

Hello Lincoln County,

I am Joann Rutler, your newly elected Lincoln County Commissioner. It is an honor and privilege to serve you. Looking forward to the challenges ahead, I promise to make every decision with the best interest of our county in mind.

My younger years were spent along the Snake River. My father worked for Idaho Power as a Power plant operator. What a blessing it has been to have lived from Hells Canyon to Twin Falls and now Shoshone. My parents parted ways when I was in Junior High, at that time my mother, siblings and I moved to Buhl. After graduating from Buhl High School, I attended the College of Southern Idaho for 2 years, graduating with an Associates degree in Business Management and Retail Merchandising. Upon furthering my education, I ventured to California to establish residency and attend Cal Poly State University. In the interim, I took a job as a Firefighter with the California Department of Forestry and in the off season worked underground construction. During that time I continued working toward the goal of becoming a vet and owning my own veterinary clinic.

Well, the Lord had different plans for me, that's when I met my husband. When we started our family, we decided that I would stay home to be a homemaker...clearly one of the hardest but most rewarding jobs I have had. Once the kids were older, I started working for the US Postal Service as a rural carrier substitute in Buhl and Filer, then as clerk in Shoshone and later in Ketchum.

When we had an opportunity to start our own business in Twin Falls, we took the leap and didn't look back. Long story short, in 2004 we established C.J. Investment, Inc., started rehabbing houses, acquiring rental properties and later C.J. Property Management was formed. We sold C.J. Investments and Property Management in 2015 then moved to Shoshone. We currently own the Gateway Motel and Rentals. Additionally, looking forward to continuing our improvements at the Gateway.

Along the journey in my life, my father and mother instilled in me the importance of getting involved with my community and politics. I have been on the Boards of Lighthouse Christian School, Twin Falls Republican Women, Twin Falls County Central Committee and the Lincoln County Central Committee. I have been involved with Toys for Tots, the Shoshone Food Pantry, Vacation Bible School, the Swimming Pool Building Committee and many more local events. Giving back to the community is rewarding and I encourage everyone to do the same.

My contact information is below, you are welcome to get in touch with me at any time. Again, thank you for allowing me to serve you and putting your faith and trust in me.

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