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Ex-resident designs concealed carry handbags

Kate Woolstenhulme grew up on a farm near Victor in the Teton Valley actively pursuing outdoor sports and being an everyday kid in Idaho.

She went to college in Utah, where she pursued a bachelor's and masters of fine arts degree in studio arts and later parlayed those skills into a business refurbishing high-end private jets.

Living and working in large cities, Woolstenhulme told American Shooting Journal that she felt a need to get a concealed carry permit so she could protect herself. But finding a fashionable bag for carrying a concealed weapon proved challenging, so she set about making her own.

Woolstenhulme's exposure to fabrics, colors and design transferred easily to her new role as a designer for concealed-carry handbags.

"My husband and I were living in Miami, and during the four-month wait to receive a concealed carry permit, I searched for a handbag properly designed to carry a handgun," she said. "Unfortunately, most of the options were black, or brown, and predominantly side products for holster companies."

"I realized that having a firearm for self-protection and wanting a stylish handbag to carry it in had to be a more common problem than just me, and at that moment Designer Concealed Carry was born."

Woolstenhulme's business, started in 2009, has seen growth in recent years and is in the process of partnering with gun shops and other retail businesses. It sells several hundred handbags a year with the holidays being one of its busiest

■ You can find handbags at designerconcealedcarry.com

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LIFE AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

WHY FINGERS MAKE HANDY, IF NOT FOOLPROOF, DIGITAL KEYS



THE DRAWBACK: HACKERS COULD STEAL YOUR FINGERPRINT

By **BRANDON BAILEY**
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SAN FRANCISCO — It sounds like a great idea: Forget passwords, and instead lock your phone or computer with your fingerprint. It's a convenient form of security — though it's also perhaps not as safe as you'd think.

In their rush to do away with problematic passwords, Apple, Microsoft and other tech companies are nudging consumers to use their own fingerprints, faces and eyes as digital keys. Smartphones and other devices increasingly feature scanners that can verify your identity via these "biometric" signatures in order to unlock a gadget, sign into web accounts and authorize electronic payments.

But there are drawbacks: Hackers could still steal your fingerprint — or its digital representation. Police may have broader legal powers to make you unlock your phone. And so-called "biometric" systems are so convenient they could lull

users into a false sense of security.

"We may expect too much from biometrics. No security systems are perfect," said Anil Jain, a computer science professor at Michigan State University who helped police unlock a smartphone by using a digitally enhanced ink copy of the owner's fingerprints.

Bypassing the password

Biometric security seems like a natural solution to well-known problems with passwords. Far too many people choose weak and easily-guessed passwords like "123456" or "password." Many others reuse a single password across online accounts, all of which could be hacked if the password is compromised. And of course some use no password at all when they can get away with it, as many phones allow.

As electronic sensors and microprocessors have grown cheaper and more powerful, gadget makers have started adding biometric sensors to familiar

products. Apple's iPhone 5S, launched in 2013, introduced fingerprint scanners to a mass audience, and rival phone makers quickly followed suit. Microsoft built biometric capabilities into the latest version of its Windows 10 software, so you can unlock your PC by briefly looking at the screen. Samsung is now touting an iris-scanning system in its latest Galaxy Note devices.

All those systems are based on the notion that each user's fingerprint — or face, or iris — is unique. But that doesn't mean they can't be reproduced.

Lifting prints, faking faces

Jain, the Michigan State researcher, proved that earlier this year when a local police department asked for help unlocking a fingerprint-protected Samsung phone. The phone's owner was

■ To make theft more difficult, fingerprints could be stored locally, not in the "cloud"

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People in Business

D.L. Evans Bank announces appointments at Ammon branch

John V. Evans Jr., president and Chief Executive Officer of D.L. Evans Bank, has announced several appointments at the bank's Ammon branch, 2634 E. Sunnyside Road.

• Dan Hammon is senior vice president/senior commercial loan officer. Hammon comes to D.L. Evans Bank from Zions Bank with more than 36 years of banking experience, a D.L. Evans Bank news release said. Hammon has a bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in finance from Idaho State



Hammon

University and also is a graduate of Pacific Coast Banking School and Northwest Agricultural School, the release said.

• Lisa Ellis is assistant vice president/personal banking officer. Ellis brings more than 30 years experience to D.L. Evans Bank. She spent the last several years with Zions Bank. Ellis' banking career has been spent in Rigby.

• Grant Boehme is senior vice president commercial loan officer. Boehme has more than 36 years of banking experience. He has a Master of



Ellis



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Business Administration from Idaho State University and a bachelor's degree in ag finance from Utah State University.

• Paula Maughan is Senior Loan Assistant. Maughan brings 27 years banking experience to D.L. Evans Bank. She was most recently employed with Zions Bank.

Hammon, Ellis, Boehme and Maughan can be reached at the bank's Ammon branch (208) 522-0593.

Leadership Idaho Agriculture announces Class 37

The Leadership Idaho Agriculture



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Foundation has announced three eastern Idahoans participants in Class 37.

Boyd Coles, of Idaho Falls, Justin Place, of Hamer, and Logan Schmidt, of Rigby, are among the group of attendees that have been selected from agriculture and agribusiness organizations statewide to participate in the class sessions to be held throughout the next four months.

The Leadership Idaho Agriculture program is designed to enhance the leadership, personal development and awareness of agriculture for each participant, a Foundation news release said. Since 1985, more than 900 people have graduated from the program. Sessions will be held in Moscow, Pocatello, Twin Falls and Boise, with graduation in February.

For information, go to leadershipidaahoag.org.

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