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Homedale pool needs repairs before Saturday opening

In one of the signs that summer is finally on the horizon, the Homedale City Swimming Pool is scheduled to open Saturday.

Details on hours of operation and a lifeguard crew are still being worked out, but city public works supervisor Bret Smith confirmed the pool will open this weekend if repairs are completed.

The repairs follow the same problems with which the city has dealt in recent years after a resurfacing of the pool liner.

Two more spots on the plaster pool liner have delaminated, Smith said.

One spot is a new area in the deep end of the pool. The other spot is on the steps into the pool's shallow end.

Smith said the changing in water level, exposing the steps to the air, contributes to the continued problems with the plaster on the steps.

The city crew has been preparing for the pool opening by bleaching all surfaces.

Once the season starts, the swimming pool staff will follow State of Idaho and

Centers for Disease Control sanitization guidelines, Smith said.

Sunlight and chlorine should destroy any viruses in the pool during the season, he said. The cleaning of surfaces will be more frequent and pool staff will enforce social distancing.

For more information, call City Hall at (208) 337-4641. — JPB

PRIMARY 2020 RESULTS

Votes by precinct, Pages 4-5

County

Dist. 2 commissioner

Republican	Votes	Pct.
Kelly Aberasturi	1,088	58.2%
Lath Callaway	780	41.8%



Dist. 1 commissioner

Republican	Votes	Pct.
Jerry Hoagland	1,738	100%



Sheriff

Republican	Votes	Pct.
Perry Grant	1,503	80.6%
Rocky Widner	361	19.4%



Prosecuting attorney

Republican	Votes	Pct.
Jeffrey Phillips	1,703	100%



District 23

Senator

Republican	Votes	Pct.
Christy Zito	3,855	56.49%
Brenda Richards	2,969	43.51%



Democratic	Votes	Pct.
Laura Bellegante	1,009	100%



State rep., Seat A

Republican	Votes	Pct.
Matthew Bundy	3,722	55.9%
Andrea Owens	2,936	44.1%



Democratic	Votes	Pct.
Benjamin Lee	979	100%



State rep., Seat B

Republican	Votes	Pct.
Megan Blanksma	6,112	100%



Democratic	Votes	Pct.
Michael Oliver	978	100%



Jordan Valley seniors celebrated in private ceremony

Jordan Valley High School seniors received their diplomas Saturday, and the Class of 2020 celebrated graduation in a ceremony for families at a local ranch. **Back row, from left:** Chase Easterday (obscured), Don Youren, Kort Skinner, and Trevor Fillmore. **Front row, from left:** Baylee Davis, Becky Mackenzie, and Sandy Brown. Submitted photo

County District 23 hopefuls defeated

Owyhee incumbents win; few problems

Incumbents won re-election — in one case by a wide margin — in races for Owyhee County office.

Meanwhile, Owyheesans seeking two-year terms at the Idaho Statehouse both lost after the votes were

counted June 2 for the mail-ballot primary election.

Kelly Aberasturi of Homedale earned 58.2 percent of the vote (1,088 votes) to defeat Marsing's Lath Callaway and earn his fifth

term as District 2 county commissioner. This time, he'll serve two years.

Homedale's Perry Grant routed Rocky Widner in the sheriff's election, grabbing 80.6 percent of the

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Breshears fishing organizers want to help revive normalcy this weekend

Marsing pond closed for day before derby

Each year, the LeRoy Breshears Memorial Kids Fishing Day attempts to get boys and girls out to enjoy sunshine and angling.

Although Saturday's free derby

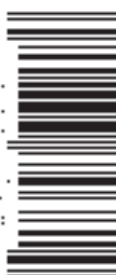
is still something open only to sixth-graders and younger children, Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse member James Ferdinand says the 21st annual event has a broader message for all ages.

"Until we get back to normal, events like this are important to remind us that we can get out, have

fun, teach our kids to fish and that being outdoors is OK," the event's spokesman said.

Derby organizers will encourage social distancing as the state continues to navigate the COVID-19 re-opening plan.

— See *Fishing*, page 7



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Fence-building business sought at Homedale house

Council holds public hearing today at Sundance

A Homedale resident wants to build fences in the city’s residential zone. The city council will take

up Destiny Batho’s special use permit application during a public hearing scheduled for 4 p.m., today at Sundance Park. For the third consecutive meeting, councilmembers are gathering under the Johnny Krzesnik Pavilion outdoors at the park, which is located at 500 S. 1st St. W.

The public hearing is being held outside to ensure social distancing protocols are met. Batho wants to build fence panels for commercial sale at her residence at 22 Kansas Ave., which is inside the city limits. The home is in a residential zone, and commercial enterprises are prohibited with-

out a special use permit. A decision on the permit application is expected later in the meeting. The city council is expected to pass a resolution to apply for a wastewater planning grant when Great West Engineering representative delivers a report later in the meeting. Integra Resources representatives will talk about the DeLamar Mine gold and silver extraction project near Jordan Valley. Also on the agenda are departmental reports from public works, the police and Planning and Zoning. — JPB



Thirteen booths, three food trucks at first farmers market
Margo Phariss (right) sets up her vendor table, which included homemade jewelry by her daughter Lindy (middle). Lindy’s friend Abi Nelson came to lend a hand, as well. Homedale Farmers Market hosted 13 vendors and three food trucks during the first market of the season on Thursday at Bette Uda City Park in Homedale. The market returns from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Thursday.

Malheur County COVID-19 cases:

34

New cases, June 2 to June 8: 2. Deaths: 1
Negative tests: 812 (90 new)

Source: govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19

Helicopter hits power line, crashes while spraying for weeds

A 65-year-old Oregon pilot walked away unhurt after a helicopter crash early Thursday afternoon west of Murphy. Clifford Hoeft of Pilot Rock, Ore., was the sole occupant when the Enstrom 480 helicopter went down near Salmon Creek after contacting an electrical transmission line. Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman, who was one of the initial first-responders on scene, said the helicopter was totaled when it crashed into cattails and soft earth on a private ranch in the area of Hootenany Road and Salmon Creek Road. Hoeft was spraying to battle

whiteweed on private ground in the Reynolds Creek area when he flew through a power line that Bowman said the pilot didn’t see. The line powers a ranch in the area. Deputies released the scene after ensuring Hoeft was OK and there was no risk for fire. Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Quick Response Unit and Fire personnel were called off while en route. Bowman said Hoeft reported the incident to the Federal Aviation Administration once he returned to an area that had cellphone service. — JPB

Homedale Lions Club 39th Annual DEMOLITION DERBY

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Parade: Cat: 208-606-6299 or Michael 208-250-9128 • lionsderbyparade@yahoo.com
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BOCC skeptical of BLM fuel breaks plan longevity

COVID-19 relief, shifting priorities could sap funding

The Board of County Commissioners supports the federal government’s plan to reduce fuel loads in the Great Basin, but commissioners are skeptical there will be enough money to keep the program going. Commissioners weighed in on the Bureau of Land Management’s draft programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS) for Great Basin fuel breaks with a letter approved June 1. According to the BLM, the PEIS analyzes options for carrying out fuels reduction and rangeland restoration projects for an area that covers nearly 223 million acres, including portions of Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and California. In their letter, the commissioners back Alternative B to the PEIS, which is the BLM’s preferred alternative. But they also voice pessimism that the federal government will continue to fund the program at the levels necessary for success. Under Alternative B, the fed-

eral agency would use various methods to restore degraded vegetation within the potential treatment area. The use of manual, mechanical, prescribed fire or targeted grazing would depend on where within the treatment area the vegetation is located. The draft PEIS executive summary states that the flexibility to use multiple treatment methods improves opportunities to use appropriate treatments based on a given vegetation state. “Having a variety of available treatment methods does not necessarily guarantee treatment success,” the summary reads. It further notes that primarily native plant species would be used in restoration treatments; however, nonnative vegetation species could be used to stabilize sites until adequate technology/funding for full restoration is available. “If BLM can provide a reasonable degree of certainty that established fuel breaks management can mitigate (the county’s concerns), incorporate the grazing use and flexibility suggested, and can do so over the needed decade or more of federal funding needs,

then we support the preferred Alternative Plan B,” the county’s letter reads. The project’s stated purpose is to “enhance the long-term function, viability, resistance and resilience of sagebrush communities (and) provide multiple-use opportunities for all user groups, as well as habitat for sagebrush-dependent species.” The 60-day public comment period on the draft PEIS closed June 2, the day after the commissioners’ weekly meeting. The commissioners’ letter, which was signed on June 1, identified concerns they had with the proposed actions for the Great Basin. The board pointed out that many concerns outlined in a July letter to the BLM were not addressed in the PEIS. Issues brought up in that 2019 letter included impacts to private property which may occur if the BLM creates fuel breaks along roads that cross private property and fragmentation of habitat that may adversely affect species. The board also had concerns about the BLM’s ability to maintain the long-term funding necessary to support the maintenance of any projects.

Because the board’s original concerns weren’t addressed in the draft PEIS, a second letter was executed. “We have repeatedly suggested that greater potential fire reduction could be accomplished via increased grazing across the landscape so as to remove fuels across the targeted area vs. in smaller ‘fuel breaks,’ ” the letter reads. “In the current draft, it is clear that the intent is to maintain grazing levels at current, or potentially lower, levels.” The letter also brings up the fact that the PEIS addresses social and economic impact in generally positive terms but that generalization relies on the assumption that the BLM’s actions will be successful over the long haul. “On the basis of our past experience over decades, we question the BLM’s expectation of positive results,” the letter reads. The board listed examples for their position and the degradation of resources, including: • BLM management of the Birds of Prey National Conservation Area, resulting in loss of 70 percent of the shrub component and significant increases

in invasive annual species; • BLM management of motorized recreational activity in areas seeded as part of the Soda Fire fuel breaks system, wherein large areas have been significantly damaged by motorized use, leaving those areas open to invasive species; • The cyclical nature of weather conditions in Owyhee County and the Great Basin in regard to conditions conducive to successful seeding operations; • The changing nature of BLM priorities, and accompanying budgets, which lead to some projects being carried to completion and others left to languish; • The current situation in regard to vast expenditures of federal funds in response to the COVID-19 emergency and impacts to future federal agency budgets. The letter notes that the board has supported fuel breaks projects in the past despite concerns. “We understand that the BLM’s position in regard to this PEIS and others such as Tri-State fuels is that to do nothing means leaving the area to burn,” the letter reads. — TK

Lions Club Demolition Derby tickets now available

Zito to lead parade Tickets go on sale today for the 39th annual Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby. The club finalized plans to hold the popular event on its traditional day, which is a Saturday this year, during a

meeting last Wednesday. A parade will be held as well with Christy Zito, the Republican nominee for Dist. 23 state Senate, as grand marshal. Derby tickets are available through the Homedale Lions Club’s Facebook page or TicketLeap.com. This year’s derby will in-

clude a new “Chain and Bang” heat for 1980s-and-newer cars. A live band will perform from 9 p.m. to midnight after the derby at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds. The Independence Parade, themed “United We Stand,” starts downtown at 9 a.m., on July 4 with lineup set for 8:30

a.m. at the high school parking lot. Anyone who wants to enter the parade should send a description of the entry, their name and phone number to the parade committee at lionsderbyparade@yahoo.com. For more information: • Parade: chairman Mike

Thompson at (208) 250-9128 or Cat at (208) 606-6299. • General: Club president Will Pryor, (208) 866-2629 • Car entry: Jeremy Townsend, (208) 337-4668 • Car build: Kaleb Hotchkiss, (208) 965-7457 • Food booths: Josh Love, (208) 880-8483 • Program advertising: Pryor.



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		NORTH HOMEDALE	SOUTH HOMEDALE	NORTH MARSING	SOUTH MARSING	PLEASANT VALLEY	WILSON	MURPHY	OREANA	GRAND VIEW	BRUNEAU	RIDDLE	THREE CREEK	
STATE														
STATE REPRESENTATIVE - POSITION A														
BENJAMIN LEE	DEM	26	25	29	31	0	20	10	2	5	20	25	1	194
	TOTAL	26	25	29	31	0	20	10	2	5	20	25	1	194
STATE REPRESENTATIVE - POSITION B														
MICHAEL OLIVER	DEM	25	24	29	31	0	22	10	2	6	20	24	1	194
	TOTAL	25	24	29	31	0	22	10	2	6	20	24	1	194
STATE SENATE														
LAURA BELLEGANTE	DEM	24	24	30	31	0	22	10	4	6	20	24	1	196
	TOTAL	24	24	30	31	0	22	10	4	6	20	24	1	196
PRECINCT														
PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE		NO. HOMEDALE												
ROSALYN ALAMBRA	DEM	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
	TOTAL	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE		WILSON												
LAURA COONTZ	DEM	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE		MURPHY												
KAREN STEENHOFF	DEM	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
	TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE		BRUNEAU												
DALE HOOLEY	DEM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	20
	TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	20
PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE		RIDDLE												
TINA NINO	DEM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	22
	TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	22

NW Owyhee weed managers meet today at fairgrounds

Board members will discuss how the 2020 fight against noxious weeds will look during the next Northwest Owyhee Co-operative Weed Management Area meeting.

The meeting starts at 2 p.m., today at the Owyhee County Community Center, 423 W. Ne-

vada Ave., at the fairgrounds.

Fighting the spread of weeds includes discussing the available budget and what chemical to purchase, too.

For more information about the NOCWMA, contact Jodie Dickerson at (986) 888-1664 or jodieray2002@yahoo.com.

Correction

Debbie Abel is the Owyhee Conservation District’s administrative assistant. An article in the June 3 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche incorrectly identified Tammie Hedges, who is affiliated with the Northwest Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area, as the OCD administrative assistant.





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		NORTH HOMEDALE	SOUTH HOMEDALE	NORTH MARSING	SOUTH MARSING	PLEASANT VALLEY	WILSON	MURPHY	OREANA	GRAND VIEW	BRUNEAU	RIDDLE	THREE CREEK		
COUNTY															
COUNTY COMMISSIONER		DISTRICT NO. 1													
JERRY HOAGLAND		REP	202	357	214	227	46	184	114	65	183	125	10	11	1738
		TOTAL	202	357	214	227	46	184	114	65	183	125	10	11	1738
COUNTY COMMISSIONER		DISTRICT NO. 2													
KELLY ABERASTURI		REP	142	242	123	122	27	103	61	35	133	88	4	8	1088
LATHROP CALLAWAY		REP	64	154	104	119	24	93	63	34	75	40	6	4	780
		TOTAL	206	396	227	241	51	196	124	69	208	128	10	12	1868
SHERIFF															
PERRY GRANT		REP	167	302	174	211	45	161	103	68	155	103	6	8	1503
ROCKY WIDNER		REP	39	91	44	30	5	40	20	3	54	27	4	4	361
		TOTAL	206	393	218	241	50	201	123	71	209	130	10	12	1864
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY															
JEFFERY PHILLIPS		REP	196	353	206	227	46	182	114	57	181	119	10	12	1703
		TOTAL	196	353	206	227	46	182	114	57	181	119	10	12	1703
STATE															
STATE REPRESENTATIVE - POSITION A															
MATTHEW BUNDY		REP	92	173	68	93	18	93	74	30	118	84	2	7	852
ANDREA OWENS		REP	112	213	150	139	27	100	47	41	91	50	8	5	983
		TOTAL	204	386	218	232	45	193	121	71	209	134	10	12	1835
STATE REPRESENTATIVE - POSITION B															
MEGAN BLANKSMA		REP	196	364	204	225	49	182	117	61	188	129	10	12	1737
		TOTAL	196	364	204	225	49	182	117	61	188	129	10	12	1737
STATE SENATE															
BRENDA RICHARDS		REP	97	178	93	95	33	104	73	43	111	94	5	7	933
CHRISTY ZITO		REP	114	222	136	146	18	97	56	30	100	45	5	5	974
		TOTAL	211	400	229	241	51	201	129	73	211	139	10	12	1907
PRECINCT															
PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE		NO. HOMEDALE													
ROBIN ABERASTURI		REP	198	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	198
		TOTAL	198	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	198
PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE		SO. HOMEDALE													
OSCAR EVANS		REP	0	359	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	359
		TOTAL	0	359	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	359
PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE		SO. MARSING													
SCOTT JENSEN		REP	0	0	0	225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	225
		TOTAL	0	0	0	225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	225
PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE		PLEASANT VALLEY													
TERESA KERSHNER		REP	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
		TOTAL	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE		WILSON													
JERRY HOAGLAND		REP	0	0	0	0	0	179	0	0	0	0	0	0	179
		TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	179	0	0	0	0	0	0	179
PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE		MURPHY													
BRENDA RICHARDS		REP	0	0	0	0	0	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	105
		TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	105
PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE		GRAND VIEW													
MARIE HIPWELL		REP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	142	0	0	0	0	142
		TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	142	0	0	0	0	142
PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE		BRUNEAU													
SIDNEY ERWIN		REP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	116	0	0	0	116
		TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	116	0	0	0	116
PCT COMMITTEEMAN/DELEGATE		RIDDLE													
RUTH JACKSON		REP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	10
		TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	10

Note — Election results unofficial prior to the Board of County Commissioners canvass, which took place Monday after deadline.



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Library repairs on hold, but summer reading will go on

Weekly program begins next week at old library

Repairs to the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library probably won't start for another week, according to a post on the library's Facebook page.

The Homedale City Council could hear more details about the repair to the library's roof during today's regular meeting at Sundance Park.

After a meeting last month between R&M Steel, R&S Constructors, Architects Northwest, and Excelsior Construction, it was decided the new library's roof will be replaced and damaged side panels mitigated.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said contractors will begin mitigation as soon as the material is manufactured at R&M Steel's Caldwell plant.

It's not clear when the library



Officials still await the green light to open the doors on the new Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, nearly seven months after construction was substantially completed.

will be open. According to a Facebook post, city library officials had asked to stay open by appointment if construction was delayed. The post said that request was denied.

The new library will remain closed until repairs are completed, but officials will continue curbside service that was started during the COVID-19 stay-home order.

Youth services coordinator Carol McMichael continues

Story Time readings to preschoolers at 10:15 a.m., each Monday on Facebook Live.

Details about the summer reading program "Imagine Your Story!" have been hammered out, too.

The program will take place from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., each Thursday between June 18 and July 23 outside the old library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

- **June 18** — Fairies and Gnomes

- **June 25** — Dragons with Reptile Adventures
- **July 2** — A Knight's Tale
- **July 9** — Animals in Fairytales with Deer Flat Wildlife Refuge
- **July 16** — Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) in Fairytales
- **July 23** — Magic with magician Kipp Sherry

Families interested in taking part in the program are asked

to RSVP by leaving a message on the library's Facebook page. Registration will take place at the start of the June 18 program, and families will sit together.

For families who remain uneasy about public gatherings, the stories and guest presenters will be streamed on Facebook Live each week. And those families will have a chance to pick up the craft material at the library each week, too.

A limited number of books will be available for checkout until the new library opens.

Prize days are scheduled for the final two weeks of the program, and there will be weekly prize drawings for children who attend at the library.

A calendar and reading record will be provided to help families keep track of their children's progress.

The library's phone number is (208) 337-4228. — JPB

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✓ Fishing: Free Fishing Day follows event

“The participants will be reminded to social distance, and we are working on a hand washing station as well,” Ferdinand said.

The derby will begin at 9 a.m., on Saturday at the Island Park pond in Marsing. The competition is expected to wrap up by 1 p.m.

Parents can register their children at the park on Saturday morning.

Sponsors have provided prizes for awards, including:

- First fish
- First limit
- Biggest fish

Boys’ and girls’ awards will be handed out.

Kids First Cast is back to help provide bait and limited tackle, if participants need it.

The pond will be closed to the public Friday after trout

purchased specifically for the event are planted. The pond re-opens after the tournament ends Saturday.

City of Marsing personnel and sheriff’s deputies will patrol the pond frequently during the pre-derby closure because of the ongoing Snake River bridge construction.

Ferdinand anticipates no hiccups because of the bridge project, but does warn folks that parking will be limited. The road providing access from the north side of park to the pond area has re-opened after a brief closure because of bridge construction.

This year’s event, moved back a week because of virus concerns, now coincides with the state’s Free Fishing Day.

Ferdinand said the Free Fishing Day will commence at the

pond after the derby.

The Posse has purchased 400 “good-sized” trout from a hatchery in Buhl, Ferdinand said. Ferdinand also has reached out to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game about the agency’s usual pre-derby stocking.

The derby honors Breshears, a dedicated sportsman and a longtime Marsing-area Hunter’s Education instructor with IDFG. The event was started shortly after his death in 1999.

Breshears also was a Posse member and encouraged the community’s youth to get involved in hunting and fishing.

For more information on the fishing day or to help out, call IDFG Sr. Conservation Officer Craig Mickelson at (208) 989-9328 or Ferdinand at (208) 794-7270.

— JPB

HHS cheer holding open workouts

The Homedale High School cheer team is gearing up for the 2020-21 season.

Any HHS students interested in the squad, or finding out what being a cheerleader is all about, are encouraged to attend from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., today and Thursday, at Deward Bell Stadium on Riverside Avenue.

Tryout forms will be distributed and information about responsibilities, expectations, and safety will be discussed. The tryout forms will need to be completed and turned in to coach Jessie Kerbs and assistant Abigail Kleppinger by Thursday in order to participate in final tryouts next week.

Kerbs said that participation is important this week but that students don’t necessarily need to attend every day. She said it’s a good opportunity for the athletes to get to know each other and learn basic cheers.

Tryouts will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 18 at Deward Bell, with the final tryout from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., on Friday, June 19, at the old gymnasium.

Teams will be determined at that time.

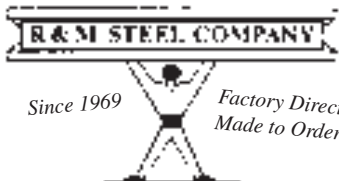
Students interested in becoming part of the team are advised to bring a full water bottle and to wear shorts, a T-shirt, and tennis shoes. Long hair must be tied up.

Contact Kerbs at (208) 631-1681, preferably through text message, for more information.

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Today

- Melba school board meeting**
5 p.m., district office, 511 Broadway, Melba. (208) 495-1141
- Grand View City Council meeting**
6 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2700, noon to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday
- Homedale City Council meeting**
4 p.m., Sundance Park, 700 S. 1st. St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
- Jordan Valley Ambulance meeting**
6 p.m., ambulance hall, 706 Main St.
- Marsing Fire Commissioners meeting**
7 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St., Marsing.
- Marsing City Council meeting**
7 p.m., Sandbar Restaurant, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 896-4122 for accessibility options
- Homedale Highway District meeting**
7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale
- Marsing School Board meeting**
7 p.m., school district office boardroom, 301 8th Ave W, Marsing. (208) 649-5411 for accessibility options

Thursday

- Owyhee Conservation District meeting**
Noon, U of I Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 S. 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Public access through conference call only. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102 for more information.
- Homedale Farmers Market**
3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, Homedale
- Cultivate children’s program**
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, Homedale.
- Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting**
5:30 p.m., The Spot, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. Check Facebook for updates. (208) 859-2087 or marsingchamber@gmail.com
- Homedale School Board meeting**
7 p.m., school district boardroom, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4611

Friday

- The Landing teen support group**
6 p.m., Rising Light Farm Ministry, 5189 N. Old Bruneau Hwy, Marsing. (208) 807-0680

Saturday

- VFW meeting**
9 a.m., Samuel C. Phillips III Post 11065, 208 3rd St., Wilder. (208) 250-7780

Monday

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421 for accessibility options.

Thursday, June 18

- Cultivate children’s program**
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, Homedale.
- Homedale Farmers Market**
3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, Homedale

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June 4	85	57	.00	
June 5	82	52	.00	
June 6	92	52	.00	
June 7	70	49	.00	
June 8	56	44	.78	

A weekend at the “Charley”

I hadn’t been to the Owyhees in eight years since my cousin Bill died, and when my brother-in-law Rob invited me to spend a weekend at the old Charlie Maher place, I thought it was finally time to get reacquainted. Known as “the Charley,” it is still a working ranch owned by Terry Warn. It also serves as a hunting headquarters and a hideout of sorts for getting away from it all. Built a little after the turn of the last century, the weather has taken its toll on the exterior. Amenities are few, but it is not being billed as a bed and breakfast. Water is retrieved from a spring across the driveway. Indoor plumbing is almost non-existent except for a lavatory contrivance suited only for the male anatomy. Lighting is by gas lamps. There are enough beds to sleep a large war party. The place is a lot like the cabin when I last saw it.

Once all the ATVs and gear were loaded, we head south on Friday afternoon. One change I noticed when coming out of Jordan Valley was that they were just putting the finishing touches on a cell tower. Let the robocalls begin. Otherwise, not much of the roadside scenery had changed.

It was the first visit for the year, so there was a lot of cleaning to do while stowing gear and opening the place up. Once that was done, it was time to relax and have a brew or two or more. Dinner was chorizo and chips. Rob asked me if there was any place that I wanted to visit to which I answered I would like to see the “W” grade. I had written a story, seen pictures and read a lot about this place in Three Forks Canyon but had never seen it. I missed taking pictures of a sunset but tried getting some pictures of the full moon once night came on. The bad news is out of about 30 settings and even more exposures I didn’t get a picture worth saving. That was also the good news. I have one of those new-fangled digital cameras so no financial disaster will occur when you screw up 50 exposures and you can find out instantly how bad they look.

Since it was known that everyone in the group snored loudly, being the



Reminiscing
Owyhee
memories

by
Stan
Soran



last one awake would be a disadvantage. Sack time came early, and within a few minutes it sounded like a room full of chainsaws. There was enough racket from my bunkmates that it became a sort of white noise, and I quickly joined them in blissful slumber.

Just before dawn, I was jarred awake with the sound of diesel engines, horses, cattle and clanking metal trailers. It sounded like a huge wreck happening just outside the window. The title of this noisy extravaganza was “preg testing heifers.” By the time I got dressed, a cup of coffee and outside, the animals had been separated, sorted and penned and Jett Warn was backing a trailer up to a chute. I’m bad at backing up a trailer even when no one is watching, but when I have an audience I get steering wheel dyslexia. Jett suffered through the jeers and got the truck and trailer out of the way so Drew the veterinarian could get to work as he had a couple more ranches to visit during the day.

The heifers are penned separately and sent to the hydraulic squeeze chute in groups of about five. Once the patient is in the chute, Dr. Hummel uses his ultrasound wand that is connected to a visor video screen which projects a picture of the calf

if there is one. The image can also be viewed on a cellphone either on-site or off if there is service. Really high-tech stuff. If there is no calf present, the heifer is marked with an “O” and will soon have a starring role in a Big Mac. Most of the rest truly did “Get Lucky.”

If I’m making this sound sanitary, it is not. The good doctor is suited up in rubber and plastic armor and by the time the job is finished is covered from head to toe with every bodily fluid a cow has to offer. Just because you are a spectator does not make you immune to some green splatter.

Through it all, Drew had a smile on his face, and within an hour or so the job was done and Owyhee Happy Hour opened.

I do appreciate what the ranchers do for us, but I think I’ll stick to mechanical things that are a little more predictable and a lot less messy.

— Caldwell resident Stan Soran’s family has a long history of Owyhee County capers. Since the 1950s, the Soran Family has had a mine on Soldier Creek. Four generations of family and friends have hiked, hunted, played, panned, partied, mined, built, burned and rebuilt at the “Cabin.”

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4-H’ers prepare for fair with oral presentations

As the Owyhee County 4-H program continues to navigate through this unique time, our youth are staying on track to complete their 4-H projects.

Oral presentations are an important part of 4-H. Public speaking is a skill that can be very useful whether it be for 4-H, school or for a future job interview. 4-H not only gives youth the opportunity to experience speaking in front of an audience, it also allows them to form connections, influence ideas, and motivate change. Public speaking may be one of the most important and most dreaded forms of communication; however, one of the often-unexpected delights of public speaking is how it builds confidence.

This year’s Oral Presentations are underway with the first competition taking place Tuesday in Grand View. Other 4-H’ers will make presentations beginning 9:30 a.m., on Thursday at Marsing Elementary School.

There are expected to be at least 85 presentations between these two locations given by youth ranging in ages from 5 to 18 years old. These youth will select a topic that interests them and is related to their 4-H project then deliver their presentations to a judge.

The youth will be scored on time, content, delivery of their presentation, and the use of visual props. Youth will also be given positive feedback to help them improve their public-speaking abilities, to know what areas to strengthen for the next year and more importantly let them know the areas they excel in.

There will be extra precautions taken to ensure that Owyhee County 4-H is within all the necessary guidelines and to ensure the health and safety of everyone attending our Oral Presentations contest is our No. 1 priority.

We appreciate the understanding and patience from all our 4-H families, leaders, and supporters. We continue to be hopeful that all the youth involved in the Owyhee County 4-H program will be able to show their projects during the 2020 Owyhee County Fair.

— Janelle Thompson is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension 4-H coordinator. For more information, you can reach Thompson at the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.



Janelle Thompson

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- June 18: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, mixed vegetables

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- June 16: Birthday Dinner: Pork chops, yams, green bean casserole, wholewheat roll, carrot & raisin salad, yogurt, apple crisp
- June 18: Beef stew, green salad, celery w/peanut butter, cheese stick, yogurt, melon, brownies

Obituaries

Barbara A. Biggs

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Mom was born in San Mateo, California. She was 91. Met and married Dad, Harold Biggs, in 1946, then came along daughter Sue [Biggs, Boeger]. Moved to Port Costa about a year then moved to Martinez. Brother Steve [Biggs] was born.
Dad became interested in horses, and we joined the Martinez Horsemen’s Assoc. Mom became Secretary and Treasurer for many years. She

got many horse shows, trail rides and other events over the years together.
She was also the Secretary for the 5th Region Horsemen’s Assoc. Helped in getting tickets and Color Guards of all the clubs in the Region together for opening night at the Cow Palace Horse Show and Rodeo. Always a lot of work and fun.
In 1972 Mom and Dad moved to Marsing Idaho, on a hay farm. They met and made a lot of friends there.

Mom still kept in touch with her “Tuesday Girls” and the Sage Hens.
She leaves behind Daughter Sue Boeger, Son Steve Biggs; 3 Grandchildren, Cody Boeger, Brett Rang [Boeger] and Shawn Biggs, deceased; and 3 Great Grandchildren, Dillon and Drew Rang and Ryder Boeger.
She will be interned next to Dad at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery in Boise on June 18th at 3 pm, viewing at 4pm.

Rose Mary Martinez

Rose Mary Martinez passed peacefully in Meridian, Idaho on June 1st, 2020. She went to be with our Lord Jesus Christ at the age of 79. Born in Wilder, Idaho January 6, 1941. She lived most of her life raising her family in Homedale, Idaho. She worked many years with JC Watson, Dunlap Hatchery & Goodman Oil. She lived a full life and was always on the go. Fishing, road trips and enjoyed a good honest game of pool and pinochle. She would never let anyone take a “cheap pool shot” or play a “cheating card”.



Lovingly remembered by her four daughters, Gladys (Roger DeAugustineo, Homedale, ID), Diane (Shawn Morten, Beulah, ND), Janet (Monte Davis, Meridian ID),

Julie Scott (Garden City, ID), and son Ron (Tiffany Martinez, Garden City, ID). She loved and treasured her 15 Grandchildren and 40 Great-Grandchildren.
Survived by two brothers, Roy (Carol Taylor, Homedale, ID), Glen (Marta Taylor, Mountain Home, ID).
Her death is preceded by husband Gilbert C Martinez and two sons, Ricky J and Robert C Martinez.
Due to the Pandemic a Celebration of Rose Mary’s life will be announced at later date.

Death notices

MARY L. GILL, 73, of Bruneau, formerly of Mountain Home, died Sunday, May 31, 2020. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m., on Thursday, June 11, 2020, at Mountain View Cemetery in Fairfield. A memorial service to be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, June 13, 2020, at the American Legion Post 83 hall in Bruneau. Arrangements: Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, 500 N. 18th E., Mountain Home. (208) 587-9860

WILSON J. LYND, 57, of Caldwell, died Sunday, June 7, 2020 at home. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

LEONARD “LEN” MALLEA, 95, of Caldwell and born in Silver City, died Friday, June 5, 2020. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at Our Lady Queen of the Valley Catholic Church in Caldwell. A private family burial will follow at Canyon Hill Cemetery in Caldwell. Arrangements: Dakan Funeral Chapel, 504 S. Kimball Ave., Caldwell. (208) 459-3269 or www.dakanfuneralchapel.com

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HES and HMS faculty give memorable farewell to unusual year

Above: Homedale Elementary staff gave its students a memorable farewell on what should have been the final day of classes on May 27. Teachers and other staff lined up in front of the school, some with signs, waving and cheering as students and their families drove by. *Below:* HMS staffers shared in their students' joy of finishing off a tough end to the school year, holding up signs of praise and support.



Correa honored by school district

Homedale Middle School physical education teacher David Correa was on hand for the faculty send-off of students when the school year ended on May 27. Correa, who was named the school district's teacher of the year just prior to the send-off, is moving on to the high school next year.



Taking part in the send-off to HES students was principal Terri Vasquez (seated, center). Vasquez recently resigned her position after eight years and will be taking over the same position at Adrian Elementary School.

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Vet missionaries visit Homedale church

Drs. John and Laurie Day, dairy veterinarians from Jerome, will lead worship and sharing information about their involvement with Christian Veterinary Mission (CVM) at 11 a.m., on Sunday, at Homedale First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W.

The Days have served multiple short-term veterinary missions over the past several years in Mongolia, India, Nepal, Kashmir, and the Dominican Republic. They will return to Mongolia to help develop training for the veterinarians serving automated dairies in

the Asian country. CVM has 35 long-term workers serving around the world and has sent nearly 600 short-term volunteers to serve these and other mission agencies in 2019. The Days will share their mission experiences Sunday, too.

Retired HES principal accepts Adrian position

Vasquez reflects on 8 years at helm

When Homedale Elementary School principal Terri Vasquez resigned her position in March, she did so with an eye on the future.

Vasquez submitted her resignation to the school board in March.

“I decided to take early retirement to spend time with my family,” Vasquez said. “Life is short and time is precious.”

Vasquez and her husband Pete, who is head of facilities and grounds at Adrian School District, are raising their two grandsons, ages 6 and 7, and Terri looked forward to being able to volunteer in the boys’ classrooms and attend their programs.

However, an opportunity arose in May that was too good and too important to pass up. Just two months after her resignation, Vasquez was offered and accepted the job as Adrian Elementary principal.

She has lived most of her life in Adrian and graduated from high school there. Her family has been there for generations.

“It had been a dream of mine to return home to teach or be the principal,” Vasquez said. “My father lives in Adrian, as well, and I wanted to be closer to him.”

After high school, Vasquez earned an Associate of Arts degree from Treasure Valley Community College, in Ontario, Ore., followed by a Bachelor of Science degree



Then-Homedale Elementary School principal Terri Vasquez reads with Aubree Atkins, a second-grader in Tina Uria’s classroom. Aubree’s parents are Ashton and LeRoy Atkins. Submitted photo

from Eastern Oregon University, in La Grande, Ore., and a Masters in Education Leadership from the University of Idaho.

Vasquez is pleased with changes made at Homedale Elementary under her leadership.

“We have gone from very little technology to almost one-to-one devices and other technology equipment in the classrooms and lab,” she said. “We have new reading and math curriculums that meet the state and federal requirements.

“We have created a wonderful culture at the school that is

happy, warm, and caring. We have made so many positive changes at the elementary in the past eight years.”

She praised her staff at the school for its response to the needed adjustments as a result of the COVID-19 soft closure.

“The amazing staff jumped into distance learning with both feet and were leaps and bounds ahead of the larger districts,” she said.

“We collaborated, planned, and took action. What a great team!”

Vasquez said that her staff was naturally shocked when first informed of her decision

to take early retirement.

“Of course, there is sadness, and change is very hard for some people,” she said. “The staff has created a family, and it’s always hard when family leaves.”

With all the changes because of the COVID-19 pandemic and adjustments to how schools continued educating, the school year did not end exactly how Vasquez had envisioned.

“I started my career in the middle of the year when a staff member left,” she said. “I stepped into a really tough class of third-graders. I didn’t think anything could top it.

“This year topped it. It has been a surreal experience.”

She said that she really misses the excitement of end-of-year activities at the school, and certainly misses being around the students and her staff every day. Through Zoom meeting, she has been able to visit with students and see their projects.

Vasquez believes changes the educational system has adopted and endured are deep and likely long-lasting.

“I don’t think education will ever be the same again due to this pandemic,” she said. “We have realized ... how many innovative strategies can be used.

“I see a blend of online and classroom instruction with some parents possibly opting to keep their children home all the time.”

She also believes that a big challenge will be equal access for all students in regards to connectivity, devices, and instructional support. Schools will have to take into account the daycare needs of working families.

As Vasquez moves on to this new phase in her life, she reflects on her time at HES.

“I have loved working in Homedale,” she said. “It will always have a special place in my heart. I will miss the students.

“I have the best staff and will miss them so much. They are all amazing and truly have the best interest of the students in mind.

“What a great place to live and work.”

— TK

USMC reservist to bring dental services to Marsing clinic

A Blaine County native will help Terry Reilly Health Services open a Marsing dental clinic soon.

Jodie D. (Gadwa) Callison, DMD, who hails from Stanley, graduated last month from Midwestern University’s College of Dental Medicine-Arizona.

According to a Midwestern University press release, Callison has accepted the position with TRHS and will open a dental clinic in Marsing.

Degrees were conferred upon Callison and other Midwestern grads during a virtual graduation ceremony on May 22.



Jodie D. (Gadwa) Callison

A 1997 Challis High School graduate, Callison is the daughter of Gary W. and Laurii A. Gadwa. She’s a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, earning a Bachelor’s of Science in systems engineering in 2002.

In 2011, she attained a B.S. in biomedical sciences with a minor in chemistry from the University of Texas, El Paso. From the Air War College, she secured a Master’s in operation strategy and policy in 2015.

During her time at Midwestern, Callison was chair of the American Student Dental Association Professional Development Committee and school representative to the American Association of Women in Dentistry.

Callison also took part in two dental missions overseas and is in the midst of an 18-year military career. She’s a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves.

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Locals cinch up state H.S. rodeo berths

Local athletes came away with District 2 rodeo championships and State High School Finals Rodeo berths after three days at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.

The state finals begin Saturday and run through June 20 at the Eastern Idaho Fairgrounds in Blackfoot. The Bannock County Fairgrounds in Pocatello decided not to host the finals this year.

Several Jordan Valley High School rodeo team members wrapped up season championships in Homedale, including:

- Birch Eiguren was named boys' all around winner.
- Halle Burch won Saturday's breakaway roping go-round in 3.05 seconds to sew up the season championship in that event.
- Tayler Eiguren was named girls' reserve all around winner after picking up the district team roping championship with her cousin Birch and finishing second in breakaway roping. Tayler also finished fifth in the goat tying standings.

The top four cowboys and cowgirls in each event earn a trip to the state finals.

- Sydney Davis of Adrian will

compete in the state finals in both pole bending and cow cutting. She locked up the district's fourth and final berth in pole bending on Saturday when she finished fourth on day in 21.391 seconds. She finished runner-up during cow cutting season.

- Jordan Valley's Jace Grenke and Trevor Fillmore finished third in team roping for the season after grabbing runner-up honors Friday with a 9.3-second run. Grenke tied for fourth on the season in tie down roping.
- Birch Eiguren locked up third place in tie down roping with a runner-up showing Saturday in 15.62.
- Marsing's Zane Brackett and Cade Brackett were first and second, respectively, in boys' cutting.

Another local cowgirl, Hannah Moos of Wilson, pulled off a personal-best goat-tying time of 10.49 on Saturday.

Jordan Valley's Meg Eiguren won breakaway roping in the junior high school rodeo on Saturday with a time of 3.48.

— Information provided by Cherie Rolland and gleaned from District 2 Facebook page.



Jordan Valley's Birch Eiguren, son of Mike and Robbin Eiguren, is the District 2 boys' all around champion. He was second in tie down roping on Saturday at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds with a time of 15.62 seconds, locking up third for the season. He and his cousin, Tayler Eiguren, won the district team roping title, too.



Halle Burch of Jordan Valley, daughter of Sean and Andrea Burch, is the District 2 breakaway roping champion.



Sydney Davis, daughter of Bobby and Katie Davis of Adrian, placed fourth in Saturday's pole bending go-round to wrap up the district's fourth state berth in the event.

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✓ County: Clerk laments election SNAFU rumors not shared with office

From Page 1

vote to win a third four-year term.

Board of County Commissioners chair Jerry Hoagland (R-Wilson) ran unopposed for his sixth term from District 1. He'll serve for the next four years.

Likewise, Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey Phillips was unopposed. He will serve four years after being appointed to finish Douglas D. Emery's third term last year.

None of the county Republicans will have opponents in the Nov. 3 general election.

There will be general elec-

tions for the three District 23 legislative positions currently held by Republicans.

Reynolds Creek rancher Brenda Richards lost her bid to succeed Three Creek rancher Bert Brackett in the Dist. 23 state Senate seat.

After serving four years in the Idaho House of Representatives, Christy Zito of Hammett will move to the upper chamber after picking up 56.49 percent of the vote against Richards.

Another Owyhee County resident, Grand View's Andrea Owens, lost in her attempt to succeed Zito in the Dist.

23A position in the House. Mountain Home City Council president Matthew Bundy won 55.9 percent of the vote, and also outdrew Owens in her home precinct, 118-91.

Megan Blanksma of Hammett will take a shot at her third two-year term as the Dist. 23B representative in November against Democratic nominee Michael Oliver.

Bundy's November opponent is Benjamin Lee, and Zito will battle Laura Bellegante.

The three Democratic nominees all live in Mountain Home.

The primary election was carried out strictly through mail-in absentee ballots statewide.

The county election office reported a 41.66 percent turnout, which is one of the largest turnouts in recent history but doesn't come close to the November 2018 mid-term election turnout of 66.3 percent when nearly 3,500 ballots were cast.

Election workers counted 2,233 ballots into the early-morning hours of last Wednesday, County Clerk Angie Barkell said.

"The only real issue we had (June 2) was that I totally under-estimated the amount of time it would take to count the ballots," Barkell said. "We were here until 1 a.m."

Three teams of four people each counted ballots, and each counting room had a watcher.

Barkell said only two of the three watchers the Christy Zito campaign requested showed up, while Grand View resident Andrea Owens' campaign requested a watcher, too.

All mail-in ballots had to be received by 8 p.m., on June 2. The county also set up June 2 drop-off locations in Homedale and Grand View. A total of 21 ballots were turned in at those locations, including 14 in Homedale.

Voters also dropped off their ballots in person at the county courthouse in Murphy throughout the day.

"Overall, I think the process went about as good as could be expected given the fact that we have not previously taken on this type of voting," Barkell said. "We were definitely hampered by the continued issues with the state's voter registration software deficiencies and errors."

The locations were provided

because of the court-ordered ballot return deadline that was put in place because of Republican congressional candidate Nicholas Jones' challenge after the idahovotes.gov website crashed close to the May 19 deadline.

Another 10 ballots were received last Wednesday (after the deadline) and weren't counted, Barkell said.

"While that wasn't many, given the lack of time for late requesters to return ballots, I really felt that we needed to provide the drop locations to give voters every opportunity to return their ballots," Barkell said.

Barkell said the extended deadline wasn't a big problem, but she expressed frustration about folks taking to social media to allege faults in the system, including claims of duplicate ballots, not receiving ballots and a failure to process ballots.

"Many of the complaints were lodged on social media or reported to candidates, but not directly to us," she said.

"We are unable to remedy those issues if we do not know about them."

— JPB

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Information sought on cemetery theft

The people in this vehicle, a silver minivan, are suspected of stealing items from the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery around noon on April 29. The individuals are suspected of stealing four large hanging flower baskets that were placed in front of a headstone. Cemetery maintenance district commissioner Aaron Tines said the photo was pulled from surveillance cameras installed after a rash of thefts from gravesites a few years ago. If anyone recognizes the vehicle or has information on the incident, they are asked to call the Owyhee County Sheriff's dispatch at (208) 495-1154.

Courthouse report

A list of felony and misdemeanor dispositions recently completed at courtrooms in Murphy and Homedale. Infractions are not included:

June 1

Victoria Carolelynn Hoadley, Eagle — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession: \$300 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs

Hieu Ngoc Phan, Garden City — Misdemeanor Fish and Game violation, fishing without a license: \$100 in fines, \$165 in court costs

Johnathan Gabriel Tidwell, Eagle — Misdemeanor driving without privileges, fail to provide proof of insurance: \$200 in fines, \$330 in court costs

May 29

Grant R. Rivera Almanza, Emmett — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation overweight (4,001 pounds and over), exceed allowable gross loads: \$54 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

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Conservation board to meet in Marsing

Projects, youth art contest to be discussed

Owyhee Conservation District supervisors will judge conservation-themed posters during their monthly meeting Thursday in Marsing.

Schoolchildren within the OCD boundaries submitted artwork digitally for the contest. This is the first time that the art contest has been held remotely. In the past, the students submitted hard copies of their art ideas, but the COVID-19 soft closure of schools and statewide stay-home order altered the process this year.

The OCD board meeting begins at noon on Thursday at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

No public will be allowed to attend the meeting because of ongoing social distancing guidelines, but community members will be able to sit in telephonically. The call-in number is (888) 844-9904, and the access code is 2792764.

Board chair Andrea McRae will call for public comments at some point during the meeting, OCD administrative assis-

tant Debbie Abel said. The supervisors also will discuss board elections and a 50/50 grant the district awarded to a private landowner who wants to remove junipers from 100 acres in the Jordan Valley area. The project includes cutting, piling and burning Western juniper. The burn areas will be reseeded with native grasses in an effort to improve the rangeland for grazing and other activities. Abel said the project is at a higher elevation than a similar project OCD supervisors toured last year.

“The producer is putting \$5,000 into the project, and we are matching that with funds we have to enable him to complete a larger project than he had initially planned,” Abel said.

OCD awarded the matching grant after collecting applications during the fall and winter.

An update also will be provided on the district’s planned tire recycling event. The event, which will occur this fall after harvest, was laid out for the Marsing City Council on Wednesday as part of Abel’s presentation at that body’s regular meeting.

— JPB

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Babe



Years ago the movie “BABE” was nominated for several Academy Awards including Best Picture. It was very popular and made a lot of money. It stars a pig named Babe. A gilt to be more specific ... a feeder pig maybe weighin’ 80 to 100 pounds. But it was a cute pig. It talked, of course, was kind and brave. And to top it off it did heroic deeds and yet maintained a sensitivity that would make the Pope blush.

All this anthropomorphism, giving a pig human qualities, is necessary if movie makers expect an audience to relate to the hero. It made me wonder if the movie, BABE had a deleterious effect on the price of pork. I made a couple calls, but the Pork Producers were non-committal. They had an up market this spring. But I would not have been surprised if it had. The sheep and veal people have known for years that it is hard to convince the public to eat something cute.

Rabbit raisers are careful to avoid any advertising including the words BunnyBurger or BBQ’d Bunny Ribs or Bunny on a Grill. Even in the frozen north they’ve never developed a market for the Baby Seal Club Sandwich. Australians have never had trouble eating lamb, mostly because they’re so numerous over there they are thought of more often as ants or road kill. Yet in my three trips “Down Under” I saw no Koala Kabobs. Too cute.

The Chinese seem to eat anything under the sun from thousand-year-old eggs to objects that crawl on the sea floor, but I’ve never heard of a Panda Patty.

The reverse is also true ... that it is easier to eat something less cuddly. That may be part of the success of the poultry business. In books, movies and stories, chickens and ducks are seldom portrayed in flattering roles. They’re usually stupid or pompous, i.e. Foghorn Leghorn, Chicken Little, Huey, Dewey and Louie. Even the Little Red Hen turns out to be a Republican.

The eel is another good example. The oyster, the goat, fish in general, most reptiles and the Spotted Owl in certain parts of the country.

But I do suspect the Pork Producers were worried about their business while BABE was showing in thousands of theaters to hundreds of thousands of young impressionable kids. Had to be. I know French restaurateurs worried when the BLACK STALLION was showing.

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black books, CDs and DVDs. His latest book is “A Commotion in Rhyme.” When you order the new book, be sure to tell them you learned about it in The Owyhee Avalanche.

Glenn Mollette, syndicated columnist

Lessons from civil chaos Golden Rule must be resurrected in America



by Dr. Glenn Mollette

The death of George Floyd at the hands of police should never have happened. It was murder and a dark moment in America. The looting, terrorism and burning of American cities by so-called protesters are criminal and a dark moment in America.

The Minneapolis police officers involved in Floyd’s death must be held accountable. The criminals involved in wrecking American cities, robbing and burning businesses must be held accountable.

Americans have the right to free speech. Free speech does not mean destroying property, hurting police officers and criminal activities.

The question many Americans are asking today is who is funding these criminal, terroristic riots that have happened across America? People are showing up from other cities and states to wreak havoc and chaos in American cities. Who is paying their travel? Who is providing their lodging? Who is paying them money? Are there really this many evil, bad people in America? Obviously, there are because the acts of violence displayed on national television are not coming from peaceful protesters. We have seen and heard about many peaceful protesters. Thousands of people have made their protests in a peaceful,

honorable way.

No one blames anyone for being upset and angry about what happened to George Floyd. It made me angry. I would be willing to march with anyone to cry out against such an act and event. Actually, I cried out against Floyd’s murder in other writings, stating my feelings about his murder by the hands of the Minneapolis police officers. My column goes to thousands of media outlets. It was horrific and wrong, and the officers must be punished. The looters and criminals who have vandalized and saw Floyd’s death as an opportunity to pursue criminal activity also must be put in jail and punished.

America is in deep trouble. We are still in the middle of COVID-19 with the prospects of a fall resurgence. Unemployment soars. Businesses have closed, and many are struggling to hold on. Economically our nation is buried. The future of our older generation is at great risk, and the younger generation has not grasped yet what is really in store for them financially. The economic plight of this nation has put the realization of the American Dream at great risk for America’s children.

— See *America*, Page 15

From Washington Flag Day: Celebrating our beacon of hope

In recognition of Flag Day (Sunday, June 14), I wrote this column weeks ago to commemorate our flag and national anthem. Today, as our country grapples with division and some have used the flag in expressions of rage, I questioned whether to submit it. However, I determined that especially now we should remember the inspiration of our national symbols as beacons of hope and unity. Our flag is not the symbol of a nation without flaws, but rather a symbol to inspire hope in the ideals we collectively hold. I am convinced that we are more united as a nation than we are divided.

The American flag written about in the poem that became our national anthem is on permanent exhibit at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C. Mary Pickersgill made the flag in 1813. As the Smithsonian reports, the flag was, “Raised over Fort McHenry on the morning of September 14, 1814, to signal American victory over the British in the Battle of Baltimore; the sight inspired Francis Scott Key to write ‘The Star-Spangled Banner.’” The grandson of Lt. Col. George Armistead, who led the defense of Fort McHenry and commissioned the immense flag, loaned and later gifted the flag to the Smithsonian. The museum preserves and displays the flag for the public to view this historic national symbol.

As historians recount, Francis Scott Key was an attorney working to negotiate the release of an American detained by the British attacking our coastal cities in the War of 1812. This put Francis Scott Key aboard a ship in view of the British attack on Fort McHenry. The British forces had already burned our U.S. Capitol and other public buildings in Washington, D.C., before attempting to take Baltimore, Md. However, American forces held

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Fort McHenry through an intense bombardment, and the British withdrew, marking a turning point in the war. “Waving proudly over the fort, the banner could be seen for miles around — as far away as a ship anchored eight miles down the river, where an American lawyer named Francis Scott Key had spent an anxious night watching and hoping for a sign that the city — and the nation — might be saved,” reads a Smithsonian narrative.

The enormous sense of relief, hope and elation Francis Scott Key must have felt in seeing the Star-Spangled Banner raised after a long, harrowing battle is unmistakable in the words he penned:

“O say can you see, by the dawn’s early light,

— See *Flag Day*, Page 15

Commentary

Financial management

Long-term care insurance could prevent financial hardship

Dear Dave,
I've been researching long-term care policies. Can you reach a point financially where you can self-insure long-term care needs, and not buy a long-term care insurance policy?
— Paul

Dear Paul,
It's possible, mathematically speaking, if you have the resources available to pay for the care you'd receive in a nursing home or similar facility for about 20 years. Not many folks have that kind of money, though. I think it's a large enough bill that it makes sense to transfer the risk to a long-term care insurance policy.
Keep in mind, too, if you're married you have to think about your spouse, and make sure

they have enough to live on comfortably at the same time. That's a lot of money. And that's why I advise virtually everyone to put good, long-term care coverage in place at age 59 or 60. It can mean the difference between living with dignity, or having to depend on the government!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
Is it OK to combine finances with someone and start working on a budget before you marry them? I just got engaged, and we've been talking about the idea of getting a head start on our finances together.
— Autumn

Dear Autumn,
First, congratulations! I hope you two will have long and



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happy lives together. Now comes the hard part. But you asked for my opinion, so here goes.
No, it's not a good idea to combine finances with anyone you're not married to. Don't get me wrong, I'm glad you

two are thinking about your finances and your future — and I'd never wish anything bad for you — but all kinds of things can happen before you become husband and wife. What if you spend time paying off his debt, or vice versa, then the relationship doesn't work out?
However, this doesn't mean you can't begin working together on budgets for the future, and planning and dreaming about the goals you have together. The thing to keep in mind is you'll both need to be operating in full transparency mode to make it happen. He should know all about your income and debts, and you should know all about his. Along the way, you two need to have serious, regular discussions about saving,

spending, and debt to ensure you're completely on the same page with your finances before the big day.
There you go. My advice is both of you should pay only your own bills until after you're married. And remember, once that happens there's no yours and his anymore — it all becomes ours.
— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 16 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

Letter to the editor

Grateful to serve, Aberasturi reiterates open-door policy

I would like to personally let you know what an honor it has been to represent you as Owyhee County Commissioner. Thank you for your support.
While this campaign season was quite different than usual, the inability to interact with everyone certainly made it difficult to answer your questions and address your concerns. I am always available to you and very much appreciate the calls I do receive. I would much rather answer your questions directly with facts and information than to have anyone speculate on an issue. I am happy to meet you for a cup of coffee and a visit!
I will continue to serve you to the best of my ability. God's blessings to you all during this challenging time.
Kelly Aberasturi
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✓ Flag Day: Star-spangled banner has been our nation's symbol since June 14, 1777

From Page 14
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
..."
The importance of this national symbol and the hope it inspires is at the heart of the creation of Flag

Day, celebrated on June 14. Flag Day recognizes the Second Continental Congress's establishment of our national flag on June 14, 1777. In the 243 years since, our flag continues to fly over our national triumphs and provides a solemn salute to our fallen. As Americans, we understand the significance of the flag as a symbol of our unity and strength. May our Star-Spangled Banner forever wave over our land of the free and our home of the brave.
May it be a beacon of hope around the world and in our nation.
— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fourth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

✓ America: Preachers, politicians must help spread age-old message of how to treat people

From Page 14
We desperately need a revival of "rightness" in America. There was a day when people believed in strong morals, decency, respect and the Golden Rule. This "rightness or rule" must happen from all the politicians, to the police officers, to the protesters and to every person in America. The preachers in America must get this message out. The politicians must get this message out. We must put this message into our daily living. Or, it's over for America.

Here's the rule again, "Treat others the way you want to be treated."
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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

June 14, 1995

2nd annual Fundaze to benefit drug awareness

Single-man, jet-powered watercraft sprint races (Jet Ski tm, the common term for the devices is trademarked) will highlight Marsing’s second annual Snake River Fundaze, which benefits the Owyhee County Crime Prevention and Child Safety Fund, a drug awareness program.

The Independence Day celebration begins at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 1, at the Marsing Island Park with a breakfast sponsored by the Marsing Lions Club.

By 11 a.m., sprint racers will begin practicing on a pre-determined course, and the actual races are set to start at 1 p.m.

A special category of racers will also take to the water at 4:30 p.m. for a new event called “Copper Cup Challenge.” “The Copper Cup,” a traveling trophy, will go to the law enforcement agency whose officer wins the challenge.

Old high school to meet wrecking ball

The Marsing School District will tear down a condemned structure to make room for parking lot.

Hidden under the dust and debris accumulated at the old Marsing High School lies a menace.

Asbestos and federal regulations forced the Marsing School District to close all but the school’s gymnasium in 1987, and lead-based paint, it’s now thought, would have represented an even greater hazard.

Time hasn’t been kind to the interior of the old school, which looks like a Beirut war zone. Vandals have kicked in doors, nature has flooded some of the rooms and brought down the ceiling tiles, and eight years of dust coats everything. Nevertheless, while walking through the halls one can almost hear the excited voices of students between classes and the ringing of bells.

Soon, however, those hallways will be no more. Thanks to an organization called the Pathfinders, the old Marsing High School will be leveled over the course of the summer to make room for a parking lot.

Homedale students devote week to science

Homedale Science Camp covers everything from Pluto’s moon to the chemical composition of “slime.”

Words like astronomy and criminology may intimidate most adults, but to the kids who participated in the Homedale Science Camp last week, they sound like a fun way to pass the time.

The camp, for students about to enter seventh grade, was taught by Homedale teacher JoAnn Morris and COSSA instructor Sherri Klug. They and the students went everywhere from the Caldwell Police Department to the Owyhee Dam to the wildlife preserve at Deer Flat.

Rimrock graduates 25

The Rimrock class of 1995 sets out to follow its motto “We have dreamed our dream together. We must make them come true alone,” after their graduation June 4.

The graduation ceremony included the distribution of scholarships, honor graduate recognition and the handing out of diplomas.

Valedictorian Jeff Gilbert, entertained the crowd with his thoughts on graduations and life.

“Graduation is neither a beginning nor an ending, it is simply a pothole in the road of life.” Gilbert said.

50 years ago

June 11, 1970



THE TOP “10 PER CENT” of the graduating class of 1970 at Homedale High School of 60 graduates were presented with trophies during commencement exercises held at the new Trojan athletic stadium. Left to right are Betty Eidemiller who had a perfect grade record of 4.0, Bonnie Takasugi with a 3.934 grade average; Roy Eiguren with a 3.571 grade average; and Sally Cantrall with a 3.511 grade average. Top row are LeAnda Johnstone with a 3.488 grade average; Steve Breshears with a 3.547 grade average and Patti Bell with a 3.488 grade average. Speeches were delivered by Miss Eidemiller, Miss Takasugi, Eiguren and Breshears.

Jordan Valley High School graduates 12

JORDAN VALLEY — Twelve seniors graduated from Jordan Valley High School Wednesday night. They and a large group of family and friends heard former principal Clay Fox, now with the Multnomah County Intermediate Education District, give the commencement address.

He spoke on the future of such agricultural communities as Jordan Valley, titling his speech “Don’t let Levis lose.” He noted that unless something drastic is done, the world faces food rationing in 10 years. Although they may plan for a life in agriculture, Fox said all students must pursue further education. “Education is the greatest job insurance you have.”

Awards were presented during the ceremony, and Nancy Skinner, valedictorian, received the citizenship award. She and Frances Staples, salutatorian, received scholarship trophies.

Other graduates include Patricia Bennett, Tony Elordi, Estelle Grenke, Kenneth Jess Richard Kern, Layle Larrucea, Steve Maher, Terri Swisher, Bruce Terry and Jim Yturriondobeitia.

Grand View news

“Rain, Rain Go Away, Come Again Another Day”, is a song I’m sure many farmers are singing with the spring showers that have arrived and dampened the hay that is down and slowed farm work in general.

Mr. and Mrs. John Monaghan have announced the engagement of their daughter, Clorice to H. Russel Terrell. They will be married June 20 at 8 p.m. in the Calvary Baptist Church in Boise.

Frank and Juanita Appodaca and family have moved to Cascade for the summer. He is working on one of Simplot’s cattle ranches.

The Sewing and Child Development 4-H kids of the Nutty Knitting Chefs held a swimming party and barbecue at the Cove June 2 with seven present and Janie McCune and children and Vivian Gottsch and children supervising.

145 years ago

June 19, 1875

SOUTH MOUNTAIN NEWS

SOUTH MOUNTAIN, JUNE 14.

Stockholders of the S.M.C.M. Co. were made to rejoice on Saturday by striking a new ledge in the lower level of the Golconda mine. The ledge is fully ten feet wide of solid argentiferous galena. It is estimated that there is now \$5,000,000 worth of ore in sight in the Golconda.

The new strike in Yreka has improved considerably.

Enough ore is now being taken from the drifts in the S.M.C.M. Co.’s mines to run two furnaces, without stopping.

From 4 to 5 tons of bullion is being run out daily with one furnace.

Another large shipment of bullion will be made to-day.

Nearly two hundred animals are now engaged in packing coal to the furnaces.

Dudley Hoyt, Superintendent of the Poorman, Matthew Graham, of Rocky Bar, and H.S. Cheesbro, of San Francisco, made us a visit last Saturday, and expressed themselves highly pleased with the mines and works of the S.M.C.M. Co., and with the prospects of the camp in general.

FROM STEAM TO WATER POWER—

The propelling power of the Shoenbar arrastrar has been changed from steam to water, a large overshot wheel having been erected which drives the machinery. This saves the expense of fuel and the services of an engineer. It is now running on tailings from the Minear mill.

PLACERVILLE, I. T.,

June 11th, 1875

EDITOR AVALANCHE: The cleanups recently have been very good, indeed. Hemsley and Ashcroft, on Wolf creek, are doing better than they dared anticipate. Their average day’s work shoveling into the sluices pays at the rate of \$20 per diem, and exceptional small runs pay even better. Eleven ounces for five hours work for two men is pretty good even for this camp. Peck and Ashcroft’s big claim, opposite town, has also paid as well as usual. The two figures I cannot give, but, judging from the smiling faces of the fortunate owners, they must be large. Work will cease on this claim in a few days, owing to the growing scarcity of water; then they will commence the usual tunneling and flume-laying operations for another season.

SILVER CITY RACE TRACK.—

We took a ride with Frank Glisan yesterday afternoon behind a lively and handsome pair of greys to inspect the improvements recently made and those in progress on the race-course along Jordan creek about a mile above town. Much more work has been done on it this spring than we had supposed. They will have a splendid half-mile track in time for the Fourth of July races. About 600 yards of it is now completed and in tip-top shape. The old track has been straightened and made wider opposite the Allison dump pile and several other places. It is perfectly straight for over a quarter of a mile at the outcome and has a slight curve at the other end, but nothing like a round track. The proprietors deserve great credit for the energy displayed in fitting it up, and we hope to see them realize handsomely from the enterprise. We look for lively times on the trach this summer.

Public notices

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
JOINT SCHOOL DISTICT NO. 370
OWYHEE AND CANYON COUNTIES, IDAHO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Regular Board Meeting of the above named School District will be held on the 11th day of June, 2020 at the school office in said district, at which meeting there shall be a public hearing at 7:00 P.M. on the maintenance and operation budget for the forthcoming school year and the amended maintenance and operation budget for the current school year.

This budget as presently determined by the Board of Trustees is now available in the office of the School District and will remain available until the meeting and hearing, as provided by law.

This regular meeting and budget hearing is called pursuant to Idaho Code § 33-801, as amended. Dated this 1st day of June, 2020.

	GENERAL M & O FUNDS					ALL OTHER FUNDS				
	PRIOR YEAR	PRIOR YEAR	CURRENT	AMENDED	PROPOSED	PRIOR YEAR	PRIOR YEAR	CURRENT	AMENDED	PROPOSED
	ACTUAL 2017-18	ACTUAL 2018-19	BUDGET 2019-20	BUDGET 2019-20	BUDGET 2020-21	ACTUAL 2017-18	ACTUAL 2018-19	BUDGET 2019-20	BUDGET 2019-20	BUDGET 2020-21
REVENUES:										
Beginning Balances	(1,320,170)	(1,363,983)	(935,290)	(1,389,266)	(982,703)	(1,864,672)	(1,203,369)	(507,467)	(840,964)	(1,164,960)
Local Revenue	(353,431)	(484,021)	(421,679)	(469,514)	(469,907)	(902,607)	(989,151)	(1,107,091)	(1,129,835)	(1,204,903)
County Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Revenue	(6,862,688)	(7,163,418)	(7,265,837)	(7,525,993)	(7,064,271)	(231,013)	(262,678)	(252,380)	(220,303)	(199,531)
Federal Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	(885,856)	(962,954)	(953,935)	(1,090,982)	(1,032,394)
Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	(11,000)	(4,600)	-	(4,500)	-
Transfers	(25,685)	(25,101)	(26,295)	(26,118)	(25,147)	(546,346)	(328,448)	(193,439)	(223,439)	(213,860)
TOTALS	(8,561,974)	(9,036,523)	(8,649,101)	(9,410,891)	(8,542,028)	(4,441,494)	(3,751,200)	(3,014,312)	(3,510,023)	(3,815,648)
EXPENDITURES:										
Salaries	4,044,682	4,263,551	4,634,117	4,681,850	4,496,543	571,716	552,709	577,416	626,355	638,788
Benefits	1,504,218	1,556,563	1,782,190	1,759,160	1,836,460	249,159	234,708	241,674	254,884	268,877
Purchased Services	1,215,641	1,232,435	1,460,484	1,425,336	1,453,444	91,719	111,805	122,794	135,433	115,418
Supplies & Materials	242,998	237,992	338,711	348,068	326,534	345,471	318,129	302,493	305,255	235,018
Capital Outlay	61,699	55,775	64,468	92,946	37,410	1,087,311	1,145,559	1,626,093	1,997,404	2,384,531
Debt Retirement	-	-	-	-	-	393,951	-	-	-	-
Insurance & Judgments	55,463	58,237	59,111	59,111	62,214	67	69	70	70	73
Transfers	81,377	79,223	80,617	80,344	80,656	490,654	274,326	139,117	169,213	158,351
Contingency Reserve	-	-	204,239	462,568	223,644	-	-	-	-	-
Unappropriated Balance	1,355,896	1,552,747	25,164	501,508	25,123	1,211,446	1,113,895	4,655	21,409	14,592
TOTALS	8,561,974	9,036,523	8,649,101	9,410,891	8,542,028	4,441,494	3,751,200	3,014,312	3,510,023	3,815,648

Faith K. Olsen
Faith K. Olsen, Business Manager
06/10/2020

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE
COUNTY COMMISSIONER
MINUTES
May 4, 11, 18 & 26, 2020
May 4

Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds;
Current Expense \$35,359; Road and Bridge \$10,578; District Court \$1,253; Fair, County \$.91; Probation \$267; Health District \$4,604; Historical Society & Museum \$4; Indigent & Charity \$16,345; Revaluation \$734; Solid Waste \$6,379; Weeds \$7,350; 911 \$8,430; County Vessel \$448; Waterways \$2; Off Highway Vehicles \$265; Taxing District Elections \$342; Auditors Trust \$18,527; County Vessel Trust \$50
Approved pay request #5, for the Bruneau Waste Water Project in the amount of \$5,656.
Approved Resolution 2020-15: Requesting that the Director of the Department of Agriculture form a CAFO Siting Advisory Team on Behalf of Little Valley Land.
Approved the following (6) 2021 Retail Alcoholic Beverage Licenses;
License #3 – How-Soel, Inc. dba Logan’s Market, Marsing
License #4 – Alberton’s LLC dba Alberton’s #336, Homedale
License #5 – Pairadice Café & Lounge, LLC dba Pairadice Café & Lounge, Marsing
License #6 – Patricia K. Waltz dba Y Bar & Café, Grand View
License #7 – Rock Valley, Inc. dba Grand View Store, Grand View
License #8 – Aquiso Prow Enterprises, LLC dba Bruneau One Stop, Bruneau
Approved Resolution 2020-16: Owyhee County Services and Buildings Pandemic Access.
Approved a certificate of residency to the College of Southern Idaho for student #20-3, and to the College of Western Idaho for student #20-8.
Approved a letter to Idaho State Department of Agriculture requesting to form CAFO site advisory team to provide a suitability determination for a proposed CAFO / dairy expansion

in Owyhee County.
Accepted the withdrawal and affirm the prior decision to deny Indigent and Charity case 20-01.
May 11
Approved (3) 2021 Retail Alcoholic Beverage License to: dba The Idaho Hotel, License #10 - Manuel Ramos dba Del Rio Restaurant, License #11 – Jeanine B. Olsen Estate dba Black Sands Resort.
Approved the 2021 Indigent Defense Financial Assistance Request.
Approved the Probation Department Building Lease Agreement with Sheldon Family Homedale Limited Partnership in the amount of \$770 per month.
Approved the pay correction for Dispatcher Paul Rhodes from Grade 6 at \$14.76 per hour to a grade 7 at \$15.50 per hour.
Approved the pay increase of Probation Department employee Kylie Miller at a grade 8 and \$16.74 per hour.
Approved the Local Rural Highway Investment Program FY21 LRHIP Grant in the amount of \$12,500.
Allowed the High School Rodeo to be held at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds on June 6 & 7, 2020 as long as the protocols are followed set forth at that time.
Approved the Treasurer’s Office Records Retention and Document Destruction Policy.
Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 20-14.
Denied Indigent and Charity case 20-09.
Approved Indigent and Charity case 20-10.
May 18
Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds;
Current Expense \$44,038; Road and Bridge \$24,925; Airport \$5,804; District Court \$278; Fair, County \$381; Fair, Grounds and Bldgs. \$174; Probation \$1,475; Historical Society & Museum \$576; Indigent and Charity \$23,148; Revaluation \$6,855; Solid Waste \$13,244; Weeds \$491; 911 \$3,256; County

Vessel \$1,523; Waterways \$100; Off Highway Vehicles \$2,052; Auditors Trust \$5,683
Approved Commissioner Aberasturi as the Southwest District Health Department annual budget hearing proxy for Owyhee County.
Approved Resolution 2020-17: To Open Bachman Grade Road and Silver City Road effective May 22, 2020.
Approved Resolution 2020-18: Good Cause Exists for the requested revision to the CAFO fee schedule to change from a base fee of \$5,500 for the first 5000 animals plus additional .25 cents per head above 5000 to a revised
Approved (5) 2021 Retail Alcoholic Licenses for the following:
License 12 – Owyhee Motor Sales, Inc. dba Owyhee Motor Sales
License 13 – Jonathon Wayne Pennington dba JC Landing
License 14 – Cynthia Mae Dinger dba Cowboy’s Pastime
License 15 – Alejandra’s 2 LLC dba Alejandra’s Mexican Restaurant
License 16 – Salvador Salinas dba Salinas Raiders Express Cafe
Approved the Independent Contract Agreement with David James Ferdinand to perform GIS updating to a new software program for the Sheriff’s Department, at \$20 per hour, not more than 30 hours per week, not to exceed 100 total hours.
Approved the seasonal hire of Alvin Davison to Road and Bridge #1 as equipment operator, to begin May 18, 2020 at \$18 per hour.
Approved the quote for the installation of additional bleachers at the fairgrounds from Bleachers International in the amount of \$18,600.00.
Approved a letter to Michael Clarke regarding the decision on residential solar panel fees. The decision was made to wait until the public hearing regarding those fees is held and make a final decision.

May 26
Approved a letter of support to Zach Liften with Idaho Geological Society, regarding a grant proposal to investigate the Halfway Gulch Fault in Owyhee County.
Approved the Public Defender Extension Agreement for FY21 with William Wellman.
Approved the Treasurers tax cancellation for parcel MHAM0070040070 in the amount of \$151.97 (taxes and solid waste fee).
Approved the Treasurers tax cancellation for parcel MH04N06W233150 in the amount of \$425.29 (taxes and solid waste fee).
Approved a letter of appreciation to Dale Nalder, as he is retiring from the Idaho Office of Emergency Management.
Approved the Treasurers copy machine lease agreement with Valley Office Systems at \$99 per month.
Approved (8) 2021 Alcohol Beverage Licenses to the following locations:
License #17 - Trans-Denco, LLC dba Last Chance Saloon
License #18 – Café Leku, LLC dba Moxie Java Bistro, Tango Saloon and the Arena
License #19 - The Bowling Alley, LLC dba The Bowling Alley
License #20 - Snowbirds, LTD. dba The Pour House
License #21 – Rebecca’s Market and Restaurant, LLC dba Rebecca’s Market and Restaurant
License #22 – Grand View Gas, LLC dba Grand View Gas
License #23 – Grazing H, LLC dba Idaho Pizza Company
License #24 – Fisher’s Saloon LLC dba Fisher’s Saloon
Approved a catering permit for the Cowboys Pastime and the Bruneau Ranch Rodeo June 6 and 7, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
Approved the Sparklight Service Agreement for the University of Idaho Extension Office.
The complete minutes can be viewed online at www.owyheecounty.net or in the

Clerk’s office.
06/10/2020

NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING
Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho.
The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Special Use Permit filed by New Beginnings Housing, LLC requesting that they be allowed to build a senior housing community consisting of 32 units (six buildings) and a separate clubhouse on South Main St. between Utah Ave and Kansas Ave (parcel number RPA014000A00AB) in the City of Homedale, Idaho.
The public is invited to attend and offer input.
Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
06/10,17/2020

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U.S. 95 interdiction turns up felony pot charge

A Caldwell man faces a felony marijuana possession charge after a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 95 late Friday afternoon.

Curtis Espinosa, 55, has posted bail and awaits his court date after Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputies allegedly found nearly 5 ounces of marijuana in various locations inside at silver 1995 Chevrolet Astrovan.

Espinosa was driving the minivan northbound on U.S. 95 when he was pulled over for failing to signal to change lanes, sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

Bowman said Espinosa admitted to having pot in the vehicle after he was stopped at 5:25 p.m.

Espinosa’s arrest was one of two deputies performed during an eight-hour interdiction patrol miles from the Idaho-Oregon line.

- About two hours before Espinosa’s traffic stop, Jose Mendoza, 45, of Pascoe, Wash., was arrested on suspicion of cocaine possession.

Mendoza was traveling northbound from Oregon in a 2007 Toyota Scion when deputies pulled him over at milemarker 8. Bowman said Mendoza violated Idaho’s Move Over Law when he didn’t give room to law enforcement on the highway shoulder.

The Wilder Police K-9 unit alerted on the vehicle, and Mendoza admitted to having cocaine in the pocket of his shorts, Bowman said. A total package weight of 1 gram was found.

Mendoza was still in jail in Murphy on Monday.

— JPB

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Idaho Code 49-426 (3), the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider 34 currently closed roads, and any additional roads considered for future closing, to all-terrain vehicles (ATV), utility type vehicles (UTV), specialty off-highway vehicles (OHV), and motorbikes. This meeting will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on July 7, 2020. The Board will hear comments and testimony in Courtroom 2 of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho. At this hearing anyone may appear to provide testimony concerning road closures pursuant to Idaho Code 49-426 (3) and current Owyhee County ordinance 10-03 making it unlawful to operate the aforementioned vehicle types, even though licensed and registered, on roads and portions of roads designated in the ordinance, and stating exemptions for law enforcement and agriculture use, and establishing a maximum speed limit and rules of the road applicable to such vehicles on roads other than those designated as closed to such use in ordinance. In consideration of those who cannot attend in person, we will also offer this meeting and hear testimony by teleconference and web-based meeting using the Zoom platform. If you are interested in participating, please use the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96994515353?pwd=VlIXU3p0aUhNL2lRNlRCdVg2WE5yZz09>

Maps have been prepared depicting the roads currently closed to the aforementioned recreational vehicles. All referenced maps are available for review on the Owyhee County web site at:

<https://owyheecounty.net/responsible-recreation/>

At the conclusion of the hearing, or at such other time as is necessary to review the evidence from the hearing, the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners will determine which roads, or portions of roads, should be closed to said recreational vehicle use and whether such closures would be in the public interest in accordance with Idaho Code 49-426 (3), and based thereon, adopt an ordinance accordingly.

The hearing will be held in a facility that is accessible to persons with disabilities. Special

accommodations will be available, upon request, five (5) days prior to the hearing in a format that is usable to persons with disabilities. For more information, contact the Community Development department at 208-495-2095 ext. 2, or via mail at Owyhee County Commissioners P.O. Box 128, Murphy, Idaho 83650.

0610,24/2020

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 7, 2020, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located at the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho, the Trustee, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

A part of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of Section 14, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence South 89°14’45” East 1327.39 feet, along the North line of said Section 14 to the Northwest corner of the said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 89°14’45” East 663.70 feet along the said North line to the Northwest corner of the said East half Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 0°43’50” West 999.39 feet, along the West line of said East Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter to the INITIAL POINT of this description; thence South 89°19’11” East 663.11 feet, to a point on the East line of the said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 0°45’50” West 332.85 feet, along the said East line, to the Southeast corner thereof; thence North 89°20’40” West 662.91 feet, along the South line of

the said East Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter to the Southwest corner thereof; thence North 0°43’50” East 333.13 feet, along the West line of the said East Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter to the INITIAL POINT of this description. EXCEPTING THEREFROM all oil, gas, gravel, mineral and geothermal rights as reserved in the deed recorded January 14, 1988 as Instrument No. 194136, Owyhee County Records.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 12726 TRAIL DRIVE LANE, MELBA, IDAHO, may sometimes be associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made, without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust made and entered into on September 11, 2007, by and among MARTIN DE LA RIVA, a married man as his sole and separate property, as Grantor, and ALLIANCE TITLE AND ESCROW, as Trustee, and HOPKINS U.S. FUND L.L.C., an Idaho Limited Liability Company “as trustee for the benefit on a parity for all Series “US” Debenture Holders,” as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed of record on September 12, 2007, as Instrument No. 262395, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The terms of said Deed of Trust and a companion promissory note were modified under a Modification Agreement to Deed of Trust and Promissory Note dated October 18, 2011, and recorded November 10, 2011, as Instrument No. 275988, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho, and re-recorded November 22, 2011, as Instrument No. 276085, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The terms of said Deed of Trust and a companion promissory note were further modified under a Modification Agreement to Deed of Trust and Promissory Note dated January 9, 2014, and recorded January 22, 2014, as Instrument No. 283129, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The naming of the above Grantor(s) is done to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)

(a); no representation is made as to the responsibility of Grantor(s) for this obligation.

The default for which the sale is to be made is that the current Beneficiary has declared that the Grantor is in breach of the terms and conditions of the obligation secured by the deed of trust, which terms are set forth in a Promissory Note dated September 11, 2007. The nature of the breach is Grantor’s failure to pay, when due, monthly payments of principal, interest, and, if applicable, escrow requirements of \$229.19 for each of the months of November 2019 through March 2020, together with all subsequent payments, costs, advances, attorney’s fees and costs, and trustee’s fees and costs accruing until the date of sale, full satisfaction, or reinstatement of the obligation.

The balance owing as of the date hereof on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is the amount of \$16,559.19 in principal; plus accrued interest at the rate of ten and one-half percent (10.5%) per annum from March 9, 2020; plus default interest pursuant to the Note at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum from March 8, 2020, until the default is cured; plus service charges, late charges, and any other costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure as provided by the Deed of Trust or Deed of Trust Note, or by Idaho law.

Dated this 7 day of April, 2020.

By: Mark D. Perison, P.A. – of the Firm
Attorneys for Trustee
P.O. Box 6575
Boise, ID 83707-6575
(208) 331-1200
05/27,06/03,10,17/2020

SUMMONS CASE NO. CV-2008-387

TO: Tracy McCreary

You have been sued by Pepper McCreary, the Respondent, in the District Court in and for Jerome County, Idaho, Case No. CV-2008-387.

The nature of the claim against you is for Modification of Decree.

Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this Summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 233 W. Main St. Jerome, ID 83338, (208) 644-2600 and served a copy of your response on the other

party, whose mailing address and telephone number are: 229 Sage Rd. E. Jerome, ID 83338.

A copy of the Summons and Petition/Motion can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the other party. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

Date: 5/11/2020
Jerome County District Court s:/Melanie Mani, Deputy Clerk
05/27,06/03,10,17/2020

SUMMONS CASE NO. CV37-20-00123 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

M. ASECION C. ALBOR, an individual, Plaintiff v. JOSE LEODEGARIO VILLA ALVAREZ, an individual, Defendant.

TO: JOSE LEODEGARIO VILLAALVAREZ, and any person claiming through association with Jose Leodegario Villa Alvarez.

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY: M. ASECION C. ALBOR in the District Court in and for Owyhee County, Idaho, Case No. CV37-20-00123.

THE NATURE OF THE CLAIM AGAINST YOU IS FOR: a quiet title action with regard to property located at 602 W. Arizona Ave., Homedale, ID 83628.

At any time after 21 days following the last publication of this Summons, the Court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at the Canyon County Courthouse, 1115 Albany Street, Caldwell, Idaho, 83605, and telephone number (208) 454-7337 and served a copy of your response on the other party, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 1084, Caldwell, Idaho 83606, and telephone number is (208) 454-2974.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the other party. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

DATED this 4th day of May, 2020.

Canyon County District Court s:/Rachelle Fahey, Deputy Clerk
06/10,17,24,07/01



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