaine, WA is on his regular job & does benefits for his Rotary Club and the Habitat for Humanity.

Joe Vetter (12-73) Herreid, SD is selling at the Herreid Livestock.

Arlon Nelms (9-87) has moved from Washington to Bossier City, LA.

Kaye Wall (12-61) Kimberly, ID after selling livestock for 10 yrs. along with a ton of farm, antique, household, & you name it auctions I'm still enjoying selling cars one day a week at Northwest Auto Auction in Eugene, OR. It makes me very proud to see my 2 sons **Dan** (12-77) Kimberly, ID, **Mike** (8-93), & grandson **Nick** (6-02) Kimberly, ID excelling in the auction business. I would like to remind you all that the auction business is not only a business but a way of life & the last 44 yrs has been a fantastic journey.

Dave Pennington (6-59) Witter Springs, CA is a representative at the Orland Livestock Commission Yard & is still selling any type of auctions.

Patrick Greenleaf (3-04) Lyons, KS left WCA on Thurs & got to sell at 2 different livestock markets the next wk.

Kimberly Fowles (6-03) West Haven, UT started her auction company in August, have had several auctions & have been working regularly at 2 car auctions in Utah.

Final tabulations show that collectors paid a record \$1,538,300 for painting & sculptures at the 36th annual Charles Russell Art Auction held March 20th in Great Falls, MT. **Jerry Green** (12-77) Billings, MT was part of the team of auctioneers. The highest price was a Russell bronze, "Oh Mother, What Is It? Depicting a grizzly bear & 2 cubs looking at a porcupine brought \$67,000.



Marilyn Burns (6-87) Manhattan, MT was featured in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle for being the first woman to win first place in the 43 yr history of the competition at the Mt Auctioneers convention. She said auctioneering is a skill that is mostly mastered by men. Males dominate the auction field because women's voices tend to be higher pitched than men's. Marilyn will be going on to compete at the national level in July in Wisconsin.

Corey Brandon (10-03) Evan, CO is the proud Dad of Victoria Mae born 4/13 weighing 7 lbs 5ozs. She has blonde hair.

Phil Hood (3-01) Rice, WA sold the cows & quit dairying a yr ago. He is farming 400 acres for hay. He got his tractor stuck in a wet area where he had to get a 550 JD cat & 8700 Ford tractor to get him out! He enjoyed doing a benefit auction for a neighbor who had hospital debt.

Paul Schenfeld (6-03) Port Orchard, WA got to sell at the South Seattle Auto Auction on Feb 22 for the first time. Got to sell at Adesa a month before & did okay but didn't feel real great about it. Before trying out at So Seattle I crammed in practice, established a more solid rhythm & simply slowed down! Last Nov I did my first charity auction. It lasted 11/2 hrs. There were about 70 people.

Jason Cook (3-96) Greybull, WY took the advice that every auction should have a concession stand & good clean restrooms. I started my own septic tank pumping & portable toilet business in 1999. I'm still buying old tractors.

Lori Menger (10-03) Lacey, WA had an auction 10 wks out of school. She had 78 people at it. 3 or 4 were auctioneers. One was **Mike Garrison** (7-92) Winlock, WA. The remarks afterwards were very rewarding. All of the auctioneers came up & said "great job ..never would have known it was our first auction if we didn't tell them... & that we had a good pace" (90-100 items an hour--several of the auctioneers kept track of this!--as Jerry says- TIME is everything.

Roy Van Ostrand (6-03) Missoula, MT has had 4 auctions by the end of Jan. He had a benefit for his daughters jump rope club. One strawberry/huckleberry pie brought \$55.

Wayne Sizemore (11-94) Willits, CA was actively auctioneering up until he had to have a 2 level spinal fusion.

Jerry Casteel (9-79) Sturgis, SD has an auction & real estate business. He moved off of mainstreet because of the bike rally!!

Julie Hassman (6-03) Las Cruces, NM is working for the Rawson Leasing Service. They have about 2000 storage units plus homes, equipment & commercial buildings in the meantime I will continue to work on my GPPA.

Mary Brother (11-96) Las Vegas, NV & her Father do storage unit sales every month. Once a year she does an auction for one of the big malls in Vegas. The best news is she got married April 3 to David Hansen!!

Ed Hinton (12-89) Scobey, MT auctioneers along with **Rick Stahl** (12-70) Opheim at the livestock market in Glasgow. They had a lot of snow this winter.

Juel Simonson (3-76) Salome, AZ is retired. He has had a lot of heart problems.

Nathan Andres (6-03) Bismarck, ND has been working 68-72 hrs /wk so doesn't leave much time to auctioneer. He built a tractor tire rig that turns the tires inside out so they can be used as feeders. In his spare time he is working at that.

Charlee Mills Kuhbacher (11-96) Oshoto, WY is gearing up for the auction season. We keep busy with the ranch, our son, beauty salon in our porch, auctions, bowling & I'm taking up knitting! Of course, the ranch is 50 miles from anywhere so I'm on the road a lot! We are expecting number 2 in Sept. We need a girl so we can send her to auction school!

Joe Hickel (3-93) Crary, ND after 11 yrs has decided he looks old enough to be a licensed auctioneer!!

Jon Radcliffe (3-99) Torington, AB is working at the automotive dealership in Innisfail. Auctioneering is getting so busy, I don't know how much longer I will be able to do both. Jon had 27 auctions in March & April. I have an unusual auction Easter weekend. It consists of birds, snakes, guinea pigs, rabbits, miniature cattle & sometimes even monkeys. Still working at Michener-Allen & Adesa. Jon has been doing some radio commercials & rodeo announcing.

Tanner Hernandez (3-95) Pocatello, ID is the proud father of baby boy, Parker Joe. **Angie (6-78) is the proud Grandmother!!**

Don Manning (6-57) Bellevue, ID is a director for the Idaho Auctioneers. Winning awards for advertising are: one color on any color paper & In house design- 2nd place **Angie** (6-78) and **Tanner** (3-95) **Hernandez**, Pocatello; 2 or 3 color on any paper- **Bobby Hopkins** (6-68) Parma; full color-**Chris Bair** (6-93) Blackfoot; Company literature- 2nd place- **Chris Bair**.

Stan Jose (10-03) Canon City, CO is working for an auctioneer that has one auction a month. He has helped every time.

Phil Black (6-95) Brisbane, Australia auctioned a ranch for 15.2 million.



Rick Young (6-77) Fishtail, MT was featured in the Billings Gazettee under Entrepreneurs. An answer to a question about running your business was: to work a little harder, be willing to put in more time, & devote your life to what you are working for.

Les McIntyre (9-85) Vulcan, AB announces chuck wagon races. He announces the Calgary Stampede. Those tongue twisters keep that tongue untwisted!!

Richard Theurer (3-98) Wellington, KS is an auctioneer, realtor, & appraiser. They sold 650 acres in 4 tracts (3-15) & 1420 acres in 13 tracts on April 1st. They sponsored the 2nd annual Ag Appreciation Day at the Theurer Marketing Center. The center is located in an old Walmart building. Booths are set up, speakers speak on ag problems, followed by a lunch. A 1420 land auction followed lunch.

John Greaves (6-00) Parshall, CO got bucked off his horse this year. Got my rope under the tail instead of the cows legs. I did an auction in a cast. I may have to stop doing auctions or roping since I turn 80 this year! Yes, John was 76 when he come to school. He kept up with the others!!

Dean Edge (3-99) Rimbey, AB sold his first purebred bull auction in March. He sells at 3 different livestock markets.

Ivan Gange (10-03) Mandan, ND had his car auction. He had **Jerry Green** (12-77) Billings assist him.

Art Mahnke (6-60) Lusk, WY got my real estate licenses in 1960 & broker's in '75. I've sold rocks, almost got a skeleton sold, & very close to selling several garbage bags of marijuana.

Adam Kevil (6-86) Colorado Springs, CO just got through doing a benefit auction in Apsen. He had 9 items & made 200K. He helped **Don Tokar** (6-99) Castlerock, CO sell a farm auction. Last fall he was in San Jose, CA selling a Porsche parts auction & one of the bidders came up to me & said, "You went to WCA, didn't you?" He was a graduate but had never pursued auctioneering. He took a bilingual course.

Joni Nash (6-03) Monroe, GA & Stillwater, Ok won Reserve Rookie champion for the state of Ok. I've been working for **Ed Vierheller** (12-60) Catoosa, Ok. I have a Black Tie benefit for OKC, headed to the Cowboy Hall of Fame for Eddie's Auction for the Safari Club, helping **Jeff Stokes** (3-76) Edgemont, Wa in Atlanta for the Nat'l Juvenile Diabetes. Yes, I'm still going to college.

Keith Munns (3-65) Rexburg, ID does 3 livestock auctions each week in Rexburg & Idaho Falls.

Joe Tajan (3-02) Bonners Ferry, ID did a downsizing auction for a Dr. who gave 10% of the proceeds to benefit the Bonner General Hospital Emergency room fund.

Shannon Robbins (6-96) Arvada, CO was in a story in the NAA magazine talking about storage facility auctions. Her company has been doing them for 15 yrs.

Barry Ellis (6-90) Billings, MT did the Huntley Project FFA chapter & the Bulls Hockey auctions. He is busy buying & selling cattle & horses. He works for BLS Livestock Market.

Steve Kuna (10-03) Cody, WY is going to be moving to Ohio. He'll have to serve a year apprenticeship before he can get his license.



Mark Lacher (6-82) Fairfield, MT (right) presenting **Monty Severson** (6-02) Belgrade, MT with the Rookie of the Year Award. Picture by The Prairie Star.

Tom McKnight (6-02) Dillon, MT said goal setting of our future as auctioneers was an item of instruction you passed on to us & I'm happy to say that I have surpassed my own.

Jeff Wickenheiser (10-03) Golden Prairie, SK sold a Calcutta at the Oilmen's Curling Bonsel in Medicine Hat. I sold 20 sets of 4 teams & raised \$14,000. It was my first auction all by myself. I work for **Schlenker Auctions Jim** (6-64), **Brent** 12-71 & 6-79, & **Calvin Heller** (3-89) of Medicine Hat. They are having 15 farm auctions along with their monthly consignment & vehicle & flooring auctions. They are having two- 2 day antique auctions in June.

Rich Morris (11-99) Kalispell, Mt is glad to be back in Mont. He is an air traffic controller. He enjoys doing the benefits for Christian organizations, youth & elderly groups. He helped with the 38th annual Creston auction held first weekend in April. **Dick Taylor** (3-71) Columbia Falls, Mt runs the auction schedule.

Rich Holmgren (3-78) Bear River City, UT does benefits & owns the livestock market.

Country Huckelberry (6-86) Onyx, CA is trying to retire. He gave up his government seizure car contract.

Yvette Vanderbrink (3-01) Hardwick, MN has been doing some land auctions. I have been using E-Bay as an alternative for some people to sell & charge a commission (especially on old cars & tractors).

Jeff Storm (3-01) Custer, SD has completed his 2nd yr of CAI in Bloomington. He is going to be a Dad in June. He works with **Ron Bradeen** (6-79) Custer, SD. They sell a lot of real estate by absolute auction.

Frank Crain (6-74) Orange Beach, AL still owns Coastal Auction Co. He fishes a lot.

Dale Johnson (9-92) Prineville, OR still works for BLM & helps auctioneers on the weekends. He helped **Dennis Turmon** (6-77) & **Marcus Morgan** (6-96) The Dalles at the Small Farmers Journal 3 day auctions at Sisters, OR. They have people come from all over the world to this auction. He works with **Dean Ederly** (9-92) Prineville, too.



2004 bid calling champion, **Marilyn Burn** (6-87) Manhattan, MT second runner-up **Scottie Peters** (3-61) Fort Benton, MT. Picture by the Prairie Star.

Curtis Olsen (3-00) Broadus, MT helps **Slug Mills** 3-79) & **Charlie Mills Kuhbacher** (11-96) Oshoto, WY. Curtis had a hip replaced in Feb.



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