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Olivers selected as Grand Marshals of Mona Celebration

Gedge and Anita Oliver will be the Grand Marshals of the 24th Pioneer Celebration in Mona July 26.

Anita was born in Nephi and was raised there until she and Gedge were married on July 17, 1964. They made their first home in the old Relief Society building on the corner of 1st south. Both Anita and Gedge were school teachers and Anita received her teaching degree from Utah State University. She taught in the old school house that sat where the playground is now at the city park for several years, K - 8. She also taught preschool and finished her career at the middle school working in Special Education before she retired. She also helped organize the Cub Scout program in Mona and has served in all organizations

of the church.

Gedge was born in Salt Lake, lived in Blanding until he was 6 and moved to Mona after his mother died and his dad remarried. He served a mission to the Great Lakes and was stationed in Alaska during the Korean War. He then went to BYU to get his teaching degree and taught school in Nephi and Mona for 33 years. He has served in all organizations of the church in-



MONA CELEBRATION ROYALTY • Kings and queens for the Mona Celebration are, back, left to right, Tucker Smith - son of Jed and Stacy Smith; Keason Hopoate - son of Louis and JaNae Hopoate; front, left to right, Anilyn Wilson - daughter of Kevin and Christie Wilson and A'zlynn Howarth - daughter of Shane and Amber Howarth. Not pictured are Oliver Barnes - son of Michael and Kellie Barnes and Kanoe Street - daughter of Chandler and Mariah Street.

cluding bishop and also served on the city council.

They have been married for 61 years, have 8 children, 23 grandchildren and 22 greatgrand children.

from their family-owned business, May Automotive & Towing, April 1, 2023. They are now enjoying retirement and Corey is doing honey-do projects at home in Levan.

Christensens to serve as Grand Marshals of Levan Heritage Days

Jackie and Corey Christensen were selected to serve as the Grand Marshals of Levan Heritage Days.

Jackie and Corey were born in Nephi. Jackie grew up in Nephi while Corey was raised in Levan. Jackie is the daughter of Richard and Marilyn May, and Corey is the son of Bryce and Sharon Christensen.

Jackie and Corey first met in grade school when Corey started attending elementary school in Nephi after the Levan School was closed down at the end of 2nd grade.

Corey remembers participating in the 24th celebration riding on floats, decorating his bike, and riding his horse through the parade, enjoying all of the activities of the day.

Corey served in the Utah National Guard, 1457 Engineering Battalion and the 19th Special Forces, from 1981-1987.

Jackie and Corey were married on March 20, 1982. They have raised 4 children: Jeni, Taryn, Rachel and Clifford. They now have 14 grandkids.

Jackie and Corey have served in many church callings and Corey served on the Levan Town Council and as Mayor of Levan.

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Anita and Gedge Oliver



Corey and Jackie Christensen

Enjoy the 24th right here in Juah County!



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