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Homedale summer reading launches

Above: Children follow directions during a game of "Simon Says" before the summer reading opener in Homedale. **Right:** Youth services coordinator Carol McMichael reads a story on the front lawn of the old Homedale City Library on Thursday. The program was held outside on the property west of the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library. For more on programs, see **Page 12**



BLM floats agency agreements as water rights protection

Proposal sidesteps landmark Joyce-LU beneficial use decision

A new agreement structure proposed by the Bureau of Land Management, purportedly voluntary, seems to be an attempt to secure stock water rights for the federal government.

Some experts view the BLM's limited agency agreement concept as an attempt to

skirt the beneficial use clause at the heart of the landmark Joyce Ranch-LU Livestock Idaho State Supreme Court victory over the federal government nearly 15 years ago.

Water rights held by the BLM are set to expire next Wednesday, at which point any individual who can prove

beneficial use can apply for the water. The federal agency says limited agency agreements will help ensure that ranchers who now use the water won't lose the right to a third party.

But those agreements also will put the water right in the BLM's pocket.

Paul Nettleton, who joined fellow Owyhee County rancher

— See **BLM**, page 4

Homedale H.S. seniors ready for special graduation

Rare outdoor commencement planned Friday

There is nothing ordinary about what Class of 2020 graduates are experiencing, and Homedale High School's commencement exercise Friday won't deviate from that pattern.

A month after originally scheduled, the HHS graduation ceremony will take place at 7 p.m., at Deward Bell Stadium on Riverside Drive.

Traditionally, Homedale's graduates receive their diplomas each May inside the school's main gymnasium.

But because of ongoing COVID-19 social distancing standards and with the health of graduates' family members in mind, school officials moved this year's ceremony outdoors — and on to a piece of real estate that is very special to HHS principal Matt Holtry.

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A look at how the 2020-21 school year is shaping up.

Congregate lunches return to Homedale Sr. Center on July 1

Programs on hold for first week of reopening

Although the Homedale Senior Center will open its doors next Wednesday, folks will have to wait for activities.

Congregate lunches once again will be served beginning at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at the center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Coordinator Sandra Ledford said the center will continue to provide curbside pickup for lunches, but orders won't be available until 12:30 p.m., once the congregare luncheon has ended.

Call (208) 337-3020 to order a lunch each day.

The congregare lunch will

look different.

• Ledford said center staff will try to maintain six feet of social distancing in the service line as well as the dining area.

"We encourage our clients to wear masks," Ledford said, adding that the center has a supply of masks for food service employees but not enough to provide to patrons.

• There will be no salad bar or self-service beverage service. Instead, a house salad will be included on the food tray when folks go through the cafeteria-style serving line. Likewise, hosts will offer water, milk or coffee at each table, eliminating the self-service beverage area of the past.

Ledford said Meals on Wheels services will continue as

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Believe it or not: Rainfall hasn't caught up with 2019 yet

Early precipitation allowed South Board to cut flows earlier

Don't build that ark just yet. It only seems like we're getting more rain than this time last year, South Board of Control manager John Eells says.

"Last year was probably worse than this year," he said. "It just seems like it now because we're living it."

Still, the recent wet weather has wreaked havoc with hay farmers while giving an early-season break to the South Board's pumps.

According to data from Helena Agri-Enterprises, Homedale has received 7.97 inches of precipitation through Monday.

Through this time last year, Helena's rain gauges had registered 9.07 inches

of precipitation.

Most of the 2019 winter and spring rainfall occurred in January (1.59 inches) and February (3.06 inches) with a little more than a half-inch in March before spring rains brought 1.39 in April and 2.26 in May.

There was only .22 in rainfall recorded in June 2019, though. The area has received nearly 10 times that much precipitation this month.

This year's pattern included 1.8 inches in January and only 1.5 inches from February to April. Nearly 4.5 inches (2.49 in May and 1.91 thus far in June) have fallen in the past seven weeks.

More than half of the year-to-date precipitation total has fallen since the irrigation water season began in mid-April, giving South Board operators the opportunity to back off on water flows.

"We were down to minimum flow in

the middle of May," Eells said.

Minimum flow in the South Canal is 220 cubic feet per second. At the Gem Pumping Plant on the Snake River in Marsing, only three of the nine pumps were needed.

But with water demand creeping up and warmer temperatures expected when summer arrives this week, the flows are back up.

The South Canal runs at 400 to 450 cfs this time of year, Eells said. Six pumps are humming riverside in Marsing, and all nine will be in action in July and August.

"We're up to not quite what we should be, but we're irrigating again," Eells said.

Even with the rainfall, he said, irrigators need water from their ditches.

"You're not getting a lot of moisture in the ground, and the wind is blowing it off and drying (fields) back out," he

said.

"It's just messing up the guys with hay. And guys with corn are starting to irrigate."

The rainfall has helped keep the Owyhee Reservoir level consistent, though, he said.

"We're not burning as much water, so we're gaining (volume)," Eells said, adding that the reservoir gauges have measured 3.5 inches of rain since mid-April.

There has been a pattern that makes this year seem wetter than 2019, too.

"It seems like it has been cooler than it was," Eells said. "That weather trend is supposed to change (this) week."

The timing of Mother Nature may give folks the idea that there is more rain this year, too.

"It's doing it on the weekends when everybody notices it, when you're going to be off," Eells said.

— JPB

Fourth of July derby drivers gather tonight

Tickets on sale for annual Lions Club fundraiser

The run-up to the 39th annual Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby will be a bit of whirlwind.

Tonight, the Lions Club officials will convene a mandatory derby drivers meeting. The meeting begins at 7 p.m., at The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W.

During the meeting, derby

officials will review rules and answer any questions contestants may have.

Each year, the derby also collects biographical and vehicle information from each of the drivers during the meeting, and photos of each driver are taken.

As usual, the derby will be held on Saturday, July 4 inside the rodeo arena at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., in Homedale.

The pit gates will open at 10 a.m., for drivers and crews. The spectator gates open at 4:30 p.m. (the same time as a mandatory drivers pre-race meeting), and the grand entry will move into the arena at 5:30 p.m.

Prior to the derby, the Lions

Club will present "United We Stand," the Independence Parade through downtown Homedale.

Entry is free, but folks are asked to email lionsderbyparade@yahoo.com to let organizers know they plan to participate in the parade.

Parade lineup begins at 8:30 a.m., at the Homedale High School parking lot. The parade pushes off westward at 9 a.m.

If anyone has questions on the parade, call chairman Mike Thompson at (208) 250-9128 or Cat at (208) 606-6299.

This year's derby will again feature the Power Wheels Derby for boys and girls. A new Chain and Bang Heat will feature 1980s and newer vehicles, and only two-wheel-

drive cars will be allowed.

Tickets can be purchased online at TicketLeap.com or at the Homedale Lions Club Facebook page.

After the derby, a live band will perform from 9 p.m. to midnight after the derby at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.

Fireworks will soar into the sky at 10:30 p.m.

Contact numbers for different aspects of the derby are:

- General questions or program advertising: Club president Will Pryor, (208) 866-2629
- Car entry: Jeremy Townsend, (208) 337-4668
- Car build questions: Caleb Hotchkiss, (208) 965-7457
- Food booth information: Josh Love, (208) 880-8483

Property owners nix Silver City's 4th of July

Public Fourth of July activities in Silver City have been cancelled this year.

Silver City Property Owners president Clarence Orton announced the cancellation in an email to The Owyhee Avalanche on Friday.

The association has not held a September open house for the past two years.

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A surface pump used last week to keep city pool water circulating while the primary pump was repaired.

Homedale pool opens after mechanical delay

After approximately \$3,000 in last-minute repairs, the Homedale City Swimming Pool opened for the summer Tuesday.

The 2020 opening for the Riverside Park attraction has been delayed twice because of maintenance issues.

City of Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith said the pool’s circulation pump came back from the repair shop Friday. It was installed and everything working smoothly by Monday, setting up the Tuesday opening.

Maggie Johnson, who graduates from Homedale High School on Friday, returns as the on-site manager. Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller will serve as the city supervisor for the pool, according to city clerk and treasurer Alice Pegram.

The pool will be open from noon to 4 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. No swimming lessons will be offered this season, and the pool will not be available for private rental.

Pegram anticipates the season to end sometime in August after the Owyhee County Fair and before schools starts.

Day passes will cost \$3. Pegram said family pass prices are still being formulated and

will be announced later.

Through the city’s Facebook page, officials have asked patrons to come to the pool dressed in swimming attire. This request is done for safety and sanitation reasons in wake of ongoing COVID-19 concerns.

Additionally, Smith said crews will sanitize pool surfaces frequently each day the facility is open.

For more information, call the pool at (208) 960-2089 or City Hall at (208) 337-4641.

Flaking plaster caused officials to scrap the first opening day on June 13. Smith said the two latest spots of trouble were repaired for about \$1,500.

A planned opening on June 16 was scuttled when it was discovered the pump that keeps water circulating through the pool had burned up.

Smith said an electrical connection issue was uncovered and that caused one side of the pump to run faster than the other, burning up the electric motor.

That repair also will cost about \$1,500, Smith said. A surface pump has been running to circulate water to prevent stagnation, Smith said.

— JPB

County’s COVID-19 cases spike

Although confirming a sharp rise in cases, Southwest District Health officials say there are no plans to implement further COVID-19 restrictions.

Owyhee County’s confirmed cases nearly doubled — from nine to 16 — in the past week, and a new statistic was added — 12 “probable” cases as determined by contact tracing.

District spokesperson Katrina Williams told The Owyhee Avalanche on Monday afternoon that the number of cases has increased sharply throughout the district, which also includes Canyon County.

Southwest District Health’s response to the Avalanche’s inquiry did not address Owyhee County’s situation specifically.

“At this time, we do not have plans for further restrictions. We are closely monitoring surveillance, epidemiologic, and hospital data to prevent a situation where healthcare system resources may be exceeded,” SWDH director Nikki Zogg said.

“While the rise of new cases is concerning, the impact to emergency departments and hospitals remains low.”

Zogg said, overall, the majority of new cases in the past few weeks — 57 percent — have arisen in people younger than 35. She said these people tend to have mild symptoms and require fewer healthcare resources.

“SWDH has received numerous reports over the past few weeks from concerned citizens, healthcare partners, and community leaders of gatherings where social distancing measures are not being adhered to,” Zogg said. “We ask that our community please be cautious and assess both personal and community risk carefully when deciding to gather with individuals outside of their household.”

Owyhee County remains in Stage 4 of the

Confirmed Owyhee County COVID-19 cases:
16
June 15 to June 22 statistics:
New cases, 8
Probable cases, 12
Source: coronavirus.idaho.gov

Malheur COVID-19 cases:
51
New cases, June 15 to June 22: 18
Deaths: 1
Negative tests: 1,083 (202 new)
Source: govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19

Idaho reopening plan, which means bars are open, indoor dining is allowed at restaurants, and gatherings of 50 people or more are allowed with social distancing guidelines in place.

Williams said the new “probable case” category, analysis for which includes contact tracing, has been added after the federal Centers for Disease Control solidified a definition.

“All probable cases are epi-linked (epidemiologically linked) to confirmed cases and present with certain symptoms. Generally, confirmed cases are confirmed by a certain laboratory test and symptoms, while probable cases are epi-linked with certain symptoms, meaning they were in contact with a confirmed case and are having symptoms, but don’t have laboratory confirmation of their illness,” Williams said.

— JPB



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✓ BLM: Agreements give federal government beneficial use workaround

Tim Lowry in the Joyce Ranch-LU Livestock case, expressed doubt that the BLM has the ranchers' interests at heart.

"They seem to think that they can protect our rights better than we can," he said. "Tim and I spent 15 years proving to them that they can't."

"(BLM State Director) John Ruhs is a good guy, but when I hear 'I'm from the government, I'm here to help,' I think 'Sometimes I don't want your help.'"

In the eyes of Idaho Farm Bureau Federation director of governmental affairs Russ Hendricks, the agreement would make a rancher an agent of the federal government, giving the BLM the ability to file on the water right because its agent is putting the water to use for the care of livestock.

Hendricks said it appears a rancher who signs a limited agency agreement gives up his standing to file for a water right on the grazing allotment. In the Joyce Ranch/LU Livestock case, the BLM argued unsuccessfully that ranchers were agents of the federal

government because of their grazing permits.

In a Zoom meeting with the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners and other interested parties on June 11, Ruhs drove home his agency's stance that the agreement is strictly voluntary.

Nettleton said that he cannot imagine any scenario in which a permittee would voluntarily sign the agreement.

Ruhs believes that the agreement is mutually beneficial.

"It provides some regulatory certainty to both permittees and BLM through this process," he said. "It kind of ensures for us that the stock water rights remain available to those permittees in those allotments."

"(The agreement) is an effort ... to ensure that we have no irregularity when it comes to the grazing operations that are out there. It gives us the opportunity to have certain and stable water for the livestock."

In the June 11 meeting with Ruhs, BOCC chair Jerry Hoagland (Dist. 1) said that the agreement seemed needlessly long and confusing.

"There's still a concern by people out there what the purpose is (of the agreement) and that it's moving kind of fast," Hoagland, a rancher in the Reynolds Creek area, said.

The agreement states that "The parties agree that when domestic livestock owned by the permittee...makes use of water...located on fed-

eral lands, such use will be deemed beneficial in adherence with the requirement of Idaho state law and shall be made pursuant to the permittee acting as a limited agent of the United States for the purposes of establishing and maintaining water rights solely in the name of the United States."

That aspect of the agreement seems to contradict the 1934 Taylor Grazing Act, which states that the U.S. Congress specifically authorizes ranchers to file for and receive stock water rights in their own names on federal grazing allotments.

Idaho House Bill 592, which was passed in March, states, in part, that no agency of the federal government shall acquire a stock water right unless the agency owns livestock and puts the water to beneficial use. The law, which goes into effect July 1, further codifies the 2007 Nettleton-Lowry Idaho Supreme Court victory over the federal government.

Two years ago, lawmakers passed legislation that made filing water rights less expensive for the state's ranchers.

If signed, the agreements will be effective on July 1, but Ruhs said ranchers can change their minds.

"There's an opportunity if someone signs the agreement and decides they don't want to do that, to withdraw," he said. "It's a 90-day notice that we set in there."

Ruhs asserts that nothing

negative can happen to ranchers who don't sign the agreement.

But, according to an email provided by Owyhee County, acting BLM Boise District Manager Tanya Thrift wrote, "The risk to permittees in not participating in the agreement, particularly if they have not applied for the water rights themselves, is that another entity could apply for and be granted the water rights on their allotment."

Information garnered from BLM's website reports that signing the agreement helps protect stock water rights in permittees' allotments from any forfeiture petitions that might

be filed with the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

"Water rights that are not covered by an agreement face a greater risk of hearings and litigation, processes that could complicate grazing in affected allotments," BLM's website information reads.

Nettleton believes the whole argument boils down to the understanding of how the water is being used.

"Beneficial use is the one thing that holds on to the water rights," he said. "The ranchers can claim beneficial use. I don't see how it can be any better protected than that."

— TK and JPB

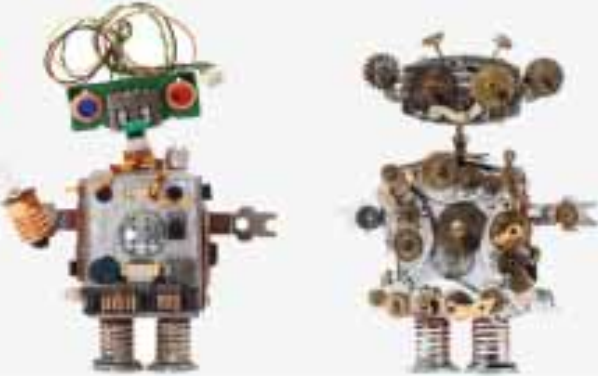
Corrections

An element of the fiscal impact of closing an elementary school in the Bruneau-Grand View School District was incorrectly reported in last week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche. If Bruneau Elementary closed, the district would continue to receive \$61,847 in Comprehensive Support and Improvement Underperforming (CSI Up) funds currently focused on that school's students.

Information received for a photo caption in the June 17 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche was incorrect. The correct spelling of the woman celebrating her 94th birthday is Glenice Atkins, and neighbor Steve Dean arranged the celebratory balloons.

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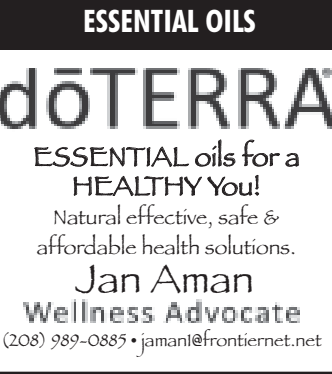
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County senior detention deputy Steve Menendez (left) receives a certificate and belt buckle from Sheriff Perry Grant. Submitted photo

Owyhee County detention deputy’s longevity recognized

Owyhee County Sheriff’s senior detention deputy Steve Menendez received recognition for 20 years of service during a brief ceremony during the June 15 county commissioners meeting in Murphy.

Menendez received a belt buckle and certificate to mark his two decades of service to Owyhee County.

He has been with OCSO as a detention deputy since 2000, hired by former Sheriff Gary Aman, and continuing to serve under Daryl Crandall and current Sheriff Perry Grant.

Menendez joins Bev White (25 years), and Kenny Hoagland and Karlene Madsen (20 years each) as personnel who have received recognition of their longevity this year.

Grant said that Sgt. Gary Olsen, who passed away on Aug. 21, 2018, was set to receive a similar commendation. Olsen’s family accepted the honor during a benefit dinner shortly before the sheriff’s office veteran’s death.

Dispatcher promoted

Laura Shepherd was promoted to Owyhee County Sheriff’s dispatch assistant manager June 15.

According to 911 coordinator and dispatch manager Sarah Kipper, Shepherd was first hired as a sheriff’s dispatcher in 1979 and has come and gone since then. She began her current stint in September when she was hired as a contract employee. She was hired full-time a month later.

Shepherd received a raise with her new position, from \$16.28 to \$18.08 per hour.

The dispatch assistant manager position has been vacant since Stacey Woods left in October.

Kipper also said that Jessica Will, who was originally hired as a patrol deputy in April 2018, has recently been named lead dispatcher and training coordinator. — TK

Marsing library hopes to keep children interested in reading

Nearly all Lizard Butte Library programs have been shelved since the spread of the coronavirus began in early spring.

One program still scheduled to commence is the Marsing public library’s Summer Reading Program.

The program is divided into two categories: from preschool to second grade, and third grade and up.

The younger group will begin next Wednesday, and new library director Catriona Hardy encourages children to come in to the library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., in Marsing, and pick up a book bag and reading log.

The children will bring their reading log in to the library on July 8 and July 15 for prizes, and the children will enjoy a story and craft get-together at 10:30 a.m., on July 22 and 29, at Marsing City Park.

For the older group, the library will have weekly prize drawings.

“(Next Wednesday) will be the first day you can start reading to get your name put in for the drawing on July 8,” Hardy said. “You can get your name put in the drawing every day you read.”

A winning entry will be drawn every Wednesday.

Hardy took over the director reins from Janna Streibel, who recently resigned her longtime position.

“I’m so excited that we get to offer a summer reading program this year,” Hardy said. “I know it is a little different, but I hope the kids have just as much fun as in years past.”

Call Hardy at (208) 896-4690 for more information.

The library is now open regular hours: Noon to 6 p.m., on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; noon to 7 p.m., on Tuesday and Thursday; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday. — TK

Grand View focuses on drinking water system rehab

Engineer disputes councilperson’s compensation claim

The City of Grand View is apparently taking steps to mitigate its out-of-compliance drinking water system.

At its June 10 meeting, the city council began the process of securing a water facility plan, which is an initial phase of finding out the ways and means to fix Well No. 1 and create redundancy in the municipal water system.

Treasure Valley-based HECO Engineers was chosen to develop the water facility plan.

The council also passed a resolution to accept a drinking water planning grant from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

A public records request The Owyhee Avalanche filed seeking details of the new developments wasn’t answered by press time.

The water system, which features only one operational well and another well compromised by contaminants, is only part of the infrastructure dilemma Mayor Danny Martinez and the council face these days.

Rehabilitation of the wastewater system is also on the clock with Mike Settall from Pocatello-based Sustainable Resource Solutions leading the effort.

On April 27, Settall sent the council a two-page letter explaining the scope of his work after new Councilperson Opal Ward criticized the amount of money the city was paying the man for doing what she perceived as more than was contracted. Ward’s comments came during the April 8 regular meeting.

“We understand that some members of the Council are concerned about SRS’s time spent coordinating the energy audits on behalf of the City,” Settall opened his letter. “This is understandable; however, it is unfortunate that these details must be aired in a public forum without the opportunity for us to explain such concerns.”

Settall went on to clarify some of the issues Ward had broached.

- SRS has a fixed-price contract with the city, and DEQ reimburses 50 percent of Grand View’s costs whenever a task in the scope of work outlined in the governmental agreement is completed.

“It is precisely because we understand the City’s extremely limited cash flow that we have chosen to “flatten” our billing so that the City doesn’t pay for the entire amount in one or two lump payments,” Settall wrote.

“We at SRS hope that the City understands the extra effort on our part to limit the strain on the City’s budget.”

- An energy audit is called for in the contract between Grand View and DEQ.

Settall pointed out that the energy audit coordinated with Idaho Power turned up city shop lighting upgrades that were reimbursable.

“These Idaho Power reimbursements would offset SRS’s billing for March,” Settall wrote. “All that remains is for the City to take advantage of the refund.”

Meanwhile, the city is trying to contact local property owner Chris Alsip to gain access to equipment that helps move wastewater across the Snake River to Grand View’s sewer lagoons in Elmore County. City crews need access to two lift pumps, a sump pump, a propane tank and control boxes, according to City Clerk and Treasurer Kathy Brown.

Council cuts public works staff

The council has followed through on a budget reduction plan to help free up money for the infrastructure needs.

During a May 21 special meeting over which council president Jon Pennington presided, the council voted 3-0 to dissolve public works employee Gina Freeman’s employment and reduce public works supervisor Dan Whitted workweek to 30 hours. Martinez did not attend this meeting.

As part of the adopted budget reduction option, the council discussed hiring a contractor to do lawn maintenance during its June 10 meeting. — JPB

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Obituary

Paul Emerson

Paul Emerson, 90, died peacefully Friday, March 6, 2020 at his home in Riverside surrounded by his family.

He is survived by his beloved wife of over 70 years, Imogene Lane Emerson; his children, Doug (Caryn) Emerson and Jeff (Miriam) Emerson; his grandchildren: Traci Emerson, Amy Emerson Thompson, Jessica Emerson Fischer, Brian Emerson, Andrew Emerson, Emily Emerson Scott; eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Paul was born the 10th child of 11 on a farm in Comstock, Nebraska, the son of Richard and Lula Emerson. He moved with his family to Marsing in 1940 where he attended and graduated from Marsing High School, class of 1948. He enjoyed playing sports, particularly football, and had many stories about playing against Marsing’s biggest rival, Homedale.

In 1949, Paul married his



high school sweetheart and life-long love Imogene Lane Emerson. They made their first home in Homedale where he worked at Homedale Feed and Seed and their two sons, Doug and Jeff, were born. In 1962 Paul and Imogene bought a dairy farm in Riverside where they worked side-by-side milking cows twice a day for over 30 years on their beautiful farm

nestled in a curve of the Snake River in the shadow of the Owyhee Mountains.

A man of faith, Paul and his family were founding members of Marsing Assembly of God and Nampa First Assembly of God churches. Paul was active in his church communities serving on Boards, acting as Deacon, and organizing and attending retreats and Prayer Breakfasts. One of his legacies is being one of the founders of the Marsing Prayer Breakfast.

An amazing storyteller, successful farmer, generous community member, and most notably the best husband, Dad, Papa, and Papa Great that could ever be dreamed of. He was truly beloved by all that met him and will be greatly missed.

A private funeral service will be held at Homedale Flahiff Funeral Chapel and there will be internment at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.



Work on local youth refuge inches along
Ideal Construction's Drew Deal puts in some work on Thursday at The Rock of Homedale youth center on East Wymoning Avenue in Homedale. Donations for The Rock can be made at www.therockofhomedale.org.

Marsing joins Homedale in supporting tire recycling event

OCD seeks volunteers for fall cleanup project

Turns out that the Owyhee Conservation District’s tire recycling event planned for the fall is about more than just getting rid of the vulcanized eyesores on the landscape.

During a June 10 meeting, district administrative assistant Debbie Abel explained the premise to Marsing city council members.

In her written proposal, she stated, “Owyhee Conservation District would like to hold a Waste Tire Recycling Event in order to help prevent tires from being illegally disposed of or burned and to keep tires

out of our landfills.”

She said that different chemical compounds in tires have been known to kill advantageous bacteria in soils, and they present many environmental risks.

She also mentioned recycled used tires yield many usable products, including:

- crumb rubber for tire sealants, rubberized coatings, and synthetic turf infill
- playground surfacing, molded into landscaping products and rubber mats
- rubber modified asphalt for roadways

Abel anticipates that the project will cost \$5,000, with the use of a truck for three loads (550-700 tires each) costing \$4,375 and \$625 going toward meals, equipment, and

advertising.

The Marsing City Council approved a \$500 donation for the project. Earlier in the spring, the Homedale City Council authorized use of the city-owned U.S. Highway 95 frontage property near the municipal airport to stage the event.

Abel is looking for volunteers to help with the event.

She plans to reach out to senior leadership advisors at high schools in Marsing and Homedale to potentially drum up interest in students tackling the event as a senior project.

Call the OCD office at (208) 896-4544, ext. 102 for more information on how to get involved.

— TK

Marsing’s Third of July celebration details fall into place

The City of Marsing has acquired the assistance of Brown Bus Co., to shuttle attendees to Island Park during the annual Third of July celebration.

Brown Bus will pick up folks from four different locations in town, including the junior/senior high school parking lot on 8th Avenue West, the old high school gymnasium on Main Street, the Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints church at 215 3rd Ave. W., and Owyhee Manor, 301 2nd Ave. W.

The Marsing Lions Club barbecue will begin at 6 p.m. in Island Park. Tickets are \$10 for adults and teenagers, \$8 for children younger than 12 and for seniors 65 and older, while children younger than 5 eat free (with a purchased meal).

This year’s menu consists of Traeger roasted beef, beans, cole slaw, potatoes, bread, and dessert, plus a beverage.

where in the city.

No pedestrians will be allowed on the bridge, and no parking is available in Island Park. Parking on the Canyon County side of the bridge is strongly discouraged, Marsing City Clerk Jolyn Green said.

A list provided by Green identified seven vendors who have committed to serving the community during the popular event:

- Holy Oly O’s — donuts
- Mikey’s Kettle Corn — kettle corn
- Maui Wowi — smoothies
- Left Hand Body Art — face-painting
- Below Zero Snow — shaved ice
- Marsing Health Coalition — health information
- A train for children

More vendors may enlist prior to the event.

Green said that vendors will set up at the park at about 4 p.m. and should be available to take customers by 5 p.m.

The event’s fireworks show over the Snake River will commence shortly after sundown, sometime after 10 p.m.

Donations to cover the cost of fireworks can be brought in to City Hall, 425 Main St., or mailed to P.O. Box 125, Marsing, Idaho, 83639.

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Obituaries

Tommy Lee Morris

Tommy Lee Morris a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend passed away in his home June 15, 2020 with his family by his side. He fought a valiant battle against glioblastoma cancer the last two years of his life.

Services were held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Homedale, Idaho (708 State Hwy 19) on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 2:00 pm.

Tom, the first-born and only son of Daniel “Tom” and Beverly Irene Hodgson Morris, was born on April 25, 1949 in Nampa, Idaho.

He spent the early years of his childhood in Caldwell where he attended school before moving to Homedale in 1960. Once in Homedale, Tom became active in the 4H program and spent many hours helping his father on their farm. As a 3-sport athlete, he excelled in football, basketball, and track.

Following graduation in the spring of 1967, he attended the University of Idaho before returning to Homedale to work with his father in the farm implement business.

In 1971 Tom married his high school sweetheart Jo Ann Bell. Their family grew to include four children Darin, Jeness, Kellen, and Taci. They created a lovely home setting where they would raise their children in the Homedale community on the banks of the Snake River where they currently reside.

Upon the corporate closing of the family’s International Harvester franchise, Tom and his father opened their own farm implement business, T.M. Farm Supply. This afforded Tom the opportunity to use his innate ability to repair all types of equipment, large or small. Tom then transitioned to his most recent employment with the US Postal Service as a rural carrier in Nampa. He



remained a dedicated postal employee until his retirement upon his cancer diagnosis.

In his early childhood, Tom enjoyed camping and fishing with his family in the Idaho mountains where he developed his love for nature and animals. Later in life he enjoyed spending his free time attending sporting events, especially those of his children, gardening, and keeping his home setting

in park-like condition. He liked traveling with his family, especially to Cascade, Yellowstone National Park and the Oregon Coast where he enjoyed quiet time on the beach. Tom’s love for animals continued throughout his life, and his home along the river provided the perfect place for wildlife viewing.

As an active member of his community, he served in the capacity as an ambulance driver, EMT, and member of the Jaycees. He spent 18 years of dedicated service as a volunteer on the Homedale Ambulance crew, following in his father’s footsteps, a founding member of the then-volunteer ambulance service.

As a member The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Tom served in various positions in the church. He also loved to participate and help at church service projects.

The family would like to

sincerely thank the wonderful health care professionals who provided such incredible care to Tom during his medical challenges.

Anyone wishing to make a donation in Tom’s memory may do so to the Homedale Ambulance Association or Homedale 2nd Ward Humanitarian Aid.

Tom was preceded in death by his daughter, Jeness, his parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandnephew Trevor, and many friends.

He is survived by his wife Jo Ann, sons Darin and Kellen (Courtnee), daughter Taci, grandson Lachlan, sisters Ann and Linda (Dave), numerous in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews, and multiple friends. Tom will be dearly missed by his loved ones, and they will forever cherish their memories of him.

Condolences can be given at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

Justin George Smith Jr

Justin George Smith Jr, 90, passed away at his home in Homedale, Idaho, March 22, 2020. A memorial service will be held July 3, at 11 am, at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

Justin was born, April 14, 1929, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Justin Sr and Julia (Whitney) Smith. As a young man, he was known as Sonny or Smitty by family and friends. Justin was an animal lover his entire life. When he was growing up, he was always bringing home bunnies, dogs, horses, or whatever stray he found. He traveled with his parents many times to southern California and back to Idaho.

At the age of 15, Justin followed his dream and went to work as a cowboy on several cattle ranches in Nevada. He loved remembering those days and telling stories of his adventures.

When he was 19, he joined the Army. Serving his country in Korea. He earned 4 Bronze Service Stars, Meritorious Unit Commendation and United Nations Service Medal.

February 14, 1952, he married Caroline Lehn in Elko, NV. They made their home in Twin Falls, Boise, Meridian and retired to raise cattle in Homedale.

They had 5 children: Carol, Pamela, Marshall, Sherry, and Jeff. He loved his children dearly. He was an awesome Dad. Justin loved to calf rope



in amateur rodeos. His children loved to ride/rodeo with him.

Justin was a horseshoer for over 30 years here in the Treasure Valley. He enjoyed his work and loved being in the outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his parents Justin Sr and Julia, wife Caroline, daughter Sherry and Sister Barbara Fender.

Justin is survived by his children Carol Blessing/Terry, Pamela Smith/Tom, Marshall Smith, Jeff Smith.

Grandchildren: Erica Blessing, Kristie Tolley/Joe, Brian Blessing and Marshall Smith/Shanyn.

Great-grandchildren: Braeden, Kailey, Courtney, Alyssa, Jaemin, Jasper, Jarynn, Shyanne and Aurora.

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Death notices

CLARENCE JOSEPH “JOE” BUCK, 90, of Blackfoot, a 1948 Homedale High School graduate, died Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at Bingham Memorial Hospital. A funeral service was held on Friday, June 19, 2020 at Hawker Funeral Home. A viewing took place one hour before the service. Burial in Smithfield (Utah) Cemetery followed the service. Arrangements: Hawker Funeral Home, Blackfoot. (208) 785-1320

HENRIETTA ROSE FRERICHS, 90, of Caldwell, died Thursday, June 18, 2020 at her son’s home. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

Three locals earn OSU degrees

Local students graduated from Oregon State University as part of the Class of 2020.

Adrian — Ester K. Gordon, Master of Science, Soil Science; and Carlee Morton, Bachelor of Science, Agricultural Science.

Wilder — Michael D. Stowell,

Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, Agricultural Sciences

Oregon State’s traditional commencement ceremonies were postponed because of measures to help reduce the risk and spread of COVID-19, but graduating students are being celebrated this month online.

See celebratory messages and learn about the class of 2020, at <https://commencement.oregonstate.edu/>.

This year’s class includes 7,181 total graduates earning 7,452 degrees, with 267 people earning double degrees and two receiving three degrees.

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Range monitoring develops better understanding of resource

Why is it important for ranchers to monitor their rangelands? This is a question that I posed to kick off the University of Idaho Extension range monitoring workshop held June 9 in Murphy. The “hands on” workshop was a **Scott Jensen** big success with 33 individuals in attendance. Attendees consisted of ranchers, agency personnel from the Bureau of Land Management, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Idaho Fish and Game as well as University of Idaho faculty.



Speakers and presenters included Scott Jensen from the UI Owyhee County Extension, Reynolds Creek ranchers Tony and Brenda Richards, UI Extension beef specialist Dr. Jim Sprinkle, ISDA range program manager Brooke Swanke, UI range faculty Dr. Jason Karl, and UI Extension range specialist Dr. April Hul-

let. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss the importance of instituting/con-

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ducting a range monitoring program, teach/learn four different range monitoring methods, and to practice implementation of those methods on the ground.

Included in the workshop and discussion was the introduction to several different smartphone apps that can be used to facilitate data collection and submission. Two of the useful apps attendees were able to practice with were LandPKS and Survey123. These apps require a short learning curve, but once mastered, can greatly facilitate the collection of monitoring data.

In addition to the apps, Dr. Sprinkle taught participants how to determine temporal grazing utilization using a grazing utilization gauge. This method helps livestock producers determine what percentage of the available forage was grazed off. The field we used for the monitoring workshop had already been grazed this spring. In measuring the utilization, it was determined that the temporal utilization was only 12 to 15 percent. With good spring moisture this year, seasonal utilization (calculated once the plants

have reached maturity around early July) will be negligible.

Idaho BLM Director John Ruhs spoke to the group after dinner. His topic of how to get BLM to recognize monitoring data collected by ranchers and getting agency and permittee to work together were very well received.

There are several benefits to monitoring rangelands:

- 1) Determine benefits of changes made in grazing management
- 2) Develop a better understanding of rangeland plants
- 3) Detect negative trends early
- 4) Show that management actions are having a positive effect

How do you get started monitoring? Just do it! The most important day is the day you get started. If you have questions or need assistance to get started, ISDA and UI Extension are ready to help!

— Scott Jensen is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension educator. He welcomes questions on livestock care. The U of I Owyhee County Extension office is located at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing and can be reached at (208) 896-4104. Contact at scottj@uidaho.edu.



Above: Oreana ranchers Brian Collett (left) and Bryce Collett (right) use LandPKS. **Below:** Dr. Jim Sprinkle (left) teaches about calculating utilization. Photos by Scott Jensen



Calendar

Today Owyhee County P&Z public hearings 9:30 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse Annex, 17069 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2095, ext. 2 Lions Club derby drivers meeting 7 p.m., The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1 st St. W., Homedale.	Monday Story Time 10:15 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 Wednesday Grand View Fire commissioners meeting 5 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2511 (call ahead to ensure the meeting will be held) Thursday, July 2 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. Owyhee County Fair Board meeting 7 p.m., Owyhee County Community Center, 423	Friday, July 3 Third of July celebration 5 p.m., Island Park, Marsing. (208) 896-4122. Fireworks after dark The Landing teen support group 6 p.m., Rising Light Farm Ministry, 5189 N. Old Bruneau Hwy, Marsing. (208) 807-0680 Saturday, July 4 Lions Club 4th of July Demolition Derby 4:30 p.m., Owyhee County Rodeo grounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale Monday, July 6 Board of County Commissioners meeting 9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421 Story Time 10:15 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. Tuesday, July 7 County off-road vehicle ordinance hearing 6 p.m., to 8 p.m., Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy.
Thursday Children's summer reading 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 Food bank drop-off 1 p.m., to 3 p.m., (weather permitting; holidays could change date), Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or (541) 586-2562 Homedale Farmers Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, Homedale Teens summer reading 5 p.m., to 6 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 Cultivate children's program 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, Homedale.	Friday Idaho Foodbank drop-off 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church of	Friday, July 3 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3888

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Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, or email them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available at www.owyheeavalanche.com). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

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Above: Some of the attendees included, from left, mothers of graduates Cheri Franko and Kristie Dorsey, seniors Lexus Franko, Delaynie Dorsey, Savana Buckley, and Shanlee Swallow, and Homedale Police School Resource Officer Karl Kingston. At the far right, Del Rio Mexican Restaurant owner Manuel Ramos prepares a taco table for the Homedale High School Class of 2020 graduation party June 16 outside the Parma Motor-Vu Drive. Submitted photo

✓ **Graduation: Ceremony will be open to the public with precautions**

“Honestly I am very excited about this opportunity to host the ceremony on the football field. I think it’s a special occasion for a special circumstance,” the Trojans’ 11-year football coach said. “It only seems fitting that we celebrate this year’s graduates in a unique way.”

Deward Bell Stadium is rarely used for extra-curricular events after the fall, even though the HHS football team has made it a habit to stretch the facility’s utilization deep into November in recent history.

The fact that many of the seniors moving on to bigger and better things Friday night have helped bring back the special feeling of autumn at Deward Bell isn’t lost on Holtry in the least.

“Obviously, personally with me being a football fan, I am biased. But to have a ceremony on a field where so many

people gather to socialize and to come together it just feels right,” he said. “(I’m) praying for good weather.”

Friday’s forecast calls for a high of 93 degrees with clear skies and zero percent chance of rain.

In an email to students and parents on Thursday, Holtry said all community members are welcome to attend the celebration, but some procedures were outlined.

“... We are asking that the seating in the grass area of the football field be reserved for immediate family members. (Mom/Dad, Grandpa/Grandma, and Siblings),” Holtry wrote.

Other community members are invited to sit in the bleachers or bring their own chairs to sit along the track.

“We do ask that everyone adheres to the precautionary measures that have been set

forth as we celebrate this time with our seniors,” he wrote, including a link to the state’s reopening guidelines at <https://rebound.idaho.gov/stages-of-reopening/>

The ceremony will begin with a class video produced by art teacher and yearbook coordinator Danielle Forsberg.

Homedale music teacher John Zieske will perform the processional “Pomp and Circumstance” before senior Gage Purdom presents “Star-spangled Banner.”

Senior class secretary/treasurer Shanlee Swallow will then give the blessing.

Senior class president Lexi Franko takes the podium to welcome guests and introduce student speakers, including herself, and other 4.0 grade-point average honor graduates Daniel Uranga, Maggie Johnson, Nyelah Johnson,

Purdom, Abbie Gray and Juliette Larzelier.

High school science teacher Mark Thatcher, a chief petty officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve, will honor the military next.

U.S. History and English teacher Ed Lee and student services specialist Debbie Flaming will present the honor student awards.

The ceremony’s guest speaker is HHS English teacher Sally Gonser.

Superintendent of schools Rob Sauer will present the Class of 2020, and board of trustees chair Kurt Shanley will accept the graduates.

Larzelier, who is student body president, will perform the closing/rose ceremony before Electric Light Orchestra’s “Mr. Blue Sky” is played as the recessional.

“We are looking forward to celebrating our seniors and

sending them off in the best way possible,” Holtry wrote in his June report to the school board.

The graduates will rehearse the ceremony at 7 p.m., on Thursday.

The Class of 2020 senior advisor is government teacher Randy Lyons.

The seniors held their graduation party June 16 at the Parma Motor-Vu Drive-In. Each student received a gift from the door prize drawing during the evening.

Deward Bell Stadium is named for one of the education and coaching giants in Homedale High School history. He served as football coach in the late 1950s and early 1960s, creating championship teams. He was also the school principal and boys’ basketball coach and district superintendent.

— JPB

✓ **Sr. Center: Fit and Fall returns in August; health check clinics on hold**

before. During the COVID-19 shutdown, the program didn’t see a spike in clients, serving 40 people in Wilder, Marsing and Homedale on a weekly basis.

According to Ledford, the curbside pickup program participation has flattened out at 16 to 20 meals each day.

She said that if 16 to 20 people stop by the senior

center for congregate meals, the social distancing concept won’t be a problem.

“We have enough tables,” she said.

The center will be open only for lunch for the first week of operation.

The ladies’ coffee held at 9 a.m., each Wednesday will return on July 8.

The Fit and Fall exercise program, which is held on Tuesday and Thursday each week, won’t return until August, Ledford said.

The ladies’ coffee held at 9 a.m., each Wednesday will return on July 8.

Foot clinics and blood pressure clinics are still on hold for now, Ledford said.

Tickets for the annual quilt drawing will go on sale next Wednesday when the center opens. Raffle tickets cost \$1 each or \$5 for six entries.

While the quilt raffle will take place, Ledford said there is no firm decision on whether the center will hold its annual Buckaroo Breakfast fundraiser during fair week.

“We’re still up in the air about the Buckaroo Breakfast,” she said.

With no breakfast on the calendar yet, officials plan to draw the winning ticket in the quilt raffle in November. In the past, the drawing takes place on the final day of the breakfast series.

— JPB

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Homedale library summer activities continue with Story Time, more

Homedale's city library is open again, and Story Time and summer reading programs are in full swing.

The summer reading program for children at 1 p.m., on Thursday, will feature Reptile Adventures.

The program was held on the front

lawn of the old Homedale City Library last week. That library is immediately west of the new Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

At 5 p.m., on Thursday, the teen summer reading program will feature a Mystical Escape Room.

At 10:15 a.m., on Monday, Story Time will feature “Eloise Visits the Zoo” by Lisa McClatchy and the classic children’s story “How the Leopard Got His Spots” by Rudyard Kipling.

Zoo-themed Science Technology

Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) activities will follow the two Story Time readings. Youth services coordinator Carol McMichael leads the program.

For more information about the library and activities, call (208) 337-4228.

Courthouse report

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

June 15

Josue O. Cecena-Meza, Tucson, Ariz. — Misdemeanor driving under the influence (plea deal): 1 year in jail (14 days served, 321 days suspended, 30 days discretionary), 2 years supervised probation, 1 year driver's license suspension, \$1,352.50 total fines and court fees. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor carrying concealed weapon while under the influence, misdemeanor marijuana possession, misdemeanor driving without privileges

June 10

Donnelle Lamon Roe, Elk Grove, Calif. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs.

Balraj Singh, Sunnyvale, Calif. — Misdemeanor IDAPA commercial freight rules, general logbook violation (original charge: False logbook, serious violation): \$43.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs. **Wittheld judgment:** Defendant can petition to expunge record after completing sentence

June 5

Laurenco N. Bento, Gooding— Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs.

June 3

Shawna Balls, Homedale — Misdemeanor driving under the influence (amended from misdemeanor excessive DUI; plea deal): 180 days in jail (175 days suspended), 1 year unsupervised probation, 6 months driver's license suspension, \$297.50 in fines, \$392.50 in court costs

Miguel A. Bedolla, Homedale — Misdemeanor resisting or obstructing peace officers (plea deal): 4 days in jail (served), \$65 fine, \$307.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor controlled substance possession; misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession; and misdemeanor frequenting a place where controlled substance is used, manufactured, cultivated, held, delivered or given

Robert B. Collins, Marsing — Misdemeanor failure to secure permit (plea deal): 10 days in jail (suspended), 1 year unsupervised probation, \$300 in fines, \$307.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor occupancy or use of premises without certificate of occupancy issued

Jeffery Allen Duffner, Homedale — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$350 in fines, \$349.50 in court costs

James Scott Osborn, Homedale — Misdemeanor DUI (amended from misdemeanor excessive DUI; plea deal): 180 days in jail (120 days suspended), 2 years supervised probation, 6 months driver's license suspension, \$1,000 in fines, \$202.50 in court costs



Indulging in some refreshment while shopping

Jackie Fowell of Homedale concludes a transaction with 9-year-old Winston Sorenson of Wilder at Thursday's Homedale Farmers Market. Winston and his brother Remington, 10, sold lemonade at their "The Cuckoo Lemon" stand. The boys are the sons of Shanna Sorenson.



Shade on the horizon for rodeo grounds bleachers

Owyhee County Fair manager Ginger Loucks surveys the prep work done near the new bleachers at the rodeo grounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., in Homedale. Loucks said Succor Creek Construction owner Barney Harper informed her that the new bleacher cover would be placed this week, in advance of the Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby.

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COVID-19 twice delays drunk driving sentencing

A Tucson, Ariz., man was finally sentenced for a misdemeanor driving under the influence conviction.

Josue O. Cecena-Meza's disposition hearing had been continued twice because of COVID-19 health restrictions before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington presided on June 15 in Murphy.

As part of a plea deal, Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey Phillips dropped three other misdemeanors for marijuana possession, carrying a concealed weapon while under the influence and driving without privileges.

Cecena-Meza was placed on two years supervised probation and had his driver's license taken away for a year. He also must pay \$1,352.50 in fines and court costs.

Darrington ordered a year in jail, but Cecena-Meza was credited for the 14 days he spent behind bars after his Dec. 29 arrest.

All but 30 days of the rest of the sentence was suspended, while Darrington reserved the balance to be used at the discretion of the man's probation officer.



Homedale resident Teresa Albor picks some items from El-Ada Community Action Partnership office last Wednesday afternoon. Albor was picking up items for multiple local families. El-Ada coordinator Olga Valero said that the organization received 100 boxes of food from the Idaho Foodbank.

El-Ada office meets increased demand

The El-Ada Community Partnership Owyhee County office has been continuing its services with social distancing modifications.

The Homedale-based office recently received a donation from MDU Resources Group, Inc., the parent firm of Intermountain Gas Co., to support coronavirus relief efforts.

The donation was part of \$41,000 sent to Idaho charities, but The Owyhee Avalanche was unable to determine how much Owyhee County El-Ada received specifically.

Owyhee County El-Ada manager Olga Valero said that her office was able to continue operating as an essential service during Gov. Brad Little's stay-home order.

"We are practicing social distancing," she said. "And we are not letting anyone in our building."

Services such as monthly senior nutrition boxes, daily food boxes and bi-monthly U.S. Department of Agriculture

commodity distribution events have continued. The senior boxes and daily boxes are filled with commodities provided by the Idaho Foodbank.

All the services have continued with a drive-through system. Patrons park in front of the office at 15 W. Colorado Ave., and an El-Ada staff member brings the food boxes out to the vehicles.

The daily food box distribution for Owyhee County residents continues 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the local community are visible through the demand for El-Ada's services.

"Our number of people coming in has doubled during this time," Valero said.

One day last month, 148 vehicles visited El-Ada for a produce distribution.

Valero said El-Ada Owyhee County has a Facebook group that folks can join to keep up-to-date on what's happening with her office.

— JPB



Above: U.S. Marine Corps veteran Jack Fouts of Marsing (right) fills out a ticket after buying a chance to win a Mossberg 6.5mm rifle in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Samuel C. Phillips Post 11065 annual fundraising gun raffle. Fouts served in the Marines from 1955 to 1959. **Left:** Selling tickets and poppies Saturday at Logan's Market in Marsing were Vaughnda Griffen (left) and past VFW Post 11065 Sr. Vice-president Don Griffen of Wilder. Don is a Vietnam veteran who served a 1969-70 tour with the brown-water Navy. He was discharged in 1973.

Veterans of Foreign Wars selling raffle tickets again

Veterans of Foreign Wars Samuel C. Phillips Post 11065 members will sell tickets for its annual gun raffle again Saturday.

Representatives will man a table beginning at 9 a.m., at Albertsons in Homedale (20 E. Wyoming Ave.). The group also has poppies available for a donation.

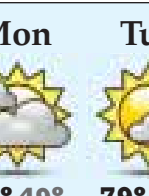
Chances to win a Mossberg 6.5mm rifle cost \$1 each or \$5 for six, and proceeds help the VFW fund its annual Patriot Pen essay and Voice of Democracy speech civics contests for middle school and high school students.

The post can draw veterans membership from Homedale, Marsing, Wilder, Parma and Notus.

Secondary school students in those communities are eligible for the civics contests, which feature scholarship prizes.

VFW Post 11065 meets at 7 p.m., on the second Thursday each month at the VFW hall, 208 3rd St., in Wilder.

For more information about the VFW or its fundraiser, call Post Cmdr. Daniel Carlson at (208) 649-7006.

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 76 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 451 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 179 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 546,542 acre-feet of water on Monday.

— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale.

Homedale schools boss takes on another state-level role

District prepares for August reopening

Summer break has arrived for students, but local education leaders are still dealing with unusual times. Homedale School District superintendent Rob Sauer is in the thick of statewide planning again. He and the rest of Gov. Brad Little’s Public Schools Reopening Committee are working on a plan to reopen schools in the fall. “Our goal is to successfully reopen schools in the fall and provide clear expectations for student learning and guidance to school districts as they make their decisions locally,” committee chair Debbie Critchfield said. “Districts are discussing approaches to reopening and how to navigate the learning environment. Many decisions are contingent upon developing and changing conditions.” Critchfield is the Idaho State Board of Education president. In addition to joining school leaders, legislators, state health officials and business and industry leaders on the reopening committee, Sauer is co-chairing a subcommittee charged with outlining jurisdiction for school

SAT rescheduled to October

College assessment tests have been moved to the fall, according to a memo shared at the last Homedale School District board of trustees meeting. Trustees heard about SAT School Day options during a June 11 meeting. Schools may offer both the SAT and Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) on Oct. 14. Another option is presenting the SAT School Day on Oct. 14 and offering the PSAT/NMSQT on Oct. 28.

closures related to the COVID-19 outbreak. The reopening committee is supposed to wrap up its work by Tuesday. In an email to Homedale school patrons, Sauer said the State Board of Education will release guidance on reopening in July. Sauer said local school officials have

huddled with a Southwest District Health representative to hash out several reopening plans depending on what happens with the virus. “We are planning on a full August opening for staff and students with health and safety measures in place,” Sauer wrote. “However, we recognize not everyone will feel comfortable coming back in August.” There will be remote educational opportunities for those parents who may not yet be comfortable sending their children back to school when classes start on Aug. 24, Sauer said. He promised updates as the plan continues to percolate through the summer. Full health and safety measures are still being hammered out, but Sauer said hand sanitizers will be available in each classroom and a machine will be used to disinfect buses and buildings — for starters. The hand-sanitizing stations and other COVID-19 supplies could be purchased through funds provided by the CARES Act, Sauer said. Although the exact amount Homedale will receive is still not known, Sauer said the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) also will be used to fill information

technology staffing funding gaps created by state funding holdbacks, and buy Chromebooks and wi-fi hotspots to bolster students’ remote learning capabilities. Sauer also outlined the fiscal ramifications of the COVID-19 soft closure over the final months of the 2019-20 school year. The district realized a savings of about \$14,000 with buildings shuttered, including \$9,000 in bus fuel. Accordingly, the state saved about \$4,500 because the Department of Education didn’t have to reimburse the district for bus fuel. Sauer said the City of Homedale didn’t consider the district’s inquiry to prorate its school resource officer contract, so there was no additional savings there. The reasoning for keeping the contract intact was that SRO Karl Kingston was still on duty and available if needed to deal with school security issues. During its June 11 meeting, the school board approved the 2020-21 budget, which includes \$18,048 for SRO services. The school district-city partnership will provide 143 days of coverage in the schools. — JPB

Clerk’s retirement shuffles Homedale school office staff

Longtime HHS media aide retires

Two longtime Homedale School District employees are retiring, but one will return in a part-time role. The board of trustees learned that district business manager Faith Olsen will retire and that Karla Haylett will leave her post as high school media aide/paraprofessional. The women have worked for the school district a

combined 51 years. Both graduated from Homedale High School, according to district superintendent Rob Sauer. The news came June 11 as part of several personnel moves finalized during the school board meeting. Assistant district clerk/treasurer Debbie Denney has been promoted to succeed Olsen as district manager. Karen Liebschwager will move from her position as middle school secretary/paraprofessional to take over Denney’s former assistant clerk/treasurer position. Sauer said Olsen will continue to serve the district in a part-time capacity as Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI) regulations allow. Olsen came to the Homedale district after working for Middleton schools. Haylett ends a 22-year stint with Homedale schools. The board also accepted the resignations of two math

teachers during the meeting — Stacy Holston at the high school and Kevin Sitts at the middle school. Three teachers were hired during the meeting, including Joshua Sauer (high school science and math), Charlie Shepherd (high school science and health), and ViAnn Aristizabal (middle school math). Rob Sauer, who is Joshua’s uncle, says he wasn’t involved in any way with the hiring process for his nephew. Joshua is the son of former Marsing

School Board member Clay Sauer and his wife Shauna. Rob Sauer said there are no teaching positions left unfilled prior to the start of the 2020-21 school year. “All certified positions are filled,” he said. “We are currently filling a couple of classified positions.” Two seventh-grade coaches were assigned during the meeting, too, including Brenda Reay for volleyball and Kevin Fine as an assistant football coach. — JPB

Marsing Chamber looking for new leadership

Franklin seeks V.P. that could take her spot eventually; feels business partnership has wrong focus

In an effort to put more focus on Marsing’s beautification project, Chamber of Commerce president Julie Franklin is putting out feelers to bring on a vice-president. Franklin said that the purpose of a community member

assuming the role of second-in-command is to ultimately take over the reins of president, freeing Franklin up to put the energy into the Chamber’s beautification committee that she feels it needs and deserves. Franklin has been Chamber president for 3½ years and is proud of the job that she and a small, core group of members have done since she took over. She said that since she assumed the presidency, mem-

bership in Marsing Chamber of Commerce has increased from 10 to 76 businesses. She said that one of her primary functions has been as an event coordinator, and that is an aspect of her job that she wishes was different. “The Chamber had talked recently about having a bridge-opening event this fall, but I don’t want us to strictly be event planners,” she said. “We need to be able to promote and increase Marsing business.” Franklin suggested that perhaps the next president could plan an event to celebrate the first year of the bridge’s opening, to likely coincide with harvest in 2021. “It’s really difficult to do (the bridge-opening event) for this year because the completion date keeps changing,” she said. “It’s hard to plan anything.” Franklin said that she has asked for help within the Chamber but someone has yet to step up. She also said that when a new community member becomes president, she is more than happy to help out and offer whatever guidance is needed. She said that business promotion in Marsing is a bit of a tough sell currently. “What can we do to promote business right now, with the town in the shape that it’s in?” she asked. “We can’t re-

ally call people in Boise or Caldwell or Nampa, or even Homedale, and tell them to come out and shop in our town.” Franklin sees a deep need for involvement and leadership in the Chamber. Despite the increase in membership, active involvement is stagnant. “What are we going to do right now to help our businesses?” she asked. “If we hold a class, people don’t attend.” Anyone interested in helping with the Marsing Chamber of Commerce can contact Franklin at (208) 859-2087. — TK

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

June 28, 1995

Locals blaze through Junior Olympic regionals
Local track and field athletes shattered five records as they ran, jumped and threw at the USA Junior Olympic Regionals in Meridian last weekend.
New record holders at the meet, which included the top six athletes in each event from Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana, were Brandon Christoffersen in the 10 and under high jump, Donovan Kilmartin in the 11-12 high jump, Marcus Christoffersen in the 14-15 decathlon, and Jessica Zatica in both the 100 and 200 meter hurdles.
Following are the individual results from the regional meet for the Homedale area participants:
10 and under
Kyle Christoffersen – long jump 9-8, 4th; 400m 81.4, 2nd; 200m 36.5 3rd.
Brandon Christoffersen – high jump 4-4, 1st (new meet record); 800m 2:48, 1st; 1500m 5:41, 1st.
11-12 years
Donovan Kilmartin – high jump 4-9, 1st (new meet record); long jump 13-9, 2nd; pentathlon 2,234, 1st.
Jenny Greene – shot put 27-6, 1st; 80m hurdles 14.81, 1st; 400m 1:10, 4th; 200m 28.82 2nd; pentathlon first.
Melanie Greene – long jump 12-10 3rd; 80m hurdles 15.11, 2nd; 400m 1:15, 5th; 200m 30.50, 4th; pentathlon third.
14-15 years
Tony Hoshaw – high jump 5-10, 3rd; 800m 2:22, 5th; 3,000m 11:10, 3rd.
Scott Roesberry – 3,000m 11:28, 4th.
Marcus Christoffersen – decathlon 5,392, 1st (new meet record); long jump 20-7 ½, 2nd; 800m 2:06, 1st.
13-14 years
Jessica Zatica – pentathlon 2,603, 1st; 100m hurdles 15.86, 1st (new meet record); 200m hurdles 30.57, 1st (new meet record); high jump 4-10, 2nd; long jump 14-8 ½, 1st.
Lindsey Greene – pentathlon 2,586, 2nd; high jump 4-10, 1st; triple jump 28-6, 1st; 200m hurdles 32.02 2nd.
Deitra Haylett – 100m 13.34, 2nd; 200m 28.17, 2nd.
17-18 years
Kelly Squibb – 1500m 5:02, 1st.
Ryan Hellwege – javelin 137-11 ½, 1st.

Colyer’s Herefords to expo
Kyle and Katie Colyer of Bruneau, traveled to the 1995 Idaho Junior Hereford Expo, June 17-18, in Twin Falls.
Katie received Grand Champion Hereford Heifer and Kyle was awarded Reserve Champion Heifer and Grand Champion Bred and Owned Heifer.

HHS graduate earns B.S.
Fifteen years after graduating from Homedale High School in 1972, Paulette Zatica Proulx garduated from California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB) just this month.
Zatica Proulx earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from CSUSB, with a minor in Political Science and an emphasis on Accounting.
Zatica Proulx has lived in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., for 12 years, and has three children, Amanda, 18, Brooke, 17, and Patrick, 14. She is the daughter of Paul and Jean Zatica of Homedale.

50 years ago

June 25, 1970



GOODBYE to Homedale’s old Snake River bridge. Workmen had dismantled one of the four spans when this picture was taken. Part of the second span has now been toppled into the river where it will be pulled ashore and cut apart.

Two area youths to take part in draft lottery
“Two Treasure Valley youths will participate in the National Youth Advisory Committee conference for the Selective Service System,” Maj. Gen. George B. Bennett announces.
Barry Fujishin, Homedale, and Mark Clark, Nampa, will attend the first national conference in Washington, D.C., June 28 through July 2.
They will participate in the 1971 Random Sequence Lottery Drawing to determine the order for induction for the coming year, as well as study particular questions facing the Selective Service System.

Seeks Stampede crown
The Owyhee Vaqueros of Grand View is the sponsoring riding club for 17-year-old Mary Anne Black as a candidate for Queen of the Snake River Stampede, July 14-18. She is a veteran queen contestant, riding in last year’s Stampede and at the Owyhee County Rodeo, Homedale. A student at Rimrock High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Black.

FHA agrees to grant swimming pool funds
Homer Anderson, President of the Homedale Community Swimming Pool Committee, and Norm Tolmie, secretary, have reported after meeting Thursday with Gaylord K Harward, county supervisor of the FHA office at Marsing, that they were assured that a previous provision calling for assessable memberships has been waived.
The FHA has now agreed to accept the swimming pool membership list as a basis for granting the \$60,000 loan, and the architect expects to have bids out sometime early next week for the pool construction, Mr. Anderson said.
The Homedale city council will hold a special meeting at noon Friday to iron out property arrangements at the site of the proposed pool.

Owyhee water prospects rated above average
The Owyhee Reservoir contained 694,120 acre-feet of usable water on June 24. Last year on the same date it held 666,980 acre-feet The average for the past 18 years is 518,754 acre-feet. according to Tom Cotton, manager of the South Board of Control.
The highest storage on record since 1953, for this date, was 706,740 acre-feet in 1958.
Runoff for May through July was estimated at 210,000 acre-feet, which is 131% of the 1953-67 average. Actual May inflow was 145,516 leaving approximately 64,000 acre-feet for June and July.

145 years ago

June 26, 1875

(From Monday’s Daily)
DAILY STAGE TO SOUTH MOUNTAIN.—
The Northwestern Company, true to its promise, commenced running a daily stage to South Mountain to-day, and will hereafter leave the two places every morning until further notice. This will be a great accommodation to the citizens of both places, especially to those of South Mountain. That growing camp has long felt the need of a daily stage and we are glad that their patience is now being rewarded. Our subscribers there will now get the AVALANCHE regularly the day after publication. Johnny Beggs drove out the stage this morning with four horses. There were several passengers, among whom was Jerry Philip, who has gone to South Mountain with an outfit for the establishment of a branch office of Wells, Fargo & Co. there. We understand that Charles Furey will have the agency there. It could not have fallen into better hands.

As an advertising medium the Daily AVALANCHE is especially valuable. It is important to businessmen that they make known to the public what they are doing. This paper has a large number of readers abroad, and it sometimes happens that men look over a journal to see whether certain branches of business are represented in the advertising columns. If not, they come to the conclusion that there is an opening in the place for their particular line of business and they accordingly make preparations to emigrate to the camp.

(From Tuesday’s Daily)
LOST BABIES—Dr. Rupert’s little girl Belle, and Mr. C.S. Miller’s little boy “Chick,” each between three and four years of age, wandered off not long since and it was feared some evil had befallen them. For over an hour the agonized parents hunted high and low, without success. At length, however, the two little wanderers were found playing in great glee at the bottom of a prospect hole, into which they had fallen while perambulating about the hillside, west of town. The hole was several feet in depth, but fortunately the little ones had sustained no injury by their fall, and were having a good time all to themselves.

A YOUNG man of our acquaintance has a scrap-book containing the marriage notices of all the girls he has loved, and he sits out in the moonlight and reads it and weeps.

BE careful of your diet.—A Silver City bachelor held a strawberry in his teeth for a young lady to bite at, and she bit half his nose off.

A SIGNIFICANT FACT.—We use over a ton of paper every month in printing the AVALANCHE, and we venture the assertion that this is more than double the amount used for all other newspapers in the Territory combined during the same period of time. This is a significant fact of which advertisers should take due note and govern themselves accordingly.

WE sincerely hope that money enough will be raised in Silver City to purchase a bunch of firecrackers with which to celebrate the great and glorious FOURTH a week from to-morrow. We would regret to see the auspicious day pass by without some such fitting recognition.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Tolerance



When our opinions get as immovable as a granite outhouse, God has a way of shaking the foundation.

I was searching for an artist who could lend just the right feeling to a book I was putting together. I found such a person. He lived in a remote mountain town and had no phone. With the help of the local postmistress and several letters, he agreed to illustrate my book.

Besides his unique artistic style, he was a good cowboy. Over the months of correspondence and our occasional visits on his local pay phone, I developed a genuine liking and respect for him.

We agreed to meet at the Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nevada.

I arrived Thursday night and began to test the limits of my envelope! I had the makin's of a personal best brewing when I spied an old friend, a big man whose effort had done much to promote cowboy poetry. I shook his hand warmly. It was then I noticed he was wearing a little short ponytail. I was overcome! I dressed him down for his uncowboy fashion statement and finished by removing the decorative ribbon binding his furry polyp!

Just then I felt a tap on the shoulder. I turned and a young man reached to shake my hand. He was decked out in his buckaroo finest. He introduced himself and remarked that he enjoyed my work. He explained that he was an actor.

As he talked, I focused on his earring. Earring! I became incensed! I lectured him on manly pride and ended up trying to bite off his earlobe!

In retrospect, it occurred to me that I might have overreacted. Fortunately these good fellows merely escaped my grasp rather than permanently disfigure me.

The next day I was walking through the crowd when I heard a voice call my name. I turned. A hand pressed into mine and the voice said, "Hi, I'm yer new artist!"

He had blond hair braided into a pigtail that reached his waist. Eight, count'em eight! earrings decorated his left ear!

I was dumbfounded!

He continued, "I'd like you to meet my wife." I looked to his side where an attractive woman stood wearing a bowler hat and a gold ring in her nose!

Looking back, I suspect God set me up. He said to Himself, 'This boy needs a lesson in tolerance.' He was right. I was due. I've learned that a closed mind is like lookin' at the world with one eye closed. I guess we could use a dose of kindness and understanding in our nation's capital ... Washington, (sorry George), D.C.

— 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.

Letter to the editor

BLM takes another run at stifling ranchers

The national situation can't help but make us look at our hole card. At this time 68-plus permittees are under threat of losing their grazing permits in the Owyhee Resource Area. The only thing holding activities from moving forward with their goal of removing livestock from public lands is the current administration.

At this time, Bureau of Land Management has made a proposal for permittees to file for water rights, on their allotments, as agents for the government. They say they're doing so as a means to stop others from filing on the water ... right?

The requirement for a water right in Idaho is proving beneficial use. On BLM land, the government is limited by the 10th Amendment. They don't own the wildlife nor cattle that graze on public lands, so they can't claim beneficial use.

In the past, and ongoing, they tried to gain water rights through wilderness designation. That apparently failed.

Next, they came after our water with spotted frogs, red banded trout and sage-grouse under the guise of the Endangered Species Act.

Now, they want us to be their agents, which opens the door for them to circumvent that which stalled them.

It's clear that if we filed for the water as their

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number.

The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:

- E-mailed to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
 - Faxed to (208) 337-4867
 - Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
 - Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale
- For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

agent, all they would have to do is cancel the permit and preference, which would likely give the federal government control of Idaho's most valuable resource — water.

Recently, Judge B. Lynn Winmill ruled that grazing preference, the backbone of the Taylor Grazing Act, had no value and could not be used to hold a grazing permit on public lands ... something to think about.

Michael F. Hanley IV
Jordan Valley

From Washington

Ensuring broadband resources reach communities that need them

We, without a doubt, rely heavily upon broadband technology for business, government and personal activities. As more Americans have worked from home and homeschooled students during the pandemic, the importance of expansive and reliable broadband technology has been accentuated. Efforts have been underway for some time to address a "digital divide" in broadband deployment between rural and urban or suburban areas to ensure communities, regardless of size, can access these technological advancements. Legislation I co-sponsored was signed into law in March that would help address this divide by improving the accuracy of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) broadband availability maps.

The Universal Service Fund (USF), administered under the direction of the FCC, provides assistance to upgrade existing telephone networks so they are capable of delivering high-speed services. Additionally, the USF, through its Schools and Libraries Program, provides assistance to improve high-speed broadband access at eligible elementary and secondary schools. Concerns have been raised that the geographic mapping the FCC relies on to determine where to allocate funds for broadband deployment in underserved areas, especially rural areas, overstate the availability of broadband. This inaccuracy results in underserved and unserved areas being denied access to broadband funding.

To address this problem, on March 10, the U.S. Senate passed by unanimous consent S. 1822, the Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technological Availability (Broadband DATA) Act, with a U.S. House of Representatives amendment. A broad, bipartisan group of 70 senators, including fellow Idaho Sen. Jim Risch, co-sponsored this legislation

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo
Republican (term expires 2022)

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Chief deputy whip



that would require the FCC to change the way broadband data is collected, verified and reported. On March 23, President Trump signed the legislation into law.

Specifically, the new law requires the FCC to collect broadband maps from wired, fixed-wireless, satellite and satellite broadband providers, and the FCC would be required to use the new maps when making new awards of broadband funding. Strong accuracy constraints are to be placed on the collection of service availability from mobile broadband providers. The FCC could consider the collection of verified coverage data from state, local and tribal governments and other entities. A process would be created for challenging the accuracy of FCC broadband maps.

— See **Broadband**, Page 17

Commentary

Financial management

Age of kids biggest factor in figuring college savings percentage

Dear Dave,
What percentage of our income should we save for our kids' education? We know you recommend setting aside 15 percent for retirement, but do you have a similar rule that applies to paying for college?
— **Andrew**

Dear Andrew,
I don't really have a rule, or percentage, for how much you should save toward a college fund. If you're following the Baby Steps, I recommend getting 15 percent of your income going toward retirement before saving for college. After you've got your retirement savings rolling, put what you can, based on your own unique situation, toward college funding.
If you've got teenagers in

the house, you need to get serious about college funding soon — like *right now*. There's no rush if they're toddlers, but you might want to start looking at things like a 529 or an ESA (Education Savings Account).
The thing is, there are just too many variables, the main one being the ages of the kids, to set a strict percentage. You've also got to consider things like where you're thinking about them going to school, how much you want to save up, and other factors.

Dear Dave,
We'd like to start preparing for the future, but our debt is preventing us from investing for retirement. Would it be OK to use a home equity line of credit to start investing?



DAVE Says
by Dave Ramsey • www.davesays.org

We were thinking the eventual returns might justify doing this.

Dear Nick,
No! Never put something as important and meaningful as

your home on the line just for the sake of investing. Do not borrow against your home!
I'm guessing you're new to my way of doing things, so let's start from the beginning. First, follow the Baby Steps. Getting \$1,000 in the bank as a starter emergency fund is Baby Step 1. Next, pay off all your debts from smallest to largest — except for your home — using the debt snowball method. That's Baby Step 2. It's time then to revisit your emergency fund, and bulk it up to a full three to six months of expenses in Baby Step 3.
Now, it's time to really start thinking about your future and retirement. In Baby Step 4, take 15 percent of your gross household income and start investing it for retirement. Start with your company's

401(k) plan, up to the full employer match. Then, invest the rest into Roth IRAs. One for you, and one for your spouse, if you're married.
Here's the thing, Nick. Investing becomes easy at this point, because you've freed up your income. And that's the most important wealth-building tool you have!
— **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.*

✓ Broadband: New law will create more accurate maps of need

From Page 16
These procedures must not be overly burdensome on challengers. A crowdsourcing process would be established to allow public participation in data collection, and stronger enforcement mechanisms would be put in place to deter submission of materially inaccurate broadband data.
In addition to the resources available through the FCC, Congress acted in 2001 and 2002 to initiate pilot broadband loan and grant programs through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS). RUS administers two assistance programs exclusively dedicated to financing broadband deployment: the Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program and the Community Connect Grant Program. On Dec. 20, 2018, President Trump signed into law a five-year reauthorization of the Farm Bill, which extends and provides new funding for these assistance programs.
Enactment of the Broadband DATA Act builds on ongoing efforts to eliminate the "digital divide" by helping to ensure the accuracy of the data used to determine the distribution of broadband resources. This can go a long way in making certain that the rural communities that need broadband availability the most are able to access needed broadband resources.

— *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.*

Glenn Mollette, syndicated columnist

Lessons from civil chaos Follow the rules, cut down on chance of police confrontation



If you have to call 911 in an emergency, you are typically glad when a policeman shows up. When someone smashes into your car, you are happy for a policeman to show up and cite the driver of the car who smashed you. When someone has wrecked on the highway and the traffic is blocked for miles, you are happy for the officer to show up and start the process of the traffic moving again. Typically, you are glad to see a police car go through your neighborhood, indicating the police are present. Often, the presence of the police is a deterrent to a would-be criminal. When there is a domestic violence issue, an unruly person at a ballgame or gunshots heard down the street, you are normally glad for an officer to be on the scene to help resolve the problem.
For the most part, police officers are our friends who show up and sometimes even risk their lives to help us. Most of them are not overpaid, and in many cases are very underpaid. A deputy told me recently he made \$12 an hour with no benefits, not even medical insurance.
Currently, we are in a police-bashing stage in our society. Police have been caught making some bad judgments. Lives have been needlessly taken by some cops, and others needlessly harassed by police. No one likes to see needless death. No one wants to be harassed by police. Too many instances have come out in public view of police doing the wrong thing. This has incited a nation of people who have reported they have had similar experiences and are sick and tired of police brutality and harassment.
However, we say we want police to show up when we are being hurt or robbed or treated badly by an evil person.

There are ways to avoid confrontations with the police:
• Don't drive drunk. Drunk drivers kill people, and Americans want drunks off the highway.
• Don't try to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill. Store owners don't want your bogus money. It's illegal.
• Don't shoplift.
• Don't be involved in looting stores.
• Don't vandalize property.
• Don't hurt people.
• Don't deface property that does not belong to you. Monuments are set up with a combination of public, private and tax dollars. They are not set up for a hoodlum to deface. If they need to be taken down, there are proper channels for removing a monument.
• Don't buy, sell or use illegal drugs. You'll end up in jail.
• Don't drive 80 mph in a 60-mph speed zone. You increase your chances of being pulled over by a policeman and receiving a citation and a confrontation you probably want to avoid.
Overall there are a lot of good police and troopers in America. They work hard and aren't receiving much affirmation right now. If you don't like them and want to avoid them at all costs then don't break the law.
— *Syndicated columnist and author Dr. Glenn Mollette is the founder of Newburgh Theological Seminary in Newburgh, Ind. His latest book is "Uncommon Sense," and he also has music available through iTunes and all music dealers. Visit www.glennmollette.com www.facebook.com/glennmollette.*

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 PUBLIC HEARING LOT SIZE WAIVER CITY OF MARSING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Wednesday, the 8th day of JULY, 2020, at the hour of 7:00 o'clock p.m., at the Sandbar Building, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing, Idaho, the City of Marsing will hold a public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding the proposed waiver for lot size located on

NOTICE OF FEE INCREASES
The Homedale Jt. School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties, proposes to increase the following fees by an amount that exceeds one hundred five percent (105%) of the fees charged this year. The proposed percentage increase of the fees is listed below.

Fee	Current (2019-20) Fee	Next Year (2020-21) Fee	Percent Increase
Elementary Lunch	\$1.95	\$2.05	5.12%
M.S. & H.S. Lunch	\$2.20	\$2.30	4.55%

This fee is being increased due to Federal Regulations.

All citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the increased fees request. The hearing will be held on July 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Homedale School District Board Room, 116 East Owyhee, Homedale, Idaho.

Faith K. Olsen
Business Manager

06/24,07/01/2020

14th Ave. The City Council will consider and hear all comments thereto which may also be made in writing and filed with the City Clerk on or before said time.
06/24,07/01/2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING INCREASE OF POUND FEES CITY OF MARSING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Wednesday, the 8th day of July, 2020, at the hour of 7:00 o'clock p.m., at the future Marsing City Hall Sandbar Building, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing, Idaho, the City of Marsing will hold a public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding the proposed fee increase for pound fees for dogs at large. The City Council will consider and hear all comments thereto which may also be made in writing and filed with the City Clerk on or before said time.
06/24,07/01/2020

INVITATION TO BID
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN ThattheBoardofGEMHIGHWAY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS invites bids for the following:
Furnishing road oil for approximately 6.5 miles of seal coating. Gem Highway District will furnish cover material in stockpile. Bids should state cost per mile. Work to be completed before September 1, 2020. All bids must be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Gem Highway Commissioners, P.O. Box 453, Marsing, Idaho 83639-0453, on or before 5:00 PM the 13th day of July, 2020.
The right is reserved to reject all proposals, or to accept the proposal or proposals deemed best for the Gem Highway District, and to waive any technicality. Bid packets are available by calling KEITH BERENDS, Road Superintendent, Phone 896-4581, Cell phone 860-6918.
Dated: June 12, 2020
Stella J. Bush
Secretary-Treasurer
06/17,24/2020

REQUEST FOR BID 2020 NORTHWEST OWYHEE CWMA CHEMICAL PURCHASE REQUIREMENTS
Alligare **Glysophate 4 Plus** EPA #81972-9
Alligare **Chlorsulfuron 75** EPA #81927-43 (8oz)
Alligare **MSM 60** EPA #81927-7 (8oz)
NuFarm **Razor** EPA #228366
Monterey **Remuda** EPA #228-366-54705
Wilbur-Ellis **Base CampAmine 4** EPA #71368-1-2935 (2.5)
Wilbur-Ellis **Bronc Max** (2.5)
Wilbur-Ellis **Climb** (2.5)
Wilbur-Ellis **R-11** (qt)
Wilbur-Ellis **Super Marking Dye**

Wilbur-Ellis **Syl Tac** (qt)
Note: Absolutely no purchases will be in bulk
Please submit bids no later than June 30, 2020 to Jodie Dickerson email: jodieray2002@yahoo.com
06/24/2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE CASE NO. CV37-20-00183
In the Matter of the Estates of PATRICK HENRY STANFORD, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ada Stanford has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative of the estate at the law offices of David L. Whitney, P.A., P.O. Box 26, Caldwell, Canyon County, Idaho, 83606-0026, and filed with the Court.
Dated this 12th day of June, 2020.
S:/Robert J. Tunison
Attorney for Personal Representative
06/24,07/01,08/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE
The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:
57-12014
KAREN STEENHOF
18109 BRIAR CREEK RD
MURPHY, ID 83650-5006
Point of Diversion SESE S5 T03S R02W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER
Use: IRRIGATION 01/01 to 12/31 0.06 CFS
Total Diversion: 0.06 CFS
Date Filed: 05-06-2020
Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T03S R02W S5 SESE
Total Acres: 2
Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact the Western office at (208)334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see <https://idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRApplicationResults/>. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 7/6/2020. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to

NOTICE OF AMENDED BUDGET HEARING
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE MARSING-HOMEDALE CEMETERY MAINTENANCE DISTRICT HAVE TENTATIVELY AMENDED THE ADOPTED BUDGET FOR THE 2020 FISCAL YEAR, FOR THE CEMETERY DISTRICT, AS SET FORTH BELOW. A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD FOR THE ENACTMENT, OF SAID BUDGET, AT THE OFFICE OF THE MARSING-HOMEDALE CEMETERY, LOCATED AT 4410 CEMETERY ROAD, MARSING ID, AT 6:00 P.M. ON JULY 1st 2020. THE BUDGET IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M., MONDAY THRU FRIDAY AT THE CEMETERY OFFICE.

PROPOSED AMENDED BUDGET DATED JULY 1st 2020
BUDGET TERM : OCTOBER 1st, 2019 TO SEPTEMBER 30th, 2020

CARRY OVER FUNDS	\$ 31,400.00
ANTICIPATED REVENUE:	
TAX LEVY	\$82,672.00
FARM RENT	\$ 7,500.00
OPENING & CLOSING	\$ 10,000.00
BURIAL LOTS	\$ 12,000.00
GENERAL	\$ 37,650.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$149,822.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$181,222.00
ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENT:	
SALARIES:	
SEXTON	\$31,800.00
ASST. SEXTON	\$19,200.00
PARTIME LABOR	\$ 2,000.00
COMMISSIONER COMPENSATION	\$ 4,100.00
OVERTIME SERVICES	\$ 1,200.00
TOTAL :	\$58,300.00
EXPENSES:	
TRAVEL & MEALS	\$ 800.00
GAS & OIL	\$4,500.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$4,000.00
MEDICARE	\$1,000.00
IDAHO POWER	\$3,000.00
IRRIGATION	\$3,500.00
TELEPHONE	\$1,500.00
SANITATION	\$ 3,500.00
PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$2,700.00
LEGAL NOTICES	\$ 500.00
BOND INSURANCE	\$ 250.00
PROPERTY TAX	\$ 120.00
REPAIR GROUNDS	\$5,000.00
REPAIR EQUIPMENT	\$3,300.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$1,200.00
STATE INS. FUND	\$4,500.00
CHEMICAL & FERTILIZER	\$3,200.00
PERSI	\$8,000.00
DEEDS	\$ 600.00
CONTIGENCY	\$65,252.00
TOOLS & SAFETY	\$2,500.00
LEGAL & ACCOUNTING	\$4,000.00
TOTAL	\$122,922.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT	\$181,222.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$181,222.00
JEREMY ALDRICH: SEC/TRE, CLERK, AND SEXTON MARSING-HOMEDALE CEMETERY MAINTENANCE DISTRICT	
06/24/2020	

the applicant.
GARY SPACKMAN, Director
06/17,6/24/2020

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 CLAIMAGAINSTYOU 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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“Indoor lightning” briefly halts Gem plant operation

No injuries reported after June 1 incident

The century-old Gem Pumping Plant went offline for a day earlier this month because of something called an “arc flash.”

South Board of Control manager John Eells likened the event inside the large pumping facility to indoor lightning. There were no injuries in the June 1 incident, but plant crewmen had their hearing affected for several hours after the incident, Eells said. “The guys who were in there couldn’t hardly hear for three

or four hours because of the boom,” Eells said. “It knocked cobwebs out of every knothole in the place, and it looked like it had snowed on the floor (from the falling cobwebs).” Fuses blew and circuit breakers tripped when a 2,400-volt electrical arc flashed after a weak spring in a breaker didn’t make full contact, Eells

said. Although water was flowing to irrigators from the Snake River again on June 2, Eells said one of the plant’s nine 1,000 horsepower pumps was out of commission for a week. “All safety precautions worked exactly as they were supposed to,” Eells said. “The

fuses tripped like they were supposed to.” The force of the arc left smoke marks inside cabinets at the plant and broke bolts off cabinet doors, Eells said. The Gem Pumping Plant off Bruneau Highway in Marsing first began operation in 1913. — JPB

County commissioners prepare for rec vehicle hearing

Public input sought on revision of 2010 access ordinance

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners will conduct a public hearing to consider an amendment to Owyhee County Ordinance 10-03, which defines the use of off-road vehicles on county roads. The hearing will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, in Courtroom 2 of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, in Murphy. The existing ordinance,

enacted in December 2020, made it unlawful to operate UTVs, ATVs, and motorcycles on certain designated county roads. BOCC chair Jerry Hoagland (Dist. 1) said that some closed roads prevent recreational access for off-road vehicles travelling from one open road to another and that a public hearing can address that and other issues. He also said that the hearing can identify uses and whether

certain paved roads should be open. The board will also discuss whether identifying open roads instead of those that are closed would be easier for the public. As the ordinance now stands, county roads that are closed to off-road vehicle use include: • The paved sections of Wilson Creek, China Ditch, Bailey, Oreana Loop, Lemley, Parkinsons, Beet Dump, Alma, Vista, 20 Mile, Strike Dam Cut Off, Black Sands, Davis, Hot Creek, Hot Springs, Colyer, Dairy, A & A and Crane Falls roads

- Millet and Quail lanes
- Cattle Drive
- Paved portion of Upper Reynolds Creek Road from Idaho highway 78 to the end of the pavement
- Paved portion of Silver City Road from Idaho 78 to Diamond Basin
- Trout Creek Road from Pleasant Valley Road to the end of Cow Creek Road
- Paved portion of Pleasant Valley Road to the Oregon border
- Paved portion of Mud Flat Road from Idaho 78 to Oreana Cut Off Road
- Bachman Grade, Bates Creek, Shoolfly Cut Off, and Clover Three Creek roads
- Missile Base Road from Idaho 78 to the end of the pavement
- Paved county portion of Parkinsons Road
- River Road, excluding

all portions within the Grand View city limits The public hearing will be open to in-person attendance. For those who are unable to attend in person, the hearing is accessible via teleconference and on the Zoom web-based meeting platform. It can be accessed at <https://zoom.us/j/96994515353?pwd=VlIXU3p0aUhNL2lRNlRCdVg2WE5yZz09>. Maps depicting the roads currently closed to off-road vehicles are available for viewing at <https://owyheecounty.net/responsible-recreation/>. 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, ID, 83650. — TK

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